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Philippians 2:16

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OCTOBER 3-5, 2016
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Ultimately, the conference benefits more than just the pastor's family; it also benefits the pastor's church. As goes the health of the pastor, so goes the health of the church. Please pray for Pastors Oasis October 3-5. Visit discipleguide.org/pastorsoasis for more information.

Happenings @ Moral Action

Dr. John Adams,
Executive Director

Moral Action continues to stand with all our churches, pastors, and leaders through up-to-date articles in our State Associational newspapers. We are in 17 publications/papers, and we distribute free literature on current moral issues. We give to our Association meetings and churches as we visit these magazines: American Family Association (AFA) Journal, Israel My Glory, The Judicial Watch-Verdict, One Voice United in Prayer, Family Research Council publications, and the Focus on the Family magazine.

We continue to provide access to our Moral Action website (www.macbma.net). This site provides our churches tools for study and steps to contact our elected officials. On this web-page we provide Bible Gateway, Got Questions? Org., What Can One Person Do?, Reconstructing American History, and the Directors monthly reports, articles and archives.

Moral Action continues to champion the moral and spiritual causes that are so much to Associational Baptists: (1) The battle to keep the words “In God We Trust” on our coins and paper money and (2) to keep “under God” in our National Pledge. Many seek to remove these words.

Our travels continue to Washington D.C. and include our activism in the long-term fight against abortion, gay/lesbian marriages, homosexual causes, and the ever-present casinos of America. Since my election in 2008, I have spoken to and interviewed these elected officials and pastors in your behalf as churches, pastors, and deacons: Dr. Jack Graham of Dallas/Plano, Texas, Dr. Bert Harper of American Family Radio, U. S. House Chaplain Pat Conroy, the late U. S. Congressman Alan Nunnelee of MS, 1st District, U.S. Congressman Dr. Tom Rice of 7th District South Carolina, U.S. Congressman Mark Meadows of 11th District North Carolina, Historian David Barton, U.S. Congressman 4th District Robert Aderhold of Alabama, U.S. Congressman Joe Barton 6th District of Texas, U.S. Senator James Lankford of Oklahoma, U.S. Senators Roger Wicker and

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Camp Garwood Activities

Annual Fall Men's Retreat

Friday & Saturday
September 30 & October 1, 2016
(See information on page 7)

Annual Fall Paintball Retreat

Friday & Saturday
October 28-29, 2016

70th Anniversary
of serving the LORD.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

St. Charles, MO

October 2, 2016

Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.

Preaching • 10:30 a.m.

Speaker: Former Pastor Gary Lambright

Lunch for everyone
Everyone Welcome

BMA of Missouri
Annual Meeting

October 22, 2016 • 9:00 a.m.
Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
128 5th St.
Sikeston, MO 63801
573-471-3750

Homecoming
Bates Creek Baptist Church
Potosi, MO

October 16, 2016
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Worship - 11 a.m.
Meal - Noon
Singing - Afternoon

84th Homecoming
Landmark Baptist Church
DeSoto, MO

October 2, 2016

Guest Speaker - James Hoffmann

Dinner will be served at Noon
Special Singing in the afternoon

You Are WELCOME To Join Us!!

+++ NEWS BRIEFS +++

Antioch, Ellington, We are well and enjoying God's blessings. Our visitors were Sis. Charlene and her daughter and a first-time visitor Bill Brown. Bro. Charles Evans is no longer in the nursing home and is doing well. Sis Minnie is still able to come to church and this is a blessing. Sis. Maudeline's sister, Wilma Jean Finley fell. She hurt her elbow and had bruises. Sis. Maudeline went to help her. I had a phone call from a dear friend, Sis. Connie Shelton. We caught up on things. Sis. Maudeline attended the Logan Creek Association meeting at Lower Doe Run church. The meeting went well and the attendance was good. The semi-annual meeting was cancelled. Our love and prayers are with J.C. as his dad went to be with the Lord. Our church was also saddened to hear the news of Melvin Coulter's death. He passed away last December. All the work on the inside of the church building is now completed. Now for the BIG NEWS: Our Pastor is engaged. The lovely lady is Christa Yount. She is a member at Temple Baptist Church in Belgrade. The wedding will be next year. Our love and God's blessing to all.

Michael Huddleston, Pastor • Mary Marcher, Reporter

First Baptist, Potosi, sends greetings to our Christian brothers and sisters. Over the summer we have received several new members into our fellowship. Bro. Jim baptized one family of seven and another of five in addition to several others. All our summer activities were great successes. The last three months were very busy months for us; graduations, weddings, babies, vacations. A lot of work goes into the decorations and lesson preparations in addition to food prep for VBS. It takes a lot of volunteers to get everything accomplished and our director, Raven Porter, did an AWESOME job of coordinating all areas. We maintained around 150. The children performed extremely well for their program. The youth mission trip in the St. Louis area was a great success. Even one of our own was saved. Then Jesus camp; Kid's camp was separate from the association's camp due to the growing number of children attending. Isn't it wonderful to know that there are so many interested in camp that they have outgrown the facilities? A Gideon representative gave us information on the distribution of Bibles and some testimonials to show how God uses the Bibles to win the lost to Christ. Celebrate Recovery is continuing to accomplish the mission they set out to do. With the beginning of the new school year, we have had several new attendees. The booth at the fair along with the Diaper Changing station was a great success. I work with the five- to eleven-year-old children, and while a challenge at times, it is such a blessing and has helped me to become even closer to God. Sunday School members are enjoying the studies on the books of the Bible. GMA started up again with the beginning of school with 15 or 16 girls in attendance. AWANA starts up in September and we are excited to work with these children. The Tuesday morning Bible Studies also start up again in September. The new Sunday School year begins the first week in September and we have made some changes and additions in our classes. There is a class for everyone including a couples class and two 12-step classes. One of our very special ladies is now celebrating in heaven: Mrs. Anna Belle Torwegge (widow of Fred Torwegge and mother of Craig). She has worked with a lot of programs in our church and was a key person in the beginning of the bus ministry many years ago. She will be greatly missed. God has blessed us with so much and our services are so full of the spirit that it will be no surprise if you hear shouting for the Lord. We concluded the month of August with an evening of music presented by Crimson Gold. Awesome!! Please pray for us as we continue to pray for you. Jim Ainley, Pastor • Deborah Rauhut, Reporter

Stony Point, Mineral Point reports that August 3rd Sis. Bea started GMA's and Ali Schaeffer presented herself for baptism and was given the hand of Christian fellowship. August 7th we were blessed with Heaven's Echoes music. August 14th Nora Henry, Emmalou Henry, Jack Henry, and Andrew Wilkins presented themselves for baptism and were given the hand of Christian fellowship. August 21st we celebrated our Homecoming with singing and testimonials. August 28th Bro. Claude baptized Nora Henry, Emmalou Henry, Jack Henry, Ali Schaeffer, and Andrew Wilkins in Big River. They were given the hand of Church membership. We also observed the Adults doing their part for Walk for the World. September 25th the youth will be doing their parts for Walk for the World. October 9th we will be blessed with Heaven's Echoes again @ 6 p.m. Claude Evans, Pastor
Debrah Coleman, Reporter

Hello from **Briar, Doniphan!** What a day of celebration was observed August 28th here at Briar! We were celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Lord's church. By the way, the official opening of the church was also on August 28th. Briar started as a "Brush Arbor" in late June of 1966. Bro. Tom Foster was the 1st pastor, and Ava Jewel Grubb was the first clerk. The dedication of the Lord's people and His help enabled the building of the church. Land was donated by Elva and Daisy Bass. As in any Baptist celebration, ours started with lunch! It was a great one with loads of food--I want to say thanks to all the visitors--I don't think one person came without something. Lots of good old fashion visiting was enjoyed along with the meal. The service was opened by Bro. Dennis Leonard. Bro. Dennis is our interim pastor but has also served as pastor for many years in the past. He

knew lots of our church's history and shared with us along with Sis. Rita Waggoner and Bro. David Grubb. The special music was great and the congregational singing was also. I must mention one of our specials sung by Emmie Taylor. Emmie is 3 years old and did an excellent job on "Jesus Loves Me." Looks like she may follow in the footsteps of her mom, Christina Holloman Taylor. We had between 61-68 folks present depending on which one of us old folks did the counting! Some in attendance were there when the church started---Jannette Heavin, Darrel Grubb, and David Grubb. Sue Griffin is the only remaining charter member and as usual was in attendance. Let's all remember to pray for our country and the coming election. May the Lord bless and keep you all--till next time--Keep Looking Up!

Dennis Leonard, Interim Pastor • Phyllis Williams, Reporter

Bates Creek, Potosi, reports their Homecoming will be Sunday, October 16, 2016. Sunday school will start at 10 a.m. Worship service will start at 11 a.m. A noon meal will be served and there will be a singing in the afternoon. Mark your calendars now to come join us!!

Leonard Knight, Pastor • Sara Buckley, Reporter

Kewanee Missionary Baptist, Kewanee. Everyone had a great time at Camp Garwood this year. August started out busy and ended that way for us. We filled our Teachers Crates for school again this year. We have plenty of teachers in our congregation and they put out a crate with a list of items that need for the year and we try our best to fill them. We had our annual election of teachers and officers and we are truly blessed to have so many that are willing to fill a position. Our WMA women filled shoe boxes and Bro. Dan and Sis Pam delivered those for us. We also had our Lifeword Fund-raiser using an 80's theme. We had a great time of fellowship, 80's trivia and of course food! Some of our ladies went to First Baptist in Matthews to hear Sis Valerie Fish at their monthly WMA meeting. This month we are looking forward to our 81st Anniversary September 18th. We will have regular morning services and fellowship lunch at 12:30 followed at 1:30 with Special Singing by Intercession. We are inviting all that can make it to come. We will be in revival October 31st to November 4th with Bro Steve Crawley.

Dan Wisely, Pastor • Terri Adams, Reporter

Landmark, DeSoto, reports that the first part of the month,
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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • August 2016

General Fund:

Balance July 31, 2016		\$	127,823.75
Interest on Savings	\$.04	\$.04
August Receipts:	\$ 3,199.78	\$	3,199.78
Total Available		\$	131,023.57
Disbursements:			
Assistant Director's Salary	\$ 450.00		
Corporation Filing	\$ 21.25		
Supplies	\$ 115.10		
Total Disbursements	\$ 586.35	\$	(586.35)
Balance August 31, 2016:		\$	130,437.22

From Our Assistant Director...

My wife and I were invited to attend the annual meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association of Southwest Missouri which met at Grandview Baptist Church in Springfield August 20th.

We were warmly received and made to feel right at home. Grandview Church has undergone renovations to their facilities and the result was beautiful, with inviting buildings and grounds. Pastor Gary Longstaff and the church are to be commended for their hard work and investment in their facilities.

The meeting was well attended with representation from almost all of the five cooperating churches in the Springfield, Cassville, and Carthage area.

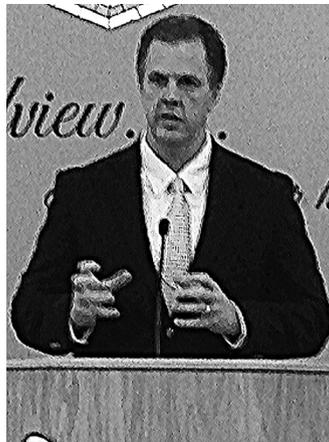


Newly elected officers of BMA of SW MO: l to r: President, Larry Henbest; Vice President, Loma Burrell; Clerk/Treasurer, Marvin McMullin; Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, Donna Joyce McMullin

President Larry Henbest did a superb job of leading the business. He gave me an opportunity to speak about our State Mission Work, the Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper and the Kenneth E. Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund. Some of their churches already generously support our State Mission for which we are thankful.

The BMA of Southwest Missouri voted to give a special offering to the Missouri Missionary Baptist and to the Kenneth

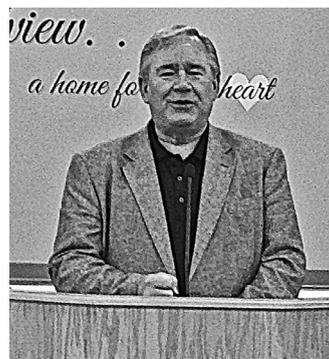
E. Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund and also presented a generous love offering to my wife and I for expenses in coming to their meeting.



Bro. Steve Crawley preaching the annual message

The services were filled with friendship, love, spirit-filled singing and fellowship. Bro. Steve Crawley brought an inspirational message on "The Grace of God," which blessed us and challenged us to be thankful for the wonderful Grace of our magnificent God!

Thanks to all for a great day! We look forward to meeting others from around Missouri.



Host Pastor - Gary Longstaff

• ACTION From Page 1 •

Thad Cochran of MS, U.S. Congressman Jack Hensarling of 5th District Texas, U.S. Congressman Greg Harper of 3rd District, MS. (who gave Mrs. Adams and I a tour of the Congress Prayer Chapel), Presidential candidate and U.S. Senator from Texas Ted Cruz (who we interviewed twice), U.S. Speaker of the House 8th District of Ohio, John Boehner, as we led in prayer before Congress.

Past U.S. Congress lady Michelle Bachmann of 6th District, Minnesota, U. S. (Congressman) now Senator Tom Cotton of 4th District Arkansas, past U.S. Senator Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas, past Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour, past Governor and recent Presidential candidate Mike Huckabee, and Mississippi Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann. With these personal contacts, Moral Action has also mailed, texted, and telephoned many other political, religious, and influential leaders such as Donald Trump, Dr. Ben Carson, former President George W. Bush, W. S. Senator Bernie Sanders, and Candidate Hillary Clinton.

You may ask what we discuss. Always with courtesy and respect, most topics centered around (1) the need of a godly, Christian nation, (2) to keep the pledge and coins as they are in recognizing God, (3) the concern over Islam, and Muslim Sharia Law and its influence rising in America, and (4) the desire to protect and support God's people "Israel". My joy is to speak the name of Jesus Christ before these political leaders.

Out of the Closet

Homosexuality is out of the closet completely today and abortion is still heavily supported via liberals of America. These two current debates that are ongoing will not go away. Our Holy Father detests these two "great abominations". Proverbs 6:16-17 gives Biblical voice regarding God's feelings about the "shedding of innocent blood". Leviticus 18:22 states plainly "Thou shalt not lie with mankind as with womankind: it is abomination."

Main Battle

Our main battle is for our children and students. It is so true that whoever controls the children and teens controls the future of our nation. Our B.M.A. New Testament churches have unlimited opportunity to engage our children, our teens, and our college students in teaching, training, and discipline with the Word of God. This can be accomplished through Sunday Schools, VBS, Galileans, G.M.A.'s, Awana, church camps, mission trips, S.O.A.R, enlivened church youth and college groups, and godly worship services.

Our curriculum must include the Bible teachings of morality. We must stand against sin and stand for Holy living. We can do it! We must not give up!

Special Invitation

United States Congressman Trent Kelly of 1st District, Mississippi has invited Mrs. Adams and I to be the Kelly's guest at the February 2017 National Prayer Breakfast at the Washington Hilton in D.C.

The Support

Our Moral Action recognizes the support of our churches, pastors, and individual groups throughout the Association. We thank each one who has supported on either a monthly or annual basis. The July 4th Freedom Offering is a tremendous success. This is evidence of your understanding of the moral needs that our nation is facing.

Mrs. Adams and I count it an honor as we visit the Capitol in your behalf. We have shared our BMA resolutions in Washington, D.C. Your voice is being heard. We thank First Baptist Church of Mantachie, Mississippi for allowing us to travel and work this great agency.

Would you pray for us in this special ministry? Make your voice and concerns known to your elected officials and pray for them. Pray for a Revival in America! Pray for God's will in the November election.

• **NEWS From Page 2** •

Faith (Tegeler) McMahon's husband passed away. He was a young man of about 52 years old. We don't expect our younger people to pass away, but we are not promised tomorrow. His death was totally unexpected. The Tegeler family grew up at Landmark and we have some of them attending again and some have joined Landmark again and we are glad to have them. I know that Sis. Faith would desire your prayers. Our ladies trio blesses us with their songs nearly every Sunday. I tell them that their harmony just keeps getting sweeter and sweeter. The Gibsons got water in their basement during one of those heavy rains. They've had quite a mess and have to replace carpeting and some wallboard and other things. I know that they appreciated the help that they received in getting things done. They are still waiting to replace the carpeting, etc. I know that everyone knows about Bro. Eugene Bowerman passing away. He was a good friend and one of our dear neighbors. Bro. Bowerman has been unable to attend church in quite some time, and our people loved him greatly, but I know that we aren't the only ones. Please keep his daughter Freda and her husband in your prayers. Denver and I were blessed to be able to attend the 100th birthday celebration of Bro. Jack Bearden on the 3rd of September. He had many friends and family come to help him celebrate. He pastored churches, mostly in Arkansas, but some in Missouri too. Until next month, or the Lord's Return,
Wayne Gibson, Pastor • Sharon Page, Reporter

Hello from **Ozark Heights, Potosi!** We haven't had a report for a couple months, so we will start with, June which was a fast month. We had a great VBS with an average of 33 youth. Thanks to the teens who played the games and help corral the little ones. Thanks to all the ones who helped with crafts and in the kitchen and teaching the lessons. We had one saved and then the next Sunday the 26th we had 3 sisters that were saved. Bro. Gary told us to be prepared to be WOWED and we have had 5 saved in 8 days..! We celebrated Father's Day with a small gift for each dad. We are thankful for the fathers who are leaders in our church and the community. July and August have been kind of quiet. Due to illness and other things getting in the way, we did not get to go to Jesus Camp this year. I for one, really missed it. We are still hearing lots of great messages from the pulpit. Keep our church in Prayer as we search for a Pastor. We know God already has someone for us, but it is all in His time. Pray for comfort for the sick and the ones that have lost their loved ones. Pray for each other and for our country. We need God and Prayer back in our schools, and our Government. Until next month we pray for Peace and for our Nation.

Naomi Gerri Griggs, Reporter

Lower Doe Run appreciated Bro. Jim Hoffmann filling the pulpit on September 4th while our pastor and family celebrated the Fields Family Reunion. There were 40 gathered at Elephant Rock. The church enjoyed a guest speaker for Wednesday Bible Study on August 31st. Valarie Fish spoke of her upcoming Mission trip/Ladies Retreat in Tanzania, East Africa, on the topic of "Surrender" and sang a beautiful song, "Thy Will Be Done." August was also full of more blessings as we led worship at the Riverways Manor in Van Buren with Sis. Irene Thomason on the 7th and hosted the Logan Creek Association on the 13th. Bro. Terry Sharpe brought a powerful message from the Word of God. The Association voted to meet only once a year which will be in August. We still hold the Fifth Sunday Singing quarterly for fellowship. The next will be October 30th at Ohlman, Bunker. Five ladies of the WMA gathered at Sis. Frieda's house for Bible Study and fellowship August 20th. Helen, Kathleen, Thelma, Frieda, and Carolyn studied the lesson "Confessions of a Pharisee" from the book

GET REAL by Valarie Fish. Bro. Melvin visited for a while with Bro. Roy and Bro. Don then went on to do more visiting. We appreciate all the visitors who have come our way and continue to visit and pray for new members. Jesus is coming soon, folks! We long for the day.

Melvin Meade, Pastor
Carolyn Meade, Reporter

Greetings from **Bethlehem of Doniphan!** August has been very eventful for my husband, Bro. Bob Hill and me. Bro. Bob had his 4th surgery for the year on August 10th. He is recouping very well and hopefully this will be his last surgery.

New officers were elected at this month's Youth In The Harvest Meeting at Zalma M.B.C. September's Meeting will be held at Black River M.B.C. in Qulin, MO. October's Meeting will be Walk For The World at Pineywood and the date will be decided at the meeting at Black River on Friday, September 9th. The Third Sunday Singing was held at Black Creek M.B.C. and a lot of fun was had by having a group of men from all the churches sing together and a group of women from all the churches sing together. This was in addition to everyone who came prepared to sing. You never know what might happen at the singings so come and be a part of it. The singing will be at Bethlehem M.B.C. of Doniphan, MO on September 18th. We had to dismiss our services on the Sunday of August 14th due to flooding in our area. For the month of August we were blessed with having Bro. Don and Sis. Terri Adams with their son, Marshall, Bro. Billy and Sis. Donna Davis and Bro. Richard and Sis. Kelli Smith. Please keep these families in your prayers as they are doing the Lord's will with their lives. Please pray for us as we continue our search for a new Pastor. Keep the faith and until next month may the Lord bless and keep us all!

Yvonne Hill, Asst. Reporter

Zion, St. Louis, sends greet-

ing to her Sister Churches. We've had a good Summer and are looking forward to a good Fall. Hope everyone had a good holiday over the Labor Day weekend. We are thankful for our pastor who continues to bring good messages on Sunday. Our Wednesday evenings continue to be instructional and we especially enjoy the first Wednesday of each month when we have our prayer for the lost, sick, miscellaneous needs, bereaved and associational work. It is always a blessing when we can remove a name or request from our list. All at Zion were saddened to hear of the death of Bro. Eugene Bowerman. Our heartfelt sympathy to his family, church family and many friends. Perry and Norma Womble recently took a quick trip to North Platte, NE for the funeral of his uncle. A few weeks ago Sis. Wilma Finley took a fall and was under the weather for a short while. Several have been sick or just not feeling well, but thankfully everyone has not been sick and missing church at the same time. Janet and Van Widger recently took a trip to North Carolina to visit their niece and family in Charlotte. Zion is preparing to host the Washington County District Auxiliaries on Friday, September 9th starting at 7:30 p.m. Our ladies are looking forward to the Ladies Retreat coming up September 16-17 at the Drury Inn in Arnold, MO. The men are also looking forward to the Men's Fall Retreat at Camp Garwood. Their retreat will be Friday, September 30 and Saturday, October 1. Please remember Zion in your prayers as we remember you. God's richest blessings on you all.

Dennis Baker, Pastor • Norma Womble, Reporter

Rivers Of Blessing - An Old Mission Tool Being Used Again!!

The M.S. Arrington River Boat of the BMA of South America

by *Buddy Johnson*

There is bad news and good news concerning the Arrington riverboat in South America. The bad news is that its hull rotted and the motor ruined. During the past ten years, the Arrington has made many trips up and down the Mamoré River in Bolivia. From the Chapare River at the southernmost point to Guayara-Merin at the northernmost point there are many river villages that have been contacted as a direct result of the ministry of the Arrington.

Through the years, many medical teams, flood relief teams, and evangelical teams have traveled the hundreds of miles up and down the Mamoré. Pastor and boat Capitan David Flores reports that there are believers in 37 different villages who are direct results of the ministry of the Arrington. Along the river, several church houses have been built and the pastors of these churches have been trained as part of the Arrington ministry. Our River Bible Institute in Belencito has been built, commissioned, and is being used to train young men to evangelize up and down the Mamoré River.

Sadly, this entire ministry came to a splashy halt as the Arrington motor became useless, and the boat slowly filled with river water. After much prayer and discussion, we decided to sell the boat and purchase one or two smaller boats with which we could continue the ministry. In order to sell the boat, much needed repairs had to be made. The boat was lifted out of the water with hydraulic jacks and placed on stumps of large trees that had been cut for this purpose. More than fifty 2x12x20 hardwood boards were cut from jungle trees with chain saws by our brethren in Belencito. The rotting hull was repaired and coated anew with tar to make it floatable once again. While this was happening, the crew repainted the boat inside and out. Also, plans were being made to replace or rebuild the straight six-cylinder Volvo diesel motor.

The problem with the motor is this: The cooling system

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Great Soldier Called Home!

Eugene Bowerman
August 18, 1924 -
August 20, 2016

Eugene Bowerman of Barnhart MO passed away Saturday, August 20, 2016 at the age of 92. He went to be with His Lord and Savior and beloved wife on her birthday.

Bro. Bowerman was preceded in death by his parents, Ruben and Clara Bowerman; his loving and dedicated wife, Eula Bowerman (Nee Simpson); and his siblings Virgil Bowerman, Fern Johnson, Leona Hand, Clara Pingleton, and Yvonne Ford.

Bro.. Gene and his wife Eula were the loving parents of Freda Gemmell and her husband Clifford; grandparents of Rodney Gemmell and Eric Gemmell, and great grandparents of Ryan Gemmell. They leave behind a great legacy and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

He loved the Lord and spent his life preaching about Him. He was a pastor for over 60 years. His greatest joy came from helping people learn about God and teaching them the way of salvation.

Bro. Bowerman also loved hunting and fishing in his spare time, and always had some kind of story to tell about his adventures. His friends loved to hear those stories.

He served his country for four years during WWII, and liked remembering some of those times.

He was a kind man. He was always willing to help others. He tried to make people smile and laugh. He was a positive influence on those whose lives he touched. He will be missed by so many.

The funeral service was held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 24th, at a church Bro. Bowerman founded and pastored for many years, The Springdale Baptist Church in Fenton Missouri. Interment was in Shepherd Hills Cemetery.



Pastor Eugene Bowerman



Dr. John Adams, was recognized for his 46 years in the ministry by First Baptist Church Mantachie, MS on Sunday, August 21st.. A plaque was presented by State Representative and Deacon Randy Boyd. Each class presented him with cards and gifts, and a video was shown of his works over the past 46 years of his ministry.

Dr. Adams also serves as Executive Director of Moral Action, a ministry of the BMA of America.

Precious Promise to all Believers

“Let not your heart be troubled,; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again. and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also.” John 3:16

lington), and her husband, Daniel Purvis of Oklahoma City. She also leaves behind her brother, Clinton Marcher of Oklahoma City, as well as her step-daughter Danielle A. Vann and her husband, Todd. She was a doting grandmother, lovingly named “Nana” by her three grandchildren Delaney, Madison, and Chappell. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends which are too numerous to name individually.

Services were held July 14, 2016, at Harvest Hills Baptist Church, Yukon, OK. A service was also held July 16th at McSpadden Funeral Home Ellington, MO. Burial was in Helvey Cemetery

NEW AND IMPROVED ANNUAL CHURCH SURVEY

BMA America established the Information Services department to support our local churches, associations, departments, agencies, and missionaries by providing the most up-to-date, accurate information possible. The Annual Church Survey (formerly Annual Church Letter) provides the entire BMA with that information to not only measure the effectiveness of Information Services, but to connect and build relationships with each other. This information provides a snapshot of the gospel impact BMA churches are making in their local communities.

Every BMA church will receive the Annual Church Survey by mail by Labor Day. The survey is now:

- shorter and asks only the most relevant, useful information.
- pre-populated so you can see the information we have on file.
- online at bmaamerica.org to allow updates and changes throughout the year.

Information Services is making a renewed investment in our churches to make the process easier and information more accessible. You church can help by responding to the survey and by visiting our website often to stay up to date and informed.

For more information, contact John Meriweather john@bmaamerica.org or Lauren Noland lauren@bmaamerica.org.

Exceed Information: Embrace Transformation: Improvements to Compass Aim for Life Change

by *Scott Attebery*

“I’ll skip Bible Study this week. It’s not like it will make a difference anyway.” Not make a difference? Surely that can’t be right. Unfortunately, for many church members, that’s an accurate description.

According to several studies over the past two decades, weekly Sunday school classes have had very little impact on the way members live. For many churches, Sunday school has become a come-and-go, take-it-or-leave it meeting. Simply put, many Sunday school and small groups don’t really make a difference.

DiscipleGuide aims to help churches revitalize Bible study groups and Sunday school classes through improvements to Compass Adult Bible Studies beginning in December of 2016. The DiscipleGuide team has worked diligently for over two years to enhance the curriculum to bring about greater gospel transformation in the lives of small group and Sunday school class members.

Because the Word of God changes lives, every church must intentionally teach and disciple members to grow strong in Scripture. Small group leaders and Sunday school teachers have a powerful opportunity to impact lives. For this reason, a church’s choice of curriculum is of utmost importance.

The updated Leader Guide will provide greater preparation tools for each lesson. In addition, each study guide will deliver interactive, practical discussion questions to help group members apply biblical truth immediately.

To request a Compass sample packet, including lesson samples and helpful leader videos, call 800-333-1442 or visit discipleguide.org/sample today.

Her Battle Is Over!!

Sonya Elaine Purvis
July 30, 1960 -
July 11, 2016



Sonya Elaine Purvis

Sonya Elaine Purvis, 55, was born in Nashville, TN on July 30, 1960, and passed away peacefully into her Savior’s arms on Monday, July 11, 2016, from triple negative and inflammatory breast cancer. She fought bravely and boldly for two and a half years. Sonya was the daughter of Melvin and Mary Marcher. She grew up in Ellington, MO and graduated in 1978 from Ellington High School. Sonya accepted Christ as her Savior at the age of 13 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Ellington under the ministry of Pastor Noel Meade. After graduation, Sonya moved to Oklahoma City, OK and attended The Oklahoma School of Banking and Business. She graduated in 1979. Sonya worked in the commercial insurance field for many years spending the last seventeen years with Midland Management. She met and married her husband, Dan in 1986, and helped raise his only daughter, Danielle. She enjoyed spending time with her family, making quilt tops, reading, traveling, and camping. Sonya is preceded in death by her father, Melvin. She is survived by her mother, Mary Marcher of Ellington, MO (Antioch, El-

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Pray for The Ladies' Retreat September 16-17, 2016

Ladies, Don't Give Up!!

Ladies, you do some great work when you minister to our children and I know it gets frustrating and sometimes you want to give up. But, don't give up! You are planting seed that will grow and bear fruit in these young lives. I have received from time to time notes, letters, and e-mails from some of our young ladies in GMA's. I know they are required to do this, but I want you to know it is a good thing for you to "make" them do. Here is an example of the kind of notes I receive: "Brother Hoffmann,

Thank you for informing us on updates about Camp Garwood and other things going on in the churches and letting us know the preachers that are available to be called. My favorite part of the paper is seeing all the pictures from camp and seeing people from other churches in Missouri. You are very important to God's plan for many lost folks that read the Missouri missions paper. I hope you keep doing what you do and serving God with all your heart. Again, thank you so much for all you do.

Your Christian sister"

Don't Give up! first, because you are instilling in these young ladies a good attitude toward those who work for the Lord and showing them how to express appreciation to those individuals.

Don't Give up! second, because these notes are a blessing to us who receive them! They encourage us to do better because others are noticing and are being blessed by what we are doing!

Don't give up!!! One day you will see it has been worth it all!

Prisoners Bible Crusade

PO Box 696 • Picayune, MS 39466

Free Bibles to Chaplains for Prisoners
A Ministry of the Lee's Chapel #2 Baptist Church

I am excited about giving this report! First to date this year we have given 4,855 Bibles; 420 New Testaments; 4,190 Study books. (Note! A 20-30 page SS size study book costs about \$.40-\$.50 each). Some of these Study books came from our BMAA Ladies sending us their new and used books. I Sent those into women's prisons. We can use any study books in this ministry, Just remove names. Used books with answers to questions is Okay.

Chaplains report 591 prisoners saved this year.

Eleven new chaplains this year.

If you know of any prison or jail volunteers that needs Bibles, let us know.

Second: I am excited to report that once again we can get an exclusive printing of the gospel of John and the book of Romans together in a Bilingual format of English and Spanish for the PBC. Praise the Lord!

Since this is special printing we needed to go for 14,000, which is what the big presses will print on two rolls of pa-

An Open Letter To all BMAA Churches

by Executive Director
Steve Crawley Phd

Lifeworld, your partner in gospel media programming around the world, is reaching more people every year because of BMA churches. Your generous support has allowed Lifeworld to broaden its broadcast footprint to thirty-eight languages and a potential listening audience of two billion! Lifeworld is reaching more people every year because of your involvement in our unique media ministry. Moreover, the Lifeworld Community Radio network has grown to forty-three stations around the globe and is ever expanding, paving the way for new mission churches.

Lifeworld's most important day of the year is coming soon, so mark your calendars: October 23 is 2016 Lifeworld Sunday, an emphasis day for church members to learn about, pray for and give to Lifeworld Media Ministries. To show our appreciation, one pastor will receive a 60-inch TV just for registering to participate at lifeworld.org/lifeworldsunday/.

For thirty-five years BMA churches have used the Walk for the World as a catalyst to raise needed broadcast funds. The Walk still works well for many churches, but we realize that every church has its own unique way of plugging into this effort. What's most important is that all churches find a way to support Lifeworld in a way that works best for them.

To help you do this, we have sent Lifeworld Sunday

per. Dr. Humberto Gomez worked closely with Victory Baptist Press and is the translator for the book. It is translated from KJV 1611 and 1769 Edition. Again it my understanding that our ministry is the only ministry that has and will receive this Bilingual format of John and Romans at this present time.

Victory Baptist Press does

LifeWord Sunday October 23, 2016 • Pray • Give • GO!!

LifeWord's New Daily Broadcast

September 12, Lifeworld will begin a new daily broadcast called Day by Day. This "social-media cast," as Donny Parish calls it, will be aired at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday through Friday on Lifeworld Media Ministries' Facebook page.

Lifeworld has not had a daily presence in North America for almost twenty-five years when Station WWL in New Orleans aired the Harvest Gleaner Hour program on channel 870 AM. The fifteen-minute program included music recorded in the Conway studios and Bible teaching recorded in Red Oak, Texas, by Dr. Harold E. Henderson.

The long-format broadcast was suspended in the early 1990s due to cultural changes and cost-prohibitive airtime. Lifeworld has always adapted to changing media, so the ministry made the decision to expand its footprint globally to those who had the greatest need for the gospel.

Now, the advent of the internet and social media has allowed Lifeworld to reenter the American media scene with this short-format program. The Stories series, Facebook videos of changed lives due to the gospel, has been successful, so Parish had the idea of a daily broadcast that "harkens back to the Day by Day program, which was written by former Lifeworld Executive Director George Reddin."

Donny says, "We want to be an encouragement to people in BMA churches all over the world. We'll be sharing the exciting things going on around the world from our missionaries and Lifeworld. And we want to share the exciting things going on in our BMA churches as well. It will be three-and-a-half minutes of encouragement from God's Word and God's people and we invite people to share the videos on their own social media."

To see and share Day by Day, "like" Lifeworld Media Ministries' Facebook page. To let Lifeworld know about your church's ministries and outreach, tag Donny in your posts.

packets to all BMA churches. Packets include the 2016 Lifeworld video (to be shown on Lifeworld Sunday), a poster, and a bulletin insert sample which can be ordered for your entire congregation when you register. Detailed information about Lifeworld Sunday, church registration, T-shirts and guidelines for the TV drawing are found at lifeworld.org/lifeworldsunday/.

Lifeworld is an extension of your church. Thus, your investment in this ministry means you have a part in every believer who comes to Christ through the broadcasts and programming. Thanks again for your confidence and for partnering with us in fulfilling the greatest cause on the face of the earth.

not sell Bibles and Books, but receives donations for materials printed. I want to donate \$.50 per book towards the printing of this 125 page book.

Our supporters know that I very seldom ask for extra funds. We take what funds we receive and carry on the ministry with the amount that comes in.

With this special printing I am asking that any extra offerings be sent to help us with this project. If you can help, please mark the offerings as B-L J&R printing. Prisoners Bible Crusade, PO Box 696, Picayune, MS 39466. phones: Office, 601.798.1341; Cell, 601.916.2486.

Serving His Servants,
Bro. Paul Lee

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

**Compatibility of God's Sovereignty and
Man's Free Will**

by Dennis Baker, Brotherhood President

Because of limited space, this article is not meant to answer all the questions or address all the categories that the subject presents. It is my prayer and purpose to give the reader something to think about that may enable a greater understanding of Scripture.

In my early ministry I assumed I had to make a choice between God's Sovereignty or Man's Freewill. I had to be either a Calvinist or Armenian. However, I now take the position that God's Sovereignty and Man's Freewill, are Compatible. In other words, Man's Freewill must work within the boundaries of God's Sovereignty.

Acts 2:23, "Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain." 1 Peter 1:18-20, "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you..." God's foreknowledge is linked with the will of God and not just advanced knowledge that man would sin.

Romans 10:9-13, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." John 3:15-16, "That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." 2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

There is not a contradiction between what God commands and says he desires and what he actually wills. Certainly murder is prohibited in Scripture, and yet the death of Jesus by execution was willed by God. Certainly God is not willing that any should perish, yet He does not provide universal salvation. Because of unbelief, not all will be saved.

I offer this thought for your consideration. Jesus Christ died on the cross for the sins of all mankind, but God will only save those who believe. Human nature cannot be changed by social reform or education. It must be changed by the supernatural work of God. No one can predict or control who will experience the new birth. It is ultimately God's doing; even conversion depends on the work of the Holy Spirit. Salvation requires a recognition of one's own sins and a determination to abandon the self-centered way of life. Faith requires correct belief regarding the nature of God and what He has done. However, correct belief is insufficient. There must be a desire to commit oneself to God. One person's conversion experience may be different from other's. What is important is that there is genuine repentance and faith. The new birth is not felt when it occurs. It will, rather, establish its presence by producing a new sensitivity to spiritual things, a new direction of life, and an increasing ability to obey God.

Announcement

The 6th Annual BMA of Missouri Brotherhood Retreat is Friday September 30, 2016 and Saturday October 1, 2016 at Camp Garwood. Speaker is Bro. Joey Duckworth. Make plans to attend and bring a friend.

Program

Friday Evening 7:30 p.m.

Supper
Program: Bro. Joey Duckworth

Saturday 7:30 a.m.

Breakfast
Archery Competition
Lunch
Dismissal

Who Can Attend?

Adult men and young men who have an interest in outdoor activities. We encouraged you to bring your friends who do not attend church. **Please Note: Anyone over 18 planning to stay overnight at the Retreat MUST complete the online application. If you were okay for camp this year you are okay for the retreat. This is a requirement for all who use the camp overnight. More info concerning that is available online at bmamissouri.org**

What is the Cost?

There is no cost for those attending, but an offering will be taken to help with expenses.

What is the Purpose

To provide an avenue for fellowship and encouragement for the men of all ages. There will be a bunch of door prizes, food and also Trophies for the winners!!

What to Bring

Archery equipment, personal items, sheets, blankets (or sleeping bag), and pillow. Beds, food and fun are provided.

Questions: Contact the following for more information:

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**National Galilean Camp 2017
New Location & New Date**



2016-2017 National Galilean Officers (left to right): Braeden Martin (MS) - 1st Vice President; Maverick Hendrix (MS) - Music Director; Seth McGhee (AR) - Historian; Jonathan Moore (TX) - 2nd Vice President; Matthew Burroughs (AR) - Secretary; Cole Krissel (AR) - President.

National Galilean Camp 2017 will meet June 29 - July 2 at StoneRidge Baptist Camp in Smithville, Arkansas.

Registration will begin at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 29. The camp will end Sunday morning, July 2 around 10:00 a.m. The camp will close with an early worship service after breakfast.

It is, of course, with sadness, but with many fond memories that we end our long history of National Galileans meeting at Daniel Springs Camp in Gary, Texas. We will always remember and cherish our times at Daniel Springs.

It is also with excitement and good expectations that we begin a new journey and tradition for National Galilean Camp.

StoneRidge Baptist Camp is owned and operated by the Jonesboro Missionary Baptist Association of Arkansas.

We appreciate Camp Manager, Scott Small, making the camp available to National Galileans for a very affordable price of \$72.00 per camper. This will greatly help

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our local churches as most of our Galilean groups raise money to pay for their camp registration fees. Scott has served as a Galilean Counselor in the past and holds the Galilean Ministry in high esteem. We know Scott and his staff will be a blessing to us, and I know our boys and men will do our best to be a blessing to them.

The camp is located in the beautiful Ozark hills of Northeast Arkansas. The camp facilities will meet our needs well and give us plenty of room to grow. We have a place for your local church group of men and boys to come.

Make plans now to attend National Galilean Camp next summer.

We want to assure our Galilean boys and Counselors that the camp program that was adopted at our National Galilean Officer's Planning Meeting in July will be carried out at StoneRidge Baptist Camp. We will just be having camp in a different location.

The 2017 theme is AGAPE, I Corinthians 13: 1-3. We will be preaching and teaching about: Who is the Love? John 3:16; What Do We Love? John 15:13, Matthew 22: 35 -40; When Do We Love? II Corinthians 11:23-28; Where Do We Love? Matthew 5:16; How Do We Love? Luke 5:11-24, John 3:18; and Why Do We Love? John 4:19.

Some good reasons to send your boys to National Galilean Camp are: so lost boys can be saved; so Christian boys can be with other Galilean boys who love the Lord and know they are not alone in living for God; so your boys can participate in a great intermural sports program where the emphasis is on sportsmanship and competing in a Christian way; so your boys can learn about our BMA work and Missionaries; so your boys can get points for his team by memorizing and reciting Bible verses; and so your boys can make friends for life with boys and men from other states.

A camp brochure will be mailed to your church containing detailed information about registering for National Galilean Camp. Information about National Camp will also be posted on our website, galileans.com.

For more information call Kenneth Colvert at 479.629.3258 or e-mail krcolvert@cox.net.

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had been taking in water from the river, and over the years the algae and minerals in the river water corroded and destroyed the cylinder walls of the motor. We decided to rebuild the motor and install a radiator for the cooling system. The drive shaft, U-bolts, etc. were all rusted and in need of replacement. However, before all this work began, David received an invitation from people who lived along another huge river, the Intenis, which intersects the Mamoré and comes from deep within Brazil. As he made contact with several new villages along the Intenis, God began to refresh his vision for the Arrington River Boat.

Instead of selling the boat, we decided to repair and renovate it and begin a completely new era in Brazil. Several of our men along the river are bilingual and speak both Spanish and Portuguese. They, along with David, have made contact with several villages in Brazil and already have several believers along the new river. In early July, I visited the boat to accompany David and the crew on the "maiden voyage" of the newly repaired boat. On the trip, we found that the radiator was too small to continually cool the motor, and the air flow was not sufficient to cool the water as it circulated through the radiator. David and his mechanical abilities solved the problem by circulating the water with a lot of coolant through a barrel filled with clean water. After a few adjustments, the motor was tuned up, smoothed out, and fully functional.

Here is the good news. Many new churches are being started in the northwestern waterways of Brazil. A new era of min-

What Would He Answer?

A man once said to a servant of the Lord, "I am such a helpless, miserable sinner: there is no hope for me. I have prayed and resolved and tried and vowed until I am sick of my unavailing efforts.

"Do you believe that Christ died for our sins and rose again?" was the reply.

"Of course I do."

"If He were here on earth in bodily and visible form, what would you do?"

"I would go to Him at once."

"What would you say to Him?"

"I would tell Him that I am a lost sinner."

"What would you ask him?"

"I would ask Him to forgive and save me."

"What would He answer?"

The man was silent. "What would He answer?" At last the light came into his eyes, and a smile of peace stole over his face as he whispered, "He would answer, 'I will.'"

The man went away believing, rejoicing with joy unspeakable and full of glory; and since that time he has been working faithfully for the Christ who saved him for nothing.

--Sunday School Times

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

istry is now being realized, and soon the Brazilian Association will have a ministry begun by Bolivian missionaries. God is exciting many people with his vision for the villagers along the Intenis River in Brazil.

Here is our dilemma! The funds which were available for the ministry of the Arrington have been depleted! The nec-



The newly renovated M.S. Arrington

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).

Seeking A Pastor

Bethany Baptist Church of St. Louis, Missouri is seeking a bi-vocational pastor who wants to be used of God to build His work in our area. Contact James Hoffmann 314-277-8644 or Earl Johnston 314-650-7060.

Be a DEWER and give a Dollar Every Week to help Camp Garwood

essary repairs cost almost \$12,000. As the ministry continues along the rivers of Brazil, we desperately need to replace these funds and spend our time and efforts evangelizing the river people in Brazil. Our plans are to invite the leaders of BMA Brazil to help with this ministry as funds become available. As you read this article and view these photos, will you pray for the future of this worthy ministry? Will you consider a gracious one-time or monthly offering to help us reach this new area with the gospel? May God receive the glory as we rejoice in his blessings.