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Philippians 2:16

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A Summary of the BMA of Missouri Annual Meeting October 25 - Bethel, Sikeston

by Don Burke, Clerk

Following a song, welcome, and then a morning devotional by Webb Manley, the eighty-first annual meeting of the BMA of Missouri was called to order by moderator Jerry Adams. The final enrollment report showed 24 churches represented by 49 messengers, and 22 churches represented by letter only. Minute fund offerings for the day totaled \$2,725.

In the absence of both the clerk and assistant clerk, the election of a clerk was the first item of business, and Don Burke was elected to fill that position immediately.

Jamie Jones shared the work of the ALIVE Committee and the plans for the upcoming ALIVE Conference. The conference will be January 1-3, and the speaker will be BMA Pastor Mark Livingston. A number of changes are slated for this conference.

Several constitutional changes were discussed and approved. Camp trustees may now serve consecutive terms. A change allowing a broader use of the Missouri Missionary Baptist paper was also approved. (See details below.) One of the rules for Associational membership (Article III, section 3) was changed from two to three years, and now reads, "Any church not identifying with the Association either by messenger or letter for three consecutive years shall be considered as having terminated her membership in this Association."

Meeting Place for 2009 Annual Meeting Needed

Due to the confusion noted in the report, we do not have a place to hold the 2009 Annual Meeting of the BMA of Missouri. If your church is interested in hosting this meeting please contact Moderator Jerry Adams. Invitations need to be received by Bro. Adams by **December 31, 2008**. In January the officers will consider all invitations received and choose where we will meet. If no invitations are received the officers will have to decide where we will meet.

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The biggest constitutional change involved the restructuring of the Revolving Loan Committee, including changing its name to Missouri Missionary Baptist Loan Association, Inc. These changes were made to better assure repayment of loans.

The Association voted to approve the following recommendations from the Missionary Committee:

- To set the financial partnership support for Bro. Jamie Jones' mission work at Smithville, MO at \$1,800 a month.
 - To phase out financial support of Abundant Life in Christ Missionary Baptist Mission in Charleston, MO. Support will be incrementally decreed by \$50 each month with phase-out completed in one year.
 - That the special missions
- See BMA page 6 •

During This Thanksgiving Season Let Us Apply Psalm 150 Each Day

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in His sanctuary;

Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

Praise Him for His mighty acts;

Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet;

Praise Him with the lute and harp!

Praise Him with the timbrel and dance;

Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!

Praise Him with loud cymbals;

Praise Him with high sounding cymbals!

Let everything that has breath Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord!

(The Bible NKJV)

Instead of complaining and wishing for that which we do not have, let's **Praise the Lord** for all we have in HIM!!

Blessings abound when and where we look for them. We just need to ask God to open our eyes and help us see.

Thank You...

Just a note to express our appreciation for the phone calls, visits, and many cards we have received.

God gives us friends because He knows we will need them to encourage us in times of difficulty.

Thank You,
Wilma & Glenn Fox

Report of Last Retreat of 2009 at Camp Garwood and A Look Ahead

by Chris Polk

We had a good turnout for the paintball retreat. 51 players and 20-25 non players were present. Despite having to change our plans at the last minute everyone had a lot of fun.

This is the first time there were enough still standing after lunch to play a few extra rounds.

While everyone was playing brethren Lonnie Polk and Daniel Cooper replaced the roof on the upper shower house. We are hoping to finish the other two next weekend. Nov. 7th. If that works out we'll have all the roof replacements complete. Praise the Lord!

We are continuing to work on the ball field. As funding becomes available we will begin work on the boys dorm.

There are several small projects I'm hoping to get done over the winter before starting the dorm overhaul. Including replacing some sewer piping, installing some new lighting and repairing some faulty camper receptacles, just to name a few.

There is never a shortage of things that could be done. If you are interested please contact me. I could share a more exhaustive list with you. We pray you all will enjoy blessed holiday memories this year and look forward to seeing many of you in the spring of 09.

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Two BMA of America National Missions Symposiums

There will be two national Missions Symposiums in the BMAA this January. One is January 6-7 at Calvary Baptist Church in Horn Lake, Mississippi (just outside Memphis, Tennessee). The other is January 13-14 at Fellowship Baptist Church in Forney, Texas (Dallas area).

For more information on these symposiums and to keep up with what is happening in MISSIONS go to the new web site at:

www.BMAAMissions.org

Alive Ministries Student Conference 2009

Airport Hilton, St. Louis
January 1-3, 2009

A brochure has been mailed to the churches. A full information packet will not be sent out unless requested. Please go online at www.aliveyouthevent.com for room information, registration information and to print everything you need to register. Registration must be made by December 8, 2008. If you have any questions please call Brad Banderan 636-629-2978.

NEWS BRIEFS

Antioch, Ellington, has been blessed in so many ways. We have also had bad times. Bro. Gerry Joiner was working on his home and the ladder fell with him and he broke two ribs puncturing a lung. He was in the hospital six days and still on oxygen. Pray for him and the church. We had some good preaching from our visiting preachers. Bro. Tom Foster and Bro. Melvin Meade have preached and Bro. Colter and Bro. Charles Evans will be preaching the next two Sundays. October 11 we will have our Walk of Faith and fellowship day at the park. Remember us in your prayers. Gerry Joiner, Pastor
Maudeline Burns, Reporter

Friendship, Harviell, reports that Bro. Ernie Cate is blessing them with the preaching of the Word. Bro. Jesse Cate preached on a Sunday night in August. We had 23 youth go to the church camp this year. They enjoyed it very much. The Youth in Harvest met with us in August and we enjoyed a very good program. A young lady was saved as the invitation was given by Bro. Jesse Cate. Four of our young men are taking turns leading the service on Wednesday evenings. They rotate once each month. Ernie Cate, Pastor
Thelma Dunlap, Reporter

Ohlman, Bunker, notes that October marks the 10th year pastor, Bro. Terry Sharpe, has been at Ohlman. We feel very blessed to have him and pray that Lord lets him to continue serving the needs of Ohlman and the surrounding community for a very long time. We celebrated "Pastor Appreciation" day with a fish fry hosted by the Brotherhood. We certainly do appreciate Bro. Terry and Sis. Gay. Sis. Sheila made a beautiful cake that showed a pastor standing behind a pulpit and the ladies made deserts and side dishes. I don't think anyone left hungry. Our GMA group is growing. Sis. Juanita and Sis. Dottie are doing a great job with the young people. They

are planning a hay ride and hotdog roast later this month. It should be a lot of fun. Terry Sharpe, pastor
Vernis Barr, reporter

Bates Creek, Potosi, says, "Hello sister churches!" The month of October has been full of blessings at Bates Creek. We started off the month with the Walk of Faith. A total of 10 represented Bates Creek and participated in the walk held at Elephant Rock. It was a beautiful day, a good walk, and good fellowship. Sis. Carol Pulliam is seeing the effects of so many prayers and of course God's will. Her new little grandson that was born premature came home to her house. Praise be to God! The ladies of the church were blessed with a brand new stove in the fellowship hall. It was tested out the very next day as we also celebrated our annual homecoming this month. It was nice to have some visitors and two of our former pastors with us. We enjoyed special singing by the Simpson family in the afternoon. Our church continues to be blessed by a visiting family. We are all praying for the growth of our church if it be God's will. Please pray with us that we will see growth. Bro. Ray and Sis. Dorothy continue to be blessings to us. Bro. Ray has been teaching the adult Sunday School class and everyone has enjoyed his lessons. His sermons are full of God's word and we all have commented that we are learning so much from him. We are so thankful to have the Thurmans in our church family.

Ray Thurman, pastor
Sara Buckley, reporter

Mt. Zion, Ellington, is enjoying God's handiwork in beautiful autumn leaves. We surprised Sis. Irene on her 87th birthday with cake and coffee prepared by Sis. Diane. Sis. Rita Fisher and friends went on a Western Caribbean cruise. They had a great time and thank the Lord they came home safely. Bro. Albert and friends went to Kenora, Ontario, Canada, just

to fish in the Winnipeg River. They had an enjoyable time and we are thankful they came home safely. Sis. Barb Harmon was taken off oxygen. It was great to see her in church and a blessing to hear her sing again. September 28, after our Praise service we had a weaner roast and of course roasted marshmallows. It was yummy good. The Logan Creek picnic and Walk of Faith met October 1. It went well but not as many came as we had hoped for. Bro. Joiner was taken off oxygen and recovering well from a broken rib that punctured his right lung. Keep him in your prayers. Sis. Diane and her mother made a safe trip to Branson and back. We are thankful for their safe return. Sis. Ossie Chitwood went to be with the Lord October 15. She was 95 years old. Our love and prayers are with her daughter, Sis. Frieda Williams. She had 3 sisters: Sis. Irene Thomason, Sis. Opal Scaggs and Sis. Eunice Howard and one brother, Bro. George Rayfield. All are members at Lower Doe Run church except Sis. Irene is a member at Mt. Zion. Sis. Elaine Purvis from Oklahoma City spent some time with her mother, Sis. Mary Marcher. She attended church and was glad to see everyone. She enjoyed Bro. Emory's preaching on Revelation. Until next time – The Pathway to Heaven Begins at the Foot of the Cross.

Emory Shelton, Pastor
Mary Marcher, Reporter

Bethany, St. Louis, enjoyed a wonderful month of October as God continued to send visitors and some have expressed an interest in working with us. A special fellowship dinner was enjoyed October 26 in honor of Bro. Tyler Bollman who left for the Navy the following week. Pray for him. This is a growing and learning period in his life. The church also expressed their appreciation to Bro. and Sis. Hoffmann at the close of the morning service and gave them a nice love offerings, cards, and other gifts. Our pastor had to have surgery

November 3 and is improving nicely. Bro. Jason Bollman, one of our new members filled the pulpit in the absence of our pastor and did a great job. Our midweek/Thanksgiving service will be Tuesday, October 25. Practice is underway for the Children's Christmas program December 14 and the Adult Christmas program December 21. Our Church Christmas Dinner will be December 7. As we approach Thanksgiving Day may we focus each day on the positive things we have in Jesus and not on the negative things that seem to bombard us. God gives us every reason to be thankful and we should not let Satan keep us from showing our gratitude by our attitude and actions. "In everything give thanks..." I Thessalonians 5:18.

James Hoffmann, Pastor
Megan Eye, Reporter

Oak Hill, Alton, sends Greetings to all. Since our last report, two precious souls have been saved! Clinton Hand and BreAnna Neldon received our Savior's gift of salvation and followed Him in baptism. What joy! Other activities include the yearly Walk of Faith fish fry. This year we had a record attendance. A recent Saturday we met at Darlene Rogers' place for a hot dog/marshmallow roast. The Many Springs Baptist Church invited us. Following the feast, Dale Williams provided a truck, trailer, and the hay for a hayride. When

they came by our house they were very quiet. In years past we've heard quite a bit of chatter. Maybe they were full of food and fell asleep on the new mown hay, or maybe Don's and my hearing is failing somewhat. Because of other activities at school, and sickness several were unable to attend. But some others in the community came and 'a good time was had by all. Bro. and Mrs. Grady Higgs visited in our morning worship service October 26. He preached so very hard. His love for the Lord and His work—missions, challenged us indeed! May God bless you! Edward Casey, Pastor
Marianne Hufstedler, Reporter

Bethlehem, Doniphan, has a new pastor! Praise the Lord! October 12 Bro Russell Chitwood accepted our call. Please pray for him and for Bethlehem that we will do as the Lord leads. Eleven from Bethlehem participated in the Walk for the World October 18. It was certainly a gorgeous day to be outside. Several of our congregation also attended the 3rd Sunday Singing which was at Briar. "Today is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalms 118:24. Russell Chitwood, Pastor
Janice Colburn, Reporter

Landmark, DeSoto, had their homecoming the first Sunday in October. We had a real good

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✝  **From Our Workers**  ✝

From Our Director...

**Annual Report,
October 25, 2008**

I am sorry that I could not be in attendance this year, but due to a death in our church family, I find it necessary to be absent.

Thank you, Association, for allowing me serve as your Director of Missions for the past year. It is with great joy that I can report that we will soon have a missionary family working on the

field to plant a new church in Smithville, Missouri. Bro. Jamie Jones and his wife Rebecca will finish training and deputation in April, 2009, and afterwards, begin this new work. I have a lot of confidence in this couple and look forward to working with them in the years to come. Our Special Missions committee will have recommendations concerning partnering with the Jones family, the North

America Missions Department, and with the Meramec Association. Together we can provide a strong financial base for this church planting effort. It is my desire and prayer that you will wholeheartedly adopt these

recommendations.

For years we have noted a decline in mission offerings from our churches. It has been stated that many of our churches did not feel the need to give or increase their giving due to a lack of a mission project. We give praise to the Lord for the new church plant on our horizon and ask that you would now reconsider your mission giving to our state work. Last

year, our churches gave nearly \$33,000 in offerings while our expenses came to over \$39,000. If all of the recommendations from the Special Missions Committee are approved by the messenger body, it will require

a substantial increase in church giving to prevent an even greater shortfall next year. In anticipation that we will soon dip into our cash reserves, I

have moved the funds from one of our Certificate of Deposits to an interest bearing account that allows easy access without penalties. Of course these financial reserves are to be used for such a time as this, but I hope that each church will re-evaluate their mission giving to help us to remain financially strong.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

There is a great spirit of expectation here. I tell the mission regularly how God burned this vision and then this field into my heart, and so they understand the passion of our purpose here. We, together, are seeing that vision taking shape. We experience the movement of God in our midst. I think I can truly speak for each one in the mission when I tell you we are ever so thankful that you love God and love lost souls in Charleston enough to make our work here possible. Thank you!

*Rodney, Deb, Zee,
Rachel & Eli Dunlap*

From the Joneses...

I am very excited about working with the Missouri State and Meramec Associations and missions director Danny Kirk to plant a church in Smithville, Missouri. The northland of Kansas City is experiencing tremendous growth in the area of businesses and especially people, and we are excited to be witnesses of Jesus Christ to them.

At this time I would like to introduce to you, and ask your prayers for, my family. First of all, my wife Rebekah. Her dedication to our family is beyond measure. She is a great wife and mother who puts in countless hours on behalf of Isaac, Madelyn, and myself. She and I are learning more about each other daily in this process of church planting and I can truly say that we are a team. We have been married nine years, and yes, I married up! Isaac is 3 and full of questions. He wants to know details on everything we do, so right now two of his favorite words are... "why Daddy" or "why Momma"? Isaac makes me so proud with his helpful spirit and his intelligence. I can't wait to see how God uses him? Madelyn is almost 2, and she is my little angel. She is cute as they come, but man she likes to climb, get into, take out and apart, spill, splash, throw, break, pour out and on, get under, get on top of and I could go on but you probably get the picture of the adventure that we live. Her smile will melt your heart and has mine on several occasions

when the above has taken place. We are looking forward to what God is going to do in the Smithville area with our family and getting to know your families.

Last month I spent some time in Plano, Texas, with Bro. Danny Kirk and other pastors, for some training at Prestonwood Baptist Church. The Engage conference, was filled with some great preachers such as David Jeremiah, Greg Larue, Kerry Shook, and Jonathan Falwell. These men shared their hearts about their own ministries and gave those in attendance encouragement to keep fighting the good fight with the preaching of the "Word of God!" There were also breakout sessions that I was able to attend that gave insight into church planting vision, some struggles that church plants face, and men's ministry and other small groups as a key in the process of planting churches. I was greatly challenged and encouraged by the fellowship with the other pastors and by the messages I heard.

Currently, my family and I are in Pueblo West, Colorado. The neat thing is that it's warmer here than back home in Missouri. Who would have thought? We will be spending 4 weeks here with Richard Payne and the River of Grace Baptist Church. Bro. Payne will be mentoring me over this time period and teaching me from his own personal experience of planting this church here over five years ago. We will be working on many things including my master plan, time-line, website, several church events, and many areas of practical ministry.

Please pray for us during this training and the time of deputation. We will begin deputation in January and be on the road in that process until the end of March. In this time, we will be sharing our vision with churches in Arkansas, Mississippi, Texas, Oklahoma, and other states. We plan to be on the field come April, and hope to visit and worship with many of you and your churches during deputation.

Jamie, Rebekah, Isaac, & Madelyn Jones Acts 10:39

FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • October 2008		
General Fund		
Balance September 30, 2008		\$ 17,269.86
October Receipts:	\$ 2,133.14	<u>2,133.14</u>
Total Available		\$ 19,403.00
October Disbursements:	\$ (2,310.41)	<u>2,310.41</u>
Balance October 31, 2008:		\$ 17,092.59
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 63,651.25	
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 22,142.86	
ING Direct Savings	\$ <u>40,131.86</u>	
Total in CD's:	\$ 125,925.97	

From the Dunlaps...

Greetings from Abundant Life in Christ Missionary Baptist Mission, and our mother church, Bethel in Sikeston.

We are praising God that He is continuing to build His mission/future church. I guess I would have to say that October 2008 is the best month we have had so far.

Our attendance was good in October. As in September, we averaged 24 for morning worship. Our Wednesday night average was 19. We closed out the month with a record attendance of 32 the last Sunday. Praise the Lord! What makes this even more exciting is that those 32 were all our own people. Our former record of 31 had come on a Sunday Deb

and I had family here and so was what I call an "artificial attendance." This time it was all our own; we had zero visitors, and to make it even sweeter, it came on a Sunday when one of our families which never misses was gone on vacation.

A record attendance is not the best news though. The best news is the salvation of two souls! We praise God for the professions of Cameron and Simone. We may have also had another profession, but I haven't yet had an opportunity to sit down with her and verify what did or did not happen.

We were originally scheduled to baptize Zuri in October, but we have rescheduled that for November. Simone is his

sister and that's the first date we could baptize her.

Our finances are stable. When I put out word that support was waning a bit, a few responded and we've brought in enough to have me at full salary the last two months. It had been a long time since we had had that. We appreciate the support the state association voted to give this coming year. Even though it will be phased out to zero by next October, we appreciate all that will be given. God is good and so are His people. Then, too, in response to the phase down of funds from the state association, one church has already notified us they are increasing their support to us, and so God is good there too.

• **NEWS From Page 2** • day. Bro. John Dover was our morning speaker. It was so good to be with him and his family again. We had a bluegrass gospel group singing both in the morning and the afternoon services by the name of "Janie Brown and the Chestnut Mountain Gang." They were very enjoyable. We had a good crowd and enjoyed seeing some of our Christian friends that we only see at this time. Denver was very pleased to preach at Central, Union, and Friendship, Caseyville, IL. this month. My Mother has been in the hospital two times this month. She fell the first time, and had pneumonia the second time. Sister Ruth's Mother has been in the hospital for a couple of weeks now. She has had surgery, so please remember her in your prayers too. Our two cancer patients at church seem to be doing well right now. Bro. David Wright preached at Landmark the morning of October 19th. It was a very good sermon and it gave Bro. Wayne a rest. We were able to visit with a young couple that have expressed an interest in coming to Landmark. They were there recently. They are newlyweds and said that we were their first visitors. We also had another young couple come the same Sunday, totally unrelated and unsolicited. The Lord just keeps sending them and we just keep praising Him. Bro. Wayne, Denver and I attended the state annual meeting the 25th. It was good to see so many friends and make new ones. I know that is not the purpose of the meeting, but it is a great added bonus. The meeting went very well and it was a beautiful day. I hope that you have been enjoying God's Coloring Book this fall. Now, the real reason for Landmark existing, the salvation of souls. Sunday morning, the 26th, we had four little girls from children's church give their hearts to the Lord. And, when we thought things couldn't get any better than that, we had a teenage boy join our membership that night. Please remember me in prayer as I deal with a lady by the name of Norma. She has tried everything, but

she hasn't given her heart to the Lord. She has come into my life time and again. I know God keeps putting us together for a reason.

Wayne Gibson, Pastor
Sharon Page, Reporter

Mt. Zion, Poplar Bluff, enjoyed an all-day service October 26 on Family and Friends Day. Bro. George Reddin brought a good message on the Second Coming of Christ and gave a report on Missions through LifeWord in several languages. We also enjoyed special singing and visiting with our friends and former members during lunch in the fellowship hall. Many former members attended and recalled wonderful memories of Mt. Zion. The Daily family from Sikeston and Mississippi and the Kenny Sherrill family from Rolla sang some specials. Also, Carla Ormsby sang some solos, the Ladies Trio and the Gospelairees brought special messages in song. Sis. Janice Winters was honored as our special friends from Mt. Zion. She is always working "behind the scenes" as our Librarian, orders our Sunday School literature, and she typed the manuscript of the "History of our Cane Creek Association Churches" compiled by Don F. Magruder. Sis. Fran Conover, church clerk, presented her with a book and a beautiful bouquet of roses from the church. It was an uplifting and spiritual day in praising our Lord. Please keep our church in prayer that the Lord will send us a pastor.

Dorothy Goldschmidt, Reporter

Ozark Heights, Potosi, realizes the month of November has arrived! Where did October go? We have had so many things going at the church; time flew by! The Walk of Faith was a full day for us as we all met at Elephant Rock State Park after our morning services and those who walked enjoyed an unbelievable perfect day to walk, along with food and fellowship. Our junior kids had a kids fun night; where they played games, decorated pumpkins, and baked cookies. The next week the teens had a

lock-in on Friday evening into Saturday morning. We are so thankful for our youth team for working with the youth of the church. The WMA met at the church for a combined day/night meeting and Sis Loretta was the host; providing the food and devotional. A big thanks to Sis Loretta. Bro Brian went to Texas to a growth ministry conference and returned excited and energized. Bro Bob Dement and Bro Gary filled in for Bro Brian as he traveled. We are, as usual, blessed with good sermons and love as Christ fills our Church! We had a great hay ride at Butch and Loretta's October 31. God provided perfect weather for a perfect evening. Thanks Butch and Loretta. As we enter November we began the month with our Old Fashion Day/Harvest Dinner. It was a great turn out of our friends and neighbors. The ladies of the church planned a great meal for all followed by music by The Heritage Boys. Thanks to all those who helped. We are looking forward to a great week of revival starting November 10th with Bro. Rodney Castleberry. We are looking forward to this great spiritual time.

Brian Meade, Pastor
Georgie Brokaw, Reporter

Kewanee, Kewanee, had Bro. Kwarena Emmanuel from Africa as a guest speaker October 26 in the morning service. That night we had Pastor Appreciation Services. October is Pastor Appreciation Month across America. We had a special service for Bro. Tom and his wife Sis. Janice. The Service was led by Sis. Emma Fowler and there were several different people who participated in the service. It was a very touching service. Afterwards we had a great celebration with our Pastor and his wife. We had refreshments with a great cake and ice cream. October 31 we had Trunk-R-Treat and Hot Dogs afterwards for the children. November 1st there was a Hay Ride for the Youth of the church and Hot Dogs afterwards. We are in revival this coming week and are praying that souls will

be saved. Give your pastor and his wife a hug and tell them how much you appreciate them. Tom McCannless, Pastor
Vera L. Strickland, Reporter

First, Matthews, sends greetings. October was another busy month for us. We started the month with a brand new addition to our church family, Keith And Kari Hartlein are the proud parents of Adam Keith Hartlein. We congratulate them on this precious gift from God. And along the line of God's gift of life, several of us from Matthews spent the afternoon of the 5th in Sikeston participating in Life Chain. Our youth pastor took several of our youth to Judgment House in Sikeston. The GMA's sent a Christmas Card and love offering to Jerri Shetti, a National Missionary in India. We enjoy hearing from him and all that God is doing in his ministry. I thank God that he has given to us so that we can give to Christians around the world that need our help so much and through the grace of God we can help those who can not help themselves at this time. We are now working on Christmas boxes for Derek Brown, stationed in Afghanistan, and Michael Sander stationed in Iraq. Even though Austin did a fine job with his pledges for Walk For the World, the GMA's won the challenge. Better luck next year Austin. I believe we had a successful walk. What a joy and blessing to see our young people taking time out of their "busy lives" to give to God. Awana's is going well. For October we had a average of 42 kids, 10 leaders and 6 helpers. Paintball retreat was this past weekend we had 15 people from Matthews there. As always it was a fun time for all. We are still looking for a pastor to lead us. Pray for us as we search for the right man. I know God has someone in mind. Pray for our patience while we wait. God Bless all of you in the month to come

GMA's of Matthews

Emmanuel, Sikeston, is pleased to report that Pastor Mike Quillman is improving after a return visit to the hospi-

tal following the development of an infection. He is home now and is doing much better. He will see the doctors again later this month. The other members for whom prayer was requested are doing better also. Sincere sympathy is offered to Sis. Tammy Sloan's family after the death of her father who suffered from cancer. Bro. Billy Davis is teaching the beliefs of the Muslims on Wednesday evenings. We are sure this will be very interesting and informative. Bro. Billy and Sis. Donna continue to be a blessing in the absence of Bro. Mike and Sis. Trienna. The messengers enjoyed attending the BMA of Missouri State meeting at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Sikeston. They appreciated the way Moderator Jerry Adams conducted the meeting. Also his timely message was appreciated. Please join us in prayer for: the complete healing of our pastor and other members, the welfare of our church, our nation, and the world, and the salvation of the lost.

Mike Quillman, Pastor
Vi Maclin, Reporter

Bethel, Sikeston, says hello to our brothers and sisters in Christ. By the time you get this newsletter the election will be over and we will have a new President. Even if we do not like the outcome, it is our responsibility as Christians to pray for our leaders and we always have to remember that God is in control and His will will be done. We had a very blessed and beautiful October. We started off the month with our yearly "Life Chain" on the 5th and had an excellent turn out, we would like to see every church in the surrounding areas show up to support this but as of yet it has not happened. If even just one person's life is changed because of this it is worth it all. The month of October is the time that we give our Pastors special recognition for their service to God. We presented Bro. Jerry and Sis. Susan with a love offering and everyone came around to give them hugs and let them know

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Moral Action Committee

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November, 2008, Report

The Election and the Supreme Court. The November election will eventually produce a change in the makeup of the United States Supreme Court. The power grab by this court is a modern phenomenon.

The most dangerous change would be a more liberal court with the desire to remove "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance. We believers must pray that God will protect this allegiance.

Five Chief Justices decided that our nation could not pray in school or display the Ten Commandments. Therefore, we have lost not only freedom rights but spiritual rights.

Of great interest, is the book by Newt Gingrich entitled, *"Rediscovering God in America."* I quote from his book, "if they (the Supreme Court) decide for example that virtual child pornography on the internet is protected by free speech while having already ruled that prayer and political speech are not, then they are not only arbitrarily rewriting the law of the land but are usurping the legitimate rights of the legislative branch of our government to make the laws."

The liberal and elite media are systematically attempting to purge all religious thought and words from the American public life. Please pray, pray, pray, as Associational Baptist. Write and call your legislators.

As We Approach Thanksgiving.

President George Washington declared in his Thanksgiving proclamation, October 3, 1789, "It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor."

How much more, that we have an obligation before God, both as individuals and a nation, to honor our Lord and Savior. May we be ever so thankful for our great nation. Let us as

BMA people gather this Thanksgiving around our church and home tables with a grateful heart and earnestly implore God's blessing on our nation as we seek his will for our nation.

As We Approach Christmas.

Likewise, we will be approaching the Christmas season. The forefront of our focus is to keep Christ in the holiday season. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is fervently attempting to have any reference to Christ removed from the season. Their assault is relentless so we must resolve to keep Christ in Christmas.

According to Alan Sears, President of the Alliance Defense Fund, even after years of legal assaults and confusing rulings:

- 1) It is still OK to sing Christmas carols,
- 2) It's OK for schools to call Christmas "Christmas,"
- 3) School districts and courts cannot ban individuals from saying "Merry Christmas,"
- 4) Schools and churches may teach about the religious origin of Christmas,
- 5) Schools may display religious symbols, such as the nativity scene, shepherd scenes, etc,
- 6) Cities and towns may sponsor Christmas Nativity scenes in public parks and on public lands.

John Leo of the U.S. News and World Report, wrote the following poem with a tongue in cheek approach about the liberal ACLU and Christmas:

"Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house

*Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hope that St. Nicholas soon would be there.*

*When out on a lawn there arose such a clatter.
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
There was Santa again, on his annual journeys,
Ensnared in a group of eight tiny attorneys.
They looked pretty grim and they threatened to sue,
So we knew in a flash - "It's the ACLU!"
They paid us no heed, but went straight to their work,
Handcuffing poor Santa, then said with a smirk:
"This is secular airspace, we can't have a saint
Flying our flightpaths - we need some restraint.
A sleigh full of toys is OK, we suppose,
But faith-based incursions we've got to oppose."
Litigation on Christmas is something we dread,
So we nestled our children all under their beds,
The Grinch doesn't scare them, and Scourge they see
through,
But what kids are prepared for the ACLU?
The reindeer were shackled as a further incitement,
Then the lawyers unpackaged a 12-count indictment.
"Merry Christmas to all!" they just had to foreclose
(Though they had no complaint about all the "Ho Hos").
One lawyer objected to Santa's red clothing.
"It's religiously tainted," he said with some loathing.
"Poinsettias (the red ones) everybody must note, are
A church-state offense in St. Paul, Minnesota!"
Santa's climb up each chimney (one lawyer made mention)
Is a symbolic reference of Jesus' ascension.
And the reindeer, of course, recall the Apostles,
And those who deny it are nothing but fossils.
These lawyers had labored at neighborhood schools,
Making Christmas extinct there as part of the rules.
Praise Kwanza or Ramadan-they think it's quite splendid,
But say "Merry Christmas" and you might get suspended.
Our children, God bless them, don't get or recall
Why "inclusiveness" doesn't include them all.
Why diversity theory (as the lawyers insist) must
Require the annual quashing of Christmas.
In Canada, home of post-everything living,
Now the "12 Days of Christmas" are "The 12 Days of
Giving."*

*Christmas trees aren't party to the season at all,
They buy "multi cultural trees" at the mall.
At a hospital (Catholic), the staff is ashamed
To use the word Christmas, so their tree is misnamed.
As a "care tree," though some would prefer "tree of life."
(Why not "tall lit-up flora" to avoid any strife?)
Australians are told they should have no compunctions
Calling parties at Christmastime "end of the year func-
tions."*

*The idea is to make Christmas somehow unmentionable.
A tactic I think of as wholly contemptible.
Instead of "White Christmas" they will probably sing,
"I'm dreaming of a snow day sometimes in pre-Spring."
Here's my suggestion, a harsh one I fear,
Why not call Christmas "Christmas?" (It's just an idea)
So, BMA folks, let's step up to the plate and show others around
us what Thanksgiving and Christmas is really about. It is about
Christ. We will not be robbed of "joy to the world."*

Book Recommendations.

1. Culture Shift by Albert Mohler Multnomah Press \$15
2. The Truth War by John MacArthur Thomas Nelson Publishers \$23

Trustee of the Month.

Bro. Bobby Hudgens' hometown is Waldo, AR. He graduated from Southern Arkansas University, Magnolia, with a Bachelor of Music Education. He has been married for 36 years to Donna

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how much they are loved and appreciated. We are so blessed to have them! The BMA meeting was held here on the 25th, we had a great turnout and the ladies did a wonderful job fixing lunch for a bunch of hungry folks. We had a special guest speaker on Sunday night of the 26th, Bro. Kwamada (not sure I spelled that right), from Ghana, Africa. He gave a very inspiring message which made us all ashamed of ourselves for not being more appreciative for this great nation that we live in; a land of plenty. We take this for granted so much and God can take it all away from us just like that. Sis. Connie Bolen has been working with the teenage girls on Wednesday nights. They just completed a program called "True love waits." On the 26th they were presented with their certificates and each girl received a special ring. There were 5 girls that participated. We are so proud of these girls for taking this huge step to make a vow to keep themselves pure til marriage. This is needed so badly in our world today where peer pressure is so great. Please keep them in your prayers because Satan will be working on them big time. Thank you Sis. Connie for all your hard work and dedication to these kids!! May God's Blessings be upon you all!!

Jerry Adams, Pastor
Joan Wood, Reporter

Ferguson and they have three married children: John, Emily, and Rebekah. They have one grandson. Bro. Bobby was on staff at Temple Church, Little Rock for 27 years. He is the Research and Development Officer at DiscipleGuide Resources and the Worship leader at Richmond Road Baptist Church, Texarkana, TX. It is an honor to serve with Bro. Bobby on the MAC.

Churches Supporting the MAC:

Round Prairie, Fairfield, TX
Unity, Hope, AR
First, Carthage, TX
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Pine Grove, Purvis, MS

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www.macbma.net

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GMA's Sponsor Missionary Banquet

The Matthews GMA is hosting Dr. Fil Tabayoyong from Cambodia Saturday, November 22. They are planning a dinner banquet with Dr Fil being the guest of honor.

Dr. Fil is scheduled to preach at Bethel in Sikeston on Sunday the 23rd in the morning service.

We are hoping to find a place for him to speak on Friday evening the 21st. If you can take advantage of his being in the area please contact me so we can make arrangements.

We hope to be mailing invitations to the banquet out soon. If you are free that night please make plans to attend.

Please contact:

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offering at the State Symposium be designated to Bethel Missionary Baptist Church for the Abundant Life in Christ Missionary Baptist Mission in Charleston.

Chris Polk reported on the Camp Garwood ministry, citing some program changes, implemented and anticipated grounds improvement, and a \$6,000 shortfall in income over expense for the year.

James Hoffmann gave the Kenneth Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund report, noting that only a small amount has been given to this fund, and that there have been no grants or other expenses.

Bro. Hoffmann also gave the annual report of the Missouri Missionary Baptist. Among the various items mentioned, Bro. Hoffmann noted that with Associational approval (which was granted), the Meramec Association would sponsor a "Meramec Page" in the state paper each month for which they will pay the Missouri Missionary Baptist \$200 per month. This opportunity is also available for other local associations.

Those elected or appointed to the various offices and committees are:

• **Camp:** Chris Polk (director & treasurer); Jerry Adams (assistant director); Tom Foster (trustee).

• **Missouri Missionary Baptist:** James Hoffmann (editor); Danny Kirk (assistant editor); Webb Manley (Publication Committee, term ending 2009); Don Burke (Publication Committee, term ending 2011).

• **Missions:** Danny Kirk (director); James Hoffmann (assistant director);

• **Missionary Committee:** Wayne Gibson (chairman), Dennis Baker (vice chairman), Jerry Adams (clerk), and Tom McCanless (assistant clerk). Jerry Adams was also elected to the Special Missions Committee, term ending in 2015.

• **The Missouri Missionary Baptist Loan Association, Inc.** (formally the Revolving Loan Committee): Earl Johnston (treasurer); James Hoffmann (assistant treasurer); Dennis Baker (president); Ray Thurman (assistant president); Bro. Gaylord Harvey (secretary); and Ted Hurley (assistant secretary).

• **Youth Alive Committee:** Jamie Jones, Matt. Bowlin, Daniel Fredrick, and Don Burke.

• **Finance & Enrollment Committee:** Van Widger; Ted Hurley, Jim Ford

• **Resolutions Committee:** Jason Redden, Rodney Dunlap, Ben Kingston

• **Nomination Committee:** Tom McCanless, Dale G. Fish, and Dale Blount.

The Association also approved the following from the Resolutions Committee:

Be it resolved that we encourage our congregations to be active voters this year. That we earnestly pray for divine guidance in casting a vote for godly principles and ideals.

Be it resolved that we express our views to the next governor of the State of Missouri our pledge to support the sanctity of marriage and support laws that ban same-sex marriage and strengthen traditional marriage and the American family.

Be it resolved that we pledge to pray for our leaders both local and national and that we make our views known whenever possible.

Be it resolved that we express our thanks to the moderator and leaders of this association for a job well done and that we express to Bethel Missionary Baptist Church our thanks for their hospitality for the noon meal and use of their facilities.

A number of representatives from the national BMA departments were present and shared updates of their departments.

The Association voted to hold the 2009 semi-annual meeting at Bethany in St. Louis. Because of some confusion with the invitations for the 2009 annual meeting, the State Association does not yet have a place to meet next October. If your church would be interested in hosting this meeting, please see the notice on page 1.

Family Ark Ministries

Travis Plumlee, Director • P.O. Box 2322 • Conway, Arkansas 72032
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My Gravy Bowl Runneth Over

It is Thanksgiving, and I want to thank you God for my abundant blessings. Yes, my gravy bowl runneth over. But I don't want to thank you just for the way you supply my food, and all that I need to sustain life. I want to thank you for life itself. My life is so hectic that I go way too long some days before I stop and thank you for your bountiful harvest that you bestow upon me. Regardless of what circumstances I may find myself in this Thanksgiving; I still live in the overflow. I live in abundance. I live under the shadow of the Almighty, and there is no better place to live.

Psalms 91:1,2 "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge, and my fortress; my God; in him will I trust." The secret place of the Most High is heaven. That is where you are on your throne. I dwell there when I pray to you. I thank you that I don't just visit with you, but I DWELL there in your secret place. I love that you have given me the ability to linger in a lifestyle of prayer. I don't have to wait until I come home to heaven to spend time with you. You have given me a way to spend time with you while I am on earth. The Holy Spirit catapults me to be seated in the heavenlies when I pray to you.

Thank you God for the great gift of prayer. How I love to pray and praise you oh God.

You are MY GOD! My favorite phrase. Thank you God that you are not some impersonal God that is unapproachable and unreachable. You are not a statue. You are not a figment of my imagination as other little, lesser gods of other faiths are. You are the one true God, and there is no other. There is but one God- you. I thank you for being MY GOD. I can say "my God" because I have believed in YOUR SON - My Savior. God, I want to thank you for saving me. Thank you for giving me a way to get to heaven. Thank you that the way is wide enough for all my family and friends to join me if they will choose to believe in Jesus Christ.

Thank you God that no matter how much sickness we have, we still have you as a divine healer. Thank you for being Jehovah Rapha - the God who heals. You will always heal us according to your wisdom and your plan. And I thank you that your will for me is good, acceptable and perfect. Thank you God that no matter what a hectic life I lead, you always can, and always have spoken peace to my heart. Jehovah Shalom- the God of peace. Sometimes you don't give me an answer that I see or understand. But you always give me a peace that passes my own ability to understand what is going on. Thank you for that blessed assurance. Thank you for the peace that moves across my troubled soul and stills my shaking heart.

Thank you God for never leaving me, nor forsaking me. You are always a very present help in times of trouble. You are my rock. You are my fortress. You are my deliverer. You are my high tower. You are the horn of my salvation. You are my buckler and shield. You are my strength. You are my God. All I have to do is call on you, and you will come to me and do great and mighty things for me. How great are you, oh God!

Oh God, I want to thank you today not only for what you do for me. I want to thank you for who you are. You are my creator. You gave me life. You gave me life eternal through Christ. You gave me your spirit. You saved my soul. You are

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Minutes Available

If your church has not received the 2007 Minutes of the BMA of Missouri, please contact Don Burke (PotosiPastor@gmail.com).

Please include your church name, mailing address, and number of Minutes you need. There are also several copies of the 2006 minutes, plus a limited number of prior issues for many of the years from 1984 to present. These are available on a first come, first served basis.

Meramec Banner

News of one of the oldest local associations in the BMA of Missouri

Annual Mission Director's Report September 26, 2008

I want to thank the churches of the Meramec Landmark Association for allowing me to serve you this past year. In this past year our association experienced blessings and changes. Allow me to touch on just a few of the highlights:

1. For our young people, Alive 2007 was a great way to bring an old year to a close and look to the future while being "On Mission". The Alive Ministry Staff once again challenged our youth while having fun at the same time.

2. Sadly, the mission work in Arizona came to an abrupt end and Paul Dunn and family were graciously provided financial assistance to move back to Missouri.

3. On February 2, 2008, Bro. Eugene Bowerman was honored for his many years of service on Eugene Bowerman Day. The huge crowd of friends and family was proof that Bro. Eugene is greatly appreciated and loved.

4. The Meramec Retreat Center achieved a new record high with over 400 in attendance at Jesus Camp. To add to that excitement was the joy that campers experienced sitting under the newly constructed stadium roof, shelter from the sun and rain. We rejoice, that in this wonderful place in the woods, many young people came to know the Lord this past summer. In addition to a great camp, the annual Men's Retreat was blessed with a record attendance in the month of May.

5. After a short hiatus, the Back to School B.A.S.H. was back...and it was a blast! Friendship Baptist Church did a great job serving as host.

6. Our association voted to cease publishing the Meramec Banner as a stand alone paper, and instead merge its news and reports with the Missouri State paper.

These are just a few of the joys and changes that we witnessed. Yet, I believe that one of God's greatest blessings to us is the opportunity we have to support a new church planting effort in Smithville, MO. Bro. Jamie Jones has been approved by the North American Mission Department to begin missionary training and deputation on Oct. 1, 2008. Our mission advisory board has recommended that our association would partner with the BMA of MO State Association and with the North America Mission Department in this effort. I have been working and praying with Jamie and Rebecca for the past year and I am excited that God has called them to be church planters.

The past year has been a busy one and with all the things that have been accomplished; it has taken a toll on our finances. Please note the balance in the Revolving Loan Fund has fallen below \$15,000 and the checking account is below the \$12,000 mark. With the proposed addition of missionary partnership support, it is critical that all of our churches would consider increasing their monthly support.

Thank you for giving to the work of missions. I look forward to serving with you in this next year as God blesses this association.

Danny Kirk

For Your Information

To the Churches of the Meramec Association:

At our last annual meeting, we voted to discontinue publishing The Meramec Banner as a stand-alone paper. We are excited that the Missouri Mis-

sionary Baptist Paper and Editor Jim Hoffmann are willing to publish our district news with our own Meramec Banner page. The Missouri Missionary



Brother Eugene Bowerman at age 84 preaching the annual message for the Meramec Landmark Baptist Association at Friendship Baptist Church September 26, 2008. Records show that Brother Bowerman first preached the annual message for the Association back in 1956 at Bethel Baptist Church

A Letter From Our Moderator

To the Churches of the Meramec Landmark Baptist Association:

Although the messenger body of the Meramec Landmark Baptist Association voted not to seat the messengers from Berean Baptist Church at its annual meeting held at Friendship Baptist Church on September 26, 2008, this Association continues to have great love and respect for Berean Baptist Church and her Pastor Tom Rudloff. The action not to seat these messengers was taken because of Berean Baptist Church's public rejection of the doctrinal statement of the Meramec Landmark Baptist Association regarding alien baptism and closed communion. The Meramec Association is committed to praying for Berean Baptist Church and trust that she will pray for this Association "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God..." Ephesians 4:13.

Michael Hearst

Baptist is a first class publication that is mailed directly to the homes of our BMAA people. Publishing our district news in the Missouri Baptist will allow us to not only communicate with the churches of our local association, but also share what

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Balance August 31, 2008		\$ 11,812.46
Receipts:		
Berean	\$ 204.51	
Bethel	1,020.00	
Cave Springs		
Central	100.00	
Charity	50.00	
Elmwood	269.00	
Emmanuel		
Fellowship	60.00	
First, Bourbon		
First, Potosi	1,057.10	
Friendship	250.00	
Grace Covenant		
Lakewood	579.00	
Landmark	172.77	
Lindsay Lane	151.95	
Lower Doe Run		
Moselle		
New Testament	1,372.50	
Oak Hill	102.40	
Ozark Heights	655.00	
Springdale	310.00	
Straightway	100.00	
Westview	50.00	
White Oak Grove	711.25	
Wildwood	100.00	
Total Receipts:	\$ 7,315.48	\$ 7,315.48
Total Available		\$ 19,127.94
Danny Kirk	2,000.00	
Director's Expenses	409.50	
Advisory Com. Expenses	109.60	
RLF Transfer	610.00	
Allen Kirchner (Attorney)	1,500.00	
Brotherhood Mutual	1,073.89	
Jamie Jones (Love Offering)	1,600.00	
Post Office	17.85	
Total Disbursements:	\$ 7,320.84	\$ 7,320.84
Balance October 31, 2008:		\$ 11,807.10

God is doing within our churches with all of the BMA of Missouri.

To make this a smooth and effective transition, there are some things that each church must do:

1. Please send a list of names and addresses of your church members who are not currently receiving the Missouri Baptist. Realizing that some of our Meramec churches were also BMA of Missouri churches, Bro. Hoffmann may already have your mailing list.

2. As the Meramec churches once supported financially the publication of the Banner, we must now support the publishing of the Missouri Baptist. Whatever offerings your church once budgeted for the Banner should now be sent to Bro. Jim Hoffmann, Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper, 11229 Midland Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63114. We appreciate the graciousness of the BMA of Missouri to provide us with a Meramec Banner page. It is both right and expedient that we support the state paper in like kind.

3. To fill out the Meramec Banner page, we need your news. Churches please have your church reporters send their monthly articles, announcements, and revival notices to Bro. Hoffmann. All articles must be received by the first Tuesday of the month in which you want them to appear. If possible, please email all correspondence to:

mmbpaper@charter.net

If we will join together by sending the news of our Meramec churches to the state paper along with our financial support, I believe the Meramec Banner's best days are still ahead. If you have questions, call me at 314-921-2378 or Bro. Hoffmann at 314-429-0714.

Danny Kirk,

Director of Missions

Editor's Note:

Please note that your "Church Reports (news articles)" will be printed starting on page 2 along with the BMA of Missouri Churches. This will give more room on this page for missions reports and announcements about what is going on in your local association.

National Brotherhood Project

by Arthur Smith

The young Capeverdean church planter rises early in the morning on Friday; he needs to be at the port by 7 a.m. in order to catch the ferry boat for the one-hour ride to the neighboring island. He lives on one island where he is studying in the Bible Institute, and he is planting a church on the neighboring island. He arrives on the neighboring island and waits for a van to take him on the three-hour journey to his ministry area. Upon arrival, he will spend the majority of his day visiting the people, then in the evening he will begin some of his small group Bible studies. On Saturday, he will spend the majority of the day in evangelism and discipleship groups. In the afternoon he will meet with his leadership team in order to talk about the work and to plan for the services on Sunday. Saturday evening he will attend a fellowship for the members that will go late into the night. Sunday morning he will prepare for Sunday school and then will meet with his worship leaders for a planning session for the night service which is, in Capeverdean culture, the most important worship service of the week. He will also have time to lead a couple more discipleship studies before the evening service. After the service on Sunday night he will normally have several people to counsel about salvation, baptism, discipleship, and others with major issues in their lives.

He awakes at 5 a.m. on Monday morning to start the trip back to the island where he studies. He will arrive just in time to gather his things and go to class.

This is an actual account of the life of a Capeverdean church planter. This year the **National Brotherhood** has chosen to help the Capeverdean national workers by raising funds for their ministry.

You may fail to see the urgency of your participation in the lives of Capeverdean church planters; however, please look again. Without our support the church planter would not have a Bible Institute, books, transportation funds, a place to meet, materials for discipleship, Bibles, a place to sleep, and a host of other ministry tools. The prospects for sending more church planters to other islands and villages really do depend greatly on our ability to partner with them in their missionary service.

The National Brotherhood project for 2008-2009 is 25% Galileans and 75% Cape Verde National Workers. Thanks to Dr. John David Smith for providing the information in this article about the Cape Verde work.

Please support this very worthy project by sending your your offerings to Robert Bynum, 43 Bear Pen Creek Road, Laurel, MS 39443.

BMAA Missions to host Missionary Security Training Seminar

by Dr. John David Smith

The BMAA Department of Missions will host a missionary security training seminar on Dec. 15-17 here at our headquarters in Little Rock, AR.

The seminar will be presented by Fort Sherman Academy from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, experts in missionary security training. The seminar will deal with issues such as personal safety, hostile governments, interrogations, hostage situations, and terrorist acts against you or your family members.

The cost of the seminar is \$200 and you must make a reservation. The participants are responsible for their own food and lodging.

This seminar is vital for present and future missionaries, as well as frequent international travelers.

For more information or reservations contact John David Smith at 501-455-4977 or jdsmith@bmaam.com.

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my friend.

You are my helper in all of life. You sustain me.

I thank you God for Jesus. He is my salvation. He gave me a new life. He gave me the joy of knowing that all the old things in my life are passed away, and he has made all things new. I thank you God for Jesus. He is my shepherd. He is my high priest. He intercedes on my behalf at your throne. He is my slain lamb, and my mighty Lion. He is my King. Oh God, I can never stop thanking you for Jesus. If I have nothing on Thanksgiving day, I still have everything. I have Jesus. No storm, no death, no disease, no disaster, no devil can ever separate me from your love in Christ Jesus.

Thank you God for sending me a counselor to get through this old hard life that is short and full of woe. I feel His presence move on me, and it causes me to praise and thank you every time. He guides me. He gives me wisdom to your truth. He comforts me.

Thank you God for placing your spirit inside of me and then sealing me up so that it is forever. No matter what. I am filled and sealed for the day of redemption. Hallelujah!

My cup runneth over. My spirit runneth over. My joy runneth over. Yes, even my gravy bowl runneth over. My abundance of material things that you have given to me, runneth over. You are the God of exceeding abundance. I thank you that you have invited me to sit at your table of abundance, and give to me generously. My God! Thank you!

Seminary Address Change

All churches, WMA's, Brotherhoods, associational and church clerks, and others who correspond with the BMA Theological Seminary need to know the Seminary has a change of address. Please note this for your records and send all future correspondence to this address:

P.O. Box 670
Jacksonville, TX 75766-0670

AVAILABLE PREACHERS

The following names are listed as a service to our churches in keeping you informed as to preachers that are available. The publishing of a preacher's availability for preaching appointments or pastoral work should not be considered as a recommendation by the *Missouri Missionary Baptist*. Names are published at the request of the individual and will be published in three consecutive issues unless the editor is otherwise instructed.

Jeff Richards is available for pulpit supply. You may contact him at 573-631-8324 -9-

Denver Page, a member of Landmark Baptist Church in DeSoto, is available for pulpit supply or service as the Lord leads. Phone 636-942-3503 or cell phone 314-283-7243. -9-

Rocky Houston, a member of Kewanee Baptist Church is available for pulpit use. You may contact him at home - 573-748-5879, Cell - 314-971-9268, or through his pastor, Tom McCannless at 573-748-5220. -9-

Ron Beardsley, is available for fill-in or however the Lord leads. He can be contacted at 573-471-6210 or 573-667-9052. 10

Ministry Opportunities

New Bethlehem Baptist Church, Cut and Shoot, Texas, a traditional KJV Church, is seeking a full time pastor. Parsonage available. Resumes and current CD can be sent to: Pulpit Committee, New Bethlehem Baptist Church, 14730 Milmac Rd, Conroe, TX 77303-4757 or Contact Tom York, Chairman at 936-264-4800 or email him at nbbc2112@consolidated.net

Calvary Baptist Church in Fayetteville, AR is seeking a full time Minister of Students. Interested applicants may send your resume to the church at 1410 Porter Road, Fayetteville, AR 72703, attention Student Minister Search Committee.

Update on Central Baptist College Being Targeted by Gay and Lesbian Activist Group

As reported in the October issue of the *Missouri Missionary Baptist* Central Baptist College and President Terry Kimbrow were taking a stand to resist the attempt of a gay and lesbian activist group to speak on the campus of Central during the time the BMA of Arkansas was meeting there November 7.

We are happy to report that the group did come to the area but did not come on campus. They attempted to distract people as they entered and exited the campus, but no problems arose.

Some CBC students tried to witness to the protestors but were met with harsh words and the message that the protestors (who claimed to be Christians) wanted nothing to do with the gospel message.

Bro. Kimbrow had this to say in his article in this week's *Baptist Trumpet*:

Doing The Right Thing

"It is not always popular and it is certainly not the easiest way out. However, I never once wavered in my decision to not allow Soulforce, the gay and lesbian activist group, access to the Central Baptist College campus. If they return to our campus in the future, my decisions and my actions will be the same. Further, any group that espouses a doctrine and/or belief contrary to the teaching of Scripture and/or our mission, and that challenges our right to those beliefs, will not be given a voice. Some things are debatable; the clear teaching of the Bible is not one of those things."

Thank God for leaders who stand upon His Word!