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Philippians 2:16

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A Greeting/ Reminder to All Readers

Merry Christmas to all!

Camp is shut down for the winter but I want to remind everyone to schedule some vacation time for camp in 2012. The dates are July 30th through August 3rd.

If you will do this it will surely make a **Happy New Year** for you and your family.

Chris Polk

Editor's Note: Also, keep watching for announcements about the Retreats during the year and get in on the fellowship, food and fun.

Pray for Bro. Chris and the Camp Committee as they make plans for various events and seek help with the upkeep of camp all year long. Also, volunteer your time to help work.

This would be a good time to **give a special offering** to Camp Garwood and express your appreciation for the wonderful facilities God has provided and for all the souls that are saved and strengthened through this ministry. Right now there is enough money to keep camp going but special offerings are needed to finish the great improvements on the dorms.

Good News of Great Joy!!

When the angel spoke to the shepherds

It was certainly Good News Of Great Joy!

*For God sent His Only Son to earth that day,
He came in the form of a precious baby boy.*

That young child increased in wisdom and stature,

And quickly found favor with God and men.

He knew The Father's plan for His life

And determined to do His best for Him.

He lived a perfect, sinless life among men on earth,

So He could give the greatest gift of all.

We through faith can accept that wonderful gift

And be ready when God calls.

*This is God's Good News for all people, but there is only Great Joy
for those who accept Christ as Savior!!*

Merry Christmas to Our Readers

Your editor and his wife pray that each one who reads this will accept the wonderful, eternal, joyful, and peaceful gift of eternal life that is made possible through Jesus Christ.

*He came according to God's plan,
lived according to His command,
served according to God's will,
ministered according to God's desire,
and died according to God's requirement,
all because He loves us just the way God loves us.*

It is our desire that you have a wonderful Christmas in the Lord and that you let Him guide you and strengthen you in the year ahead. Thank you for letting us serve Him through you and for supporting us in this ministry.

Brother and Sister Hoffmann



+++ NEWS BRIEFS +++

Friendship, Caseyville, has not had a report in the paper for some time, but we are still worshipping and serving the Lord. Brother Ron Beardsley is our pastor. A while ago Brother Beardsley mentioned to the church and to Brother and Sister Fallis the idea of having a church service outside at their home near Edwardsville, Illinois on a Sunday afternoon. The Fallis' are unable to drive the distance to church and are having health problems. They were thrilled about the idea and agreed to it. Twenty-five people gathered at 2:00 p.m. one Sun-



Brother & Sister Fallis

day and we sang songs and prayed and Brother Beardsley preached. What a blessing! Brother and Sister Fallis sent a "Thank You" card to the church and the pastor read it November 16th. It said, *"Thank you so much for bringing church to us. We appreciated it more than you'll ever know. It was a wonderful day for us and brightened our whole week. God bless you one and all. It is good to know warm, considerate people who try to help others in all they do. People whose lives show the message of God's love. It is wonderful to know people like you."* Thank you for letting us share this with you and please pray for the Fallis'.

Ron Beardsley, Pastor
Wilma Ponder & Deena Williams, Reporters

Antioch, Ellington, sends greetings to all our brothers and sisters in Christ. October 9, 2011, our pastor Brother Doyle Abbey read some Scripture and then said, "I resign as Pastor." He then walked from behind the pulpit and left the church, leaving a church of stunned members. After much prayer,

we have started over. We have had several ministers come and preach for us and have been hearing some very good messages. It has helped greatly to go ahead and serve God as He would have us to. We can use the prayers of all our churches that we will be able to continue to fully rely on the Lord sending us good preaching and spiritual help. October 30th we had the fifth Sunday Singing at our church which included a good devotional and wonderful singing. October 13th the preacher failed to come so we had a two-hour Sunday School lesson on hearing God. We had a very helpful lesson with everyone talking and taking part in it. God knew that was what we needed that day.

Minnie Asberry, Reporter

Ozark Heights, Potosi, wishes you all a very Merry Christmas! Everyone is busy with choir practice and decorating the church for the holidays. Our WMA Christmas dinner is this Friday and we hope to have a good turnout. Brother Brian and Sister Dawn made the Senior Adult Conference along with several of our members. They all had a great time and enjoyed all aspects of the conference. There has been a lot of illness at our church lately. Sister Geraldine Warden had major surgery on her leg, Brother Lloyd Fenstermaker has been laid up with blood clots in his leg, Sister Connie Evans and Sister Deloris Owens both had surgery. Please pray for them for a speedy recovery. Brother Gary Gilliam was with us this past Sunday. His and Josh Meade's jobs have required them to work a lot recently; we hope to have them back with us again soon. We enjoyed talent night. There were many specials and in one of those specials three of our youth did a special; Kaitlin and her sister Breann sang "Amazing Grace" accompanied by their cousin Kaylon on the piano. We had visitors that came, enjoyed and participated in our talent night. Of course, we had food and fellowship afterwards.

We want to welcome everyone that is looking for a church home to come and visit. Brother Brian does a great job and delivers such good sermons. My husband Bill and I enjoyed Thanksgiving with our children in Wright City. We had such a wonderful time! Have a wonderful New Year. Pray God will bless our nation and things will get better. Remember our faith makes all things happen for good!

Brian Meade, Pastor
Georgie Brokaw, Reporter

Mt. Zion, Ellington, comes to you again in God's love. We are enjoying good sermons and Sunday school lessons on God's Word. Some from here attended the 5th Sunday Singing at Antioch and had an enjoyable time. After church we had a hot dog roast and of course marshmallows are a must. In October my son Clinton and daughter Elaine, both from Oklahoma City came. We had a good visit. We ask that you pray for the Reese's daughter, Louise. She is having health problems. Word came that Brother Wayne Simmons had gone to be with the Lord. Our love and prayers are with his family. Have a great Thanksgiving and beware of the deer hunters. Until next time - may God continue to send His blessings.

Emory Shelton, Pastor
Mary Marcher, Reporter

Landmark, DeSoto, sends Greetings again. Sister Jackie Caine had knee replacement surgery and is doing great. She has even been able to be back in services. Another blessing from God. Sister Debbie Conyers joined Landmark this month. We are so happy to have her, but probably not as happy as her mother, Sister Swafford. Sister Ruth Hemme was 95 December 2nd. What a blessing she is. This is the Thanksgiving season and we do have much to be Thankful for. Our Thanksgiving dinner was wonderful and the ladies did a fantastic job preparing everything. Must confess, I ate

way too much. Christmas is just around a very short corner and I know everyone is busy, but remember all the shut-ins and the ones in nursing homes and hospitals during this time. A visit with them really brightens their day. Have a very Christ-filled Christmas. Till next month, as Red Skelton would say in his closing scene; 'Good night and May God Bless.'

Wayne Gibson, Pastor
Wayne Hawkins, Reporter

Lower Doe Run, Ellington, started off the month by receiving a great blessing in our family. Denver's son and 7 year old daughter have moved back to our area. He was laid off at Boeing in Texas, and able to transfer back to St. Louis. We are enjoying it tremendously. At semester break, the 15 year old daughter will also be moving here. So we have that to look forward to. Sister Opal Scaggs fell out of her chair at the nursing home and spent the night in the hospital. She's doing pretty well now. She would definitely welcome your prayers in her behalf. We've had some first time visitors this month and they are always welcome. Our attendance has been down, but we praise God for those that come our way. I may be prejudiced, but I think we've been having some great messages lately. And, have thoroughly enjoyed the last quarter's study on Job. We are all looking forward to celebrating our Savior's birth,

and have been challenged to talk to our children, or grandchildren every day and remind them of what Christmas is really about. There are enough things out there to take their minds away from that true meaning. Our Thanksgiving dinner at church was Tuesday night, the 22nd with good attendance, many visitors, fellowship, food and testimonies. Wednesday night services were dismissed. We were asked to think about one special blessing that we've had in the last year. Sometimes there are just so many that it is hard to pick just one. Please pray for my 47 year old niece, Kim DeLagarza from Texas. She had a very bad stroke on the 21st of November. Only 10% of her heart is working and she has a long, long way to go, to get back to even being able to walk, if her heart can stand it. My brother and his wife are spending a lot of time going back and forth and staying many hours with Kim. Their health is not the best either. Kim also needs spiritual healing. Although she may have given her life to Christ as a child, she has not lived it for years!

Denver Page, Pastor
Sharon Page, Reporter

Charity, Bismarck, greets you with "Merry Christmas and Joyous New Year in Christ." We rejoiced to see a young mother come to know Christ as her personal Savior a few

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World Missions Sunday February 26, 2012

The following letter was sent to the churches of the BMAA and is reprinted here in case you did not receive a copy to remind you of two very important events to our missions work.

Thank you all for your faithfulness in God's global mission. We all exist to make our great God's name known among the nations. As your missions leadership, we continue to cast the vision for church multiplication far and near. We are looking forward to a blessed **Mission Symposium** on January 17-18 at the Central Baptist Church in Conway, Arkansas. The beginning of 2012 will be a vital time in our progression toward a church multiplication movement among our churches in the U.S. We will once again make a prayer calendar available to you similar to the ones we have provided in recent years. The difference this year is that the calendar will be an annual prayer calendar, and it will not be limited to a certain number of days. You may use the order form below, or you may order your annual prayer calendar online at www.bmaamissions.org.

We will be promoting and moving toward our annual **World Missions Day** on February 26th, 2012. **World Missions Day** indeed represents a large percentage of our annual missions budget. We need to see a greater percentage of our churches participate. However, this day must be so much more than a ritual offering to missions opportunity. We want this day to be a day that ignites passion among your people for proclaiming God's name, sending more missionaries, and church multiplication around the world. We earnestly beg our God to use our association of churches in a significant way. We pray that 2012 will be marked by great strides in the upward and outward movement of the BMA of America.

Your Missions Leadership

✝ From Our Workers ✝

From Our Director...

I have great news to report...we have a new webmaster for our BMA of Missouri website. His name is Brad Miller and he is a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Lone-dell, MO. I asked Brad to provide a brief biography about himself and this is what he had to say:

"At Bethel Baptist Church, I serve the Lord by being a sound technician, and I am also an assis-

such as Walmart, Kohl's, and Kay Jewelers. The favorite part of my job though, is when I get to work on computers and help my cowork-

ers with their computer problems. I accepted Christ as my Savior at the age of 10 at East Side Baptist Church in Vernon, Texas and have been serving Him ever since."

with church planters from around the nation. I constantly meet men who are excited about planting a new church and ask them if they would consider coming to Missouri. There has been some interest, but no one has gone so far as completing an application. Let's continue to pray for laborers for our state.

I met with Jamie Jones and his family

stant Sunday school teacher for our Young couples class. My beautiful wife is Mandi (Cooley) Miller. She does an excellent job leading worship and playing the piano at Bethel. God has blessed us with 3 children, Brent (7), Melodi (7), and Beau (9 months). Brent and Melodi are twins. My full time job is estimating for a store fixture company named Leggett & Platt, Inc. I come up with prices for the showcases and other displays for customers

ers with their computer problems. I accepted Christ as my Savior at the age of 10 at East Side Baptist Church in Vernon, Texas and have been serving Him ever since."

If you have something that needs to be included on the website, send it to his email address:

cheops123@sbcglobal.net. Please allow Brad a little time as he reworks our website.

I had the joy of traveling to Nashville, TN and Little Rock, AR this past month to meet

recently and the work continues to go well in Smithville. Visitors continue to come and some want to go to work immediately. Jamie's ministry plate has been full with counseling, building relationships, and discipling core members. I know he appreciates your prayers on behalf of North Lake Church.

I thank the association for the very generous Christmas offering. My wife, Carolyn and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and hope you have a great new year in the Lord!

From the Jones'...

Merry Christmas Everyone,
 Thanks to everyone for the continued prayers and support of the work in Smithville. Your commitment to this work is an appreciated gift to me and my family during this time of year.

God has blessed this month (as He does each month), in giving us some visitors. We had two families during November and December to visit and enjoy a worship service at North Lake. We are expecting them

both to return in the weeks to come. One of those families came through an invitation from some of our folks, and the others found out about our services through the signs we place near the side walk on the street. It's always nice to see new possibilities and God blessing the efforts of His laborers.

We have also seen some of our folks desiring more leadership, as well as people catching our vision about true discipleship. This is especially encour-

aging to me because the ministry of the church is for all... not just the pastor/staff. Thanks for your prayers in this area and please continue as God is hearing and answering! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year,
Jamie Jones,
 Luke 10:2



FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • November 2011

General Fund	
Balance October 31, 2011	\$ 52,262.48
November Receipts:	\$ 4,579.18
Total Available	\$ 53,187.58
Disbursements:	
Director's Salary	\$ 800.00
Director's expenses	\$ 772.05
BMAA Partnership (J. Jones)	1,500.00
BMAA Partnership (B. Faulk)	200.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 3,272.05
Balance November 30, 2011:	\$ 49,915.53
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 66,026.98
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 22,899.20
ING Direct Savings	\$ 10,782.48
Total in CD's:	\$ 99,708.66

Order Form

BMAA Missionary Annual Prayer Calendar

Please send _____ calendars.

Person placing order: _____

Church: _____

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Contact phone number: _____

God Bless Your Christmas

God bless your Christmas wherever you are
 And keep your courage bright;
 For the spirit of man is the candle of God,
 And burns on the darkest night.

God bless your Christmas wherever you are
 And keep you strong in faith;
 For the Spirit of God is the refuge of man
 And the light in his dwelling place.

--Hazel Adams

• **NEWS From Page 2** • weeks ago. The Holy Spirit is working through our pastor and the preaching of the Word. We have learned to love and appreciate Brother Lee and his stand for the Word of God. Besides holding down a full time job, he gives himself to his beautiful family, Bible Study, hospital visits, the jail ministry, and countless other areas. (It's a good thing he is young!) He desires for God to use him more in revivals as the Holy Spirit leads. We pray for him daily. Brother Melvin has been blessing our hearts with stories from a missionary on Wednesday evenings. We were privileged to host the November Washington County Auxiliary meeting. What a joy that was. Some of our members do not have the privilege to travel to other churches, so it is an extra blessing to have you come to us. Our singing at Presbyterian Manor was cancelled due to Sister Ragan being in the hospital. She is home now and we will resume our schedule December 11. Several on the Church prayer list are family of church members. Sister Bonnie is suffering physical therapy to restore the use of her right arm. God is blessing. The Kennards have a new grandson. The Bible Ministry continues to be a blessing and an outreach into the Bismarck community. This month we will distribute Bibles and candy canes at the community "Meet Me at the Depot." Pray for Brother Travis as he leads this ministry. Our sympathy goes out to the Wayne Simmons family as they grieve the loss of their husband, father and grandfather. Bro. Simmons was a dear friend, a prayer warrior, and man of God. He was promoted to Heaven and we will see him again. God Bless you all is our prayer. Lee Miller, Pastor
Carolyn Meade, Reporter

Friendship, Harviell, has had some wonderful things happening. New windows were installed in our auditorium that not only help on the heating and cooling, but look great as well. We had the pleasure of having a baptizing at Little Black River

October 30th. It was such a beautiful service. The reflection of the fall colors on the water were amazing as we witnessed Marcus being baptized. In case you are wonder-



Baptizing in Little Black River

ing, Brother Ernie and the candidate said the water was "very refreshing!" The ladies had an evening out at Fiddlers in Dexter and enjoyed a good time of fellowship and food. Our Youth 10 and under have been working on our Christmas Program "There Is No "X" in Christmas" which will be presented December 18 in the evening service. November 29th, Megan and Zack become the proud parents of a baby girl, Lacy. Pray for them as they start the adventure of parenthood.

Ernie L. Cate, Pastor
Thelma Dunlap, Reporter

Bethany, St. Louis, was blessed with a beautiful Thanksgiving Service. Some of our members brought us readings and songs appropriate for the season. We observed the Lord's Supper the Sunday before Thanksgiving, and this was a wonderful way to begin our focus on being thankful. As always, December is a busy month. The children are preparing their program for the evening of December 11th, and the choir is preparing their Cantata for morning service December 18th. The ladies will have their monthly meeting December 15th, and the H.E.O. group is gathering December 10th for a Christmas Party...they have already taken a trip through Tilles Park to view the Christmas lights. Christmas caroling is coming soon. The date is to be announced. Fruit baskets will be prepared and

taken to our widows, widowers and shut-ins' We wish all a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

James Hoffmann, Pastor
Carol McDonald, Reporter

Bethesda, Park Hills, reports that the month of November was a wonderful blessing! The first Sunday of the month Sister Mandy Barton came forward to request baptism and church membership. We had her baptism scheduled for November 20th after Sunday morning services. During the invitation her daughters Briana, age 11; Katy, age 9; and Abby age 13 came forward to request membership also. Our baptism of one quickly became a baptismal service of four! This family has been visiting for a couple of months and we were all blessed to see their excitement for the Lord! We are planning a Christmas program for Christmas morning. The youth are preparing a play called Jeffrey the Snowman followed by a sermon from our pastor. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

J.C. Huddleston, Pastor
Dana Dane, Reporter

Oak Hill, Alton, sends Greetings and says "Merry Christmas to you!" It is OK to say Merry Christmas, isn't it? The greeting of 'Happy Holidays' seems so very empty when compared to 'Merry Christmas,' doesn't it? The third Sunday evening of each month is a great time of sharing at Oak Hill. (I've probably told you this before.) And the Thanksgiving season always gives us a "special" time to reflect on the goodness of our Lord. Many shared testimonies attesting to that goodness. And speaking of singing, have you heard Bro. Tom with his guitar sing? And when his family joins him, WOW! A group of young people came with Merinda (our pastor's daughter) who was home for Thanksgiving. She is attending Central Baptist College in Conway, Arkansas. The young people sang several hymns--beautiful voices and melodies. This Wednesday evening our youth will present

a skit after which we will continue with our regular Bible studies led by Bro. Tom. We are so very appreciative of our youth leaders Barb and Stephanie. Friday (about two weeks ago) Colby, the son of Stephanie and Bart Kernodle, was saved. Colby shared with us what Jesus did for him that Sunday. Then the following Sunday he was baptized. What joy!! Will you join us in praying for Rita Brandon, Bro. Gene Bowerman's niece. Cancer has once again shown up in her body after ten or eleven years of being in remission. Her two daughters Rebecca and Ashley are very supportive making good grades in school. Until next time...

Edward Casey, Pastor
Marianne Hufstedler, Reporter

Bethel, Sikeston, sends Greetings to our sister churches. Hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving, and that God received the glory for all He has given us. We are happy to welcome our newest members, Nolan McElroy, Rachel Carter, and Bro. Billy & Sis. Donna Davis. We held a "True Love Waits" lock-in for the girls this past weekend, had some exceptional girls along with exceptional teachers, thank you-Kelly, Keeley, Tanya, and Lydia. The prison ministry is continuing to have professions of salvation, and the inmates are always looking forward to that next visit. Don't forget to pray for the children of these men and women who will not be home with their children on Christmas. It is a difficult time for the families. Also for the homeless, that they may find a warm refuge from the weather, and food to fill them. Praying everyone has a wonderful Christmas and safe travel.

Jerry Adams, Pastor
Marcia McAfee, Reporter

Emmanuel, Sikeston, prayerfully enters into the Christmas Season as we search for a new pastor. Brother Billy Davis recently resigned as he felt his work at Emmanuel was finished. We are very grateful for the three years that he and Sister Donna spent with us.

We were blessed by their preaching and teaching. We wish them many of God's blessings and joy as they wait on the Lord for His direction. Brother Roger Ross is serving as our moderator. Brother Tim Bell, one of our dedicated members, has been preaching some very inspiring messages. We ask prayer for his wife, Sister Patty, who is undergoing tests. Brother Leslie Cantrell a Missionary Baptist minister from Kentucky, and his wife attended services November 20. He preached both messages. The same morning, Brother Andy Lahmann and his family came and presented a slide presentation of the Indian Reservation where they will be working after special training in Colorado. They are members from First Bourbon, Bourbon, MO. A liberal offering was given to further his missionary work. It was a blessed Sunday. Sunday December 18, we will enjoy a Christmas Luncheon after the morning message. That afternoon we will visit shut-ins and distribute Christmas baskets. Please pray for the Church as we wait on the Lord and celebrate this joyful season.

Vi Maclin, Reporter

First, Potosi sends greetings and prayers for your services this time of the year. There have been so many programs and celebrations that I shall begin with the pastors' appreciation fellowship held after services in October. Then Vernon and Violet Cooper got the JOY bus up and running. This will help with AWANA and other group services. Our church hosted the "**Remembering Our Fallen**" in our family life center for nine days. Many bus loads of folks came to share this time of remembering. Before it began, a military service was given outside and as each fallen hero's name was called a bell was tolled. Brother Ainley, for the last two months, has had the youth studying Why I Believe in certain things like life after death, Jesus, the God of the Bible, and creation in an effort to give the students answers to what they believe and

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DiscipleWay: Training Continues

The next large DiscipleWay Training is scheduled for Little Rock in January. On January 12-14, 2012, people will be gathering from across our work to attend DiscipleWay Training at Oak Park Baptist Church in Little Rock. Originally this particular training was requested by Larry Barker to coincide with the Missions Symposium to make it feasible for the North American church planters to be trained while they are in the state. It was determined, however, since several trainers would be available that the event would be opened to anyone and everyone who would like to attend.

This is one of the last large trainings planned at this time with one more on the calendar for Missouri at the end of February. The DiscipleWay team is instead hoping to go to smaller, more localized events utilizing people from those same areas that have already been trained.

"The large trainings have been tremendously successful," states Tommy Wallace. "Our concern is the large cost of bringing in out of state trainers and covering travel and lodging expenses for such a large group. We want to keep the fees as low as possible but at the same time break even on our cost."

Judy Wallace goes on to say, "By doing smaller trainings of ten to fifteen, we would only need three to four trainers and if those could be local people, our cost would plummet drastically. We want to be good stewards of God's provisions so this is one of the reasons we are seriously looking at this new format." She also stated another reason for smaller trainings is that they better suit the model for the DiscipleWay premise.

When asked how churches could better facilitate the training process, the Wallaces gave these suggestions:

- It is important that registrations are in by the deadline of DECEMBER 31. Lodging, food orders, printing of materials and scheduling of trainers are all based on these numbers. If we have several last minute registrations we may not have enough trainers on hand to insure the small group atmosphere.

- Online information for the training can be found at www.discipleway.com. Explanations for each day as well as a tentative schedule are posted so that participants can see what parts they need to attend. This information should answer most of their questions about the training. If not, calls and email are always welcome. (Wallace@discipleway.com)

- The Thursday night session lays the foundation for the rest of the training so if they are unable to attend that session they may consider waiting for a different training.

"DiscipleWay has the potential of lighting a fire in our churches that we haven't seen in a while. We encourage pastors across our state to make this a priority on their calendar."

Walk/Run for the World Reminder

*Diane Ward, National Walk/Run for the World Coordinator
LifeWord Media Ministries*

LifeWord is God's ministry, and we continually look to Him to provide for our needs as we work with our churches to fulfill the Great Commission. Offerings from the annual LifeWord Walk/Run for the World provide about one-third of our annual budget, and that is why your giving is so vitally important to us.

If you, as a sponsor or walker, have not yet turned in your Walk/Run offerings to LifeWord, please do so by Friday, December 30, 2011, in order for your church to qualify for a free mission trip. Please designate all checks to the LifeWord Walk/Run. Two people from the church that raises the most money and two people from the church that raises the most money per capita will be awarded an overseas trip. The winners will be announced in January.

LifeWord Executive Director Steve Crawley said, "The Life-

For the New Year:

*A short course in
human relations*

The six most important words:

"I admit I made a mistake."

The five most important words:

"You did a good job."

The four most important words:

"What is your opinion?"

The three most important words:

"If you please."

The two most important words:

"Thank You."

The one most important word:

"We."

The least important word: "I."

**Lord, keep us mindful of
your WORD above all
others during the coming
year!**

-- Zona B. Davis

Compass Student Book Now Available Electronically

If you own a Kindle Reader, iPad, Nook, other electronic tablet, or a major smartphone, you can download the latest Compass as an e-book for just \$3.05. For e-readers other than the Kindle, there are Kindle apps widely available that will allow you to download and use the DiscipleGuide Compass student book.

The winter Compass will be available on Amazon Kindle by mid November before the start of the new quarter December 4th. Go to www.amazon.com/kindle and search for "Christ the Caregiver."

Word team appreciates the confidence that the churches place in this ministry through their faithful support. Every soul won and disciplined through the gospel programming of LifeWord is a return on your church's investment." We invite you to visit our website (www.lifeword.org) to view videos of how God has worked throughout 2011, and we thank you for your prayers and support as we move into a new year of ministry opportunities.

Operation "Making Everlasting Smiles..."

Thanks For Caring

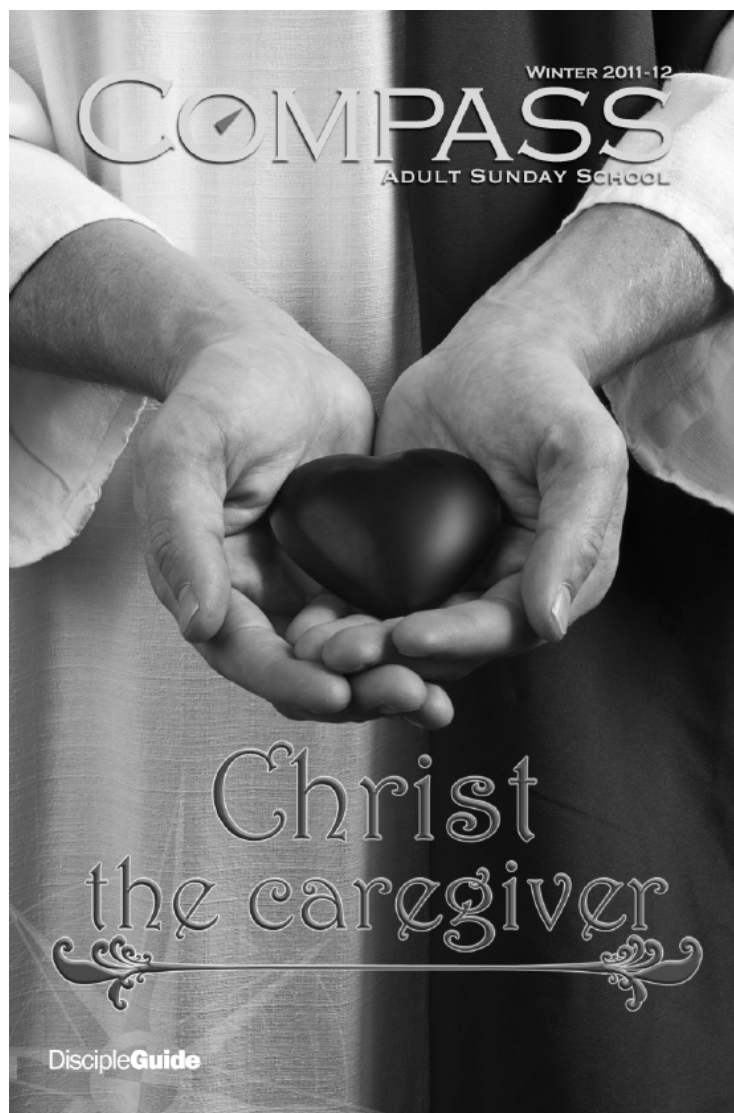
Ralph Izard, M.D.



Jim and Paul are shown packing the last of the "Making Everlasting Smiles" boxes for 2011. Baptist Medical Missions International, commonly called BMMI, expresses a big "Thank You!" to those who helped to make this year another big success.

The children of Nicaragua, along with missionaries Oscar and Tamy Gaitan, will be able to have thousands of smiles this year. Also, Brother Anatoly and the children of the refugees from South Ossetia in the Republic of Georgia will have gifts this Christmas, thanks to you. The boxes this year were packed so full that most required two rubber bands to hold the top on!

BMMI would like to wish the thousands of members of hundreds of churches a "Merry Christmas" for giving and caring, enabling us to fill boxes that would put a smile on their own child or grandchild if they received one of them this Christmas.



WMA & GMA NEWS

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SEMO District WMA

The SEMO District WMA met October 18 at Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church in Sikeston. The ladies enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by the ladies at Emmanuel. Following the meal we were blessed with a devotional by Sis. Vi Maclin. Sis Vi spoke on being thankful and mentioned how the early settlers had very little when they came to this new world but were very thankful for what they had and were able to do so much with what little they did have.

Business meeting followed with the election of new officers. The new officers were installed by Sis. Diane Thompson from First Baptist, Matthews. Our next meeting will be January 16 at Kewanee Missionary Baptist.

Terri Adams, Reporter

Attention All Ladies...

2012 State WMA Retreat

Please Note: Due to circumstances beyond our Control changes have had to be made in the place and date

Ladies of the Missouri Women's Missionary Auxiliary:

Due to the closing of our meeting place for the 2012 State Ladies' Retreat, we have had to make some changes to the dates and place of the retreat.

The dates for the retreat have been changed to September 28-29, 2012. It will now be held at the Drury Inn and Suites at Arnold, MO.

The guest speaker, **Jaclyn Rowe**, has not changed.

The cost of registration for the retreat will be \$20 until August 28th, and \$30 after that date.

The group rate for the hotel rooms is \$82.95 plus tax. This is for a room with 2 queen size beds. This rate also covers free KICKBACK (supper) from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and HOT QUICKSTART Breakfast. Lunch will be catered, with the cost being \$16 per person.

Reservations can be made online at www.druryhotels.com by entering our group number: 2131031. Our group name is WMA OF MO. Reservations can also be made by calling 1-800-325-0720. Be sure to mention our group name and number. The direct line to the hotel we are using is (636) 287-3111.

The retreat committee would like to apologize for any inconvenience and confusion these changes have caused. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we have attempted to deal with this unavoidable circumstance. Please contact one of the committee members if you have any further questions or need other information. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

MISSOURI STATE WMA

2011-12 THEME

"LORD INCREASE OUR FAITH"

Luke 17:5

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A Dozen Things To Do In 2012

I want to share some things for you to consider doing in 2012. It is a new year and it is time to make some changes for the better, and for God's glory. You will not find in this list, praying and Bible study. Those are things we should do every day, all day; just like breathing. It should be a natural part of our every day existence. Of course, if it isn't, then you should definitely have that as a goal for 2012. And all of us can increase our prayer time and our personal study time in the Word. I'm just trying to give you some ideas outside of the usual new year's goals of lose weight and take a class on something.

Here are a dozen ideas that you might consider doing in 2012. You can even post this article somewhere on your desk or in your bedroom and check the things off as you accomplish them. Remember, no matter what your new year's goals are: do all for the glory of the Lord. I Corinthians 10:31

1) Hug more than ever before. Try to increase the amount of affection you give to those around you. We live in an ever increasing cold and uncaring world. We need to not only tell people that we love them, we need to show them. For some of you this will be a real challenge. But everyone can do it. Hug someone each day who means something to you.

2) Witness to someone. They may not accept Jesus as their savior, but you have to try. It is a command from God. We are to tell others who Jesus is, and that they need him. When was the last time you worked at leading someone to Jesus? Make it a goal in 2012.

3) Encourage others. I Thessalonians 5:11. No matter how much you encourage others, set out in 2012 to encourage all those around you. Start at home and spread outwardly. Smiles, handshakes, hugs, vis-

its, and most importantly some encouraging words. Build others up.

4) Let go of your anger. Set as a goal to not get angry over something at least once a week. It is simply a choice. It is something that you do actually get mad about, but instead of responding how you always have in the past with anger; you choose to withdraw and walk away. A soft answer turns away wrath. Being slow to anger is the best way to be. Pray for them. Bless them. And walk away. You will find out that you can in fact control your anger. It is a choice. I will choose one thing each week to not go to world war III over. And keep growing from there.

5) Forgive someone this year. You will never have total healing until you practice forgiveness. Forgiveness is for you, not them. You can ask for it, text it, mail it or keep it in your heart privately but still give it to God. It frees you up. And we are required to do this one also. You will be happier and free of torment when you practice forgiveness.

6) Visit an older person. Have as a resolution to visit an elderly person on a regular basis throughout 2012. It doesn't have to be weekly, although that would be amazing. Even just once a month would help end one of the cruelest realities in human existence- loneliness. It can be a relative or a total stranger in an apt or nursing home. It could be a shut in from your church. Drop by and say hi to a dear older person.

7) Mentor a young person. On a monthly basis, find one or two young people that you can mentor. Pass on wisdom. Encourage. Do something with them. Older women and men are to teach the younger ones about life. Pray and pick out a kid at your church and just make it a point to go up and speak something nice to them

each week. Add a smile.

8) Personal growth spiritually. Many people set goals of growing intellectually by learning something new. Set a goal to do something that causes you to grow spiritually anew. Study something different. Go somewhere. Increase your meditation and devotion time. You can't go wrong when you grow right. Seek God for guidance.

9) Get a ministry. We all are suppose to serve Jesus by serving others. Find somewhere to serve others at least once a month. Be committed and do this. Don't neglect the work.

10) Testify. At least once a week, tell someone, somewhere, how God has been good to you. Not just at church, tell a neighbor or co-worker. Make it a weekly habit to share that our God is good all the time. It increases our joy and encourages others to seek Him.

11) Laugh more. This will be hard. But enjoy life more with your family. Spend more time with them. Don't be so serious all the time. Look for things to laugh about. It is good medicine according to scripture. Focus on people and love and laughter this year.

12) PTO. Personal Time Off. It is not selfish. It is self preservation. Once a day come apart, or you will fall apart. Build in a daily habit of relaxing, restoring and being quiet.

If you do these 12 things, you will have a great 2012. Now go make a great year for the glory of the Lord for He is worthy to be praised.

World Missions Offering/2012

Prepare for a season that promises a great harvest. Look for more information beginning in January about

*World Missions
Sunday,
February 26th*

Pray to the Lord of the Harvest and begin planting seeds of faith today.

For more information go to: www.bmaamissions.org.

Brotherhood??

by Roy Callahan, Pastor of London Hill Baptist Church

Why is it important that we have a Brotherhood? That could be a question on your mind as you read this article. The Brotherhood is made up of the men in your church and its purpose is expressed in the Missouri State Brotherhood's Mission Statement, Focus, and Core Values that were adopted at the State meeting, March 5, 2011. This serves as a guideline for all church Brotherhood's.

The Mission Statement is as follows: "The Brotherhood Auxiliary of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri shall promote Christian Fellowship, biblical leadership education, and mentoring for the older men and young men of our churches."

Core Value number 4 states, "We value Biblical instruction concerning older men mentoring younger men." In this article I want to consider three areas where older men are of great value to younger men of the church.

I. By Their Presence

In our churches (and homes) the presence of men is very important. In a conversation with one of my church members recently she remarked that men are absent in many homes today. We talked about how this has a great negative impact on the young men as they grow up.

The presence of older (mature) men acts as a stabilizing force whenever young men are involved, whether it is in a church or in a home. Boys need men in their lives and men need to give the boys help in growing and maturing.

A church that is growing and active has men who stand for Christ in word and deed. Their presence is important.

II. By Instilling Peace

Everyone is searching for peace and we are reminded daily that many (especially young people) are trying to find peace in the wrong places or by the wrong way. This leads to trouble, heartache and even suicide.

Men of God know where to find real peace and we need to share Christ with young men. We do this through example and through personal guidance as we work with young men in church.

Many of these young men do not have a good influence in their homes but we can help them by showing some interest in their lives and letting them know we care. Let's show them what real peace is and where they can find it.

III. By Giving Purpose

Why are we here? Everyone wants to have a purpose. John 15:11 says, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." Jesus wanted those early Christians to have full, joyful lives.

We have purpose (joyful and fulfilling lives) when we follow Christ's teachings. The more we know about Christ the more we can get out of life, the greater our purpose in life becomes, and the greater will be our influence on others along the way.

The older men in the church should teach the younger men about Christ and how to apply His teachings to their lives. I know my life became fuller as I applied the examples and principles that were set by my mentors. Without them I would have not had the courage to follow God's leadership in my life.

Brotherhood is very important. It is important to the men who participate as they find fulfillment in fellowshiping with other men and in mentoring younger men and boys. It is important to the young men and boys to know someone cares about them and wants to help them develop into men of God that will in turn help others. It is important to your church that you, as a man, take responsibility and work with other men and boys for God's glory.

Disciplining Your Children Over The Holidays

by Travis Plumlee, Family Ark Ministries

Please tell me we are not going to have to spank Bud during Christmas dinner. How sad that we have to yell at little Budette while opening Christmas presents. Oh surely not! You don't mean that we might have to spank our kids because they misbehave at a Christmas get-together! Actually, the holiday time is a heightened time for kids to act out and misbehave. It is wise for parents to plan ahead what they will do, and how they will respond when their kids do disobey during the holidays.

Just because it is the most wonderful time of the year, does not mean that we can ignore our children's rebellion, or disobedience or dishonoring actions and attitudes. Parenting is a 365 day a year job. Your children must never disobey or dishonor you at any time. This will mean that sometimes kids will pick the most inopportune times to embarrass you in front of the whole family. Why? There are several reasons.

Routine Disruption. Kids always function much better in a routine. It offers them a security system to operate in from day to day. While holidays are awesome, it upsets the apple cart. During the holidays, children generally get less sleep. That accounts for more whining, irritability and anger outburst. This also is a period where we eat a very unusual diet for most of us. Kids tend to eat more sweets, more carbs and things that they don't normally eat. Food does have an effect on behavior. Then, think of how you can kind of get stressed out over the holidays with all the parties, church functions and family get-togethers. Don't you think that it also stresses out kids? They are out of their normal routines. Anytime we have a change in our routines, it throws kids into a chaotic state.

This is why you might see an exaggerated acceleration of misbehavior during the holidays. Generally, they are not doing it on purpose to annoy you. They are simply responding to the environment that they have been placed in. So, let's look at some things to remember regarding discipline during the holidays.

1) Stick to a reasonable routine. Try as much as possible, to allow your kids to be in a normal routine of sleep. It is okay to let them have a night where they stay up late and play with cousins, or older teens stay up and play video games and watch movies. Don't be a killjoy. These are fun times. But having no bedtime during the holidays is a recipe for behavioral meltdown eventually. Also, you should let them indulge in holiday foods. Come on, It's Christmas! But you should set limits. Hershey kisses and 50 candy canes in a day is too much. You will pay for that later that night. Tank up on sugar all day, and watch the fireworks that night.

2) Discipline in private. When disciplining your children, try hard to do it in private. I know it is hard when the whole family is around, but remove the guilty and speak to them privately. The older the child, the more important this is. If you have a teen, to get on to them in front of all the relatives, is a huge hurt. They are not even listening to you. They are just devastated that grandparents and cousins saw them get into trouble. Humiliation is all they

are learning at this point.

3) Don't let other family members tell you how to discipline your child. Everyone will have an opinion on what needs to happen. Stick to what you always do. If you need to improve in your discipline skills, do so after the holidays. Don't try and implement a new system of justice just to impress the in-laws. Start it as a New Year's resolution when you get home. Don't over react or let things slide because some loving family member tells you that you should. Stick to what are your family rules.

4) Watch your stress level. Long trips. Less sleep. Sugar overload. The tension of being around relatives all in one house. It effects your temperament as well. So don't lash out at the kids just because you are stressed out. Pray and take a deep breath. Ask yourself, would I be losing it like this if I was in my normal routine? Monitor your own behavior.

5) Notice when the volcano is spewing ash. Long before there is a volcanic eruption, the mountain is smoking. Pay attention to your kids. You have been ignoring them. You may need to spend some time out of the kitchen, away from the TV and just hang with them. You should be aware of when they are getting too hungry, too sleepy, too upset and intervene before they explode. If dinner isn't until 2:00 p.m., and they eat lunch at 11:00, then you better fix them a small snack, and don't wait until they have a glucose crash and start screaming. A snack won't ruin dinner. Having them pitch a fit will.

Pray a lot. Laugh a lot. Enjoy your family. Be wise and don't take a holiday from disciplining your children. Thank God for your gifts - your children!

Christmas Is A Loving Time

Mary Z. McHenry

Christmas is a loving time, God started it that way; When He gave His only Son On that First Christmas Day.	It's God's love that makes us happy For no greater love could be; Than that which sent our Savior down To die on Calvary.
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It seems the air is filled with love The angels hover near; Children laugh and old folks smile For Christmas time is here.	Ah yes, Christmas is a loving time God planned it that way; When LOVE came down to you and me On that first Christmas Day.
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What You Wear Says A Lot About You

Isaiah 3:8-26

What you wear not only says a great deal about you, but it also influences you. The clothing and jewelry worn by the wealthy women of Israel revealed pride, moral looseness, and rebellion against God. That's why Isaiah pronounced severe judgment on them.

A restaurant owner said in a "Dear Abby" letter that he has observed the difference clothing makes in behavior. When teenagers enter his establishment in bermudas, short skirts, and jeans, they "act rowdy and eat like pigs." But when they come in the evening wearing pretty dresses and suits, "they behave like ladies and gentlemen."

This phenomenon was confirmed by an incident in a Pittsburgh area high school. Sixty-nine students were suspended for refusing to dress properly. School authorities noticed that during the two weeks they were absent, the number of students needing discipline declined noticeably.

The custodians were amazed at the change in their workload. There was far less debris in the building and in the schoolyard. When the suspended students returned properly dressed, their conduct improved and their grades climbed from a D average to a C!

We are all image-bearers of God. We are not junk! As God's creatures we are responsible to Him. When we look like slob, we deny the dignity of our personhood. When we dress modestly, we please our Lord and reflect His purity. Yes, what we wear says a lot. It has an impact on ourselves as well as others.

by Grover Laird

via *The Revivalist*, www.groverlaird.com

*O Lord, we would please You in all
that we do.*

*In word and in deed we would always
be true.*

*And may we reflect in our manner
and dress.*

*Devotion to Jesus, whose name we
confess.*

--The Burning Bush

Christ in the Old Testament

To Adam it was revealed that Christ (The Seed) would be born of a woman, and that it would be a virgin birth (Genesis 3:15). **Isaiah** repeated this centuries later (Isaiah 7:14).

To Abraham God revealed the nation through which Christ would come...the nation of Israel (Genesis 12:3).

To Jacob was told Messiah would come through the tribe of Judah (Genesis 49:10).

God told **David** through his family the Savior would be born (II Samuel 7:12-14).

Daniel was told the time of His coming (Daniel 9:25).

Micah was given the place of His birth (Micah 5:2).

If Christ had not come, centuries of prophetic expectation would not have been fulfilled. Christ's coming to Bethlehem is also proof the Bible is the Word of God.

-- via *The Exchange*

Is Christmas Over??

"When Christmas is over," said a merchant to a minister, "it's over, and it's our job to rid this store completely of Christmas in a day."

"Well," said the minister, "I've a bigger job; it's to keep Christmas in the hearts of my people for a lifetime!"

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why. They divided the COW group into C.A.L.F. (Critical Application that Lasts Forever) groups. Because of willing leaders, these small groups will allow students to ask questions and apply what God has said to them through His Word. We need your prayers as we are also planning on helping with the Judgement House program and Disciple Now weekend in November. We are sorry to hear that there will be not Christmas at the White House when our President made the comment "we do not consider ourselves a Christian nation." We not only need to pray for our missionaries but for our own country and its beliefs. We lost in death three dear members this month; Venieta Waller, Gladys Wilson, and Violet Vandergriff (whose late husband was a preacher of our faith.) We gladly welcomed into our fellowship by baptism Lloyd Hodges and Abigail Compton. We were excited to see our pastor via the computer on Wednesday evening as Bro. Jamie and his eldest daughter were in a conference in Peru. Technology is something these days. Because of Bro. Tim Brewer's church and their generous contributions, Bro. Jamie took another water purification system to Peru to be used where the missionaries are living. We are thankful for Bro. Brewer's and his church's missionary spirit in giving. Prayer is a very important part of our services and of our personal Christian lives. May we all make more use of praying and giving thanks for what we have. Enjoy your Christmas programs.

Jamie Haguewood, pastor
Beverly Simpson, reporter

New Year's Challenge

DO...

*all the good you can...
by all the means you can...
in all the ways you can...
in all the places you can...
at all the times you can...
to all the people you can...
as long as you can.*

John Wesley

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. -11-

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. -11-

Allen Casey is available for pulpit supply. He is a member of Springdale Baptist Church in Fenton. Phone: 636-349-5524. -11-

Rocky Houston, a member of Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church is available for pulpit supply or however the Lord leads. You may contact him at home after 4 p.m. at 573-748-5879. -11-

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. -11-

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-

John Limberopoulos is available as the Lord leads. His address is 231 Taylor St., Sullivan, MO 63080. Phone: 573-241-5066. -10-

Central Baptist College

invites applications for the following position

Accountant

Central Baptist College is accepting applications for an accountant. This position reports to the vice president for finance and will be responsible for day-to-day accounting functions.

Minimum qualifications include full-charge experience of not less than two years with non-profit or governmental entities. Preferred qualifications include a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting with fund accounting work experience.

Position available Dec. 1.

**Application review will begin immediately
and continue until the position is filed.**

Candidates must support the Christian identity of the college and demonstrate mature faith, Christian lifestyle and a strong belief in Baptist Doctrine. CBC will conduct a security background investigation as part of the hiring process.

Send a letter of application, resume and the names, addresses and phone numbers of three references to: Donna Gray, Vice President for Finance, Central Baptist College, 1501 College Ave., Conway, AR 72034 or email dgray@cbc.edu. Electronic submissions are encouraged.