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## **BMAA Seminary Offers FREE Online Class**

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## **BMA of Missouri Renewal Retreat for Pastors and Pastoral Staff**

**March 17-18, 2017**  
by Ben Kingston, Facilitator

Last October The BMA of Missouri State Association voted to move forward with what we are calling a *renewal retreat for our state association*. They graciously allowed me to put the plans together pick the day and prepare for this meeting. I am truly excited about what lies before us and what can be accomplished at this meeting.

I sent out an e-mail to all the churches in the state association with some possible dates. In preparation for this article, a few of you were called to try to determine another possible date but out of the eight folks that responded the best date was **March 17th and the 18th**.

Regardless of what you may have seen from me via text or heard from me on the phone conversation once I polled the eight folks that did respond March 17th and the 18th was still the best day. Therefore I am declaring to you today through our state paper that our meeting is **March 17th and 18th at Camp Garwood!!**

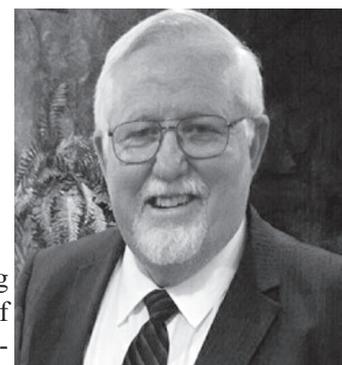
I will be giving further information and a schedule as we go along. If you are a pastor or on pastoral staff I am begging you to make this meeting a priority for the good of our churches, fellowship and growth!

Please feel free to contact me @ 636-629-2526 or [bethelbaptistchurch@live.com](mailto:bethelbaptistchurch@live.com).

The Meramec Association Renewal Retreat is at the **Meramec Retreat Center on March 10-11, 2017**. All Meramec Association preachers, pastors, and pastoral staff are encouraged to come.



## **Team Work: Breaking Down Barriers!**



Paul White • President of BMAA

The timely and accurate sharing of data is vital for the success of any organization; especially a national association with over 1200 churches such as ours'. Yet, there are often many barriers that stand in the way of consistent communication. Data is often paper based or stored in a decentralized location. Barriers arise in the mode of information sharing and how to tailor the data for the use of each member.

How do we break down these barriers and streamline information sharing between all members of our group? **TEAMWORK!** A team effort lets everyone from every part of our association be involved. Our team wins when we all take part. Timely collection and sharing of data is imperative for the success of the National BMA; membership numbers, church happenings, and special occasions are all important, as well as, some statistics being necessary for meeting IRS and governmental requirements and managing our organizational statistics.

So, churches and members, I challenge you to take part in insuring open and timely sharing between our churches and association. Please, take time to complete and return the associational letter for your home congregation. By improving our data collection, we improve our ability to perform our mission, of “Bringing the good news of Jesus to a lost and dying world.”

Merry Christmas to All,

Paul R. White

According to our 2016-2017 Directory & Handbook....

**The 2017 Annual Session of the BMAA will meet**

**May 1-3, 2017**

at

**The Arlington Convention Center,  
Arlington, Texas**

**Headquarter Hotel - Sheraton, Arlington**

**Registration & Information packets  
will be mailed to churches soon**

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# NEWS BRIEFS



**Antioch, Ellington,** reports that some of our members have left us. Sis. Minnie Asberry went to be with the Lord. Her daughter Marsha and granddaughter Josie haven't been back to church. We received letters that Bro. J.C. and Sis. Brenda Huddleston had joined First Baptist church in Potosi. We miss them all. Our love and prayers are with Sis. Brenda and family as her dad, Bro. Charles Evans went home to Heaven. December 4th we combined our Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. It went well. Sis. Maudeline had 4 generations of her family home for Thanksgiving. They had a great time. We wish all our friends and our Editors a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our love and prayers to all!!

Michael Huddleston, Pastor • Mary Marcher, Reporter

**Bethel, Sikeston,** sends Greetings to our sister churches. We hope all had a blessed Christmas Service at church with family and friends. For some its a difficult time of year due to loss of love ones; may God console their hearts. Here at Bethel loss has been felt by the entire church as some members have lost very close family members. Overwhelming loss has also been felt by the church due to resignation of our Pastor, Bro. Jerry Adams. Bro. Billy Davis is graciously serving as interim Pastor until God directs us to whom He has for us. We had the blessing of Bro. Jessie Hale, missionary to the Dominican Republic, being with us December 7th. Our missionaries pull at our heartstrings and make us draw closer to God to seek His direction in our own lives. May God bless him and his family as they wait for departure back to the Dominican Republic and the excitement of a little one coming soon. Our youth put on a Christmas play for the church, they all did a good job. Thanks to Sis. Donna Davis and to the other adults who took time out of their busy schedules to direct and guide the kids. It was a modern nativity story called "Gifts of Christmas." Some of the ministries of this month and past several months include services at: Apartment complex for seniors and those with disabilities, Nursing homes, three regional correctional centers, and our local county jail. Financial and volunteer support is shared with our local transitional and treatment program for men, a group home and training program for adolescent troubled youth. Other ministries are also on going here. We thank God for opening these doors and for using these opportunities to His own honor and glory. We desire your prayers that we would have unity in our church and desire God's direction and leadership with regard to a Pastor. Our prayer for Bethel and all our sister churches for 2017 is that we grow in Grace and Knowledge of our Lord, that our Faith will be ever stronger, and that we will be a witness of His love and salvation.

Marcia Nimmo, Reporter

HELLO TO ALL from **Oak Hill, Alton!** We hope and pray everyone had a great Christmas! The Lord really blessed at Oak Hill December 22nd, at 3:41a.m. Carstyn Hayes Casey arrived. Bro. Chad & Sis. Abby are proud parents of Carstyn who weighted 8 lbs. 2.5 ozs. and measured 19 inches. He is a healthy baby boy. December 18th we had our Christmas parties in our Sunday school classes and gave out our treat bags. That evening we sang a few Christmas songs and then we went to our Fellowship Hall and had snacks and a time of fellowship and played a Christmas game. The Christmas game: if you wanted to play, you brought a present that was valued about \$10. and put it under the Christmas tree, then you drew a number. The person with #1 picked a present, opened it and showed it to everyone. Then the person with #2 could either take #1's present or open another present and show it to everyone. Then the next person goes and so on, but you only take a present three times. We had a great time playing the game.

December 25th, we had services at 10:00 a.m. with no Sunday school, just preaching and got out at 11:00. We did not have any services that evening. Events planned in January: on the first which is New Year day we are planning to go to Shepherd's View for our evening services; Wednesday the fourth we are going to try and change the time of our Bible Study to 6:30 p.m.; On Saturday the 28th is our Men's Breakfast, any person who would like to come is always welcome; the 29th is our fifth Sunday Dinner and I think that we could be having a wild game dinner, everyone is welcome. I would like to Thank you for all the prayers that were lifted because of my health issues. I did not have surgery but extremely THANKFUL for all the prayers! Until next month I hope I will have some good news to tell you but until then we will be praising and honoring our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We hope that everyone has a Wonderful & Blessed New Year!! God Bless!!

Edward Casey, Pastor  
Jennifer Williams, Reporter

Greetings from **Bethany, St. Louis.** We wish God's blessings on each and everyone. We are blessed that Bro. and Sis. Dunn and family have moved into the parsonage and are settling in. We had to dismiss services the week before Christmas due to some ice and bitter cold temperatures. Our Christmas program has been moved to Jan. 8th. We are making plans to have our sign updated and repaired. We thank each one that helped to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas and also for those who jumped in and helped with our Christmas luncheon being a success. Wonderful fellowship and great food was enjoyed by all. We had great service on Christmas morning and were blessed by two young men singing "Jesus loves me," which is "The reason for the season." God bless.

Nick Dunn, Pastor • Kathy Chapman, Reporter.

Happy New Year from all the folks at **Briar, Doniphan!** We had a wonderful Christmas and celebrated with a Thanksgiving/Christmas lunch. After all, Christ's birth is a reason for thanksgiving! The real meaning of Christmas becomes more real the older you get, at least that's how it seems to me. Without His birth, death, and resurrection there would be no hope for any of us, but thank God He was willing. I for one will praise Him the rest of my days. I must mention our Naughty Santa party. We enjoyed the laughter that abounds at these events. And people say Christians can't have fun! Good news on the church front-- we have us a "circuit riding preacher!" Bro. David Grubb has blessed us by agreeing to preach before his regular services at West Doniphan. We are very grateful to him and the folks at West Doniphan for helping us out. Bro. David and Sis. Linda are special people and we are thankful for their willingness to serve the Lord. We look forward to the coming year and whatever the Lord might have in mind for us. Keep looking up!

Phyllis Williams, Reporter

Hello again from **Black Creek, Poplar Bluff.** The month of December started out grand. We had a wonderful presentation on the birth of Jesus by our youth. Bro. Rob & Sis. Jo Duckett did a great job working with them. Just after last month's report of our God blessing us with lost souls, we had 2 more saved - Caleb and Caitlyn Davis. A few days later, Bro. Kenneth Melton's granddaughter, Jamie Thomas rededicated her life to the Lord. All three were baptized January 1, 2017. What a great way to start a new year! We at Black Creek are so thankful for our sister church, Mt. Zion in Poplar Bluff and her pastor Elder Matt Johnson for the use of their baptistry. What a blessing they have been. We have been blessed with such growth, we have started a nursery so our visitors can enjoy the services knowing their child is being well taken care of. We are so thankful for what God is doing in our lives.

Troy Sisk, Pastor • Ellen Boxx, Reporter

Blessings to all from **Stony Point, Mineral Point.** December 11th Bill Crippen presented himself for baptism and was given the hand of Christian fellowship. December 25th Gregory Hamby and Jack Page were baptized. The puppeteers presented our Christmas program "Peanut Butter Christmas" and a nativity scene. We are proud of the youth and their Program

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## FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • December 2016

General Fund:			
Balance November 30, 2016		\$	134,088.72
December Receipts:	\$	<u>2,857.22</u>	\$ <u>2,857.22</u>
Total Available		\$	136,945.94
Disbursements:			
Assistant Director's Salary	\$	500.00	
Assist. Dir. Christmas Bonus	\$	<u>500.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$	1,000.00	\$ <u>(1,000.00)</u>
Balance December 31, 2016:		\$	135,945.94

### From Our Assistant Director...

It was a joy to visit with and preach to the faithful folks at Berean Baptist Church in Festus the second Sunday in December. They have been without a pastor for quite some time but are faithfully searching and praying for the man God has for them. Our hearts are stirred as we see churches struggling to find leadership in these days when it is so important.

January 1st we were blessed to preach at Loyalty Church in Sparta, IL as Pastor Tom Foster was away visiting family over the holidays. It was great to meet new people and to renew our fellowship with some of their members we have met at Camp Garwood in the last few years. They are building a new house of worship and are trying to "pay-as-you-go" to avoid being in debt when it is finished. It looks great on

the outside and they are trying to get the inside finished as soon as possible. If you can do sheetrock finishing, painting and other finishing work and could help them it would be greatly appreciated. I am sure they would accept financial donations for materials also!

It is good to read the reports of how God is blessing many of our churches and we need to encourage one another as we have opportunity.

Pray for Bro. Ben Kingston and help him in any way you can, as he plans the **Renewal Retreat** that will be at Camp Garwood **March 17-18, 2017**. I encourage all our preachers, pastors, and pastoral staff to make a **special effort** to meet at Camp Garwood for this special time that can and will make a difference in our ministries. Watch for more details next

month, but mark your calendar and be there **March 17-18**.

There are no fees to pay, so money should not keep you away. There will be good food for all, so that should not be an excuse. There are comfortable accommodations available, just bring sleeping bags, covers, pillows, and linens, or let some of us know and we will bring some for you, so that should not be an excuse. The date is announced with plenty of time to set it aside and not let anything short of an emergency keep you from being there. Don't let any excuse keep you away Remember: *an excuse is something you use when you don't have a reason!!*

We look forward to a great time of fellowship, challenge, inspiration, and many other things to enhance the work of our churches in Missouri!

## Beware The Institutionalism of Christianity

John Weeks in "Free To Disagree." Kregel, 1996

"The history of Christianity is filled with locations where the church once flourished but where it eventually lost the vibrancy of a vital faith. In each location, the blessing of God appeared to move to another region...."

"One possible explanation for this phenomenon is Christianity's alliance with the state. In some regions, Christianity's impact on society, government, and culture became strong enough to dictate cultural norms, values, and standards. Christianity became more identified with certain political issues than with the cross-cultural principles of the Lord Jesus. When the political climate changed, Christianity's effectiveness faded..."

"A second possible explanation for Christianity's deterioration is the connection of Christianity with a specific cultural

lifestyle. Broadly speaking, the early converts' enthusiasm for Christ resulted in a radical disassociation with the worldly culture in that particular region. Christianity became definable more by how Christians differed from the prevalent culture than by a cross-cultural commitment to biblical principles and the person of Jesus Christ.

"The problem for Christians is that the standards which define the culture shift over time. Thus, the Amish emphasis upon close families and agrarian lifestyles, while

## From Some of Our BMAA Missions Family

### Merry Christmas from the Kakilalas in the Phillipines

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." I Thessalonians 5:18.

Thanksgiving is not a Filipino holiday to celebrate but it truly is a beautiful way to usher in the Christmas season. The Conversational English class is learning some American culture to broaden their perspective on life. The Filipinos love to wear t-shirts with logos and saying. One popular design here is the Nike symbol. The kids have learned that a common saying associated with the Nike symbol is, "Just Do It." In the Bible there are many occasions when God gives a command and the people have a choice to make. Now the children are quick to say "Just Do it!!!" Another term the children have come to recognize is WWJD. The new converts are encouraged to ask themselves, "What Would Jesus Do?" We are trying to equip the children with things to help them in their daily walk.

Ministry includes so many things. It is being a broken vessel that God can use. He has given us the privilege to encourage a sister church in Bacolod on their Thanksgiving service. God gives us opportunity on a daily basis to help the children with physical needs by mending their torn clothes, giving new clothes when needed, and also providing the children with snacks that they love. It is our joy to hear their voices sing out praise songs they learn that are sure to carry them through the hard times of life.

December 10th the Conversational English Class had a Christmas program to share with the parents the things they have learned in the last few months. Certificates were given to those who mastered the 10 Commandments and/or the Books of the Bible. Those who mastered both were also given a Bible. A Spiritual Birth Certificate was given to each one who prayed to accept Christ and now have two birthdays, their physical birth and their spiritual birth!

Just recently a group of teens came to our house for a meeting as a result of their door to door caroling. This seems like a promising opportunity. We are hoping to yield fruit from the parents that came for the Christmas program. Please join us in praying that God's Spirit will draw these people to the precious gospel.

We truly appreciate all the prayers for our recent health concerns. We are still waiting for results. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT.

Servants of our Lord,  
Fil & Lisa and Justine Kakilala

commendable in itself, has no impact on a culture that has moved well beyond the era of Model T Fords versus the horse and buggy. A Christianity defined more by its rejection of a particular culture than by Scripture is headed for its own demise.

"The old ways are more comfortable, less demanding, and less time consuming. Christians who are stuck in a culturally bound Christianity want to ask, 'Why do it differently when the old way works?' or 'Why put myself into a potentially awkward situation?'" Because culture changes, every Christian faces the challenge of adapting to different styles. Top hats, bell-bottom pants, leisure suits, and sports jacket without lapels died out years ago. Christians do not have to go to the mission field to encounter the difficulty of social fluctuation. Change occurs in our own country over a period of years. We need a missionary mentality to adapt to change at home."

via *Northern Landmark Missionary Baptist*,  
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Director, Doris Barlow, for all the hard work involved in this program. Gregory Hamby and Jack Page were then given the hand of Church membership after the program. 'Twas a glorious Christmas Day in the Lord. Happy Birthday JESUS. January 1, 2017 Gregory Hamby and Jack Page were given their baptism certificates. Praise God for all His Blessings. Claude Evans, Pastor • Debrah Coleman, Reporter

News from **Lower Doe Run, Ellington**. May we all acknowledge God's grace in our lives as the new year begins and changes are evident all around us. The old year is gone and a new year challenges us to be the body of Christ as we have never been before. There is much to do as we wait for His coming. Christmas Day our pastor presented a chalk art picture of Christ coming soon on a white horse in all His glory. Yes, He came in the flesh as a baby, lived among us, died as the sacrifice for all the sins of the world, arose for our justification, and now He, the King, is coming back! It could be today. We thank those who worked so hard to bring us the Alive Conference 2016, those in the forefront and those behind the scenes. Many of our dear members are experiencing sickness and life changes. We see evidence of God's grace every day. We look forward to some great fellowship among the churches as we seek His coming. January 7 will be our next Ladies Bible Study at Helen's house. January 29 will be our next Fifth Sunday Sing at Ohlman Church. February is the month for snow!! March 4 will be our State WMA meeting, March 10 will be our Washington Co. District WMA, GMA, and Brotherhood meeting, March 11 will be our first Girls' SHINE Conference at Farmington Centene Center, March 24-25 will be the Annual GMA Houseparty and State GMA Meeting. We are so blessed to have those who give their lives into our association of churches. In Christ's Name.

Melvin Meade, Pastor • Carolyn Meade, Reporter

Greetings from **Zion, St. Louis**. We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and we wish you all a very Happy New Year! It seems 2016 went by fast. Each year seems to go by faster than the year before. May 2017 be a year full of blessings and opportunities to serve God. Zion is thankful for each of her members and for our pastor and wife, Dennis and Ladonna Baker. We are thankful to have a pastor that loves to study and share God's Word with his people. On Sunday's our messages are coming from the Book of Revelation. Our Sunday afternoon lessons are a study of the cults and learning how to be a witness to them. Several from Zion went to the Festus Manor and The Villas in DeSoto to sing Christmas songs for the residents there. We also passed out gifts to each one that came to listen to us sing. The ladies had a cookie exchange again and everyone went home with lots and lots of cookies! We were very happy to welcome Van Widger back into our membership and to have Bro. Roy and Pam Callahan join our membership. May this year be a year full of blessings.

Dennis Baker, Pastor • Norma Womble, Reporter

Prayers for a Happy New Year from **Ozark Heights, Potosi**. December started off as a very mild month. We have been having some great services, Prayers answered, three rededications and Dustin Roussan joined church and will be baptized on the eighth of January. Our Teen Standards Class has been well attended and they are studying the Left Behind Series. We had a beautiful Christmas Cantata on the eleventh of December entitled "Precious Name." Our Children's Christmas program scheduled for the 18th of December had to be rescheduled because of a surprise ICE storm on the eve of the 17th, it will be presented on the 15th of January. A little late but we can celebrate Jesus Birth any day of the year. We have had lots of sickness and deaths in 2016 that have hit real close to home. We

pray for comfort for the sick and the ones that have lost their loved ones. Until next month, Pray for healing for our Country, our government and lost souls everywhere.

Brian Kingston, Pastor  
Naomi Geri Griggs Lawson, Reporter

Greetings from **Bethlehem, Doniphan!** Well the holidays have come and gone one more time. I am sad to see them leave but sadder yet is how quickly everyone forgets the reason for the seasons. I for one would personally like to see the spirit of Christmas last all year long. In just thinking of it how wonderful next year's Christmas Season would be! The Youth in the Harvest was held at Black Creek Missionary Baptist Church. in Poplar Bluff, MO. This was the first time in a long while that the meeting was held there. (Praise the Lord!) Hopefully they will become a great supporter once again. They have several young children in their congregation and some young Christians too. It was a great night spiritually with great fellowship. I made a motion and it was seconded for the Youth in the Harvest to send \$50 a month to Camp Garwood. This raised the support from \$25 a month. Weather permitting the Youth in the Harvest will be Friday, January 13th at 7:30 in Zalma, MO; at the Zalma Missionary Baptist Church. Looking forward to see what is worked up for us there! The Third Sunday Singing was held at Zama Missionary Baptist Church and even though the turnout was light we had enough singers to fulfill the entire hour and a half with songs. But just because we were able to fill the full hour and a half for December doesn't mean they will be enough for January. Please plan on coming to West Doniphan Missionary Baptist Church Sunday, January 15th from 2:00 to 3:30 and bring a song or two. For two months we have had a Cane Creek Ladies Prayer Breakfast at Ryan's in Poplar Bluff, MO. I don't remember the num-

ber of Women present in November but in December we had several more with 16 Women and 5 Churches represented. January our theme is "Bring a Friend and Come." It will be held January 14th at 9:00 at Ryan's in Poplar Bluff, MO. We have reserved the big room in the back this month. Please plan on coming out and helping us pray for our Association, our Pastors, Pastors wives and many other special request. We were blessed in December with having the following speakers: Bro. Jerry Adams and Sis. Susanne December 4th and we served our Christmas Lunch on this Sunday. December 11th, we had Bro. Don Adams and on this Sunday, Sis. Dian Decker opened her home to the members of the church and anyone who wanted to join us at her home for a Soup and Chili Lunch. Please continue in prayer for us as we search for our new Pastor. Keep the faith and until next month may the Lord bless and keep us all!

Yvonne Hill, Reporter

Greetings, from **First Baptist, Potosi**, to our brothers and sisters in Christ. It seems I have not done a very good job of keeping you informed of the wonderful things that have been happening at our church. Our Life Center is used constantly including nights for Awana, Celebrate Recovery, luncheons, dinners, friend and family recreation, GMA, Men's Fraternity, and many more activities. We are preparing for UPWARD to begin. Many have been added to the church through baptism. Bible Studies are happening in members' homes during the week. Prayers are going up constantly for our outreach programs. The second year for "A Taste of Christmas" was an absolute success once again with tables beautifully decorated. We had around 350 women attend this special event where Jaclyn Rowe presented a spiritual message to women of all ages. Celebrate Recovery has grown substantially, not only in number, but also in spiritual growth of the leaders and the participants. This program is for anyone who has hurts, habits, or hang-ups that need God to help overcome. These can range from depression, anxiety, abuse, addictions, divorce, and many others. God can help everyone. Our Friends' Day will be the first Sunday in March, so we will be making plans for that special day. The youth attended the Youth Alive Conference in St. Louis and had a great spiritual time as well as a lot of fun socializing with other Christians. The Community-Wide Ladies Bible Study begins again in January on Tuesday mornings. Childcare is provided for this service. We completed a video series on Sunday mornings teaching us about giving – not just tithing alone, but giving of ourselves to God. We have wonderfully spirit-filled worship services and I'm sure others feel as I that God's Spirit can be felt as soon as you enter the door. No one should ever feel left out or that there is nothing for them at our church, because we have programs to fit everyone's needs. Prayers are constantly being committed to God. We have been saddened by the deaths of several of our loved ones and many have been sick and in the hospital. We had a candle-lighting service and special music for Christmas Day. I pray that all of you had a great Christmas celebrating Christ with family and friends. Please pray for us as we pray for you. Jim Ainsley, Pastor • Deborah Rauhut, Reporter

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## ***Someone is Watching & Listening***

A minister was making a wooden trellis to support a climbing vine. As he was pounding away, he noticed that a young boy was watching him. The youngster didn't say a word, so the preacher kept on working, thinking the lad would leave. But, he didn't. Pleased at the thought that his work was being admired, the pastor asked "Well, son, trying to pick up some pointers on gardening?" "No," replied the boy, "I'm just waiting to hear what a preacher says when he hits his thumb with a hammer."

We witness by our life each day!! What is your witness??

PRAISING  
PRAYING

RENEWING FRIENDSHIPS

# 2016 Missouri ALIVE Conference

MAKING NEW FRIENDS

GIVING THANKS

CRYING FOR JOY

SINGING  
LAUGHING

## What A GREAT Meeting

by Brad Banderman,  
Bethel Baptist Church, Lonedell

The Alive Conference was held this year at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Chesterfield Mo. The conference attendance was 284 with 16 churches represented. The speaker this year was Brad Russell the College Pastor at the First Baptist Church in Arnold Mo. He presented 4 messages that took us all to a deeper understanding of God's Grace. We were lead in worship and taught some new songs by Summer Hill from City Church in Conway Arkansas. Recreation this year took place in the Athletic Club that is attached to the hotel. From 10 p.m. til 1 a.m. we enjoyed dodgeball, racquetball, walleyball, tennis, swimming, knockerball, and basketball and devoured 115 Papa Johns Pizzas and hundreds of sodas. We were all amazed by the Illusions our entertainer Zac Mirzadah demonstrated, and the inspiring testimony of his conversion from Islam to becoming a Christian. I closed the conference by thanking those who lead and organized the event, but forgot to ask how many professions of faith were made, but the altar was used heavily in all the sessions. If you as a church have never taken students to the Alive conference you are truly missing a blessing. The Alive Committee would ask that you consider bringing your students to the next conference that will be held during Christmas break 2017.

### Churches Present for the Alive Conference 2017

First Baptist Church – Matthews, MO / First Baptist Church – Potosi, MO / First Baptist Church – Sikeston, MO / First Baptist Church – Bourbon, MO / Friendship Baptist Church – St. Clair,



Standing & Praising God in the Worship Service



Youth Pastor Brad Russell teaching about God's Grace



Knockerball helped get rid of lots of energy during recreation time.

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Part of the "Sound City" Band from Conway, Arkansas who led the worship music.



Summer Hill and the "Sound City" band teaching some new songs and leading the worship times at the Retreat.



The tennis courts and dodgeball courts offered plenty of room for activities during the recreation time.

Thanks to the ALIVE committee who have put in a lot of time planning the Conference and to the sponsors who gave of their time to bring the youth together.

Thanks to Bro. Brad Banderman for the report and Bro. Don Burke for the pictures.

## WMA & GMA NEWS

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### Annual Meeting

## Women's Missionary Auxiliary of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri

The Missouri State WMA meeting will be **Saturday, March 4, 2017** starting at **10:00 a.m.** We will be meeting with **Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church in Kewanee, MO.**

The WMA project this year has been:

- 40% Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper,
- 30% Andy Lahmann Work Fund,
- 20% General Fund and
- 10% Youth.

Bro. Dan Wisely will be bringing the annual message.

Each church can have three messengers. Ladies, come out and participate and see what your local auxiliaries have done in the past year and help in making plans for the State auxiliary in the coming year.

Be in prayer for our President, Juanita May, as she prepares to lead the meeting and be in prayer for our Second Vice President, Janet Widger, as she is preparing the program for the meeting this year.

Norma Womble, WMA Secretary

## Women's Missionary Auxiliary of the Washington County District Association

The Washington County District WMA will meet **Friday, March 10th**, starting at **7:30 p.m.** We will meet at **Charity Landmark Missionary Baptist Church in Bismarck, MO.**

### Food for Thought....

**Here is a paragraph by Ashley Montague from "the Triumph and Tragedy of the American Woman," which appeared in the Saturday Review long ago.**

"Women have great gifts to bring to the world of men, the qualities of love, compassion, and humanity (that is, beauty of spirit.) It is the function of woman to humanize, since women are the natural mothers of humanity. Women are by nature endowed with the most important of all adaptive traits, the capacity to love, and this is their principal function to teach men. There can be no more important function. It could be wished that both men and women understand this. Once women know this, they will realize that no man can ever play as important a role in the life of humanity as a mentally healthy woman. And by mental health, I mean the ability to love and the ability to work. Being a good wife, a good mother, in short, a good homemaker is the most important of all occupations in the world. It surely cannot be too often pointed out that the making of human beings is a far more important vocation than the making of anything else, and that in the formative years of a child's life, the mother is best equipped to provide those firm foundations upon which one can subsequently build."

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## Faithful Soldier Called Home

Elder Charles Edward Evans of Potosi, Missouri, was born on December 12, 1933 in Potosi, a son to the late Hadley James Evans and the late Ellen Mandy (Price) Evans. September 16, 1955, Charles was united in Holy Matrimony to Evelyn Myers and they shared over fifty one years together.

Charles went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Thursday, December 8, 2016 at the Mercy Jefferson Hospital having reached the age of eighty two years, eleven months and twenty six days.

He will be missed by all those who knew and loved him including his two children Bruce Evans and wife Paula of Vilonia, Arkansas; Brenda Huddleston and husband J.C. of Potosi; three brothers: Claude Evans and wife Bea of Mineral Point; David Evans of Potosi; Steven Evans of Padukah, Kentucky; three sisters: Leona Missey and husband Charles of Berryman; Shirley Boyer and husband James of Cadet; Betty Palmer and husband Ronald of Cuba; five grandchildren: Anessa Walker and husband Eric; Katrina Crocker and husband Dustin; Michael Huddleston and fiancé Christa Yount; Clay Patterson; Erica Patterson; four great grandchildren: Karlee Jacobs; Jozif Crocker; Keygan Jacobs; Kaycie Crocker; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Lindell and Bertha Gillam of Farmington; also surviving are a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and dear friends.

In addition to his parents, Charles was preceded in death by his loving wife, Evelyn Evans; three brothers: James Evans; Bobby Gene Evans; Phillip Bruce Evans; sister Ruby (Mrs. Wendell) Allen; father-in-law and mother-in-law Marvin and Lucille Myers; three sisters-in-law: Kathy Evans;

## Camp Garwood

*"A place where God is Praised and  
People are Blessed"*

Happy New Year! Just think, If the Lord is willing, in less than 30 weeks we'll be at camp eating snow-cones and cooling off at the water slide!! I'm not wishing my life away. But I am looking forward to the days ahead.

But HEY! We don't have to wait until July 31 to enjoy camp. There's several opportunities to get your camp on. There are retreats coming in March, April, May and July. Your church can even plan her own little escape. Just give me a call to check the dates.

I've had a few folks ask about the new dorm and camp's financial status concerning the dorm. We have not begun work on the dorm other than setting the septic tank and clearing the land. Camp has a general fund balance of \$6,097.96. The Dorm fund has \$17,488.08. That will not be enough to complete the building.

As a reminder, This year's theme will be "God's Masterpiece," based on Ephesians 2:10 *"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."*

Have a blessed month.

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## First Quarter 2016-2017 Financial Report

### Missouri Missionary Baptist

#### October 2016 – December 2016

Balance: October 1, 2016	\$	7,025.35
Receipts:	\$	<u>4,031.47</u>
Total Available:	\$	11,056.82
Disbursements:	\$	<u>(5,359.54)</u>
Balance: December 31, 2016	\$	5,697.28

## From The Editor

Last associational year, October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 was a great year financially for the *Missouri Missionary Baptist* as we had a good special emphasis and finished the year in the best financial shape in the 28 years I have been editor and I thank you for your great support.

Above you have a financial report for the paper showing the income and expenses for the first quarter of this associational year, October 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. Please note that our expenses averaged \$ 442. more each month than our income. This has been the pattern for quite some time.

As editor and business manager I feel I need to keep you informed and will try to do so by printing quarterly reports. I do not like to ask for support and am hoping some will see that we must have more income each month and will lead their church to join the "Faithful Few" who give regular monthly support to this ministry and not just give an offering when asked!

Thank you for your prayers, financial support, and other ways you help us each month.

Marie (Mrs. Edmond) Edgar; and Wilma Evans.

Charles served in the U. S. Air Force September 30, 1954 until June 29, 1958. He received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award and the Good Conduct Medal. Charles was a longtime member of the Bates Creek Baptist Church. He has served diligently in the ministry for many years. He was a loving husband, father, and paw paw.

A Funeral Service was held Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 1:00 p.m at the DeClue Memorial Chapel with Elder J.C. Huddleston, Elder Bruce Evans and Elder Michael Huddleston officiating.

Interment and final prayers were held at the Bates Creek Cemetery where full military honors presented by the United States Air Force and VFW Post 6996.

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

## **The Generation of Jesus Christ**

*"The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David,  
the son of Abraham." Matthew 1:1*

by Dennis Baker, Brotherhood President

Matthew's gospel is a bridge between the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament is a book of promise and the New Testament is a book of fulfillment. Genesis 3:15, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Matthew 1:21, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." The Old Testament provides the sad history of Adam's family and how sin entered the world and man became a sinner in God's eyes. The Old Testament illustrates the truth that the wages of sin is death. In contrast, the New Testament emphasizes eternal life through Jesus Christ. Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Through no choice of our own each of us were born into the generation of Adam. However, by faith we can be born into the generation of Jesus Christ, and become the children of God!

Matthew's genealogy of Jesus points out that Joseph did not "beget" Jesus Christ. Joseph was the "husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ." Jesus was born of an earthly mother without the need of an earthly father. This is known as the doctrine of the virgin birth. Every child born into the world is a totally new earthly creature. But Jesus Christ, being eternal God, existed before Mary and Joseph or any of His earthly ancestors. If Jesus were conceived and born just as any other baby, then He could not be God. By a miracle of the Holy Spirit, Jesus was conceived in the womb of Mary, a virgin. Luke 1:26-38.

The genealogy of Jesus shows that Jesus Christ is a part of history and that Jewish history prepared the way for the birth of Jesus Christ. God, in His providence, ruled and overruled to accomplish His great purpose in bringing His Son into the world. Both Mary and Joseph belonged to the house of David. The Old Testament prophecies indicate that the Messiah would be born of a woman, of the seed of Abraham, through the tribe of Judah, and of the family of David.

The genealogy of Jesus illustrates God's wonderful grace. Rarely are the names of women found in Jewish genealogies. Matthew listed four women from Old Testament history. Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bethsheba the wife of Uriah. Rahab and Ruth were not born Jews. Rahab was a harlot. The ancestral history of Jesus was made up of sinners who needed a Savior. God's wonderful grace is that, Jesus took on the likeness of sinful flesh so that He could condemn sin. Romans 8:3, "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh."

The genealogy of "Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham" has been wonderfully designed and fulfilled. He is called Jesus because, "He shall save his people from their sins." He is called Messiah because, "He was the anointed one." He is called Emmanuel because, He is "God with us."

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## **Scientific Proof That Evolution is Impossible**

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As pointed out in previous articles, the Theory of Evolution suffers many insurmountable obstacles for a thinking individual. There is no trace of it ever happening in the Fossil Record nor is it happening today. Therefore I think it is only fair to ask, "is it even possible?"

The gaps in the fossil record are serious enough to doom evolution, but there is another nail for the coffin even more menacing to this indefensible fable, and that is the origin of life.

There is an absolute scientific law called Biogenesis, which states that life comes only from life, and can only come for ancestors who have a similar genetic make-up.

Evolution requires that life "evolved" from nonliving material. In this article we will discuss the probability of this happening by chance in some long-ago primeval ocean or swamp. After all, if life evolved from inorganic material, this is where it must have come from.

We will examine a few of the requirements for life to have evolved from inorganic material, but first, let's scrap the term "simple life." There is no such thing. Secondly, let's not equate chemical compounds as being life. They are essential, but without a program designed for each cell, the chemicals would just be lifeless globs.

When we hear that water must have been present on Mars, modern day scientist get very excited. However, you could have all the water and chemicals and compounds necessary for life, but you would still not have life. Each living cell must be programmed to reproduce itself, or it would be sustained for only one generation.

We must ask, "Where did the programs come from?" Inorganic material, such as chemical compounds are necessary, but they are mindless. Unless they have a self-replicating program, it is but a mass of lifeless matter.

On pages 234 and 235 of the "Biblical Basis For Modern Science," Henry Morris shows the absurdity of evolution by using mathematical probability. He concludes it is impossible for life to have evolved based on his calculations. We learned in Biology 101 that enzyme is unique for a specific type of cell and will not work in other types of cells. They are absolutely essential to life.

What are the chances they evolved from an inorganic soup? Fred Hoyle, an English scientist who is not a creationist, has calculated the chances at less than one in 1,040,000. This is a number that is totally impossible. For probability to be considered zero, the odds only have to be 1050.

The genetic code is another problem for evolutionists. The code for each individual is specified by its parents, and there is not other way it can happen. But how did the whole process start? The only convincing answer is Special Creation. The law of Cause and Effect we discussed in the first article states, "Each effect has a preceding cause which is greater than it is." This is the exact opposite of evolution which postulates that each species promotes itself and is getting more complex as time goes by. However we know this is not happening.

Another problem for evolutionists is the amino acids in living forms. They come in right-handed and left-handed orientations in respect to their optical activity, and each is equally probable. However, in living organisms they are all left-handed. Does this indicate there was a "design" for life? If so, there must have been a designer.

One other interesting fact about amino acids racemic (become again equally probable), and gradually decay until they are all equally right-handed and left-handed. Does this demonstrate intelligent design or random chance? What do you

think?

Many other problems exists for the theory of evolution in the origin of life. The present atmosphere, free oxygen (water vapor, oxygen, carbon dioxide, nitrogen) would preclude life from evolving. It would kill all simple organisms as soon as they were formed.

You would need to have a "reducing atmosphere" (methane, ammonia, hydrogen, water vapor), with no ultraviolet rays, in order for life to evolve. In addition to the fact that there is no proof that such an atmosphere ever existed, it has a terminal problem. If life did evolve, it could not continue without oxygen and the rays from the sun to promote photosynthesis. So with oxygen evolution is dead, without oxygen evolution is dead.

I hope you can see by now that the Theory of evolution is a fantasy, promoted by pseudo-scientists to promote a Godless agenda. Who would have the most to gain by this? Who was the first being to say he was above God a try to take control? Note in Isaiah 14:14, "I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High" Who is the subject of this verse? Look in verse 12 for the answer; Isaiah 14:12, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!"

Satan has been deceiving man from the beginning. The deception has always begun by trying to make man believe he is equal or superior to God (Genesis 3:5). Modern day evolutionists promote humanism which is an extension of the lie started in the Garden of Eden.

I hope we can say as David did in Psalm 139:14, "I will praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are your works, and that my soul knoweth very well."

Nature, true science, and God's Word declare the same thing. The whole universe is "fearfully and wonderfully made" by the creator, which is  
• See **EVOLUTION** Page 8 •



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***Kenneth Bobo***

January 1, 2017 I resigned as pastor of Providence Baptist Church at Hope, Arkansas. I have pastored this church for three years. These three years have been some of the most wonderful and rewarding years of my ministry. I had the privilege of pastoring this church the first three years of my ministry. The church family have been so cooperative with me and the evangelistic ministry the Lord has called me into. The Lord gave me the most outstanding staff a pastor could have. Bro. Casey Curtis is service as assistant to the pastor. He and his wife, Mikki have been so faithful. Scott Glass is serving the church as the minister of music. His wife, Melanie is the church pianist. The Lord has blessed beyond measure. We have had the privilege of seeing souls come to Christ and added to the church.

The attendance has over doubled. The church has bought and paid for additional property. She has been giving an average of \$1,000 per month to associated work. All debts are paid and she has accumulated a sizeable amount of funds for future growth and improvements. My wife, Shirley and I cannot overstate what a joy it has been to serve this church as a bivocational pastor.

One of the strong points of the ministry has been based upon what our Lord told His infant church in John 13:34-34: "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if you have love one to another."

You may ask me, "What are your plans? Are you retiring?" The answer is "no!" I often say to those who ask me about retirement that I plan to plow until sundown."

The words of Paul to Timothy in II Tim. 4:5b ring loud and clear to me: "do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."

I have found when one is available, our Lord will use them. To Him I say, "I am available." That availability includes but

## ***Honesty***

In 1924, *Liberty* magazine sent out a hundred letters to people selected at random throughout the U.S. Each letter contained a one-dollar bill and explained that it was an adjustment of an error that the addressees had complained of -- which they had actually never done. Of the hundred recipients, only 27 returned the dollar and said it was a mistake.

In 1971, *Liberty* conducted the same test. This time only thirteen returned the money.

*Illustrations for Biblical Preaching*

The story has been told of a bank employee who was due for a good promotion. One day at lunch the president of the bank, who happened to be standing behind the clerk in the cafeteria, saw him slip two pats of butter under his slice of bread so they wouldn't be seen by the cashier.

That little act of dishonesty cost him his promotion. Just a few pennies' worth of butter made the difference. The bank president reasoned that, if an employee cannot be trusted in little things he cannot be trusted at all.

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• ***EVOLUTION*** From Page 7 • none other than our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (John 1:3)

Finally, a quote from a devout evolutionist, Leslie E. Ortel in the *Scientific American* (volume 27, October, 1974, p. 78): "It is extremely improbable that proteins and nucleic acids, both of which are extremely complex, arose spontaneously in the same place at the same time. Yet it also seems impossible to have one without the other. And so, at first glance, one might have to conclude that life could never, in fact, have originated by chemical means."

Amazingly, in spite of recognition of these facts, Dr. Ortel still believes it happened. As Duane Gish has said, "It's incredible what one has to believe to be an unbeliever."

is not limited to preaching appointments and evangelistic service.

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## ***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.

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**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).

## ***Moral Action Goals 2017***

***Dr. John M. Adams, Executive Director***

**It is the Moral Action ministry goals:**

- 1) To be in the center of God's will with this Agency,***
- 2) To present Jesus Christ as the Savior of all who will call upon Him,***
- 3) To encourage the B.M.A. family to daily intercede for the President of the U.S.A. and his cabinet that they may live for God,***
- 4) To contact (at least) 4 new U.S. Senators and 4 new U.S. Congressmen in D.C. in 2017,***
- 5) To continue visiting and acquainting myself with our B.M.A. State works and Capitols (Jackson, Little Rock, Austin, Oklahoma City, Baton Rouge, Jefferson City, Tallahassee, etc.)***
- 6) To have Godly boldness in speaking up for moral values that are so needed today, and that it may encourage Godly and biblical legislation,***
- 7) To continue the "God and Country" rallies upon invitation,***
- 8) And to be an encourager for our B.M.A. churches, pastors, associational workers, and staff workers to stand in this sinful and diverse world.***

**We humbly ask for your prayers and financial support for Moral Action in 2017. We take the scriptures of II Chronicles 7:14 as our guide.**