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Philippians 2:16

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Homecoming at Temple, Belgrade

August 7th

(The FIRST Sunday in August - usually the second Sunday)

Regular Morning Service featuring
Special Speaker - Bro. Wayne Gibson
Special Singing - Heaven's Echoes

Lunch Provided
Followed by more singing
by Heaven's Echoes

Master's Builders Continue Work

The Masters Builders worked at Summers Baptist, Summers, Arkansas, in March 2014, and returned to help enlarge and remodel the sanctuary and several storage areas June 13. Five RV's, of our group, parked in the parking lot with two more RV's provided by two families from Summers for three of our Masters Builders group who came at different times during the two weeks we were there. Thank you for your helping our group be able to stay on the job site. Summers is a loving, giving, and working church. They saw to our every need and we had wonderful fellowship with them. Thanks to Bro. Paul Young and wife Becky, to all

the men, women and young people who worked alongside us every day, and to all the ladies who provided our evening meal! We plan to be at Jacksonville College, Jacksonville, Texas, starting July 18th. Please pray for our men as they work in this heat. If you have questions about The Masters Builders ministry or if your church has building needs, please contact: Office Coordinator, Bro. John Mangum at 318-205-5155 or his cell 318-607-4100 or our Field Coordinator, Eddie Sikes at 903-725-6549 or his cell 479-462-1675

Nelda Malone - Reporter

Special Emphasis Ends July 31st

The response to the special emphasis for the *Missouri Missionary Baptist* has been good and we appreciate all the support we receive. This is a reminder that this emphasis ends July 31st if you want to be included in helping during this time. Next month we will list those churches and individuals who have given special offerings during the emphasis.

Remember Camp

By the time you receive this edition of the MMB it will be close to time for our annual week of camp at Garwood. It will be too late to do much of the work involved in preparing for camp and many of you can be thankful that you have been involved in the preparation by helping get the facilities ready, by volunteering to teach or lead in activities and make those preparations, by supporting the camp with offerings to cover the expenses of having a “free camp,” or by helping in other ways to make sure things are ready for us to have a great camp this year July 25-29.

Therefore we encourage you to REMEMBER CAMP: REMEMBER CAMP by PRAYING every day from now through the end of camp for our Camp Director and his family and his church, for the camp committee, for those who will be leading at camp (our evangelist, the music leaders, teachers, sponsors, cooks, activity directors, etc.)

For those who will be attending camp REMEMBER CAMP by PREPARING to be the best camper you can be by cooperating, participating, and contributing what you can all week long.

For those who cannot attend camp REMEMBER CAMP by encouraging and supporting those who are attending, by praying each day of camp, by contributing whatever you can financially (offerings are welcome anytime) and by encouraging those who give of their time and energy to make our camp a success.

For those who want to help at the last minute REMEMBER CAMP by sending cookies and other desserts to help the cooks as they provide delicious meals for the campers.

LifeWord Sunday - October 23, 2016

an Opportunity to help Reach Millions with the Gospel

Life Word Sunday 2016 is October 23rd, and as we began this season of emphasis and fund-raising for our unique media ministry, we would like to highlight several new language broadcasts in Africa. The following areas and languages include specific numbers for LifeWord Community Radio costs:

East and West African countries. LifeWord has broadcasts in ten indigenous languages on the air on very powerful, wide-coverage stations. New broadcasts to the Swahili (Tanzania, Kenya) and Fante (Southeastern Ghana) people groups are in production and now on the air (or soon will be) in 2016. Those twelve, once-per-week broadcasts support BMA church planting in the twelve people groups.

One day: \$150 (\$7,800 per year)

Six additional days: \$900 per week (\$46,800 per year)

Swahili. After generations of efforts to reach the Swahili, less than two percent are Christian believers today, which is the criteria for this language and people group to be officially classified as “unreached.” LifeWord has budgeted for one day per week in 2016, but seven days a week would be more effective.

One day: \$150 (\$7,800 per year)

Six additional days: \$900 per week (\$46,800 per year)

The Leemeh people group. This is an entirely unreached Muslim people group located primarily in Togo. A coordinated effort between LifeWord, Missions and two other strategic partners, this broadcast is in the advanced stages of pre-production and will be on the air in late 2016 and introduced simultaneously with a water well drilling project and a medical services project. Providing those services will give our missionary contact additional credibility with the tribe. A daily presentation would be most effective, but LifeWord can only budget one day per week at this time.

One day: \$150 (\$7,800 per year)

Six additional days: \$900 per week (\$46,800 per year)

Myanmar (Burma). This once-weekly broadcast in Burmese is yielding great results.

One day: \$98 (\$5,085 per year).

LifeWord Community Radio, which is less than four years old, has been an effective tool in undergirding and supporting churches, pastors, and missionaries in areas where traditional broadcasting doesn't work as well. It has allowed new languages and dialects to be heard by millions in remote areas all over the world.

On October 23, 2016, BMA churches have the opportunity to learn about, pray for and give to LifeWord on LifeWord Sunday. We are so thankful for the dedicated supporters and churches who have loved LifeWord since its inception in 1965. For more information about how you or your church can join Team LifeWord, contact Holly Meriweather at holly@lifeword.org

BMA of MO Annual Meeting

October 22, 2016 • 9:00 a.m.

Bethel Baptist Church • Sikeston, Missouri

+++ NEWS BRIEFS +++

Antioch, Ellington, sends greetings to our dear friends in Christ. We are enjoying God's blessings with good services and fellowship. Mother's Day the mothers were recognized and given gifts from Sis. Maudeline. Aren't mother's thoughtful? We also enjoyed our visitors. Since Bro. Michael wasn't feeling well Bro. J.C. blessed us with a good message. On the 15th we observed the Lord's Supper. Sis Maudeline spent a week in Arkansas visiting her daughter Paula and family. She had a good time. I enjoyed a phone call from a dear friend, Sis. Sarah Asberry of Salem. We had a good chat. The Huddlestons toured a few southern states sight seeing and having fun in the ocean. Bro. Charles Evans of the Potosi Manor nursing home was visited by Bro. J.C., Sis. Brenda, Bro. Michael, Sis. Maudeline and Sis. Debbie. Bless his heart they really made his day. Keep him in your prayers. Sis Minnie is living with her daughter, Marsha and granddaughter Josie for awhile. I enjoyed having my son Clinton home for a few days. He is a manager at Walmart in Oklahoma City, OK. It was a good visit. A few weeks later my daughter Elaine and son-in-law Dan from Yukon, OK visited with me for a week. We also had a good visit. Elaine is taking chemotherapy treatments. Please keep her in your prayers. Work has been going on at church. The auditorium is finished with paint, shades and plaid valances. It does look nice. The kitchen was also painted. The restroom and dining room are next on our agenda. We can't leave out the ramp so Sis. Debbie did a paint job on it. A little work does wonders! To all fathers out there, Happy Father's Day from all of us! Until next time love to all and God's blessings.

Michael Huddleston, Pastor • Mary Marcher, Reporter

Lindsay, Lane, Florissant, rejoices in sharing the news that we have a new pastor, Brian & Dawn Meade, of Potosi. Thanks to all of our friends and sister churches for praying, supporting, and encouraging our church family during our pastoral search. Pastor Brian preached his first sermon as pastor, June 26th. We celebrated Eric Coleman's graduation from high school, and Jesse Howard's graduation from nursing school. June 13th we launched our second Sports Camp and ended with a Carnival for the community June 18th. We had 97 campers registered for the week, who learned skills in soccer & basketball, and participated in music, snacks, crafts, sports hero testimonies and Bible lessons from David & Jonathan, Joshua & Caleb, Philip, and Esther. We thank Sis Bonnie Flayer for the beautiful memory garden, adorned with white dogwoods & redbud trees, and multi-flowered beds. We look forward to what God has in store as we grow under our pastor's leadership, love, and guidance.

Brian Meade, Pastor • Mike Jenkins, Reporter

Stony Point, Mineral Point, is happy to report Larry Cash was given the hand of church membership on June 22. VBS was June 15th-17th with a good average attendance. VBS certificates were given on June 22nd. A study of "Behold Your God" will begin July 10th at 6 p.m. for a 12 week study program. Come worship with us during this study. God's blessings to all.

Claude Evans, Pastor • Debrah Coleman, Reporter

Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston, held this year's VBS in June and were thrilled when on Wednesday night we had an all-time VBS attendance record of 62. This number did not include any kids from sister churches, and was entirely made up of kids from Charleston. We rejoice in the profession of faith of Ginger in one of our morning worship services and in the professions of Rico, Pashyra and Jakyiza during Bible

School. Work on our new building has slowed considerably as we continue to wait on our plumber.

Rodney Dunlap, Pastor

Landmark, DeSoto, reports that since I stubbed my toe and didn't get the May report in, I will give you my May and June reports. Bro. Brad Banderman came up to Landmark on May 2nd to speak to our Action Team and give them some pointers on how to reach out to the community. They reported that they got some very good ideas. Mothers Day, 3 of our ladies were honored by the church in 3 areas, the oldest, the youngest and the one with the most children present. Sis. Jean Haderlein lost her brother and we definitely offer her our sympathy. It is not easy when you lose a sibling. Bro. Stephen Causey was honored as he graduated high school and Bro. Nate Denby as he graduated from 8th grade. We all enjoyed cake and ice cream with them. Instead of the Brotherhood getting gifts for all the Mother's for Mother's Day and the WMA getting gifts for the men for Father's Day, we had a catered banquet for both on June 11th. We had a good dinner, some Trivia and Name that tune. I think everyone had a good time. The really great thing for the ladies, in particular, was that we didn't have to cook, clean up and wash dishes. Our VBS was 20th - 24th with the commencement on the evening of the 26th. Sis. Terry Smith was our director and did a fantastic job. We didn't have an abundance of children, but they were a very enjoyable bunch. Sunday evening they performed for us the songs they learned during the week. That is always so enjoyable. Of course, we had food afterwards. Sis. Lucinda Denby joined Landmark on the 26th, making it a very special day indeed. She has been a member in the past, and we are very glad to have her back as a part of our church body. Til

Next month or the Lord's Return

Wayne Gibson, Pastor • Sharon Page, Reporter

Bethany, St. Louis. Where did June go? Time is passing so fast and we have to ask the question, "Are we doing all we can for God?" We have had many ups and down during this month. We have heard great messages from God's word. We have had one of our dear members diagnosed with cancer of the spine and Sis. Tiny Blanchard is undergoing chemo for this. Please keep this dear lady in your prayers. She has been our GMA director for many years and is very well loved. Also, Bro. Harliss Cooper is under the weather and undergoing tests. I am glad to tell you that my nephew Dale Fish (Ark.) is doing well and recovering from a fall earlier this spring. Also Bro. Ron Fields, my brother is doing better also. God does answer prayers in His own way and time. As we celebrate our freedom in America this 4th of July we see that the devil is working as fast and furious as he can to undo as much as he can. We have some young folks getting ready to go to camp Garwood and please keep this special time in their lives as a focus of prayer. Please keep Bethany and all of her members in your prayers as we seek God's will.

Kathy Chapman, Reporter

Greetings from **Bethlehem of Doniphan!** June has been a quiet month for us at Bethlehem. Not much going on except for the usual such as the Youth In The Harvest and the Third Sunday Singing. Praise the Lord for the Cane Creek Youth In The Harvest raising the funds to sponsor the starting of a LifeWord Community Radio Station. God is so good! If you were at the Third Sunday Singing you had a good laugh as one group was singing a song and someone in the group started singing the 3rd verse from a different song. Not naming any names here, are we Bro. Bob Hill? If you missed it you may want to come next month and see who else gives us a good laugh. It is always so much fun at the singings, getting to see some of our brothers and sisters in Christ from our sister churches. Keep the faith and until next month may the Lord bless and keep us all!

Yvonne Hill, Asst. Reporter

Kewanee, Kewanee, had a very busy June! We started with VBS Kickoff on the 5th with VBS running from the 6th to the 10th. Our theme was Cave Quest and the teachers did an awesome job as usual. We had a wonderful attendance of 84. The

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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • June 2016

General Fund:

Balance May 31, 2016		\$	121,262.79	
June Receipts:	\$	<u>5,044.40</u>	\$	<u>5,044.40</u>
Total Available		\$	126,307.19	
Disbursements:				
Assistant Director's Salary	\$	450.00		
Stamps	\$	<u>47.00</u>		
Total Disbursements	\$	497.00	\$	<u>(497.00)</u>
Balance June 30, 2016:		\$	125,763.19	

From Our Assistant Director...

We rejoice with Lindsay Lane Baptist Church in Florissant, Missouri, as they have called Bro. Brian Meade as Pastor and he has accepted their call. We pray for God's blessings upon them as they labor together.

Our hearts are saddened as we think of many of our churches who are still searching for pastors. We need to pray for these churches as they go through the difficult time of being without a shepherd and we need to pray that God will call more men who are willing to pastor His

churches.

Our main responsibility in these days is to stay faithful to God and do our best to follow His will. May we encourage one another and work together for His honor and glory and work hard to reap a harvest of lost souls before it is too late.

Please pray for your Assistant Missions Director and the Special Missions Committee as we meet before our annual meeting to make recommendations concerning our missions program. We need your prayerful support

as we seek God's leadership in our work in Missouri.

Do you know of someone who feels led to plant a church in Missouri or do you know of an area we need to investigate concerning the potential of planting a church? Let me or a member of the Special Missions Committee know and we will consider your suggestions. We will be glad to interview possible missionary candidates, investigate possible fields, or do whatever we can to plant new churches as God leads.

Thank you for your support of Missions in Missouri.

Missions Around The World

Brief reports that we receive from BMAA Missionaries

Editor's Note:

I receive some reports each month from a few of the missionaries who are serving the BMA of America and thought our readers might enjoy reading about the work they are doing. Perhaps your church can get some ideas of how to reach your community by trying some of the things our missionaries are doing.

If you need more information, or want to get in touch with these missionaries, or want to support their work you may contact them through the BMAA Missions Office, P.O. Box 878, Conway, AR 72033 or online at BMAAMissions.org.

From the Philippines....

Molo, Iloilo City, on the island of Panay

We are getting settled in our new base of ministry. Learning the culture and adjusting to the Ilongo way of life. Our arrival was very timely so we could attend the 41st anniversary of Open Door Baptist Church in Talisay, Negros Occidental which is just a ferry ride away for us. Fil was honored to be guest speaker, as he reflected on the ministry that was instrumental in his conversion and marked the first church he pastored and served as school administrator.

Our first friend in our subdivision is Bobie. This man is a hard worker. He delivers water containers, and sell food that

his wife prepares to provide for his three children. His youngest daughter, Unite, won our hearts with her contagious smile. Knowing that the children here learn English in school we offered to teach conversational English classes using Bible stories, verses, and songs. We agreed to meet on Saturday mornings. What a surprise when Bobie told us the kids had a holiday from school and they could come the same day at 10:00 am. "Yes, come!" We expected his three children... but Bobie also gathered three neighbor kids, and then a mother dropped in as well!!! We prepared the field and waited for God to send rain - and He sent showers of blessing! (Not knowing what ministry God would open up for us here we left behind a ton of Child Evangelism Fellowship teaching materials

--boy do I miss them now! I am trusting God to provide for every need for interesting visuals, and perhaps a laminating machine.)

It has been nice that Justine has been on summer break from school during this time of transition. Please continue to pray that God will provide teens her age, and a sports program she can participate in. She has decided to start her home school year early since she has free time now. 9th grade will officially begin July 18th.

Please continue to remember us in prayer. We are solely depending on God's leadership. We know God is on the move, and we want to follow Him. We truly appreciate your love and financial support.

*Fil & Lisa and Justine
Kakilala*

From Ghana, West Africa...

Since we've been back in Ghana (we arrived home from our furlough on May 2nd) we have been so proud of how the work here has progressed while we were away. We have been teaching and training for four years and they have shown us how much they have learned and we are so very proud of the leadership for moving the work forward.

The Bible Institute has made lots of progress within the last couple of years. In the beginning Mrs. Celia started the degree program and last September the first group of students graduated with a degree in Religion. As of now, new students enrolled in January while we were in the states and had completed 4 classes by the time we arrived back in Ghana. Mrs. Celia trained Enoch Yaw Adusei to be the director of the school and he has done a fantastic job of managing the finances as well as the scheduling, enrollment, and even some building projects along the way. He has hired teachers for the degree classes as well as for the certificate level classes. The auditorium that was started just before we came to the states is well on its way to comple-

tion. Today they are working on completing the cement floors and beginning to build restrooms for the facility. As a matter of fact, the first meeting was held in the auditorium last week!

We have also visited several churches and church plants since we have been back. A couple of weeks ago we visited a church plant that had just gotten started when we left for the states. This is the one that we mentioned at several churches that we visited where they had baptized 25 people. There were 90 in attendance the day we visited and they are really excited about sharing the Gospel in the area of Komfookrom. The pastor that is working in that area is Pastor Amoako Robbet and he is doing a great job working with the people there.

From now until the end of September is going to be very busy for us. We will be hosting a VSM team, a BMMI team, and the Water for Christ team. Then in September Celia will be teaching in Tanzania along with Delores Lovell, Diane Spriggs, and Valarie Fish. We are looking forward to the teams coming as well as the trip to Tanzania! Please pray for everyone as they travel

We would like to thank everyone for their support, prayers, and encouragement as we minister in Ghana. We would not be able to do what we do, without the support of the churches and the associational work. May God richly bless all of you is our prayer.

Dale and Celia Broom

From the Dominican Republic....

This month has been full of different activities. There are always the different meetings with youth leaders and children's workers as well as the other normal ministry opportunities. We had the privilege to add to that a visit from part of the choir at Oklahoma Baptist University. They blessed us with a special children's service at one of our churches and a special concert at another one. There

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was also a multi-church youth meeting that did my heart good when I saw the great turn out with standing room only and the great attitude and participation from the youth. We had another visit to the Juvenile Detention Center with that ministry. Pray we can help establish more of a discipleship ministry there. Last but not least, Rebecca has started helping to coordinate a first ever joint VBS program for the churches here. This is a big step toward better cooperation between the different children's ministries in the churches as well as making the VBS ministry more reproducible. Thank you for your continued prayers for this and the rest of the ministry here.

Jesse, Rebecca, Colton, & Elisha Hales

From North Georgia, USA....

Summer is in Full Swing!!

School is out, summer is here and we are busy at StonePoint Church in North Georgia!! Much is going on here and we are excited to be writing to everyone and catching you up on how things are going at our mission here and our church plant – StonePoint Church. We are partnering with local ministries, hosting mission teams, reaching our community, praying for our community, and making disciples.

First of all we want to say “Thank You” for your continued prayers and support. Without your support we couldn't do what we do and we are thankful that God is working through our partners to help support us in so many ways. In April, we asked many of you to be praying for God to lead more families to us and specifically for someone to lead music for us and to help me more with ministry locally. We mentioned the need again with many at the National Meeting in Gatlinburg and God answered our prayers the following week! It's an amazing story. I'll try to keep this short and sweet.

Last year when we moved to the area, I posted on Facebook that I was looking for a place to get my haircut. A friend of mine from high school responded with a recommendation of a place called Mace and told me the owner Felisha was great. Well I hadn't seen my friend in 25 years but we were Facebook friends and I didn't know she lived in the area we were moving to. I took her advice and went to get a haircut. I began getting to know Felisha and we talked about many things and most of our conversation would revolve around church and our faith. She began coming to our LifeGroup and began to get more and more involved. This year, she offered up her salon to host another LifeGroup on Tuesday nights and we were able to meet more of her family that are now coming to church.

Felisha had a car wash fund-raiser for her salon and we were there to help. While we were there a man came in and started getting his haircut. He came up to me afterwards and said, “So you are the pastor at Felisha's church?” I replied, “Yes I am.” He said, “Well she can't stop talking about your church and I'd like to ask you more about it and maybe visit.” We sat down and talked for the next several minutes and his family showed up the next Tuesday night for LifeGroup!! While they were at LifeGroup, he asks, “So, can I invite another family to church this Sunday to come with us?”....with a big grin I said, “Of course you can. We'd love to have you guys!” That Sunday, both families showed up (8 total new people)! 2 new families, the Edgecomb's and Thomason's. I then find out that Dan Thomason was a Worship Leader at a previous church for 6 years and his wife was working with a ministry we were just starting to partner with locally! Talk about answered prayers!! Dan began offering his leadership right away and has been leading music for us the past month. God is amazing and I love seeing the puzzle pieces come together.

We are still in Pre-Launch mode at StonePoint and it is our first summer here in North Georgia so it is great to have mission teams come and help us minister to the community and be

our extended hands and feet as we work as the hands and feet of Jesus.

Saturday night, June 11th, Brister Baptist youth ministry mission team arrived in Cumming Ga to help us out. They began by helping us set up and tear down for our service on Sunday morning and then partnered with us to deliver cookies to 17 different fire stations, police precincts and EMS stations in Forsyth County as we gave back to our first responders and said “Thank You”. We also invited them to join us at church.

Sunday night the mission team met up with Jamshad Hadyat, our BMA missionary here in the Atlanta area to the Pakistani people. They helped with the children's ministry and also attended the Urdu services at Vertical Life Church. Pastor Eric Goble from Brister was invited to lead a message with Jamshad translating.

Monday, the team went with us to SAFFT (Supporting Adoptive & Foster Families Together). There the team got a tour of the ministry and facilities and helped to clean, sort toys for the children, and weed eat and clean up around the exterior of the facility. Find out more about SAFFT at www.safft.org.

Monday evening, we did a prayer walk through my neighborhood of over 120 homes (approximately 300+ people in the neighborhood). We must start where God has placed us reaching out to the people directly around us.

Tuesday we were off to The Place of Forsyth which offers emergency assistance to families in Forsyth County. They also have a food pantry, organic garden, huge thrift store and programs to help people get training for the workplace. The team toured the facility then got right to work sorting the massive piles of clothes for the thrift store while others helped to restock the food pantry and bag emergency supply bags for families in immediate need. Find out more about The Place at www.theplaceofforsyth.org.

StonePoint also helps The

Place by filling up milk jars to raise milk money for fresh milk for needy families. We also donated a coin counter to them to help.

Tuesday evening the mission team joined us for LifeGroup at our meeting place at Mace Inspirations Hair Salon where we studied from the book of James.

Wednesday the team met us in Lilburn to meet with Boris Lebedev our BMA Russian church planter to the Atlanta area. The team helped clean up an upstairs area of a warehouse that is being transformed into a radio studio that will host broadcasts to reach the Russian people of Atlanta and around the world.

It was great to have awesome people of Brister Baptist Church of Emerson Arkansas join us and we look forward to 2 more teams coming out from Union Hill Baptist in Brownsboro, TX and First Sumrall Mississippi the first week of July. I look forward to writing back next month to update you on their trips.

Please pray for our upcoming 1st Preview Service on July 10th as we do a Sneak Peek Service to help us better prepare for our Launch in October. This will be a big day for us and we need all the prayers and support we can get as this approaches.

We thank you for your support and ask you to continue to give and pray to help us reach the people here in Georgia for Christ.

Looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you soon.

Todd & Tina Cox

First Christmas Shoeboxes Arrive

A tool that has opened doors for our missionaries is the Christmas Shoebox Ministry. Read the caption below the picture and see how you can get more information about getting your church, WMA, GMA, or other organization involve in this ministry that is so helpful in spreading the Gospel.



Caption: The Sunbeams and Sunbeam Leaders (Robbie Shepherd, Diann Rankin and April McCright) of Spring Lake BC in Texarkana, Texas, dropped off 249 shoeboxes June 27 at the BMA Global Ministry Center. Shoebox packing has already begun in the warehouse and the deadline for sending them is September 1. For more information, contact Angela Rice at angela@bmaam.com.

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12th we observed the Lord's Supper which is always such a blessing to be able to do this as a church. Our GMAs went to camp in Gary TX and they had a great time. We honored our Fathers on Father's Day with a coffee mug and we recognized the father had been saved the longest, the one with the oldest child present and the one with the most children present. We had the pleasure of witnessing the union of Lisa Posey and Shane Pipkin on the 25th. Our youth are now off to SOAR and then the GMAs will be going to Camp Garwood for MO GMA Camp. Our men are planning a work day at Camp Garwood July 16th. Everyone is excited about camp this year and ready to go.

Dan Wisely, Pastor • Terri Adams, Clerk

Mr. & Mrs. Thing

By Jeff Swart, Senior Pastor
First Baptist Church • Galena, Kansas

“Mr. and Mrs. Thing are a very pleasant and successful couple. At least, that’s the verdict of most people who tend to measure success with a “thingometer.” When the “thingometer” is put to work in the life of Mr. and Mrs. Thing, the result is startling.

There is Mr. Thing sitting down on a luxurious and very expensive thing, almost hidden by a large number of other things: Things to sit on, things to sit at, things to cook on, things to eat from, all shiny and new — things, things, things!

Things to clean with and things to wash with, and things to clean and things to wash.

Things to amuse, things to give pleasure, things to watch and things to play. Things for the long, hot summer; and things

Moral Action....

Washington D. C.

Dr. John M. Adams, Executive Director, Moral Action

The Moral Action trip to D.C. was filled with joy and spiritual anticipation. Ms. Adams and I made our 8th attendance to the Watchmen on the Wall Conference at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill. The approximate attendance was 800 as we celebrated our American freedom and were challenged to be Christian overcomers.

The theme from God’s Word was Isaiah 62:6 “*I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence.*” May 25th through the 27th gave Family Research Council and Executive Director Tony Perkins the opportunity to champion Christian workers and pastors to transform America.

Darla and I were able to visit with several Congressmen while on our U.S. Capitol Heritage tour. We made contact with U.S. Congressman Lee Zelden of New York, 1st District on the Veterans Affairs Committee asking him to stand firm on keeping Chaplains in the US. Military. The A.C.L.U. and atheist groups want to remove all chaplains from our military. Please pray about this!

In representing our BMA Baptist churches, Darla and I shared with U.S. Congressman Austin Scott of Georgia 8th District concerning the rising influence of the Muslim/Islamic religion in our American government. Congressman Scott is a born-again Baptist that listened intently and agreed.

Darla and I also visited with our Mississippi delegation during the trip. Our last Congressman contact was with U.S. Congressman Ken Buck of the Colorado 4th District (Castle Rock area). He serves on the House Judiciary Committee. Our discussion talked of the overturning Roe vs. Wade Abortion law and the transgender agenda. We were well received in this discussion.

Throughout the conference program we heard great speeches and sermons from Carter Conlon of Times Square Church, Governor Phil Bryant of Mississippi, Congressman Trent Franks of Arizona, Ann Graham Lotz, James Robison, Joel Rosenberg, and others.

The voice of the BMA of America is being heard in the halls and offices of the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House. Please continue to pray for Moral Action ministries as we share the Good News of Jesus Christ and His Salvation. Pray for our web page efforts, our writing articles, our e-mails, our texts on a daily basis, our visits to BMA churches, and our God and Country rallies.

The honor is ours to humbly serve as Executive Director of Moral Action, an agency of our Baptist churches. Please help us!

for the short, cold winter.

Things for the big thing in which they live, and things for the garden, things for the deck, things for the kitchen and things for the bedroom.

Things on four wheels, things on two wheels and things to put on top of the four wheels, things to pull behind the four wheels and things to add to the interior of the thing on four wheels — things, things, things!

And there in the middle are Mr. and Mrs. Thing, smiling and pleased as punch with things, thinking of more things to add to things. They are secure in their castle of things.

Well, I just want you to know that your things can’t last. They’re going to pass. There’s going to be an end to them. Oh, maybe an error in judgment, maybe a temporary loss of concentration or maybe you’ll just pass them off to the secondhand thing dealer. Or maybe they will wind up a mass of mangled metal being towed off to the thing yard.

What about the things in your house? It’s time for bed. Put out the cat, make sure you lock the door so some thing-taker doesn’t come and take your things.

That’s the way life goes, doesn’t it? And someday, when you die, they only put one thing in the box — you!” (Anonymous)

In our culture, it is certainly no exaggeration to say that the accumulation of “things” is a badge of success. In this status seeking, pleasure driven and “thing” accumulating society, perhaps we need to be reminded of what Jesus said concerning material things: “*Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth... But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven... For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also*” (Matt. 6:19-21).

According to the Bible, we are to pass on to others the blessings that God has given to us. (I Peter 4:10) We are not to be “Dead Sea” Christians who continually take in and never give out.

Remember that God’s

Smoked Marijuana is Not Medicine, It’s Bogus

by Larry Page, Executive Director of
Arkansas Faith & Ethics Council

Note: The State of Arkansas is facing three Marijuana Petitions this summer that advocates of legalizing “Medical Marijuana” are trying to get on the November ballot. The following article appeared in the June 22, 2016 *Baptist Trumpet* (the official publication of the churches of the BMA of Arkansas). This issue appears often in Missouri and we need to be informed if and when it is presented.

Monday, June 20, at the Arkansas state capitol, the sponsors of one of the medical marijuana initiatives turned in petitions with reportedly enough signatures of registered voters to qualify for the general election ballot in November. Right on the heels of that development, I participated in a press conference in which the leader of Family Council and I announced our opposition to the measure and highlighted some of the reasons for that. Below is the essence of the statement I gave at the press conference.

Smoked marijuana is not legitimate medicine. Modifying “marijuana” with the word “medical” does not make it a bona fide pharmaceutical. How about “medical cocaine” or “medical LSD”? Using the words “medical” and “methamphetamine” in tandem does not transform that harmful drug into a substance that has helpful, medical application.

If there are some valid medical applications for THC and cannabidiol, the active ingredients in marijuana (and doubt still exists about that claim), there are more efficacious and safer ways than smoking marijuana to medically deliver them. Those means of delivering THC have and continue to be developed.

Can chronic pain be masked or blocked by smoking marijuana? Perhaps it can. However, the pain might also be blocked and masked by intravenous shots of heroin, by drinking alcohol to the point of intoxication or by injecting, snorting or ingesting any number of other drugs. The fact that pain can be managed by a substance does not for that reason alone cause that drug to morph into a legitimate pharmaceutical.

It is important to note that the FDA has approved no medications that are smoked. There are a number of reasons for this. Smoking is a generally poor way to deliver a pharmaceutical because it is impossible to safely deliver precise dosages. Also, the harmful chemicals and carcinogens that are byproducts of smoking create a whole other set of health problems — especially for longterm use.

Take morphine for example. It has proven to be valuable as an effective drug. However, the FDA has not approved the smoking of opium or heroin.

By using the scientific method, active ingredients have been extracted from opium and developed into effective medicines — codeine, hydrocodone and oxycodone — in addition to morphine.

Medical science found a better way with opium, and it has and continues to do so with marijuana. In a *Journal of the American Medical Association* article last year, two Yale University psychiatrists stated that legalization of medical marijuana was based on inadequate and poor quality studies, relying too much on anecdotal evidence in the form of patients’ accounts or other nonscientific evidence. They opined that the rush to approve medical marijuana got ahead of the research that should have been conducted first.

The above only scratches the surface of the mountain of evidence that presents a devastating case against so-called “medical marijuana.”

You’ll be hearing much from us on that during the course of the campaign to defeat the pot initiative.(arfaith.org)

gifts to me are not for me. God’s gifts to me are for others.
(jeffswart@jeffswart.com) via *Baptist Trumpet* 6-22-2016

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Washington County District WMA

The Washington County District WMA met June 10th at Temple Baptist Church in Belgrade, MO. After the men left for their Brotherhood meeting, President Barbara Williams gave a devotional on "Don't Worry, Be Happy" reading from Philippians 4:6-7.

At the conclusion of business, the program on "Encouragement" was given by Connie Reifsteck.

The next district meeting will be at Zion Baptist Church, St. Louis, MO Friday, September 2, 2016.

The host church provided delicious refreshments as all met in the basement for fellowship.

Norma Womble, Reporter

Information Services Announcement

by John Meriveather, BMAA Office of Development

I want to make everyone aware of a couple of staff changes in our information services area.

Linda Cary will be joining the ranks of retirement as she leaves the BMAA staff on July 31st. Linda has managed information services since 2006 and has been a tremendous asset to the BMA during that time. In her role as editor of the annual BMA Church Directory and Handbook she has supported and interacted with perhaps more churches, departments, agencies, and ministries than anyone on our staff. I want to personally thank Linda for her years of self-less service to the BMA and (on a personal note) her patience and support during this transition period. Linda, we pray God's richest blessings on you and that retirement will be filled with much joy and happiness!

Lauren Noland will be joining the development team on Monday July 11th as our new Information Services Specialist. Lauren will be taking over Linda's responsibilities and will be working with me as we complete the move of information services to Conway. Lauren is also on staff at Oasis Church where her husband, PJ, is Associate Pastor. I am excited to have someone of Lauren's caliber in a position to take the hand-off from Linda.

Thankful to serve,
John

A Thank You Note

This is one of those bitter-sweet life situations. Being able to retire after working 42 years is a blessing not to be taken for granted. I am looking forward to spending more time with Bill, family, and friends; putting in the garden; researching family history, and not telling what other mischief I find.

It has been a pleasure to spend the past 10 ½ years working alongside my BMA family. Having grown up at Unity in Hope, I was baptized and married there, so my roots in the BMA have made Information Services more than "just a job." I am grateful for the opportunity of serving our churches and BMA associates, and for being in a position I enjoyed.

Although I haven't met many of you in person, only by phone and e-mail, you have been nothing but supportive, patient, and encouraging. I appreciate all your kindness and consider you my friend.

I pray God's hand on John and Lauren as they step into their positions, that their transition will be smooth and productive.

God bless you all.

Linda Carey

2016 Ladies Retreat

Sponsored by

The Women's Missionary Auxiliary of Missouri

September 16 & 17, 2016

Speaker: Mrs. Pat Quesenbury, Arlington, TX

Theme: Dream Big Dreams (Depend On A Big God)

Registration Fee:

\$ 25.00 BEFORE August 31, 2016

\$ 30.00 after August 31st

(No refunds after August 31st)

Location:

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Group Name: Women's Missionary Auxiliary of Missouri

Group Number: 2236345

Room Rate: \$105.99 (Plus Tax)

2 Queen beds (up to 4 people)

Rate guaranteed until Monday, August 15, 2016

Room Occupancy will include:

"Kickback" (Supper) & "Quick-Start" (Breakfast)

LUNCH: CATERED \$15.00

Fun begins at 2:00 p.m. Friday & ends around 3:00 p.m. Saturday

Plan now to come as early as you can To Enjoy the Fun and Fellowship!

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Registration form (make additional copies as needed)

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Address _____

Contact Phone: _____

Lady's Name _____

Registration (\$25.00 before Aug. 31) _____

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Lunch (\$15.00) _____

Total Included _____

NOTE: Make Room reservations directly with the motel.

Be sure to mention Group name and number.

There will be a silent auction with all proceeds going to Camp Garwood

Brothers.... Dealing with men's issues
and Promoting the Fellowship & Growth
of Men in the BMA of Missouri

The Ministry of Prayer

by Dennis Baker, Brotherhood President

Colossians 4:2-3

“Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:”

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:

The ability to speak to God through the utterance of prayer is a gift from God that must be used as God ordains. Prayer and worship are perhaps the highest uses of the gift of speech. Paul was an apostle, but he needed others to support him and his ministry with prayer. If a great missionary like Paul was not afraid to ask others to pray for himself and his ministry, how much more do you and I need this spiritual support! Paul provides four important points that will help us in our spiritual prayer life.

Be Faithful

“Continue in prayer,” means “Be steadfast in your prayer life; be devoted; don’t quiet.” This is what the early church did in Acts 1:14. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. Unfortunately, many of us pray only occasionally, when we feel like it or when there is a crisis. God’s command is for us to, Pray without ceasing, 1 Thessalonians 5:17. The application is that we should be constantly in fellowship with God so that prayer is as normal to us as breathing.

This does not suggest that God is reluctant to answer prayer and that we must “wear Him out” by our praying. God enjoys answering our prayers. But, He sometimes delays the answer to increase our faith and devotion and to accomplish His purposes at the right time. God’s delays are not always God’s denials. As we continue in prayer, our own hearts are prepared for the answer God will give. We will find ourselves growing in grace even before His answer comes.

Be Watchful

We must be awake and alert as we pray. The phrase “Watch and pray!” is often used in the Bible. Nehemiah used the phrase when he was rebuilding the walls and the gates of Jerusalem. Nehemiah 4:8-9, “*And conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it. Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.*” Jesus used the phrase, “*Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is,*” Mark 13:33. Paul used the phrase. Ephesians 6:18, “*Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.*” Real prayer demand spiritual energy and alertness, and this can only come from the Holy Spirit of God.

Be Thankful

“Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.” Thanksgiving is an important ingredient in successful praying. Philippians 4:6, “*Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God.*” Sincere gratitude to God is one of the best ways to put enthusiasm into our praying. When we recall that Paul wrote this while a prisoner, it makes this emphasis even more wonderful.

Change in Ordering Galilean Materials and Supplies

By: Kenneth Colvert, National Galilean Director

Disciple Guide is no longer handling Galilean materials and supplies and has turned all their Galilean inventory over to National Galileans.

All the materials that were handled by DiscipleGuide are still available to you through National Galileans. These materials include: the Galilean Manuel, the Galilean Leader’s Book “How to Build a Galilean Ministry,” the Galilean Binder, the Galilean Sash, Galilean Pins (Tyro Pin, Fellow Pin, Follower Pin, Disciple Pin, Herald Pin, and Ambassador Pin), and other materials and supplies.

A complete price list of materials available is posted on our National Galilean Website www.galileans.com. The Galilean Workbook, “My Royal Service,” is no longer available in hard copy, but can be downloaded free on our Galilean Website.

All Galilean materials and supplies may be ordered by e-mailing krcolvert@cox.net. If you have questions about Galilean materials and supplies, feel free to e-mail Kenneth Colvert or call 479 – 629 -3258.

Five Massive Changes Coming To Your Church (If They’re Not There Already)

by Karl Vaters (via Baptist Progress)

The good news of Jesus never changes. But the way people receive that news is changing. Fast.

Have you ever wondered why virtually every church leader is constantly writing and speaking about change? Including me?

Because we live in the fastest changing culture ever. Change is not just an occasional reality. It’s the water we’re swimming in.

For instance, every time an app on your smart phone has an update, you’re seeing a change that used to take at least a year to happen, and would have been delivered in a book or box at your local store. Now they happen several times a week — or a day.

If we’re not aware of how the world around us is changing, we’ll miss out on an opportunity to share the Gospel with that world. Not because the Gospel will become irrelevant; quite the opposite. The more everything else changes, the more important the good news of Jesus will be.

Be Purposeful

“Praying also for us.” Too often our prayers are vague and general. It would be much better if we would pray for specific needs. By doing so, we would know when God answers our prayers, and then we could praise Him for answered prayer. Perhaps it is our lack of faith that causes us to pray generally instead of specifically.

The purpose of prayer is not to get man’s will done in heaven, but to get God’s will done on earth. Prayer is not telling God what to do or what to give. Prayer is asking God

for that which He wants to do and give, according to his will. 1 John 5:14-15, “*And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.*” As we read God’s Word and fellowship with the Father, we discover His will and boldly ask Him to do what He has planned. It has been said that “prayer is not overcoming God’s reluctance; it is laying hold of His willingness.”

We are a non profit group. All Galilean items will be sold to you for the exact amount that we paid for them. Regarding the Galilean inventory turned over to us free from DiscipleGuide, we are charging the same price you were paying per item to be used for restocking items that are sold out in the future.

Please note that the price for the Galilean sash has gone up because National Galileans had to have more made and our price per sash went up. Please help us get the word out to our local churches about this change in ordering Galilean materials. We will see to it that every church receives needed Galilean materials promptly.

But the way people hear, understand and receive the timeless Gospel is changing fast. If we don’t realize and adapt to those changes, the people who need to hear it will be left on the sidelines, at least in part due to our stubbornness and ignorance.

People whose lives are constantly being upended by change are desperate for a permanent rock they can cling to. That rock is the Gospel of Jesus.

Here are five changes every Christian leader needs to be aware of:

1. The Way People Earn Is Changing

A generation ago, our culture shifted from one income per household to two. Today we’re shifting from one income per person to two.

It is now normal for a person to come home from their job and spend the evening selling items online, doing clerical work or repairing cars for a few extra dollars.

If you haven’t experienced this phenomenon yet, you will. In expensive, heavily-populated cities like where I live, this is already the norm.

For years, this was done by power couples who wanted to support a lavish lifestyle. Now it’s being done by average families that are trying to pay the bills.

As we’ll see in the following • See **FIVE** on Page 8 •

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ing points, this is affecting how people live, how they give, how often they can attend church and more.

2. The Way People Give Is Changing

When earning patterns change, giving patterns change. By every account, people in their 20's today don't just give less than people in their 50's give. They're giving less than people in their 20's used to give. And people in their 50's (and 40's and 60's and more) are giving less than they used to, as well.

Because of this, churches must figure out two things: how to do more ministry with less money, and how to find opportunities people want to give to.

As an example, in my parents' and grandparents' generations there was no faster way to get people to give than to launch a church building program. Not today. People in my kids' generation are more likely to respond by asking "Why should I give my hard-earned money to help you build yet another church building?"

But they will give directly to people with needs they can relate to.

The successful church of the next generation will erect fewer (and smaller) buildings, but meet more direct, hands-on needs.

3. The Way People Attend Church Is Changing

A generation ago, a strongly-committed church attendee went to church 3 times a week. Today, it's closer to 3 times a month

This is happening for many reasons, including changing work patterns (see above), blended family schedules and more. But too many of our churches rely on a church schedule that's suited to the three-times-a-week attender.

No, we should not lower our expectations. Church attendance has always mattered and will always matter. But if we're going to keep people committed to the church, we need to offer them something better than the mostly bygone schedule of a good Sunday morning service, a not-quite-as-good Sunday evening service and a not-very-good-at-all weekday service.

People used to attend out of duty; not anymore. And they shouldn't. If church attendance doesn't help them grow as believers, they need to find something that does. And, to a large degree, people are discovering that this is unfortunately true for them.

Great churches are doing fewer services, but getting more out of them. When they ask people for a second commitment in their weekly calendar, it's for something that isn't already happening in the main church service. Like an opportunity to meet real needs or have deeper study and fellowship.

4. The Way People Commit Is Changing

If people aren't committing to the things they used to commit to, we need to offer them something better to commit to.

Every generation has complained that "kids these days" are less reliable than previous generations. And it's regularly proven to be false when people step up in new, but unexpected ways.

5. The Way People Trust Is Changing

People used to trust the church and clergy until we gave them a reason not to. But we've given them plenty of reasons not to, and we've we lost their trust.

Now, people don't trust the church or clergy until we give them plenty of reasons to trust us. We have to earn it. Then we have to work hard to keep it.

Of all the changes affecting today's church, this is the biggest, by far. And it's not their fault that trust has been lost. It's ours.

The good news is, it's also in our hands to change this per-

80th Birthday Celebration

The family of Marvin Loyd (Pastor and former BMAA Missionary) invites you to celebrate his 80th birthday Saturday, August 27, at First Baptist Church of Cave Springs located at 322 South Main Street, Cave Springs, Arkansas 72718.

A come and go reception will be held from 1 - 4 p.m., and a basket will be provided for cards, notes and favorite memories, but no gifts, please.

If you're unable to attend but would like to send a card, please send to Marvin Loyd c/o Stella Pimentel, 1880-B South Pleasant Street, Springdale, Arkansas 72764. Please feel free to call me with any questions at 479-305-0521.

He Faileth Not

Each happy morn when I awake

This promise for the day I take: "I'll never leave thee, nor forsake."

He faileth not!

Along life's road I'll fear no ill,

For Christ my Lord is with me still.

He never faileth! He never will!

He faileth not!

He has not failed me in the past.

He will not fail while life shall last;

For wheresoe'er my lot be cast,

He faileth not!

ception — one church at a time, one Christian at a time, one pastor at a time and one act of decency and integrity at a time.

No, we may never win back a general trust of the institutions of church and clergy. But we can get out of the way and let people see that Jesus is, and always will be trustworthy.

And isn't that what really matters anyway?

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 until a request is received to remove it.

Joseph Duckworth, a member of Kewanee missionary baptist church is available for Preaching or however the Lord leads. Contact him at 573-521-8039.

Rocky Houston, a member of Kewanee missionary Baptist church is available for pulpit supply or as the Lord leads. Contact him at 573-521-6385.

Caleb Houston, youth minister of Kewanee is available for weekend revivals, youth events, and pulpit supply. Contact him at 573-521-7826 or calebhouston@yahoo.com.

Brad Akers of Belgrade, is available for pulpit supply or as the Lord leads. Contact him 573-766-1405 or 573-701-1850 or by e-mail at bakers001@centurytel.net

Denver Page, a member of Landmark Baptist Church in DeSoto is available for pulpit supply as God leads. He can be contacted by home phone 636-942-3503 or cell phone 314-283-7243.

Richard Smith, from Matthews, is available for pulpit supply or however the Lord leads. Contact him at 573-931-0455 or through his Pastor, Chris Polk at 573-380-1975.

James Hoffmann, is available for pulpit supply. Contact him at 314-277-8644 or by e-mail at jmhoff@charter.net.

Brian Adams, a member of First Missionary Baptist Church of Matthews is available to preach. Contact him by e-mail at bkadams27@yahoo.com.

Dennis Leonard, from Potterville MBC is available for pulpit supply or as the Lord leads. Seeking God's direction. May be contacted at 417-284-1277 (home) or 573-561-6414 (cell).

BMAA National Senior Adult Conference

November 7-9, 2016

Hilton Convention Center
Branson, Missouri

By Jonathan Wilson

DiscipleGuide's 17th annual Senior Adult Conference will be held Nov. 7-9 at the Hilton Convention Center in beautiful Branson, Mo.

Attendees at the conference can expect to have great worship, fellowship and fun. Dr. Allen Tilley, pastor of First Baptist in Carthage, Texas will share messages from God's Word on the topic of "Heroes Reborn." Leading in worshipful singing this year will be Larry Wood, worship pastor at Farley Street Baptist in Waxahachie, Texas.

DiscipleGuide is excited to feature music guests Dallas Holm and The Harper Family. The registration fee also includes tickets to The Haygoods Christmas Show.

Hilton Convention Center Hotel room rate is \$132 per night if booked by Oct. 14. For booking, call (800) 445-8667 or (417) 243-3467.

Early registration is \$150 per person by Oct. 14. To participate in all of the worship, fellowship and fun, register for the Senior Adult Conference at discipleguide.org/nsa.