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Last Minute Reminder...

BMA of MO Annual Meeting
October 22, 2011 • 9:30 a.m.
Bethany Baptist Church
11229 Midland Blvd. • St. Louis 63114

Remember to make sure your church is represented by letter as well as by messengers

Brotherhood Men's Retreat - A Great Success!

September 23-24 thirty-five men and boys gathered at Camp Garwood for a time of fellowship, fun and food. Throughout this edition you will see some pictures taken during those two days. Everyone seemed to have a good time and many positive comments were made.

Camp Superintendent Chris Polk did a great job getting things ready and in setting up an interesting course for the archery competition Saturday morning. Lucas Polk did a wonderful job cooking supper on Friday evening and had a great breakfast Saturday morning.

We enjoyed some time of fellowship before the meal and this was followed by those who brought their "trophies" telling the story of how they "bagged the big one!"

Bro. Dennis Baker brought a devotional during which several men gave their testimonies concerning God working in their lives.

You can see pictures on Camp Garwood's facebook page.

Some comments that were posted on facebook were:

"Tom, Bill and Wyatt had such a great time! They told so much about it. They are looking forward to next year." - Lana Foster

"What a great time! Can't wait til' next year, hopefully we can double our numbers." - Bill Lawless

"Our men are doing what they do best!" - Kay Morrison upon seeing a picture of us eating.

If you would like to help plan the next men's retreat or have ideas for the next one contact Bro. Dennis Baker at 636-461-1625. Watch this publication for announcements concerning the next retreat. Invite your friends to come and join the fun!

Position Open

The BMA of Missouri is looking for someone in one of our churches that would be willing to design, maintain and develop a web page for the association. If you are interested in this part-time position please contact Bro. Danny Kirk using the information in the "Missions" heading on page three of this publication.

Fall Paintball Games

by *Chris Polk*

It's almost time! Friday, October 28 at 5:00 p.m. (or whenever you can arrive) through Saturday at 2:00 p.m. The games will not actually start until 8 or 9 Friday.

This takes place at Camp Garwood on county road 558 in Garwood, Missouri.

Paintball Friday night after supper and Saturday after breakfast. There will be rental equipment available, and Paintball supplies for sale.

You must be 10 years old or older to play.

The fee is \$10 to play if you buy our field paint or \$15 to play if you bring your own paint. Paint at the retreat will be \$10 for 500 or \$35 for 2000.

If you have any questions go to "Camp Garwood" on facebook and post them on the wall and I will answer them as best I can. You can also reach me at 573-380-1975.

These retreats are always a lot of fun. Come with a group or by yourself and enjoy the fun as you meet folks from Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas, and elsewhere. We'll eat in the dining hall, sleep?? in the dorms and have fun in the woods no matter what the weather!

National Senior Adults To Meet In Branson

The DiscipleGuide Conference Ministry's National Senior Adult Conference is scheduled November 17-19 at the Hilton Convention Center in Branson, Missouri. This annual event combines some of the finest speakers, musical guests & artists with fellowship & inspiration for the enjoyment of Senior Adults. The Hiltons of Branson are two of the finest hotels Branson has to offer. The lineup of personalities for this year's conference promises to be one of the best ever.

The guest speaker is Bro. David Watkins, Pastor of First Baptist Church in Magnolia, Arkansas. Bro. David's down-to-earth and genuine preaching style makes him a natural for this event. He has pastored First Baptist for the last 23 years.

Phillip Allison will serve as Worship Leader. Phillip was born and raised in Taylor, Arkansas. He has served the First Baptist Church, Springhill, Louisiana for over sixteen years as Minister of Music and Education. Phillip is an incredible singer!

Guest Artists include comedian Aaron Wilburn. A featured guest on the Gaither Homecoming tour and videos, he has endeared himself to thousands of laughter-loving fans with his down-home brand of humor as he talks about his southern roots, his family, children and teenagers... as Aaron says, "There is no generation gap with laughter."

The Gold City Quartet has over 49 hits songs and has earned numerous awards including Album of the Year, Song of the Year, Group of the Year and Vocalists of the Year, as well as many Dove nominations one award for "There Rose a Lamb."

The Burchfield Brothers are amazing musicians. Jon and Ben Burchfield make music that inspires the soul. Classical guitar, midi-marimba, Irish whistles and recorders make these two artists sound like an entire ensemble! The stylistic diversity of Appalachian, Classical, Jazz, Renaissance, Praise, Worship and Gospel has attributed to the stunning arrangements that have put this Dove nominated duo in demand.

Also, back by popular demand is the BMAA Homecoming! Some of the best musicians in our association will be leading us in an evening of worship. Led by Mrs. Jerene Reddin, this has become one of the highlights of the Conference.

Attendees will also spend an afternoon at the Pierce Arrow Theatre enjoying the popular award winning Branson show.

All this for our Senior Adults for only \$125 per person. Registration can be made at www.DiscipleGuide.org; follow the Conference menu to National Senior Adult Conference. All the information is found there along with a downloadable registration form if you prefer to mail your registration along with a check.

Conference rate at the Hilton Convention Center & Promenade Hotels is \$127 per night with up to 4 people to a room. Make your reservations at 1-800-445-8667 or direct at 417-336-5400 by October 17.

We are excited about this year's event and look forward to seeing you there. Please call or email the office with any questions at 501-513-3726 or triciak@conwaycorp.net.

+++ NEWS BRIEFS +++

Springhill, Fairdealing, sends Fall greetings to all. We are rejoicing in the Lord. Bro. Leonard Gladden is teaching great lessons out of the book of Romans, and about experiencing God in our life. Our pastor is bringing awesome lessons out of each book of the Bible on Sunday evening. It is so awesome to dig into God's Word together and see what He has for us to feast upon. Praise God, our services are spiritual and very uplifting. Our membership has faced challenges due to sickness and personal struggles, but we are still praising God. Bro. Don Brooks is in the hospital recovering from pretty serious kidney problems. Bro. Don and Sis. Faye have faithfully served the Lord for many years. Please pray for him that God will bless him with good health again soon. We know Satan is not happy when one of the Lord's churches is doing well, so he does his best to discourage and change our focus. We just need to pray for God's strength to continue. An update on our building program for our school is that we have poured the footings and are going to be laying blocks in preparation for the floor. Prayerfully, we will soon begin the outside structure. We request your prayers in this endeavor, and we pray for our sister churches to see God's blessings come from above. God bless you all!

Sean Kallner, Pastor
Cheryl Kallner, Reporter

Lower Doe Run, Ellington, starts with a few highlights from August, since I failed to get a report in. We attended the Meramec Quarterly meeting at Landmark, DeSoto on the 6th of September. It was a good meeting. Our attendance has had its ups and downs this summer. Hopefully, it will work out and we will have more consistent attendance on the up side of the scale. Six ladies to attend our monthly WMA meeting. We always have a good lesson and discussion. August 13th, we attended the Logan Creek Association meeting at Anti-

och. It was a good meeting with good fellowship and good food. The 19th we delivered 25 shoeboxes to Bro. Colin Jones' church in Blytheville, AR. Sis. Helen Morris went with us. We went back through Rector, AR and visited with a couple of Denver's sisters and a sister-in-law and Sis. Helen got to visit with her son, Donald, and part of his family. It was a profitable trip for all of us. The 21st, we presented Bro. Robert Leach with his license to preach and a Strongs Concordance. Now for September's news. The 11th, the young couple's class cooked breakfast for us. It was very enjoyable and appreciated by all. We were able to attend church service the evening of the 18th with our grandson and his fiancée. We have encouraged them that now is the time to start attending church regularly and to keep it up all during their marriage. We would appreciate your prayers concerning this young couple. Our sympathy goes out to Sisters Mildred & Ora Hawkins and the Hawkins & Sohn families in the death of the Hawkins sisters' brother, Renick Sohn. Also, we are requesting prayer for our daughter-in-law, Mary Hawkins. She is a diabetic and having trouble with her footswelling for which she spent several days in the hospital. We attended the Annual Meramec Meeting on the 23rd, at St. Clair. It was pretty well attended and a good meeting, as well. The 24th, we had the Logan Creek Association Walk/Run for the World - for LifeWord - at Brawley Park in Ellington. Three churches participate with one person attending from another church, but didn't walk. We enjoyed the fellowship and had coffee, hot cocoa, orange juice, and rolls for breakfast as we walked. Later Sis. Burns came from Antioch and brought some lunch items. All was good and enjoyed. Lower Doe Run will be having our walk to the altar to take up the LifeWord offering the 16th of October. We had our monthly fellowship dinner and nursing home services

on the 16th. The nursing home service seem to be more spirit filled than usual. It was wonderful. Please be much in prayer for Bro. Ray Skaggs. His wife, Sharon, went home to be with her Lord on the 27th. She had been battling cancer for several years. They are not members, but attend quite regularly on Wednesdays as there are no services at their church that night. We've had several with illnesses which have prevented their attending services. Please be much in prayer for Lower Doe Run.

Denver Page, Pastor
Sharon Page, Reporter

Faith, St. Charles, sends greetings to all our sister churches. Fall is officially here and the colors of the season are inspiring but we do still having some of those warm beautiful sunny days that the Lord blesses us with. We had a fish fry one Sunday afternoon a few months ago. The fish was supplied by members who love the great outdoors and fishing. We are grieved to report the passing of our pastor's mother, Lola Boatright, in August. The pastor and his siblings were able to spend her final days at her side. She will be missed but they know she is waiting for them in Heaven and she is no longer in pain or suffering. Several members have health problems that require surgery for healing. We ask for your prayers for them. We are planning to have a Fall Festival the end of October in hopes of reaching those in our area who are seeking His guidance. Let us all remember, October is Pastor Appreciation month. We need to take time to thank those who are called by the Lord to spread his word to all those who will listen.

Tim Boatright, Pastor
Chris Pruett, Reporter

Emmanuel, Sikeston expanded it's bounds of worship recently by moving a Sunday evening service to home bound members. Bro. Harrison and Sis. Maxine Waltrip have been unable to attend church ser-

vices for several months for health reasons. So, several members went to their home for a worship service. There was singing and Bro. Billy gave a short inspiring message. The fellowship was good and every one was truly blessed. They have been faithful members for many years. Sis. Fay White has had her brain surgery and prayers are going up to God for her recovery. Bro. Billy has been teaching from the Faith chapter in Hebrews chapter eleven. It is very interesting to study about the Heroes of Faith and their history recorded in parts of the Old Testament. Sunday morning messages have been very challenging as Bro. Billy has been doing deep research on the whole Armor of God and our responsibility as Christian soldiers. Also, how as a church we must respond. The church observed the Lord's Supper, Sunday evening, October 2. We have just received word of the death of Sis. Altha Gunn. She has been a member for many years. Deepest sympathy is extended to her family. Bill Davis, Pastor
Vi Maclin, Reporter

First, Potosi, had a busy September with a revival and lots of homecoming events all over the county going on. The AWANA group got off to a good start and attended part of the revival as well. New evening classes started on Sundays with good support from our members. It is good to hear mem-

bers say that they took a class that they really thought they knew something about, and then exclaim the new things that the Scripture reveals when someone guides the way. The newly elected teachers for Sunday School classes met with their newly promoted classes. With so many vacations, illnesses and family gatherings the attendance has gone up and down. Now that school has started, things should calm down and regular routines will resume. The Naomi and Ruth group held a prayer vigil by holding hands and went around the entire church building stopping for prayer by each window where there would be a class later in the week. They then returned for fellowship and refreshments. This sounds like a good vigil to do again! We all need prayer. Four precious souls were saved and about fifty renewals of faith and service were made at the Beth Moore Session. The "See You At The Pole" at school was followed by an evening service for the youth with Bro. Ainley sharing the message. There are so many ways to show your faith by attending programs and session going on this month. Just don't forget to pray. Sending prayers your way through the Spirit.

Jamie Haguewood, Pastor
Beverly Simpson, Reporter

Ohlman, Bunker is enjoying the beauty of God's handy work

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Parrish to Join LifeWord Staff

Donny Parrish will become Lifeword's chief creative officer when he joins the staff January 1, 2012, according to an announcement by Executive Director Steve Crawley.

Parrish comes with over thirty years of ministry experience, most recently serving as the executive pastor of worship for Fellowship Church in Forney, Texas, where he has ministered since 2000. He has also served as the conference ministry director for DiscipleGuide Church Resources, as well as the director of student missions for the BMA Missions Department, roles that he will continue when he moves to Lifeword.

In his new position, Parrish will help provide leadership for the ministry's creative team. "Donny's extensive experience in various facets of media production, the arts, and student missions combine to make him uniquely qualified for this role. He will help lead our talented production team in an effort to target young people around the world with gospel programming and discipleship follow-up," Crawley said. "The Barna Group's research reveals that 87% of people who come to Christ make that decision before their twenty-first birthday. We are planning to focus on reaching into this window of opportunity with future programming." Parrish will also help lead Lifeword's 03B (Other 3 Billion) Project. This effort will build on a new facet of Lifeword's ministry that will involve further utilization of the worldwide web as a communication platform, adding to the ministry's terrestrial broadcast programs.

"Lifeword is a ministry that seeks to reach where no missionary can go and where no preacher can preach," Parrish said. "With the almost daily introduction of new and exciting communication technologies, Lifeword has the potential to reach the entire world with the Gospel. I'm honored, humbled and excited that Bro. Steve has asked me to play a role in the future of Lifeword."

Parrish and his wife, Datha, have been married for over thirty years. They have two daughters, Brittany, already in heaven, and Samantha, a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University with a degree in musical theatre.

✝ From Our Workers ✝

From Our Director...

The work continues to go well in Smithville. Bro. Jamie Jones will be present at our annual meeting and give us a full report of God's blessings. He has a great video presentation of a day at the Smithville Lake when he baptized 9 souls. It is exciting to watch the expression on these new believer's faces as they come out of the water. I hope you will be sure to come to the meeting at Bethany Baptist

in St. Louis on October, 22.

The Special Missions committee met this past month to discuss how we can improve

the BMA of Missouri and to meet with one of our sister churches for a time of consultation. We will have recommendations

consider these two things at the association meeting.

Our new by-laws will soon be sent to the Missouri State offices and our attorney is beginning the application work on our 501-c3

FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • September 2011

General Fund		
Balance August 31, 2011		\$ 49,851.20
September Receipts:	\$ 2,678.49	<u>2,678.49</u>
Total Available		\$ 52,529.69
Disbursements:		
Director's Salary	\$ 750.00	
Director's Expenses	432.14	
BMAA Partnership (J. Jones)	1,500.00	
BMAA Partnership (B. Faulk)	<u>200.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$ 2,882.14	\$ <u>2,882.14</u>
Balance September 30, 2011:		\$ 49,647.55
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 66,026.98	
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 22,899.20	
ING Direct Savings	\$ <u>10,782.48</u>	
Total in CD's:	\$ 99,708.66	

From Our Missionary...

Dear Friends,
 I trust that God is blessing each of you as I write this today. God continues to work in and through North Lake Church. September was a great month for us. With the weather still being nice, we decided to try something a little different. We held a three night gathering at a campground. Some good friends of ours, Jim and Pat Barr, came to lead a short study on discipleship for this event. We started on each evening at

and update our web page for 6:30 and we ate well (everybody said....). We had a different menu for each night. The good food, the campfire, and the fellowship really set the atmosphere for some great discussion on what it means to be an authentic Christian. The comments and conversation were sincere and each night we went a little deeper. It amazes me how God works and it has been my pleasure to be a part of this journey in Smithville. On the last night one young man experienced salva-

tion. It was unexpected, but very welcomed.

Since then, God has been teaching me that the unexpected events (even those that are unwelcome) can be the best ones. Thinking back over the last five years there have been many unexpected turns. Thanks be to God for those turns and may He continue to give each of us grace to welcome the unknown and learn as He teaches us how to be like Him.

God Bless, *Jamie Jones*

Food For Thought

Bates Creek Missionary Baptist Church is a small, country church with some of the members being veterans. We all have seen the Westboro Baptist Church in the news protesting our soldiers' funerals bringing a negative viewpoint of Baptist churches to the communities in which we serve the Lord. We need to show our support for our soldiers and their families as some of those families have lost loved ones in a sacrifice for our freedoms that we all hold dear including the freedom to choose our church and attend church freely without fear of persecution or repercussions.

We feel the actions of the Westboro Church are not the actions of a New Testament Church. We hope that you will help educate your communities that not all of those that claim to be "baptist" are those who follow our Lord and Savior.

Terry Rasnick of Bates Creek Church, Potosi



Deer trophies at the retreat were admirable, but the stories were sometimes hard to believe!!



A state wrestling trophy and testimony of God's leadership



Enjoying the food, fellowship, stories, door prizes, and environment of Camp Garwood for the 2011 Men's Retreat

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as we welcome fall! It is truly a gorgeous sight. By the time you read this we will have already celebrated our churches 60th anniversary/homecoming and want to praise the Lord for all he has done. The GMA girls started October off with a very successful yard sale to raise money to go to national camp in Texas next summer. October 2nd we had a great visit from Brother Francois Norcilus and his wife Marguerite from Haiti to talk to us about the needed prayers and support for their ministry. It was a blessing to hear from him. We also enjoyed visiting with Brother Lee Miller and his wife and children who were so kind to bring the Norcilus. Revival for our church has been set for November 10th-13th (Thursday night thru Sunday morning) with Brother Tony Crocker. Please join us in prayer for God's work to be done. We wish everyone a Happy Fall from your friends at Ohlman.

A word from the Harper Family: We would like to say thank you to those of you who support is in prayer. God has truly blessed us with everyone doing well, a new bus and project #3 (Prepare the Way). We love traveling and especially encouraging brothers and sisters in Christ. Our prayer all summer long has been that God would open the doors to minister outside the walls of his church on a mission field. Please join is as we pray for our family to take a step further in ministry. God Bless!

Terry Sharpe, Pastor
Dottie May, Reporter

Landmark, DeSoto, says "Hello again." It has been a beautiful fall season with wonderful services at Landmark. We had many visitors this month both in the morning service and evening. Brother Ray Thurman filled in for Brother Gibson one week and preached a wonderful sermon. October 2nd, was our 79th Homecoming with Brother Grady Higgs preaching with The Harper Family providing the song service. The Harper Family held a concert at 1:30 and sang praises

to the Lord for 90 minutes. It was a perfect day; great preaching, great singing, terrific food and even better fellowship with past members and current members. A special Thanks to Sister Betty Harrison and the ladies for all the hard work in the kitchen to help make it a great day. Till next month, God Bless.

Wayne Gibson

Wayne Hawkins, Reporter

Bethlehem, Doniphan, reports that as the Great Commission commands us to teach new members, we are continuing the study of our Articles of Faith. Sometimes as "seasoned" members we take for granted that everyone should know these things. It's important to remember that new converts need to know what, why and where in God's word we are able to verify our beliefs. Congratulations to our pastor and his wife, Russell and Joanna Chitwood, on the birth of their first grandchild. Ms. Isabella Nelson was born September 20, 2011 at 12:02 a.m. She weighs 7 lbs. 14 1/2 ounces and is 19 inches long. Mother and child are doing well, dad still in shock! Brother Bill Brown, Brother Darrell Grubb, and Brother Eddie Pickens attended the Men's "Trophy" retreat at Camp Garwood and had a great time of fellowship. Oh, the stories they came back and shared with us!! They are looking forward to next year and are hopeful that all will be able to attend.

September 24th was a special day for Bethlehem. We celebrated Brother Clint Colburn's 85th birthday with his family. Four of his five children were in attendance for his birthday celebration. Several members of the church surprised the family by joining them at the nursing home and presenting Bro. Clint with a plaque thanking him for his years of service to the church as pastor and pastor emeritus. Please pray for Brother Clint and his family as his health is continuing to decline. If you are ever in doubt of how much God loves us come and join us for our annual fish fry at Bethlehem. We enjoyed a fish fry hosted by Bro. C.H.

Colburn and his wife Janice at their home on Current River. What a relaxing and beautiful view of the river from their pavilion. When you just sit quietly, look and listen, you can see and hear all of God's creation around you. From the sound of the water flowing by, to the sounds of the birds in the trees. And there is nothing more precious than the fellowship we share with God's people. All the stress just seems to melt away and we all returned home with smiles and memories that will always be with us. Looking forward to next year, we were privileged to host the annual meeting of the Cane Creek Association. Many were in attendance. Please be in prayer as we continue the work the Lord has given us in the Cane Creek Association. We are looking forward to our revival meeting October 26-29. Brother Shawn Brandon will be our guest speaker. Pray that seeds will be planted and that the revival will continue in our members. Even though we feel we have been in revival all year, Satan has been hard at work in our midst. He doesn't want any of the Lord's churches to be at work and he has a way of sneaking in where we least expect him. We must be aware he is there and that we have the knowledge that our Lord is stronger. Please pray for us as we push forward that we will be united in His purpose.

Russell Chitwood, Pastor
Debbie Pickens, Reporter

Charity, Bismark, sends Fall greetings to all. We love this time of the year when the Master Painter colors our world so brightly. God has blessed us with many visitors. Pastor and Mrs. Norcilus from Haiti were our guests this week. They are a delightful couple doing a great work of evangelism and discipleship in Creve, Haiti. The Bible Ministry under the leadership of Brother Travis Grubb is growing in the community. Approximately four hundred fifty Bibles, pamphlets, and tracks were distributed in Bismarck's Fall Festival, and one visitor was present in services as result. We are looking

forward to as many or more being distributed during the October 31st Trunk or Treat at the school parking lot. Charity sang again the second Sunday afternoon in September for the Presbyterian Manor. What a blessing. We anticipate a joyous time when the Fellowship Choir practices at Charity October 14th and at Landmark, Desoto on the 28th. Come fellowship with us as the District Auxiliaries meet at Charity November 11th at 7:30 p.m. Until we meet again,
Lee Miller, Pastor
Carolyn Meade, Reporter

Ozark Heights, says, "Hello to one and all from Ozark Heights." Fall is here and the cool weather is such a blessing! Brother Brian and Brother Butch worked on several building repairs and the parking lot will be sealed next week! Class rooms are being painted and freshened up by the youth of our church. Thanks to all for the great help! Sister Loretta and Sister Clarice furnished lunch, as well as, helping clean and organize the fellowship hall downstairs. Brother Bob Dement had back surgery and is now home resting and recuperating. I also went in for one day surgery and I am now doing fine. God is so good when we go to him for comfort and healing! We are looking forward to October and a lot is in the plans; a hayride at Butch and Loretta Wilkinson's on the 7th, LifeWord's Walk for the World on the 16th and a bake sale-fund raiser the 23rd. May God bless our shut ins! Let us remember God blesses all who are faithful.

Brian Meade, Pastor
Georgie Brokaw, Reporter

Stony Point, says, "Hello to everyone!" Sadness followed by rejoicing for the life of Sister Lucille Mosier who left this earth last month and is, at this moment, playing hymns of praise on a heavenly piano. We will miss you Lucille, but we know we will see you soon. We were blessed October 2nd when John, Anita and Hannah Elsey came forward as candidates for baptism and church

membership. September 25th, the church came together to assemble another 386 Shepherd's Bags for the children in Honduras. The Lord continues to bless this great ministry.

Claude Evans, Pastor
David Hughes, Reporter

Mt. Zion, Ellington, we are looking forward to the beautiful fall month of October. September 4th, since the Reeses haven't been able to be with us, we took the church to them. We all met at their daughter's motel in Winona, MO. Their daughter, Kay, opened her home to us for Sunday school and church. What a blessing it was to be together again. The services were great and afterward a fish fry got underway. As always, the food was delicious. After the food and fellowship it was time to head home. We thank Kay for her hospitality and hope to see them all again soon. September 17th a few from here attended Fellowship Day at Antioch Church. They reported a good time. The Walk of Faith was held at Brawley Park in Ellington September 24th. Attendance was good. Our prayers are with those who are ill. The 25th, after being blessed with a good Sunday school lesson and sermon we gathered in the dining hall for a surprise dinner, cake and coffee in honor of Sister Irene's 90th birthday. How great and exciting it was! She was overjoyed by our caring love for her. Happy 90th birthday Sister Thomason! Until next time – God's blessings to all.

Emory Shelton, Pastor
Mary Marcher, Reporter

Bethany, St. Louis, looks forward to hosting the Annual Meeting of the BMA of Missouri October 22nd. Our hearts were saddened as the Lord called Sister Mary Schuepfer and Brother Bud Briley home since our last report. Please pray for these families as they look to the Lord for comfort and courage. Thank God for our hope in Him.

James Hoffmann, Pastor
Carol McDonald, Reporter

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Washington County District Auxiliaries

The next quarterly meeting of the Washington County District Auxiliaries will be November 11, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at Charity Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, Bismarck, MO.

At this meeting we will hear from a representative of one of our local GMA's as well as have election of officers for the 2011-2012 year.

An additional highlight of this meeting will be a bake sale in the fellowship hall after the meeting. Proceeds will be for the new project we select at this meeting.

Ladies, this is the night before "deer" season, so bake something sweet for our "deer" hunters that they can take to their favorite "deer" stand to keep them from starving.

Men, plan on purchasing a sweet item that our "deer" ladies have made so you can munch on it when that trophy "deer" walks right past you.

Janet Widger, President Washington County District WMA

Linda Newsom: A Daughter's Tribute

By Kerri Hellwig

Linda Lee Case Newsom died October 5th in her beloved Philippines, where she and her husband served as missionaries.

She was born on Nov. 29, 1940 to Raymond A. and Maurine (Toland) Case. She married her high school sweetheart, Donald Ray Newsom, August 23, 1958 at just 17 years of age.

She was a member of Eastern Star, served as secretary for Cerebral Palsy of Arkansas and was very active in WMA. She loved to read and sewed for us when we were young.

She has been called a true pastor's wife. Dad pastored churches in Arkansas, Florida and Missouri. She never complained, no matter where she went or what the circumstances were. In August 1978, they became BMA missionaries to the Philippines. She loved the Lord and she loved Dad and the work there. She could adjust to any situation better than anyone I have ever known. She loved life and loved being around people.

Dad said she was the best bookkeeper he ever knew. She was his right arm as she kept the books and handled all correspondence (including Gleaner articles!) for years. She also wrote Sunday School and VBS literature while in the Philippines.

In later years, she had many health problems. Dad said he would sit with her every day and just hold her hand. He will miss that because he has been holding her hand for over 53 years.

She will be missed by so many, but we know we will see her again and are so thankful that we know she was ready and we know where she is.

I have heard many messages of condolence and so many



Linda Newsom

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I So Regret This

Regret means to be disappointed about something. To feel sorry or grief over something. It also means a sense of loss and longing for a desire unfulfilled or an action performed or not performed. The longer we live, the more regrets we can have. Regrets start young. A young child may regret what they said to their mom or dad. A young teen may regret an action they took the previous night with their boyfriend or girlfriend. A young adult may regret they didn't study a different major in college, or even perhaps for some people, the fact that they didn't go to college or take a different job.

If no limits are put on this type of thinking, regrets really take off after age 30, and continue throughout the life of a person. Some people regret that they married too soon. Others regret that they may have in fact, married the wrong person. They start fantasizing what their life could have been like if they had only waited, and perhaps married someone else. This other potential marriage partner may be someone from their past, or it just may be a figment of their imagination. Either way, this mental preoccupation with how much better life could have been with a different marriage only feeds the isolation and perennial state of sadness they feel over their present situation. It does absolutely nothing to repair and restore their marriage. It only continues to suck the life out of it.

The single biggest regret I hear in churches is from older people over the way they parented their children. After I do a parenting conference, older people always come up and say, "I wished I could have heard this information 20 years ago. These young people sure are blessed to hear it now. I messed up." Parents take a mental baseball bat and clobber themselves into depression. They wished they had not been so strict, or so critical, or so demanding. Others wish they had not been so permissive and uncaring.

Many older parents wished they would have been better at teaching their children the Word of God and how to pray. They regret they could have done devotions and spent more time

wonderful things said about Mom since her passing — she was sweet, wonderful, one of a kind, precious, great, faithful, loving and kind. I am so thankful God chose her to be my Mom.

She leaves behind her husband of 53 years, Missionary Don Newsom, Philippines; 3 daughters, Kerri Hellwig (wife of BMA Pastor David Hellwig) and Donnalyn Ursua, both of Jacksonville, TX and Kristi McCray of Las Vegas, NV; 6 grandchildren; 1 great-granddaughter; and many, many friends and extended family here and in her adopted home of the Philippines.

Services and celebration of her life was on October 15th at the Here's Hope Church in the Philippines. Burial will be at the Municipal Cemetery in Santa Barbara, Iloilo, Philippines.

Memorials may be made to Don Newsom Work Fund or to Dorcas House through BMAA Missions, P.O. Box 30910, Little Rock, AR 72260.



Linda & Don Newsom

together as a family doing the things of Godliness in the home. Sometimes, when I see all of these young parents running from one sporting event to another, I think I should make a CD recording of all of these older parents talking of their regrets, and just play that back for the young parents at a parenting conference. It might help them get their priorities straight. Regretting what you did as a parent is one of the single largest, on-going regrets that people have. And it can eat you up. It can consume a lot of mental energy. Parents should think about ways to change the present day for the better, rather than just looking back on the past and being immobilized with regrets.

These examples then lead to the whole point of this article. You must stop your regrets. Regrets for the most part are drains on your emotional, mental, physical and spiritual well-being. The only time a regret might be useful, is when it serves for you to learn from it. Then, you must leave it, and grow on. But that is not really a regret. That is simply being wise and learning from past mistakes so that you can move on to a brighter future. That is something we should all do. Regrets are loathing yourself. Beating yourself up. And in so doing, you will not change one thing. It is done! It is over. It is finished! You need to spend this time and mental energy on learning to do something right now in the present. What can you do with those around you to make a better life? This is not to compensate for your past mistakes. This is simply to learn from those mistakes and help others have a better life for the glory of the Lord. Serving others is a great way to overcome regrets. You can sit at home feeling sorry for yourself on all the ways you made mistakes in parenting, or you can get up off of your blessed assurance and go change the future for someone by making it brighter. You might be able to be a great parent today to a child that is now an adult. You might be a wonderful grand-

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Me, the Leader??

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They just stood there - staring. Twenty-four fourth-grader eyes, and all of them looking right at me. Any other time I would just be another ten-year-old in the group. But this recess was different - and the pressure was on. Oh my..., what have I gotten myself into?!

The story began with my bright idea that it would be great to have a club for my friends and me. So I told the guys in class that I was going to start a club during the afternoon recess. They must have also thought it was a good idea because about a dozen guys showed up. This was so cool! ...well, it was cool until we got to the part where everyone was looking at me, wanting to know what we were going to do in this club I just started. That's when I discovered a major oversight in my plan - it never occurred to me that starting a club meant that I would need to provide some leadership in the club. And since I wasn't prepared to give that leadership, you won't be surprised that the club didn't last any longer than that one fifteen-minute recess.

Okay..., lesson learned, right? Well, maybe not as much as I'd like to think. The truth is, in these years since that fourth grade experience I've also seen the same questioning look in other eyes - and even in my own. There was the time some fifteen years later when I married the girl that I loved and that loved me..., and soon afterwards I'm looking at myself in the mirror wondering how I'm supposed to be the leader of our new family. Or later when I accepted a promotion at work because of the new opportunities that came with it, only to soon find myself at the head of the conference table at a department meeting - my department meeting - with all eyes upon me and I had no clue what to say. And I know that many men find themselves in the same situations at times. Is there anything that can help us know how to better handle our roles as leaders?

Actually, the Bible speaks to this issue, and in one particular case shows how God fashioned a remarkable leader from a very reluctant man. The man's name was Gideon, and you can read his story in **Judges 6-8**. Here are some principles his story teaches us about our role as godly leaders - even when we're not expecting or prepared for the role.

Don't expect much help from the world around us. In Gideon's day the enemy was poised to intimidate and even crush any leadership that would arise among God's people. And it's no different in our world today. What percentage of the sitcoms you've seen lately showed a reasonable and responsible man in the role as the real head of his family? The typical commercial portrays men as the duffus - the man is the goofy one buying a falcon (or wishing he had), while his "normal" and in-charge wife is the one talking rationally to the insurance agent. Men, the world is out to downplay and undermine our leadership role. Don't let the world set or suppress your pattern for leadership.

A timid start is better than no start at all. However, we must ultimately make a confident stand as we follow God's clear directions. Gideon's worked on his first assignment as leader in the middle of the night because he was afraid - which doesn't exactly make him the poster boy for brave, bold leadership. But at least he was willing to start in the right direction. Then before long he was leading with greater boldness. If you are not used to taking a stand for God in your role as a leader, do what you can (asking God for help). It may be baby steps at first, but as you continue to follow Him you will grow in your ability to

confidently stand for Him.

Start by addressing the problems closest to home. So often we think of leadership as just pointing out things that others need to do. Yet Gideon's first job as leader was not about directing others, but about taking care of a problem closer to home - he had to remove the family idols. This example illustrates that before we are in a place to lead other and point out what they need to do, we must first make sure that we are attempting to live as we should - which includes addressing the sin that is in our own life and in those for whom we are responsible. Are there sins in your own life that you haven't repented of? Are there issues in your family that you have failed to lovingly yet unflinchingly address? Leadership starts with how we deal with issues within ourselves and those situations closest to us.

Our directions must come from God. Gideon was able to lead only as he followed the directions that God gave him. If we men are to be godly leaders, we must know and live by what the Bible says. This means we need to make a habit of sitting under good Bible teaching and preaching. It also means that we need to personally read God's Word regularly and live by what we learn from it.

Be ready to do the unthinkable. Contrary to what most military strategists would advise in such situations, God chose to par down the size of the Israelite army before they faced their enemies. "This is absolutely crazy," the people - including Gideon - possibly thought. But the plan worked. And so will whatever God leads you to do as you follow His direction..., even if everyone (including you) thinks that it is crazy.

We must find strength in God's calling, not our circumstances or natural abilities. Gideon argued that he was poor leadership material - that he was the last man that anyone would choose for the job. I've felt that way..., and I imagine most of you men have, too. But God has given us the

roles of leadership in our families, our churches, and other places; and since He has called us to these roles, we can find the strength we need in Him.

Be careful that you don't distract others from focusing on God. The Bible shows that Gideon was both a success and a failure in this area. On the one hand, he refused to let the people make him king, telling them that they instead needed to focus on God as their king. Yet on the other hand, he made an ephod for himself. (It seems that this type of ephod was a special garment designed by God to be worn by the priests, and one of its purposes was to reveal His will in special circumstances.) The ephod that Gideon made became a distraction for the people, drawing their attention and commitment away from God. As God uses you as a leader, be careful to try to avoid those things that will cause others to be distracted from their focus on God.

God will provide assurance as you are faithful to him. At various times (including the dew on the fleece, the enemy's dream) God gave Gideon assurance that he was on the right track. My experience is that God still does the same thing today to those who are genuinely committed to Him. If you are committed to follow Him and need a little assurance of His help or His directions, just ask.

I am no longer in the fourth grade, but the pressure is still on - it's on me, and it's on you, too. All eyes are upon us. Others are looking to us to step up and provide the leadership in our families, at our jobs, in our churches, and more. Has God given you a role as leader - maybe a role that you feel as unfit for as Gideon did? The lessons of Gideon give us confidence to shoulder these God-given roles and become the leaders that God calls us to, and that the people in our world desperately need us to be. Men, may this be our challenge to man-up to the leadership roles God has given us - and may we "act like men" (1 Corinthians 16:13) in accepting this challenge.

An Explanation

You may note the change in this page from what has been the "Meramec Page" for the last two years. The following note I received from Bro. Danny Kirk will help explain the change...

"At our Meramec annual meeting, I brought up the fact that the churches were not contributing to the Meramec Banner page and this left you with the difficult position of finding filler for the page. After much discussion, the messenger body voted to discontinue the Meramec Banner page due to the proven lack of concern and participation from the churches. You no longer have to print such a page within the state paper. The messengers also ask me to send my Meramec missions reports and finance reports directly to the Meramec churches by mail or email.

So sorry about the aggravation to you for the past two years. The era of a district association needing a news letter has come to an end."

I want to thank Bro. Kirk and others who have furnished articles and reports for their page.

Of course, we will still hear from the churches through the reports on the "Church News" pages and will carry any announcements anyone sends about activities in any of our churches and associations.

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ment of a whole family coming to Christ."

Please be in prayer for the men, women, and children who received the Gospel during the evangelism class. Some of them will be contacted by local students and professors in order to follow up and offer discipleship. Pray that they will begin growing in Christ.

And pray for the students who were impacted this week, that they will take the knowledge and skills gained and implement them in their own churches and communities. To God be the glory!

Carol Shine

Attention, All Churches...

A Busy Time of the Year

Bobby L. Hudgens
DiscipleGuide Church Resources

September-November is one of the busiest times of the year for BMAA churches and their local associations. In addition to increased ministry, churches are completing their church letters in preparation for their annual local and state associational meetings.

Churches will receive their DiscipleGuide standardized church letter forms through their local association clerk several weeks prior to their annual local association meeting. Whether or not your association uses this form, DiscipleGuide depends upon it in order to include up-to-date information in the next BMAA Directory and Handbook. Please complete the form soon and send it to us at DiscipleGuide, 4613 Loop 245, Texarkana, AR 71854.

For your convenience we have provided a version of the church letter you can complete and submit on-line. You will find it at www.DiscipleGuide.org/ChurchLetter.

Finally, **please don't forget to send an offering along with your church letter.** We depend totally on offerings from churches like yours to provide this useful resource. Thank you for your support!

• **REGRET** From Page 6 • parent, teaching your grandkids the ways of the Lord. You might not have these opportunities. But you probably have an opportunity to reach out to some lonely hurting kid in your church that just needs a helping hand, a hug or someone who cares. There are tons of kids who come to church as throw away kids. God always gives us opportunities to live today, and crush our ugly yesterdays.

Satan has a trap for your soul. It is one of his favorites. It is a Christian sitting around in pity over their past. Regrets are a tool of the devil. You can control your thinking. When these negative thoughts start, change your thinking. II Corinthians 10:5. Take them captive to the Lord. Think on good things in your life right now. Philippians 4:8. Read the Bible and count your blessings. You can stop regrets. Claim Philippians 3: 13,14.

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, FORGETTING those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Jesus can help us all to make a brand new ending to our life story. Jesus makes it possible to love and live again. Get up in Jesus power and grow on! Look up, not back.

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

Ray Thurman, is available for pulpit supply or to serve as a interim pastor. You may contact him at 573-438-2195. -6-

Perrin W. Seay is available for all preaching appointments. He can be reached at 314-402-0906 or 314-631-4040 or by email: papaseay@yahoo.com. -6-

Allen Casey is available for pulpit supply. He is a member of Springdale Baptist Church in Fenton and can be reached at 636-349-5524. -6-

Rocky Houston, of Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church is available however the Lord leads. You may contact him at his home phone after 4 p.m. at 573-748-5879, or email: houstonrocky@yahoo.com. -6-

John Bureson is available for preaching appointments and pastoral service as the Lord leads. He has a B.S. in Bible from Central Baptist College and has been in the ministry since 1984. Contact him at (870) 818-1200. -6-

Tim Maxwell, a member of Friendship Baptist Church in St. Clair, is available for preaching appointments or however God may use him. Contact him at 636-744-2874. -6-

Andy Lahmann is available for pulpit supply and revivals as needed. Has been active in the ministry for the past 14 years and has served as a pastor and youth pastor. B.S. Degree in Pastoral Arts and a Graduates Degree in Theology. Currently serving at First Baptist Church in Bourbon, Mo. Preaching doctrinally sound messages. He may be reached at 573-205-6022 or as a secondary contact: lahmann08@yahoo.com. -8-

Todd Walters, a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Lonedell, made known his call to preach July 24th and is available for pulpit supply. You may contact him at 636-262-6342. -9-

Darrin Slater, the College Age Minister at Bethel Baptist Church in Lonedell is available for pulpit supply. You may contact him at 314-540-9001. -9-

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More about the Men's Retreat...

We should be thankful that we have a great place to have such events. The archery competition was enjoyed by the participants and the "arrow hunt-

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