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“Holding Forth The Word of Life”

Philippians 2:16

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*Unto Us  
a Child is Born*



The arrival of the Greatest Gift Ever Given was announced by the Angel to the shepherds,

“Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord....”

Luke 2:10-11. **Your editor and his wife** pray that each of us will continue to spread the GOOD NEWS as the shepherds did after they saw the Christ child. “And when they (the shepherds) had seen it (the baby), they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child... And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.” Luke 2:17, 20.

May each of us find true JOY in Christ and live this next year telling others about HIM!

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each of our readers!**

*Bro. and Sis. Hoffmann*

**New Pastor and family at Ozark Heights, Potosi**

He was ordained December 4th.



Read more about the ordination & the Kingston Family on page 3

## Help For Struggling Churches God Repositioning His Resources for Future Growth

**BMA of Missouri Loan Committee Providing financial assistance to the churches of the BMA of Missouri.**

As a department of the BMA of Missouri it is our desire and goal to partner with the various departments of the association to support the churches of the BMA of Missouri in their effort to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We respect and honor the authority and autonomy of the local church in their effort to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit in their ministry. The leadership of the local churches and the leadership of the various departments of the BMA of Missouri are a team that God has assembled and is using to be a witness to a state that needs the gospel.

One of the services of the Loan Committee is to assist churches whose membership has dwindled and are struggling to the point that their future is uncertain. The church may have a concern that someone who does not value the doctrinal beliefs and articles of cooperation of the BMA of Missouri, comes in and votes them out taking over the property.

Recently, a BMA of Missouri church has taking advantage of this service provided by the Loan Committee. The process included an agreement signed by the President of the Loan Committee and the trustees of the church. The agreement provided for transfer of fifty percent ownership of the buildings and property to the BMA of Missouri. The BMA of Missouri is not responsible for any upkeep on the property, buildings, equipment, payment of insurance, and building or liability claims. The BMA of Missouri is shown as joint-insured on liability and property insurance policies. The agreement also allows for transfer of ownership back to the church if the church presents a written request stating that in regular business conference two-thirds of the church membership present voted that they support the Doctrinal Statement, Statement of Principles of Cooperation, and By-Laws of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri. Also, the property shall be released back to the church only after all financial obligations to the BMA of Missouri have been paid in full. The church also included in the Quit-Claim Deed that if the church ceases to exist as an active congregation that the whole ownership will be passed to the BMA of Missouri. The Loan Committee appreciates this church for their trust in our commitment to serve their financial needs. We are thankful for their desire to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with the people of Missouri, regardless of the uncertainty of their future.

Our hearts are saddened when we hear of churches, that have a long history of being faithful to the cause of Christ, struggling to the point that their future is uncertain. But instead of classifying this as defeat or failure lets be positive, God may be repositioning His resources. Were in this together!

If this service is something that your church might be interested in, please contact me for more information. I will be happy to meet with you and try to address any questions and concerns your church may have. My phone number is: 636-461-1625. My E-mail is: bbsafety4332@gmail.com.

*Dennis Baker, President  
BMA of Missouri Loan Committee*

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# NEWS BRIEFS



Greetings from **Lower Doe Run, Ellington**, for a Blessed Christmas Season. We celebrate the coming of the Christ Child, His sinless life, His sacrifice for our sin, His resurrection and ascension to the Father. God blessed in worship on Thanksgiving when David, Glenda, and Sam Glikeson joined the church. They have been attending for some time and we rejoice that they made that commitment at this time. We enjoyed a Sunday afternoon service at Riverways Manor in Van Buren with Sis. Irene last month and look forward to having a service with the Brent T. Tinnin Home in Ellington in December. The elderly love to sing the old hymns. Our Ladies Bible Study was hosted at the home of Helen Morris last month. One visitor attended but others couldn't come. We look forward to the next meeting December 3rd at the same venue hopefully with more ladies. Individual study is great but group study blesses in a special way. Barbara and Carolyn were blessed to attend the Mid America Gospel Sing in Farmington on Thursday of the convention. On a sad note, a family of the church lost their house by fire this month. The five family members survived but lost everything else. Pray for this dear family.  
Melvin Meade, Pastor • Carolyn Meade, Reporter

Greetings from **Bethany, St. Louis**. Madelyn Mitchell's friend, Christian Graham, presented himself for membership December 4th and after baptism will become a member. We want to wish everyone God's blessings as we celebrate the birth of His Son. We pray for health and safety for all. Bro. and Sis. Dunn and their family have moved into the parsonage and are getting settled. A young man from our community came by Tuesday evening and helped Bro. Dunn get his refrigerator off the truck and into the house. He just "happened" to be where he was needed. We invited him to our services, and pray he will respond by coming. God's angels are everywhere. We are having our Christmas luncheon on the 4th. A group is planning to go to Arnold on the 10th, to a Christmas program, On the 11th we will have our Christmas program in the morning service. Please continue to pray for Sis. Tiny Blanchard and the Cooper family and Bro and Sis. Dale Schwaderer. They are all very dear to the Bethany family. We wish everyone a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season. God bless.  
Nic Dunn, Pastor • Kathy Chapman, Reporter

We tried two new "firsts" this Fall at **Bates Creek, Potosi**. We held a community night and was pleasantly surprised and excited to see around 60 members of the local community. Wow! One of those families has already started visiting. We also hosted a Trunk or Treat. It was lots of fun. There were even a few community members that came back to pass out candy with us. Bates Creek celebrated a special Thanksgiving dinner together the week before Thanksgiving. The catered dinner gave the ladies a break and was enjoyed by all. We were blessed to be able to put a float in the local Christmas parade. The WMA service project for the year was collecting King James Bibles to distribute in the parade to our own community. Wow...what a huge blessing it was to watch people's faces light up as they were given a brand new Bible. Our youth group will finish out the year at Youth Alive. Start praying now for all of the young people and sponsors from all of our churches that will be attending this amazing conference that is centered around worship. May many souls be directed to him. Merry Christmas to all of our sister churches. May we all be found doing His work according to His will in the upcoming year.  
Leonard Knight, Pastor • Sara Buckley, Reporter

**Landmark, DeSoto**, has had a good month once again. Since

we didn't get to do anything for our pastor during pastor appreciation month, he was honored the first Sunday evening of November. He may or may not have appreciated it much. There was a puppet show and believe it or not, the puppets roasted him. Of course, it was all in fun and I don't think he minded too much. There is also a rat in the puppets and I think he stole the show. After the puppet show, which actually started with the puppets singing quartet music, there were a few church members that also roasted him a bit, but in the long run, let him know how much they loved him and Sis. Ruth. After services, there was a beautifully decorated cake and ice cream for everyone to enjoy. We are still studying the book of Revelation on Wednesday nights. It is very interesting and a lot of discussion makes it a bit slower, but that is as it should be with this wonderful book of prophecy. We had a young couple come into our membership and we are so glad they are now an integral part of Landmark. I want to tell you about this very special young couple, so I am not going to include their names, although they probably wouldn't mind. When she became pregnant, it was apparent that they were going to have a multiple birth. They were expecting 5, yes, 5 babies. The doctor advised them to abort two of them so the others could survive. They refused, knowing that God had a hand in it, and that God is not in favor of abortion. As it turned out, two of them experienced an infection and they had to take the babies early, before the other three were infected. The two with the infection, were stillborn, but the other three survived and are doing well. One of those little babies, a girl, was only 14 ounces when born, and another little girl and a little boy both weighed less than 2 pounds. What a blessing this family has been to Landmark and I

hope that they are for years to come. I consider that they are miracle babies for sure. We are sure glad that they have made Landmark their home church. Another blessing we had this month was having Bro. Jeff and Sis. Coleen Franks with us on the 20th, when we had our Thanksgiving dinner at church. They spoke in the morning services and stayed for the fellowship dinner afterwards. They are a special couple and we appreciate so much their service as missionaries for the last 22 years or so in the Ukraine. They spoke of the direction that God is leading them at this time. We extend our sympathy to the Sohn family on the death of their very special cousin, Janet. Janet had Cerebral Palsy since birth, I believe. I know she was in a wheel chair ever since I have known her and that is over 50 years. I can honestly say, that there was never a time that Janet didn't have a big smile on her face. That was the testimony of all that spoke of her, even the employees of the nursing home where she had lived for the last 10 years. I believe that she knew Christ as her Savior and loved attending the church services at the home. Her mother and dad divorced many years ago and she went to live with her mother. After her mother passed, she lived with her dad until he passed. Her siblings had to put her in the nursing home since they all worked, but they never neglected her in anyway. As a matter of fact, I never saw a family band together to care for her as they did. Quite a testimony.

I feel sure that I've missed something in my report, but hopefully I will be forgiven for it. Until next month, or the Lord's Return,  
Wayne Gibson, Pastor • Sharon Page, Reporter

**Lindsay Lane, Florissant**, had a plentiful Fall season with many praises to report. We rejoiced in the baptism of Rachel Leal in September and welcomed her to our church family. In October we observed the Lord's Supper with our new pastor, Brian Meade leading us. We continue to have visitors in every service and several Soccer families have been attending regularly. Also, we celebrated the end of our third Youth Soccer League with an Awards Ceremony and Banquet, feeding 350 soccer players and their families. It was our privilege to send our Pastor Brian and his wife Dawn to the Pastor's Oasis this year. We so love and appreciate their service and passion for the Lord and working with our congregation in so many ways. Several of our ladies had a Women's Retreat at the Lake of the Ozarks, and had a great time of bonding around God's Word and building deeper relationships. November we had fellowship around our annual Church Thanksgiving Dinner,

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## FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • November 2016

### General Fund:

Balance October 31, 2016		\$	133,427.84
November Receipts:	\$	<u>2,292.67</u>	\$ <u>2,292.67</u>
Total Available		\$	135,720.51
Disbursements:			
Assistant Director's Salary	\$	500.00	
Supplies	\$	131.79	
VSM (Rebecca Son)*	\$	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$	1,631.79	\$ <u>(1,631.79)</u>
Balance November 30, 2016:		\$	134,088.72

\* Sent to BMA of America Missions designated for Rebecca's Mission Trip as a Volunteer Student Missionary in the summer of 2017. Approved by Special Missions Committee subject to approval of the churches of the BMA of MO in our mid-year meeting.

## Camp Garwood Report

(One of our greatest Mission Points in Missouri)

As 2016 comes to an end. I would like to say Thank You! To all the Churches and camp supporters this year. Thank you for consistently supporting camp. But more than that, Thank you for the prayers, for the words of encouragement and for all the help this year.

There is not much to report this month. Not a lot of activity in Garwood this time of year. We had a few hunters stay on the grounds in November. It sounds like they enjoyed staying at camp during the hunting season. I have made the trip to shut down and drain the water. We have also serviced the mower getting it ready to go next summer.

Looking forward to next summer we have several things to be excited about. The new dorm should be under construction soon. We are working on a couple new recreation ideas. And we are looking forward to hearing from our friends Shawn Hammondtree and Jordan Bowen again.

While there isn't a lot going on at camp, tis the Season for prayer. Pray for camp, for the workers on the dorm, for the committee, cooks, teachers, musicians, helpers, sponsors and especially for the lost that will be at camp next Summer.

Be sure to mark your calendars for camp week **July 31-Aug 4, 2017.**

## Merry Christmas!!

Chris, Laura, Deekota, Caleb, Chloe, and Abby  
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## From Our Assistant Director...

During the month of November my wife accompanied me as I preached at two of our churches that do not have pastors. It was a blessing to be with the folks at Bethlehem, Doniphan November 6th. These good folks are a blessing as they continue to be faithful in the Lord's work even though they have not had a pastor for quite some time. We were inspired by their hospitality and fellowship.

November 20th we were with Temple, Belgrade and were once again blessed with their fellowship and hospitality. These faithful folks are trying to carry on the Lord's work under a heavy load as

they have been without a pastor for a while and they lost a faithful deacon leader when God called him home in October. They need our prayers as they adjust to new responsibilities each week.

We recently visited the morning service at Faith, St. Charles and enjoyed hearing Pastor Justin Arender preach. God blessed them with an entire family, plus two other young ladies, joining by baptism that morning. It was a blessing to be with them on this occasion.

That afternoon we attended the ordination of Bro. Brian Kingston at Ozark Heights and rejoiced when we heard that he had the privilege of

baptizing three of his children that morning.

When we returned home that evening we heard the good news that a young man came for baptism at Bethany that morning.

God is still working in the churches of the BMA of Missouri and we need to be rejoicing together and encouraging one another in His work.

Thank you for allowing me to serve in this capacity and thank you for the Christmas bonus. My wife and I look forward to working with you and wish each of you a

**Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year.**

## Pastor Ordained at Ozark Heights

At the request of Ozark Heights Baptist Church near Potosi 12 ordained pastors and deacons gathered along with other friends, family and church members to participate in or observe the ordination of their new pastor, Bro. Brian Kingston.

While the congregation sang some hymns the ordained personnel met to organize the ordination counsel. The following men made up the counsel: Ben Kingston, James Hoffmann, Brian Meade, Jamie Haguewood, Jim Ainley, Sam Eye, Bob Dement, David Wright, Don Crawford, Steve Read, David Mailes, and Tom Rudloff. They elected Ben Kingston to act as moderator and preach the message, Brian Meade to serve as clerk, Gary Gilliam (member of Ozark Heights) to present the candidate and his wife, Jamie Haguewood to lead the questioning of the candidate, David Wright to lead the ordination prayer, and David Mailes to present the Bible.

The service continued with the presentation of Bro. and Sis. Kingston and each being asked to give their testimony of salvation, Bro. Haguewood then questioned Bro. Kingston

who gave witness to his call to preach and qualifications both spiritual and intellectual with a good understanding of God's Word and Will for his life.

Satisfied with the candidate's qualifications the counsel recommended to the church to proceed with the ordination. The church responded with asking the counsel to proceed.

The counsel proceeded with prayer and laying hands on the candidate. Ben Kingston (Uncle of the candidate) brought the message and charges to the candidate and the church. A Bible was pre-

## Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus

*I see my Lord in the Bible  
Whenever I chance to look;  
He is the theme of the Bible,  
The center and heart of the  
Book.*

*He is the Rose of Sharon;  
He is the Lily fair.  
Whenever I open the Bible,  
The Lord of the Bible is  
there.*

*He, in the Book's beginning,  
Gave the earth its form.  
He is the ark of safety*

sented to the candidate by the Church.

The counsel voted to dissolve and the service was turned over to Gary Gilliam who dismissed the service and invited everyone to stay for fellowship and food.

The Kingston family (pictured on page 1) consists of Brian, his wife Erin, and children: Mataya, Victoria, Nanette, Zebediah, and William. As noted in their church report, Mataya, Victoria, and Nanette were baptized by their dad in the morning service the day of his ordination.

Ozark Heights rejoices in having this family with them and look forward to many blessing as they work together.

*That bears the brunt of the  
storm.*

*The burning bush of the  
desert,  
The budding of Aaron's rod.  
Whenever I open the Bible,  
I see the Son of God.*

*The ram upon Mount Moriah,  
The ladder from earth to sky,  
The scarlet cord in the  
window,  
The serpent lifted high,*

*The smitten rock of the desert,  
The shepherd with staff and  
crook---  
Whenever I open the Bible,  
I see the Lord in the Book.*

*He is the Seed of the woman,  
The Savior virgin born;  
He is the Son of David  
Whom men rejected with  
scorn,*

*The Lord of eternal glory  
Whom John the apostle saw,  
The light of Celestial City,  
The Lamb without spot or  
flaw,*

*The Bridegroom coming at  
midnight  
For whom His people look.  
Whenever I open the Bible,  
I see my Lord in the Book.*

-- Fred H. Sterne

Via - Sword Of The Lord

• **NEWS From Page 2** •

and our AWANA clubbers collected dry food items to help out several families. We sponsored 8 families through McCurdy Elementary School, and supplied them with all the fixin's for a complete Thanksgiving dinner. Our AWANA clubbers also brought extra dues to give a Love offering to our AWANA Missionaries, Michael & Michelle Bowen. Looking forward our teens and sponsors are gearing up for the Alive conference. Our children's Christmas program will be December 18, led by Michelle Shell. In January we are launching Evangelistic Training using Kid's EE, and have begun several Discipleship one-on-one trainings. We pray God's richest blessings on you all during this Christmas season, and are thankful the Lord is using us to reach souls with the gospel and disciple one another.

Brian Meade, Pastor • Mike Jenkins, Reporter

**Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston.** During November we finally succeeded in getting a plumber who would get our water inside our building. The next steps are to (1) get one bathroom operational and then (2) get the auditorium and hallway walls finished so we can begin limited use of the building.

Rodney Dunlap, Pastor

**CHRISTMAS Blessings from Stony Point, Mineral Point.** November 27th we were blessed with Bro. Tom McCanness from Cape preaching the morning service from Revelation 1:12-20, "It's All About JESUS". After morning service Jack Page presented himself for baptism and was given the hand of Christian fellowship. Sunday, December 4th Gregory Hamby presented himself for baptism and was given the hand of Christian fellowship. They will both be baptized December 11th. We welcome them. God is so good.

Claude Evans, Pastor • Debrah Coleman, Reporter

We've had a great month at **Zion, St. Louis.** Bro. Van widger and Bro. and Sister Callahan joined. Sunday afternoon, we are having a great time studying and teaching how to witness to the cults. The students are looking up information on the internet and then sharing their findings to the class. Then we have class discussion and sort through all the information to determine what we need to know so we can share the gospel. Its exciting to see the students learning and wanting to be more effect witnesses for the Lord.

Dennis Baker, Pastor

Hello from **Black Creek, Poplar Bluff.** God still reigns and Jesus still saves! We have had a great year in the Lord. This year alone we have had 7 saved, 6 baptized, 4 join by letter and 2 by statement. God has been blessing us more than we deserve. Our baptisms this year have been in the Black River. There is nothing that compares to being in the river in November. Black Creek hosted the annual Cane Creek Association meeting this year. Everyone had a great time of fellowship and blessings. Also Bro. Troy Sisk and Bro. Kenneth Melton attended the Ordination Service at our sister church in Naylor. Among the many new things we have started this year – we now have a Face book page - Black Creek Missionary Baptist Church. Bro. Rob Duckett has been overseeing it for us. In January we started having family night at the church. At the first one, we watched "War Room" and had refreshments. We have since had ice cream socials and fall bonfires. In July we had a back-to-school bash and handed out school supplies. Many children attended with their families. It is great to fellowship with families in the neighborhood. Our attendance has been running in the upper 30's to mid 40's for Sunday morning services and has been almost that for Wednesday night Bible study. In April our children's Sunday school was divided because we had more children than one teacher could teach.

Praise God! We are blessed to have all ages attending – we have some in their 90's and also the pitter-patter of babies' feet learning to walk in the Lord's House. We have been blessed to have visitors almost every week and many who have never been here before. And yes, as some come there have been some go. But God has always supplies our needs as they arrive. Keep us in your prayers as we pray for our sister churches. May God bless you.

Troy Sisk, Pastor

Ellen Boxx, Reporter

Hello from **Ozark Heights, Potosi.** We hope everyone has had a Blessed month. We have so many blessings to be thankful for, Let's not forget to thank God every day for what He does for us. Our church is very thankful for our new Pastor and his family. We have been hearing some great messages and the Bible studies are very interesting, and we are just enjoying the fellowship of our Church family. Bro Brian was very excited to get to baptize his three daughters: Mataya, Victoria and Nanette in the morning service on Sunday and also in the afternoon of the fourth we had his ordination service followed by an evening meal. It was a very humbling day. Pray for our church as we continue to grow and reach out to the community. Pray also for the lost, our country, and all the sick and the ones that have lost their loved ones. Pray that we get GOD back in our schools and government. Until next month. Don't forget JESUS is the Reason for CHRISTmas.

Brian Kingston, Pastor

Naomi Geri Griggs Lawson  
Reporter

Greetings from **Bethlehem of Doniphan!** One of my favorite times of the year is upon us! I am just like a small child when it comes to my birthday which happens to be in November. Plus Thanksgiving and just around the corner is Christmas, the time of our Savior's birth. Without our first birthdate we can't

have our second birth of being a born again Christian. And without Jesus Christ having come to this earth and being born of a virgin we couldn't have our second birth. Praise the Lord for our Salvation! Praise the Lord for all of our brothers and sisters in Christ! For the month of November we were blessed with messages from the following and rejoiced with their wives and/or families: Bro. Jim Hoffmann and Sis. Mary, Bro. Rocky Houston and Sis. Debbie, Bro. Shane Fore and Sis. April with Garrett, Zoey and Luke. And for our tradition on the night before Thanksgiving we were blessed with Bro. Jimmy Decker and Sis. Rebecca and Gabe. As everyone knows Bro. Jimmy is the son of our own member, Sis. Dian Decker. Sis. Dian is about to bust at the seams because in 2017 there is going to be a new baby added and Gabe is going to become a big brother. We were also blessed with having the Youth in the Harvest for the month and with it being the night before Deer Season the turnout was low but we still had fun with the trivia of Good Leaders and Bad Leaders of the Bible. We felt this would be appropriate at this time with the elections just having been held in our country. We need to remember to pray for the leaders of our country now more than ever. Not just the President but each and every officer. Please remember to also pray for our military and our police officers. The Third Sunday Singing was well attended and with enough singers to fill the entire hour and a half. It is such a blessing taking part and also getting to hear others give praise through songs to our Father in Heaven and our Lord Jesus Christ. We wish each and every one a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! 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, Reporter

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## *LifeWord* *Blessings in 2016*

BMA churches have been a great blessing to Lifeword during the 2016 Lifeword Sunday season, and we are very grateful for those who have given so generously to the ministry. For pastors who registered their churches for Lifeword Sunday and sent in their contributions by Monday, December 12, there will be a drawing for a 60-inch TV on Wednesday, December 14 at 11 a .m. on Facebook Live.

Because of the support partnership of BMA churches and their members, four languages have been added this year, bringing the total language count to forty and the total program count to fifty-nine. (There were thirty-six languages and fifty programs at the end of 2015. The following languages, broadcast areas, and programs have been added in 2016:

**Vietnamese** – Lifeword Community Radio (LCR) broadcast in Phnom Penh, heard in Cambodia and Vietnam and called Children for the Great Commission

**Jarai** – broadcast heard in Vietnam and Cambodia and called The Rich Earth

**Swahili** - broadcast heard in Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda and Burundi (98% Muslim area) and called Word of Life

**Leemeh** - LCR broadcast heard in West Africa (99.9% Muslim area with fewer than twenty-five known believers)

New formats added in 2016 were a Fante-language (Ghana) program, a Khmer-language Bible reading format and the "Day by Day" Facebook daily devotional. Also, twelve new Lifeword Community Radio stations were installed in Asia, Africa, and Central and South America.

Please join us as we praise the Lord for his provision through Walk and Lifeword Sunday giving, and join us in prayer for wisdom as we seek his will in other opportunities to spread the gospel.

*Holly Meriweather* <holly@lifeword.org>

## Be A Generous Church

by Larry Barker

II Cor. 9:15 gives us one of the richest statements in Scripture: "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift." Christmas is all about the greatest gift ever given.

The word "indescribable" literally means "too wonderful for words." The words in this verse are the concluding comments of chapters eight and nine. They tell the story of the generosity of a people who display their appreciation through their generosity. This unspeakable gift is the basis, foundation and motivation for all Christian giving.

Your church is never more like Jesus than when you live generous lives. Every church is there to help people find and follow Jesus.

Notice the "helping people!" True biblical prosperity equals generosity.

When Paul was headed to Jerusalem with a love offering from the believers in Macedonia and Achaia, he said they were pleased to make a contribution to the poor. They were not just willing but saw it is a blessing and privilege to help. They were thrilled to have an opportunity to be a blessing.

We need to be mindful of those who may struggle during the holidays. This time of the year is wonderful, but it also reminds many of their loneliness, losses and lack of hope. They need a little extra giving of our time and attention. Their hearts are breaking, and they should not have to face this season alone.

We can be generous with our love, encouragement, prayers and other expressions of kindness. They need to be reminded that they may struggle and suffer for a season, but God's purposes will prevail.

We must make sure our motives are pure in our generosity. What we do is very important, but why we do it is even more important. Remember, God loves a cheerful giver who gives out of their appreciation for Him as the indescribable gift.

Paul told the Corinthians that the key to their giving was their eagerness, and had nothing to do with how much they had. The Gentile believers felt a debt to the Jews who had brought the Gospel to them. Generosity to others comes out of His generosity to us.

Here are some things to consider, as your church desires to be a generous church:

- Make sure you are not defined by what you have, but rather by what you give. People see our nice buildings and wonder if we have placed too much emphasis on what we possess rather than how we can help those who are less fortunate. There is nothing wrong with nice things, but materialism can cause so much focus on what we have that we are then unable to focus on helping others. Do people see your church as a generous church?

- Make sure you are not defined by how much you give but by your willingness to give. II Cor. 8:12 says, "...it is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have." The principle is not equal amount but equal willingness. God does not ask us to give what we do not have. It is not about the size of the gift but the size of your heart in doing what you can to help others. Prov. 3:27 says, "When it is in your power, don't withhold good from the one it belongs to."

- Make sure you are not defined by what you do personally but by how it glorifies God. If you do it for recognition or to be appreciated, you already have your reward. God blesses it most when we do not care who gets the credit. You should be more concerned about Jesus getting the credit than you or your church. We are not in a competition with other churches. We are competing against the devil. Praise the Lord when someone turns to Christ because the love of Christ was displayed to him or her in a practical way.

- Make sure you are not defined by how you look but by



how you live. If you are going to help people you will have to help them where they are, and that can be very messy. They are often broken and looking for someone who cares about them. People want to know you are real, authentic and without pretense. They are not impressed by outward appearances that are not backed up by your daily practices. Matthew 6:1 says, "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of people to be seen by them."

- Let's not be defined by a tight grip but by an open hand. Your church should always be eager to help and ready to respond to the needs of others. Sometimes we hold on too tightly to what has given to us. God told Abram in Gen. 12:2, "I will make you into a great nation, I will bless you, I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing." You are blessed so that you will be a blessing to others. Open your hands and see what God has given your church in order that you might bless your community.

Your church may say it values lost people and wants to be a blessing to the people in your area, but that must be backed up by regular practices that show you really do care. It is not just monetary, it is a combination of investing your time, talents and treasures. God is not asking you to give out of what you do not have; He is looking to see if you are eagerly excited to be generous with what He has entrusted into our hands. Live with open hands, and do not hold on too tightly!

Healthy churches are always generous churches!

via **Baptist Trumpet**

## Faithful Servant Called Home

Minnie Aline (Cloyd) Asberry daughter of the late Mary Williams Cloyd and Worley Cloyd was born at Pilot Point, Texas, September 3, 1934. She departed this life at her residence in Willow Springs, Missouri, November 4, 2016, at the age of 82.

December 25, 1954 in Ellington, Missouri, Minnie was united in marriage to Timmy William Asberry and to this union four children were born.

Minnie was a member of the Antioch Missionary Baptist church in Ellington, MO.

Minnie loved to crochet, read, work puzzles and taking care of her yard and garden. She was known for setting up at the Willow Springs fall festival to sell her crocheted angels, snowflakes, doll clothes, and doilies. She also loved her church family and was faithful in attendance until just two weeks before her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Tim, two brothers, Lloyd and John Cloyd and half-sister, Dorothy Clark.

Minnie is survived by one son, Timmy William Asberry II and wife Eunice of Doniphan, Missouri, three daughters, Christine Lowe and husband Paul of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Linda Banning and husband Danny of Sullivan, Missouri, and Marsha Asberry of Willow Springs, Missouri; 10 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and one brother, James Cloyd of Winchester, Ohio. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends. Everyone who knew her will miss her quick smile and, at times, even quicker wit.

Funeral Services were November 7th at 3 p.m. at McSpadden Funeral Home in Ellington with Elder Ron Fields and Elder Michael Huddleston officiating. Burial was at Santhuff Cemetery Pallbearers: Grandsons Shawn Lowe, Shawn Aaron, John Schwab, Timmy Asberry III, Patrick Bunn, Jason Hoffman, Shane Lawrence.



**Minnie Aline Asberry**

September 3, 1934 -  
November 4, 2016

## Resolutions Passed at our Annual Association in October

**Be it Resolved** that we, the Churches of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri reaffirm our commitment to stand with Israel and pledge to continue to pray for the peace of Israel. (Psalm 122:6)

**Be it Resolved** that we the churches of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri pray and seek God's forgiveness for the corruption that has permeated throughout our nation. America has turned its back on God and is presently reaping the harvest of social upheaval from the political corruption, judicial corruption, financial corruption and religious corruption. We must turn to the God of Heaven for the healing of our land. (II Chronicles 7:14)

**Be it Further Resolved** that we stand united in our fight against the power of darkness in his attempt to destroy the traditional family, our country's foundation, by voicing our opposition of abortion, same-sex marriage, and the creation of so-called "gay rights." (Ephesians 6:10-19)

**Be it Resolved** that we give a standing vote of appreciation to Bethel Missionary Baptist Church and her pastor, Bro. Jerry Adams, for their gracious hospitality in hosting this annual meeting.

Submitted by

Dan Wisely, Claude Evans, and Tom McCanless

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### Washington County District WMA

The Washington County District WMA met on Friday, November 11, 2016, at Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church in Park Hills at 7:30 p.m. There was a good group of ladies and young ladies in attendance. The highlight of the meeting was the program which was introduced by the Youth Director, Dana Dane. The young ladies presented a skit entitled "Appreciation Points". After the meeting was over, we met in the back for fellowship and wonderful refreshments prepared by the Bethesda ladies. The next meeting will be March 10, 2017 and we will meet with Charity Missionary Baptist Church in Bismarck.

Barbara Williams, President

Norma Womble, Reporter

### Mary, Servant of the Lord:

#### A Story of the Annunciation

by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson, Joyful Hearts Renewal Ministries

**Editor's Note:** The following story is an interesting take on the unknown circumstances surrounding the angel's announcement to Mary that God had chosen her to give birth to His Son. Perhaps it will inspire you, as it did me, to realize that as servants of God we should obey Him in all He leads us to do all the time!

"Mary," my mother calls from the path in front of our home on the outskirts of Nazareth, "we'll be back in a while. Make sure you finish the mending." Her voice trails off as she and my little sisters head for market. It's finally quiet. Of course, father and the boys left for the fields hours ago. And now I'm alone, gloriously alone. Alone with my thoughts and dreams — and the family mending.

I sit near the window so the morning sun will light my stitching. I sew and think.... Of turning fourteen last month. Of kind Joseph, the village carpenter, to whom I am pledged. Of how life will be like a year from now when we're married. They'll call me the carpenter's wife, and finally I'll be thought of as a woman rather than just a girl. We'll have children of our own, and....

I hear a step on the threshold and look up. Standing in the doorway is a man, tall — extremely tall — and bright, with a gold sash girding his shining robe. I've never seen him in Nazareth. Who is he? What does he want? He's looking directly at me.

"Shalom, daughter, upon whom the favor of the Lord is resting," he begins. "The Lord is with you!"

What kind of greeting is this? Who am I that he should speak to me so? Should I cry for help? Should I climb out the window and run? But I sit paralyzed with my mending still in my lap, needle and thread fallen to the floor. "What brings you to our humble house, good sir?" The words roll out without me even realizing that I am speaking.

The man stoops to enter the door, and then, as if to put me at ease, he lowers himself on one knee so his imposing height will seem less intimidating.

"Do not be afraid, Mary," he says gently, "You have found favor with God."

I have been holding my breath, I realize, but now relax enough to let it out and take another. His next words, however,

terrify me.

"You will be with child and give birth to a son, and are to give him the name Jesus."

Me "with child"? Bear a son? I'm just a girl in my father's house. But he goes on, and it is all I can do to keep up with the words which sound like a formal decree from a king or someone he represents.

"... You will give him the name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will have no end!"

The man has finished his message for a moment. I brush the hair away from my face. "How will this be," I stammer, "since I am a virgin?"

He must be an angel! The royal manner and presence, the shining garments. I clutch the mending still tighter in my fists.

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you," he answers, "and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God."

He's not talking about my marriage in a year, and a little "Joseph" nine months later. No, he's talking about some kind of miraculous pregnancy, a pregnancy from God Himself. A holy Child who is God's Son, body and spirit.

Why me, a peasant's daughter in a hill-country village? Why is God calling a mother for His holy Son? Why?

The angel doesn't answer my whys, but his tone changes from royal herald to gentle explainer.

"Did you know that your cousin Elizabeth in Judea is pregnant?"

Old Elizabeth, the priest's wife? She must be sixty if she's a day! How amazing! How wonderful!

"Yes," he goes on, "though everyone thought she would never have a baby, she's already six months pregnant!" The angel is smiling, and now I am smiling, too. Elizabeth, six months pregnant! What a divine joke on everyone! How happy she must be! I look at the angel once more, but the smile is gone. There is friendliness and warmth, but no smile.

"Mary," he assures me, "nothing is impossible with God." Then he is silent, waiting.

So I'm to be the mother of the promised Messiah? How can it be? And yet this is God's angel. It must be true!

But what about Joseph, dear Joseph who loves me. He could never understand this. He would never believe this. And my mother and father — the village for that matter — how could anyone understand? I don't understand it either, but I find I believe it. Deep within I know that this angel bears me a message directly from God Himself.

I glance up again. He is still waiting. No convincing, no arguing, no badgering. Just waiting for an answer to take back to his Lord.

"Mary, mother of God's Son." It sounds so strange. I am weeping now, overcome with love for God who is trusting me to carry out this awesome mission for Him.

At the same time thoughts rush in to compete for my attention, thoughts of my future, of Joseph, of my parents, and friends. I can't expect anyone to stand by me through this. Can I bear it? I look at my lap. I have twisted my brother's shirt into a tight roll. I unroll it, and try to pat out the wrinkles.

Yes! I am willing if God will help me. I look up at the angel and speak quietly but clearly: "I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said."

The angel's face beams, and he rises to his full height. My, he is tall! The sun from the window catches his golden sash for just a moment, and moving sparkles cascade upon the walls and ceiling and floor.

Now I hear the sounds of children laughing and glance out the window to see my sisters skipping up the path, my mother a few steps behind them. I motion for the angel to leave quickly, but he is no longer here. The door bursts open, and my

giggling sisters scamper into the room, tumbling the market produce from their aprons onto the table.

"You seem flushed, girl," mother says. "Are you all right?"

"Yes, mother, I'm fine." She looks at the pile of mending, hardly begun, gives me a glare, and then sets about putting away her purchases.

"Mother," I say. "Do you remember cousin Elizabeth who lives down in Judea?"

"Oh yes, old Bessie. My, but it's been a long time since we've seen her and Zechariah!"

"Mother, I'd like to visit her for a little while, if you think that would be okay with father."

"Now whatever put that thought in your head?"

"Mother...."

"We'll see, Mary, we'll see. I'll talk to your father. Now help me cut up these vegetables. Your father and brothers will be back in less than an hour, hungry for their dinner."

"Yes, mother. I'll help right away. I ... I am your servant."

She stares at me for just a moment, till the barest smile forms at the corners of her mouth, and then hands me the kitchen knife. "Okay, Mary, it's all yours," she says with a touch on the shoulder, and she's out the door calling for my sisters, "Sarah! Margaret! Come help with dinner!"...

This story is based on the account in Luke 1:26-38.



*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

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

**Something to Think About**

*Teaching Other Beliefs in Our Churches*

by Dennis Baker, Brotherhood President

How many of us know of people who have been members of conservative Baptist churches that have abandoned biblical teaching and joined organizations with others beliefs? Many of us have been personally affected by family members who have joined these organizations! Our hearts have been broken and we have been made to wonder how people who have been taught conservative Baptist doctrine could ever join these organizations.

Another issue is that, many conservative Baptist fear witnessing to people of other beliefs. When people of other beliefs visit their home, they are not comfortable in talking to them about the Gospel, and those that do try are not effective, because they have never received training. Many of the terms that we as Baptist use in our teaching and preaching are terms that people of other beliefs have in their vocabulary, but they have a different meaning.

I personally have been confronted with both issues and I must confess that I have not always been effective in my response. I have had to deal with church members who have been involved in home studies with people of other beliefs doing the teaching. I have had church members attend funerals of people with others beliefs, who stated that the sermon was a good salvation message. I have been in the homes of church members when people of other beliefs visited them, and they send them away without sharing the Gospel.

Training that I received at the BMA Seminary in Jacksonville, Texas, helped me to deal with both issues. The theology, church history, evangelism, and biblical studies helped me to have a deeper understand of biblical doctrine. Being exposed to other beliefs helped me to understand where many of these false doctrines started. The class material and mentoring provided tools to help me plant seeds of the Gospel message in the minds of people of others beliefs.

I understand that not every conservative Baptist church member will be able to attend seminary. However, this should not stop the local church from providing training and mentoring in other beliefs. If we expose our people to others beliefs, they might have a greater appreciation for biblical doctrine and they might feel comfortable sharing the gospel with people of other beliefs.

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Updated Article from Our Family Ark Files by the late Travis Plumlee

**GRADUAL – STEADY – CONSISTENT**

**Keys to a Better 2017**

It should be no surprise to us that the devil is already trying to mess us up in 2017. That's his job. He never tires of trying to discourage the followers of Christ. But we shall not let him have the victory. We are overcomers. John 16:33. The Lord tells us to be happy because he has overcome the world. He tells us we will have tribulation in this life. Tribulation I think is worse than trouble. Some times in our life, we have troubles. But other times, we have tribulations. Those are the really hard times. Don't be surprised as it says in I Peter 4:12; even in a new year; you will have trials. As long as we are on this earth; there will be good times and hard times in any given year. The devil will try and discourage you through your troubles, but **Jesus is here for you!**

Nothing can come into your life, or that of your family this year, that Jesus has not already conquered. We have the victory in 2017 from day one to the last day because we have Jesus. There is victory in Jesus! Now that I have established our foundational attitude for the year; let's move ahead on the changes we want to make for the better.

As I started out saying, the devil will tell you to just give up the first time you fail. However, our goal is not perfection. No matter what goal or New Year resolution we establish for ourselves; we will still not be perfect. And that is okay. Take a bad habit. It could be smoking, cursing, yelling at a loved one. Maybe you have resolved in your mind to give up that behavior for the New Year. The first time you go ahead and have a cigarette, or eat a Twinkie; the devil will tell you to just give up. Your thought pattern will go something like this: "You blew it. You just did what you said you wouldn't. You are not going to make it. You might as well give up." But don't. Laugh in his face and say out loud the name of Jesus and the enemy has to run. He has no power over us because Jesus has already defeated him, and Jesus is reigning inside of us.

We want to have a pattern of behavioral change that does not necessitate instant perfection with no setbacks. Set a goal of gradual improvement. Walk 3 steps forward and realize you may go one step back. When that happens, don't quit. Pick yourself back up by the power of God and grow on. Eventually, we want to move to steady improvement. This is where we are now going most days in the right direction. We are seeing a steady improvement each month. This is good. The setbacks still happen, but they are becoming less and less frequent. Finally, we want to get to the point where we have consistent improvement. Now we have this new behavior as a habit and part of our daily routine. Occasionally, we will have a setback, but these are rare. It still does

not defeat us because we know we are not perfect. We simply pray to our perfect Heavenly Father and He will lift us up every time. Go read Psalm 37:23, 24 and be encouraged. Your New Year goal for change should be to move from stopping the bad behavior, and moving in a line from steady, to gradual, to consistent.

When you fail; acknowledge the fact. Then, find out what preceded the event that caused you to fail. Recognize this trigger and try and avoid it as much as possible in the future. If work stresses you out, or family does, so that you resort to your negative ways of dealing with it; and you can't avoid work or family; then find new ways to respond to the daily stressors. Occupy your mind by quoting scripture. Pray. Keep your hands busy. Find a ministry or a hobby. Idle hands and idle minds are truly the devil's playground. Don't keep yourself so busy that you are exhausted. Find some balance. But just remember you can control your thinking, and that is the majority of the battle with whatever you seek to overcome in 2017.

Philippians 2:5, "Let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus." Think like Jesus. Proverbs 23:7, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he..." II Corinthians 10:5, "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." Scripture is full of admonitions for us to put our thoughts on Christ, and Godly things and watch what we think about. The mind dictates our behavior. If you don't like doing something and want to change, then you must first change your mind – then change your behavior. The real victory comes from a mind-set of change. And God will give you the power to do this. Don't enter into thinking you are going to change a behavior; if you still have doubt in your mind. The heart dictates the mind, the mind dictates the emotions, and the emotions dictate the behavior. You can't just change the external behavior. Lasting change requires a change of heart and mind.

Finally, change up the environment. Put scriptures up where you can see them. Quit watching certain movies, reading certain magazines, or going certain places. Whatever you are trying to stop; it helps greatly to change the routines and the surroundings. Remember, if you don't have donuts in the house; you are much less likely to eat them! Sing praises to God. That always changes us for the better. Consistently sing unto the Lord and have a great 2017!

**Update On Book Availability**

In last month's issue of the *Missouri Missionary Baptist* I recommended Bro. Louis Asher's book. The family of Bro. Asher has informed me that a paperback copy of the Book,

**John Clarke (1609-1676) Pioneer in American Medicine, Democratic Ideals, and Champion of Religious Liberty** can be purchase online at:

[BaptistStandardBearer.ORG](http://BaptistStandardBearer.ORG)

Dennis Baker

**A Special Way to Honor  
Someone This Christmas**

If you are needing ideas for gifts that will honor someone and bless many others at the same time, consider giving a gift to Camp Garwood in their name. Bro. Chris Polk surely has some ideas that will interest you and will be a blessing to many in the years to come. Your gift could be an item that is needed at camp or a monetary gift to be used as needed. Camp Garwood is a great way to touch lives now and for eternity!

Contact Bro. Chris today at 573-380-1975

## Central Baptist College

### Named to Victory Media's 2017 Military Friendly® Schools List

CBC announced today that it has earned the 2017 Military Friendly® School designation by Victory Media, publisher of G.I. Jobs®, STEM JobsSM, and Military Spouse. First published in 2009, Military Friendly® Schools is the most comprehensive, powerful resource for veterans today. Each year, the list of Military Friendly® Schools is provided to service members and their families, helping them select the best college, university, or trade school to receive the education and training needed to pursue a civilian career.

Institutions earning the Military Friendly® School designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from Victory Media's proprietary survey. More than 1,600 schools participated in the 2017 survey; 1,160 were awarded with the designation. Ratings methodology, criteria, and weightings were determined by Victory Media with input from the Military Friendly® Advisory Council of independent leaders in the higher education and military recruitment community. Final ratings were determined by combining the institution's survey scores with the assessment of the institution's ability to meet thresholds for Student Retention, Graduation, Job Placement, Loan Repayment, Persistence (Degree Advancement or Transfer) and Loan Default rates for all students and, specifically, for student veterans.

CBC President Terry Kimbrow said, "It is an honor to be included on the Military Friendly Schools list for the eighth year in a row. We have a long tradition of working with students who serve or have served our country. We will continue to do whatever it takes to honor their service." Currently, at CBC, 14% of the institution's total student population is comprised of students from various branches of the U.S. Military.

CBC offers an Associate of Science degree in Military Technologies with locations in Conway and in North Little Rock at Camp Robinson. To admitted students, CBC also offers the following benefits to our service men and women: Full time veteran advisers on staff, process enrollment certifications for VA GI Bill Education, Federal Tuition Assistance, tuition discounts of up to 25% for qualifying soldiers, free evaluations of AARTS/SMARTS military transcript, and participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program.

In addition to the Military Technologies Associate's degree, CBC offers over 40 degree programs. Twelve of these programs are offered in the Professional Adult College Education program and six online. This offers the working adult the opportunity to work full time and obtain their college degree.

#### **CBC Adds Church Administration Degree**

Central Baptist College has added a Bachelor of Science degree in Church Administration to its list of Professional Adult College Education (PACE) degree programs. Starting in the spring of 2017, the Church Administration degree will help to prepare students to manage the business and administrative aspects of running a church.

The degree is designed around upper-level courses with an emphasis on business and human resource management and church leadership. Additionally, the student will study accounting, computer applications, and Christian doctrine in lower-level courses. The flexibility of the degree plan allows the student, via choice of elective coursework, to prepare for an entry-level position in church and organizational management, promotion in the field, entry into a graduate program, or even law school.

According to Chad Linn, PACE Department Chair and Director of Online Studies at CBC, "This degree bridges the gap between clergy and business staff by properly training non-pastoral or even pastoral servants. We need to equip churches in this area so that clergy are not overwhelmed or taken by

## The Daniel Springs Investment

Daniel Springs invests in young lives. Since 1965, countless children and teenagers have attended camp with over 10,000 professing faith in Christ! Many BMA pastors and missionaries have surrendered to ministry under the roof of the main tabernacle. The investment Daniel Springs has made in the lives of our young people has produced great fruit.

Now, the camp is in need of investment. Over the past 2 years, lower-than-expected income has resulted in a difficult financial position. Most likely, the camp will have to borrow money to cover operating expenses this year.

The camp belongs to BMA churches. That's why I want to make the need known to you. We need an increase of \$13,000 in monthly support. We are asking churches and individuals to prayerfully consider helping.

The need is urgent and the cause is great. If Daniel Springs has invested in your life, would you be willing to invest in the life of Daniel Springs? With your help, we can ensure a great camp experience for BMA young people for years to come.

You can give online at [danielsprings.com/give](http://danielsprings.com/give) or by sending support (marked "Daniel Springs") to PO Box 1749, Conway, AR 72033.

Thank you in advance for your Daniel Springs investment.

surprise with issues outside of spiritual guidance."

Courses will be offered online and in the classroom and are completed in five-week blocks similar to other non-traditional classes.

Central Baptist College is a four-year, private, liberal arts college owned and operated by the Baptist Missionary Association of Arkansas. For more information regarding CBC PACE and Online programs, call 501-329-6873, e-mail [admissions@cbc.edu](mailto:admissions@cbc.edu) or visit [cbc.edu/itsyourtime](http://cbc.edu/itsyourtime).

## 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](mailto:calebhouston@yahoo.com).

**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](mailto: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](mailto:bkadams27@yahoo.com).

## The Gift That Gives Back

Charitable Gift Annuities are often called "The Gift That Gives Back" and they are available now through the BMA Foundation. They will be issued by The National Christian Foundation on behalf of the BMA Foundation.

Here's how they work. An individual makes a gift to the Foundation and then receives the following in return:

- A fixed amount of income for the remainder of their life
- A federal income tax deduction in the year the gift is made (if they itemize deductions)
- Part of the annual income received is tax free

The following are examples of rates a donor can expect for a single life annuity:

Age	Rate
65	4.7%
75	5.8%
85	7.8%

The fixed payments you receive are backed by the general resources of the National Christian Foundation and are typically reinsured. Reinsurance not only provides you with a higher level of certainty payments will continue for life, it also provides various BMA ministries the option to benefit from the charitable gift annuity at the onset as opposed to the time of the donor's death.

Since gifts to the BMA Foundation are never spent and the annual earnings are distributed to various BMA ministries, proceeds from a Charitable Gift Annuity will help spread the gospel around the world until the Lord returns.

BMA Foundation Executive Director Charles Attebery stated, "We are very pleased to be able to offer this opportunity for individuals to secure income for life in exchange for their gift to the Foundation."

Contact Bro. Attebery by e-mail, [charles@bmaamerica.org](mailto:charles@bmaamerica.org), or cell phone at 501-472-2183 for additional information.