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Philippians 2:16

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Annual Meeting of the BMA of Missouri October 28, 2017 • 9:00 a.m. Camp Garwood Garwood, Missouri

All churches of the BMA of Missouri are encouraged to send your messengers and any other member who would like to come to **Camp Garwood** for our annual meeting in October. What an opportunity to see how God has blessed our work and to hear the reports of how He is blessing our efforts in Missouri.

Thanks to Bro. Chris Polk and his “crew” for inviting this meeting and for making preparations to welcome all who come. You can read about what to expect in Bro. Polk’s article in the next column.

Let’s have a record crowd at this meeting!!

Please Note: Article III section 3 states: any church not identifying with this Association either by messenger or letter for three consecutive years shall be considered as having terminated her membership in this Association. Letter forms are in the center of the 2016 Minutes and can be obtained by contacting our clerk, Bro. Don Burke potosipastor@gmail.com.

Unlimited: LifeWord’s New Media Vision

by Holly Meriweather

“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.” Ephesians 3:20-21

When LifeWord’s board members met August 18th, they were given the details of the new path God has given to LifeWord Executive Director Donny Parrish and, subsequently, to the LifeWord team. All agreed that, as the 2017 LifeWord Sunday T-shirt logo proclaims, this initiative is exactly where and how God is directing LifeWord to “Reach the World.”

Donny says that, “When I think of the future of LifeWord, the word that rings in my heart is unlimited. Because we serve a God that is unlimited in his love and power and because he has adopted us as his children, we have his unlimited potential at our disposal. Our God has all power and all authority. He is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

“How could we not dream big dreams for his glory? How
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Hello From Camp Garwood!!

by Chris Polk, Camp Superintendent

I missed the paper deadline last month. So let’s begin with our camp numbers. We had 357 campers total with over 50 visitors each day and over 90 visitors on Wednesday. If you missed camp you will want to know that the new dorm is completed and was used camp week. We are extremely thankful to everyone who helped with funds, construction and moving in. The best news of the week are the 11 professions of faith! It sounds like it was a great week, I hate I had to miss it, but thankful I made it to every evening service. Bro. Shawn was a great blessing it sounds like everyone enjoyed the messages and spending time with him through the week. It was also a blessing hearing Bro. Tom Foster preach the closing message on Thursday night.

By the time you read this the Paint ball retreat will be past. But the **Men’s Archery retreat** will only be a week or so away. Scheduled for **September 29th-30th** we hope you will plan to join us. These retreats are always a lot of fun. Whether you shoot a bow or just come for the fellowship I promise you will enjoy the weekend.

The BMA of MO annual meeting will be hosted at Camp on Oct. 28th. Bro. Ben Kingston will bring the annual message. The meeting begins at 9 a.m. and we will have lunch catered by the Rockin Mobile Cafe. Watch the camp Facebook page for more details. We will have the dorms open and available for anyone wanting to come over on Friday night. There will also be coffee and donuts available on Saturday before the meeting. We hope you will come to the meeting and also come see your camp-

Disaster Relief Statement:

BMA Coordinated Relief Effort shared from The Baptist Progress

A team to help with recovery efforts for those affected by Hurricane Harvey will soon be on the ground in the Gulf Coast Area. The BMA of America and the BMA of Texas are partnering with Just the Crumbs, a Christ-centered non-profit, to help in relief efforts. The first recovery team will be going to Mont Bellvue, near Dayton, as soon as conditions allow. The clean-up team will assist those whose homes have been damaged and feed up to 3,500 people daily.

First Baptist Church of Livingston has partnered with a nearby camp to house and provide meals for those who serve on recovery teams. Supplies and food may also be brought to First, Livingston and they will be distributed from there. Contact the church for information on housing, meals and supply delivery at 936-327-4417. Please note: FBC Livingston requests that no supplies be taken to their church before Monday (Sept. 4th) when they will be prepared to receive them.

More than supplies and food, funds are needed. The relief fund at BMA Global Missions is accepting donations for Hurricane Harvey victims. These funds will be used in the immediate to feed and help those who are affected and to assist those who are serving them. Long term, these funds will be administered in the rebuilding effort. To contribute, send your donation to PO Box 878, Conway, Arkansas 72033.

At a later date, Dr. Ralph Izard, director of Baptist Medical Missions International, will bring in a medical missions team to the Gulf Coast Area to assist those in need.

Those desiring to serve on a recovery team may volunteer for several months to come by contacting Levon Haden with Just the Crumbs at 601-522-6055. Those wishing to serve on a medical missions team in the Gulf Coast Area are asked to call Angela Rice with BMAA Missions at 501-455-4977.

The BMA of Texas office is happy to help connect anyone with Gulf Coast BMA churches in need with projects in the region. Call 972-923-0757.

grounds at Garwood.

Our **2018 camp July 30th - August 3rd** will be here before we know it. Bro. Michael Treat from Central Baptist Church in Conway, AR will be our speaker. It isn’t too soon to begin praying for him and our camp week. We have several things planned for 2018. Please be praying for myself and the committee as we begin working towards a great camp!

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Fall Festival • Faith, St. Charles (See News - Page 2)



NEWS BRIEFS



Landmark, DeSoto, reports it has been quite a month of people we have known and loved getting their heavenly promotions. Sis. Debbie Conyers lost her dear brother-in-law to cancer. Our good friend and a deacon at Lower Doe Run at Ellington passed away. The day after that Pastor Jim Ford lost his battle with cancer. On the same morning, we got word that one of Landmark's young members had passed away. Bro. Scott Freeman, 55 year old son of Jean Freeman Haderlein slipped away in his sleep to meet his Lord face to face. Please remember Sis. Jean, and Nicki and Mark, his siblings. He is missed greatly at Landmark, but we have the assurance that we will see all of these dear loved ones again. Denver had the privilege of preaching the morning service at Bethesda the 6th and morning service at Lower Doe Run the morning of the 13th. He appreciates those opportunities. But he does have a Sunday School class to teach at Landmark and enjoys that also. August 21st, the church basement was opened up as a cooling station during the eclipse. The eclipse to me was an awe inspiring thing. Astronomers can say all they want to about it, but we do know "WHO" set this universe in order, don't we? Everyone is invited to attend our **Homecoming, October 1st**. Lunch will be served following the morning service followed by special singing using local talent, so come prepared to bless us with your talent!! Sunday night, the 27th, Bro. Wayne Gibson, our beloved pastor, resigned his pastoral duties at Landmark. His resignation is effective after Sunday evening services October 8th. So our yet to be determined pulpit committee will be seeking ministers to come in view of a call very soon.

Until Next Month or the Lord's Return
Wayne Gibson, Pastor • Sharon Page, Reporter

Greetings once more from **Bethany, St. Louis**. It is with a very heavy heart that I send this article. Our pastor has given his resignation and his last service with us will be the September 17th. Please pray for this dear family and for Bethany. We love them very much and wish God's blessings upon them. We are struggling like so many of our sister churches. Maybe it's not because of what we have done, but for what we have not done. Four of our ladies, plus Sis. McCannless, are excited about going to the ladies retreat. This reporter is excited about the annual Fields family reunion labor day. But, just think about that great reunion that is coming in heaven, when we won't have to say goodbye. Till next time,
Nick Dunn, Pastor • Kathy Chapman, Reporter.

Stony Point, Mineral Point, was blessed as Rebecca Son presented herself for membership on promise of a church letter and was given the hand of Christian fellowship, and as Anthony Dontrich was saved at Camp Garwood and presented himself for baptism and given the hand of Christian fellowship. Homecoming was enjoyed by all present with sweet fellowship with old and new friends. Bro. Leonard Compton filled the pulpit on August 27th while Pastor Claude and Sis. Bea were out of town. On the same evening Pastor Claude had the privilege of baptizing Anthony Dontrich at the river at 5 p.m. Anthony was given the hand of Church fellowship. Welcome Rebecca and Anthony. Blessings to all.
Claude Evans, Pastor • Debrah Coleman, Reporter

Bethesda Landmark, Park Hills, is searching for a pastor. Bro. Alan Dane resigned as our pastor at the end of July. He has agreed to stay and preach as needed. Bro. Denver Page, Bro. Zach Dane, Bro. Michael Huddleston, and Bro. Bryan Buckley preached for us in August. Bro. Zach Dane is teaching a creation class on Sunday nights. We lost two of our long

time members. Bro. Larry Black died in June and his wife Sis. Gladys Black died a month later in July. Sis. Barbarasue Marler is recovering from a quadruple heart bypass and is doing well. We had a fellowship dinner on July 23rd. We elected new officers for the upcoming year in August.

Ashton Dane, Youth Reporter

Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston. During August, we went to church camp in Arkansas where Pastor Dunlap was co-evangelist. We rejoice in the profession of faith of Tommy Pratt while we were there. We also rejoice in the additions of Tommy Pratt, Cathie Pratt and Tanner French by baptism and the additions of Jeremy, Julie, Kodiak and Angelina French by letter.

Rodney Dunlap, Pastor

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ: from **Bethel, Sikeston**. The Lord continues to Bless us in many different ways as we seek to do His will and let the Holy Spirit lead us in all things. The Ladies were excited to get some updating to the kitchen area this month as the men of the church installed 2 new cook stoves. What a blessing! We have started working on our float for the Cotton Carnival Parade, Sis. Cathy Beardsley volunteered to come up with a theme and help get it all together, She is very talented in this area and we are so thankful for her help. Bro. Billy's Birthday was August 21st so we planned a surprise celebration for him on Wednesday night the 16th. After our regular service cake and ice cream was served along with great fellowship. He was given a gift and lots of cards. Needless to say he was surprised! August 20th we observed the Lord's Supper. This is such a humbling time of reverence to our Lord and Savior. **Revival will be here the first week of October, Monday thru Friday the 2nd thru the 6th**. We are

so thankful that Bro. Tommy Foster agreed to come preach for us that week. We covet your prayers for many souls to be saved and for all God's children to be revived! Everyone is welcome to attend. We are expecting the Lord to do great things. So please come if you are able, we would love to see you! August 26th, Bro. Billy Davis, Bro. Matt Bolen and Bro. Joe McElroy attended the BMAA meeting at Kewanee. August 27th, Bro. Heath Stengler, his wife and 3 children from Anchor Baptist Church and Boy's Academy from Vanduser, Missouri were here to preach the word and sing. A friend of theirs, Steve Morrow, came with them to help sing. A great blessing it was to have them with us that Sunday morning. After the service, the ladies served an awesome meal. We voted to send a donation to the flood victims in Texas or wherever it is needed at the time.

Thank you for your prayers and God Bless you all.
Billy Davis, Pastor • Joan Wood, Reporter

Members of **Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church** truly enjoyed Camp this year. It was a great time of worship, fellowship and food. August 12th our Youth went to Six Flags and on the 20th we had "Back to School Night for our Youth." We have started Financial Peace classes and meet every Tuesday. This is a great Bible study. August 26th Kewanee hosted our SEMO District Annual Meeting. Our ladies did a wonderful job with feeding everyone. We also filled 50 boxes for BMMI's Everlasting Smiles. We really enjoy filling these and picturing these children's faces when they receive them. We look forward to our **82nd Homecoming, September 17th**. Also our Fall Revival starts November 6 with Bro. Donnie Parish.
Dan Wisely, Pastor • Terri Adams, Reporter

Hello from all your friends here at **Faith Baptist Church in Saint Charles!** Our church family is continuing to grow. We are blessed with new faces in the pews every Sunday. In the past month, we have also added an evening men's group that meets Wednesday evenings after our regular service. Some women of the church also met together September 1st to enjoy fellowship and participate in crafting cloth pumpkins. Five members have started the next semester of Faith Bible Institute on Monday nights in hopes of strengthening their knowledge of God's Holy Word (while also enjoying the home cooking of the pastor's wife!). We are preparing for our **Fall Festival, October 21st**. We are looking forward to this opportunity to be joined by our neighbors in the community and to show them the love of our Father. We'll have games, food, and worship

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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • August 2017

General Fund:

Checking Account:

Balance July 31, 2017		\$	46,947.17
August Receipts:			
Missions:	\$	<u>1,848.99</u>	
Total Income:	\$	1,848.99	\$ <u>1,848.99</u>
Total Available		\$	48,796.16
Disbursements:			
Assistant Director Salary	\$	500.00	
Postage	\$	3.35	
Food for Renewal Retreat	\$	239.00	
Loan Fund (1/2 Sym. Off.)	\$	387.50	
Camp (1/2 Sym. Off.)	\$	387.50	
Printer Cartridge	\$	79.52	
Mileage (assoc. meetings)	\$	<u>237.60</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$	1,834.47	\$ <u>(1,834.47)</u>
Balance July 31, 2017:			\$ 46,961.69
Bank of America Savings Account:			
Balance June 30, 2017		\$	(1,100.52)
Interest:	\$.02	\$ <u>.02</u>
Balance July 31, 2017:			\$ 1,100.54
Investment in BMA of Mississippi Revolving Loan Fund:			
Balance June 30, 2017		\$	100,071.34
Interest:	\$	0.00	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Balance July 31, 2017:			\$ 100,071.34
Total of all Funds July 31, 2107			\$ 148,133.57

From Our Assistant Director...

It is hard to believe we have entered the last month in our associational year that started last October. Your Special Missions Committee will meet September 14th to review our work this past year and to formulate plans for the year ahead. We hope to have some recommendations to present to the Missionary Committee at the annual meeting at Camp Garwood in October.

My wife and I enjoyed attending the annual meeting of the BMA of Southwest Missouri in Springfield last month. We appreciate the hospitality extended to us and the fellowship we enjoyed as we met in the newly redecorated facilities of Palmer Heights Missionary Baptist Church. It was a joy to present a report on BMA of MO Missions, The Missouri Missionary Baptist and The Kenneth Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund.

These churches support state missions regularly and they also voted to give special offerings to the Kenneth Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund and the Missouri Missionary Baptist along with a love offering to my wife and I.

They elected the following offices to lead them:

- Bro. Larry Henbest • Moderator
 - Bro. Loma Burrell • Assistant Moderator
 - Bro. Marvin McMullin • Secretary-Treasurer
 - Sis. Dorsey Dalton • Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
 - Sis. Vicky Henbest • Historian
 - Sis. Linda Townzen • Assistant Historian
- Bro. Loma Burrell brought the annual message using Eze-

kiel 22:1-4, 30-31 as his text. He emphasized the need of praying for our leaders in these Last Days and then spoke on four kinds of men God calls into ministry:

I. Decision Makers, Joshua 24:14-15.

II. Those who Desire to Know God in a Special Way

III Those Who are Dedicated to Serve, II Timothy 3:12.

IV. Those who have Determination

As I prepare this report and get the paper ready for the printer my heart is heavy with the news of the resignation of more pastors. Please pray for our churches who are seeking pastors and for our preachers as they seek God's will in their lives

Let's pray and work to make this coming year a better and more productive year for the Lord in the work of the BMA of Missouri

Senior Adult Conference

November 13-15, 2017

You are invited to DiscipleGuide's Senior Adult Conference! This year, the conference will be held at the Hilton Convention Hotel in Branson, Missouri; a sleek hotel located in the heart of Branson's historic downtown. When seniors from all across the BMA gather from November 13 through 15, it will feel just like a family reunion!

Attendees will soak in the powerful preaching of Pastor Don Chandler, pastor at Central Baptist Church in Conway, Arkansas, during the main sessions. Seasoned worship leaders, David Attebery and Neil Dumas, will lead the congregation in singing classic hymns during times of worship through song.

For this year's concert, the accomplished Steve Green will be performing for conference attendees. Green has been using his music for ministry for over thirty years, and has performed with groups such as the Gaithers and TRUTH. He has received four Grammy nominations, seven Dove Awards, and has 18 number one songs. In addition, the Central Baptist College Singers, who regularly sing in churches across the southern United States, will bless the attendees with Christ-focused music performance.

The conference will not conclude there, though, because attendees who register by October 19 will receive a ticket to the Miracle of Christmas, an interactive show at Branson's premier Sight and Sound Theater. It will be an immersive experience that will bring the story of Christmas to life on stage.

Register today for this BMA family reunion! Those who register through October 19 will receive the ticket to Miracle of Christmas and a discounted rate, but registration is still open after October 19. Visit discipleguide.org/senior to get more information and to register! For any questions, you can contact DiscipleGuide at info@discipleguide.org or 1-800-333-1442.

SOAR Session 4 Sustained Joy

"Faithful Christians should not be the exception," declared Dustin Wisely, keynote speaker at SOAR 2017. "As Christians, we have the best news...the GOOD news. A reasonable life for a Christian is that of one speaking and acting on the gospel.

This is how the final session of SOAR 2017 began: with an unequivocal challenge to be the followers that God requires. Wisely proclaimed that it is not only reasonable for a Christian to speak and act on the gospel, but it is their joy. "Because it is the good news," he explained.

After days of sessions, workshops, worship, and ample time in the Texas sunshine, students came together one last time to hear their final call to a selfless, ministry-focused lifestyle – even as students.

"We need to be intentional, passionate, and bold when it comes to the gospel. We realize that we are fighting for eternity," continued Wisely. "We need to be soldiers and athletes in our mentality – unwavering."

Alongside that challenge, Wisely gave the caveat that the Bible assumes persecution for Christians, because the ideals and principles held by followers of Christ fly in the face of every secular culture.

"If you live in a worldly, secular culture and live opposite of that culture, they're going to hate that. They will hate you, because they hate Jesus," said Wisely.

No matter the trials, no matter the persecution, Christians can have joy because the good news never changes. Just like when Paul was a prisoner for his faith, as documented in Philippians, he had joy because he knew the gospel was being

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music to be enjoyed by all who come. We are excited by all the blessing and new friends we have here at Faith. God has done amazing things here, and to Him goes all the glory. Please be in prayer for us, that we may always be in God's will. Justin Arender, Pastor • Annaliese Aliprandi, Reporter

Greetings from **Black Creek of Poplar Bluff!** We want to remind everyone that we will be in **Revival September 18th-22nd** at 7:00 p.m. with Bro. Scotty Rayburn of Red Creek M.B.C. in Wiggins, MS. Please come out and join us as we are expecting God to do great things in our church! We have a few prayer requests this month; please pray for Bro. Carl Howe as he has had several surgeries for kidney stones; Bro. Curtis Hendricks as he is in the hospital with complications of COPD; and 2 month old baby Samuel as he is going thru a 2nd surgery in his short life. We also have a praise report as some of our members have been returning that were gone for a short while. If you happen to see Sis. Marie Boxx be sure and wish her a happy birthday as she has just turned 91 years young! Next month we will have a report on how the Youth in the Harvest turned out as we will be hosting the September meeting. We are very proud of Bro. Caleb Davis, son of Bro. Matthew and Sis. Stephanie Thurner, as he was elected the Assistant President of Youth in the Harvest. Pray for us and we will pray for you! May God bless us all! Troy Sisk, Pastor • Yvonne Hill, Reporter

HELLO to All from **Oak Hill, Alton!** I know it has been a few months since you have heard from Oak Hill, it is because I have had some health issues. I would like to thank-you for all of the prayers that have been lifted up to the Lord for me. I would like to ask for more prayers for my recovery. July was an awesome month at Oak Hill. Early in July the family of God grew bigger, Lane Shields was saved by the grace of God. July 16th Lane was baptized and became a member of Oak Hill Missionary Baptist Church. We also took the Lord's Supper on the 16th. This is always a great way to remember what our Lord and Savior went through to make salvation available to us. The fifth Sunday we had Marty and Patti Elmore come and share God's word through songs. They did an amazing, outstanding job of singing. After they sang we went over to our Fellowship Hall and had lunch with them. July 31st, Bro. Don & Sis. Marianne Hufstедler celebrated 63 years of marriage. That is truly a wonderful reason to celebrate! This summer has really flown by August 10th was the first day of School at Alton and at Couch. Please remember them in your prayers along with all of the Teachers, Faculty, Cooks, Bus Drivers and Custodians. Thank the Lord we actually had a spring this year and the weather has been cooler this summer. We did not go directly from the cold into extreme heat and we have had more rain this spring and summer. We have had a lot more reasons to Praise and thank the Lord! In September we do not have a lot going on. October is usually when we have our Walk-of-Faith fish fry and sometimes we have our Hay Ride and Weiner Roast in October or early November. Hopefully I will be able to tell you the dates and times for these events next month. Until next month I hope I will have some more good news to tell you but until then we will be praising and honoring our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God Bless!! Edward Casey, Pastor • Jennifer Williams, Reporter

Are You **DEWing** it?

Give a **Dollar Every Week** to Camp Garwood
Just put aside a dollar each week and send it
to Camp Garwood in July 2018. You will be
surprised how this can help!

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proclaimed for Christ's glory – both in his prison cell and in the city of Philippi by the believers there. Paul had sustained joy.

"The life lived for Christ is different because of the contentment we already have in Jesus," proclaimed Wisely. "It's easy for Christians to be selfless, because we already have all we need. We have been given, through the Holy Spirit, the ability to be holy and righteous in every circumstance. That is the pursuit."

Dustin concluded with the declaration that a Christian's life exists for God's good pleasure, not for their own. Eventually, through study and growing closer to the Savior, God's good pleasure and his follower's good pleasure become identical.

"God has shown us his will in his Word," said Wisely. "We need to be men and women of the Word of God. It's a direct command from Scripture. So we go, not reluctantly, but with joy – just like Paul!"

Available as an eBook

by *Tony Cleaver*

Gerald Kellar's sermon book *In His Service* is now available as an eBook on Amazon. This book of sermons by the late Dr. Gerald Kellar is packed with 140 of his all-time best sermons that he preached all over the world and in hundreds of revivals across the United States.

In His Service is a busy preacher's source book. What a great gift for your pastor! It is a devotional starting place for any Christian worker. Turn page after page to read positive Bible outlines of sermon topics from the Scriptures.

It is \$4.95 to purchase or click online to send as a gift. View the video on the author updates as you go to the web site.

Enjoy this book by Dr. Kellar as much as Jerrie Sue and I enjoyed preparing it. He enjoyed preaching the sermons! The web site is:

Faithful Pastor - Church Planter Called Home



Jim Ford

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Jimmie Reed Ford, 81, of Columbia, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, August 10, 2017 at his home surrounded by his family.

Jim was born September 8, 1935, to Oba I. and Nola Mae Hand Ford in Alton, Missouri. On February 13, 1954, he married Edith Yvonne Bowerman in Alton, Missouri and she preceded him in death on February 22, 2014.

Jim was a church planter, pastor and preacher of God's word for over 60 years. He was also a carpenter and builder on many commercial buildings and residential homes throughout his career. He loved to travel, but his greatest loves were the Lord, his family, and God's people.

He is survived by his two children, Janet Elaine (David) Danklef of Jefferson City and Danny Allen (Rose) Ford of Billings; a brother, Kendall Ford of Houston; a sister, Evelyn Sue Bowman (Vince) of Mt. Dora, Florida; two grandsons, Christopher (Nicole) Ford and Aaron (Emily) Ford and six great grandchildren, Drake, Cole, Annabella, Jaxson, Layla and Nolan. He has many other family members and friends who are rejoicing that Jim is now with his Lord.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and son, Steven Quinn Ford in 1998 and a sister-in-law, Lora A. Ford.

Funeral service was conducted by Bro. Michael Hearst of Westview Baptist Church of Jefferson City, MO Monday, August 14, 2017 at the Bach-Yager Funeral Chapel in Columbia, MO 65202

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there you may be also." John 14:3

Minister's Resource Services Seeks New Executive Director

Bro. Ron Chesser has announced his retirement as Executive Director of Ministers Resource Services (MRS), effective May 31, 2018. The board of trustees will be accepting resumes from individuals who would like to be considered for this position. Resumes may be submitted between September 1, 2017 and November 15, 2017.

At our board meeting on February 23, 2017, it was approved to sell the MRS property in Texarkana and relocate MRS operations to the BMAA Global Ministry Center in Conway, AR upon Bro. Chesser's retirement. As a result, interested individuals would need to be willing to reside in or near the Conway area. Additionally, persons with a strong financial background are highly desired.

Resumes should be submitted to the board chairman:

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Purvis, MS 39475

E-mail address: KennethL@ssw1776.com

May God grant great wisdom to the MRS board of trustees as we seek to recommend to the association in April, 2018 the Executive Director with which HE would be most pleased.

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could we not take big risks for a God so powerful? How could we not ask God for a vision that would result in him getting all the glory for something only he could accomplish?

“I am dreaming of an unlimited opportunity to reach the world with the gospel. The LifeWord team and the LifeWord board members have bought into this dream. And I’m praying that you’ll dream with us.”

The Same Mission but a New Vision

Our mission is set. Jesus gave us our mission in Matthew 28:18-20. We can set no other course than the one our Master has given. The directive is clear. But the method to accomplish that mission has and must change.

For over 50 years LifeWord has sought to accomplish the mission given to us by Jesus through primarily radio and analog technology. This has been the most effective media delivery system available. It was the right approach for the right time.

But the world is changing. In fact, it already has changed.

“The analog technology of yesterday has given way to the digital technology of today,” Donny explains. “The internet has made the world much smaller, much more accessible. LifeWord leadership envisioned this day coming when the O3b initiative was introduced several years ago. Dr. Steve Crawley and his team laid the groundwork when they told us of a day approaching when the internet would soon make it possible for the gospel to be preached to the entire world. And that day has arrived.

“That reality is causing LifeWord to think in a new way about how we will tell the world the good news. We believe that we have a vision, a strategy and a plan that will enable LifeWord to capitalize on this new opportunity and will serve us well for years to come. It involves the LifeWord Network powered by the LifeWord Cloud.”

Ultimately, LifeWord’s forty languages and their gospel programming would be accessible for people worldwide in audio and video at anytime, anywhere. Lifeworld.org will be able to control the content locally and be the repository or the hub. Discipleship material would be available as well, bringing us one step closer to “Reaching the whole World” with the gospel.

Part 2

As Executive Director Donny Parrish began formulating the idea for the LifeWord Cloud on the LifeWord Network, he considered the following: “Is this a big plan? It really is. It will certainly be the challenge of my life’s calling in ministry to shepherd this from dream to reality. After introducing this plan to our staff and getting buy-in from our team, there have been nights that I have laid in bed and thought, ‘What in the world are you doing? This is going to be very difficult to do! Why put yourself through this?’”

“I’m glad that I don’t have to accomplish this. My God is big enough to make this happen all by Himself. I’m depending on His power, guidance and leadership to make His dream become a reality. I’m confident that what He has birthed in my heart He will see to completion.”

The LifeWord Network

Imagine for a moment the opportunity to provide programming in both audio and video for LifeWord Community Radio stations. This programming will allow churches and pastors to stream a constant source of uplifting gospel music and messaging from one source, the LifeWord Network, to people who would choose to listen to their “station.” The churches who join our network team will be allowed to broadcast LifeWord programming but then speak to their audience directly by preempting the LifeWord Network broadcast. This will allow for quality, trusted gospel programming from LifeWord, with local control and messaging. The goal would be to provide programming in as many languages as LifeWord could pro-

duce. The internet will allow churches and missionaries to broadcast the LifeWord Network without the financial constraints that have burdened us in the past.

The LifeWord Cloud

How do you deliver programming that has been produced to LifeWord Network stations around the world? Through the LifeWord Cloud. Our dream is for lifeworld.org to become the center of all we do as an organization. Languages, broadcasts and discipleship materials would all be uploaded to the LifeWord Cloud for dissemination to stations around the world. Our goal is for easy access to our LifeWord Community Radio partners around the world, freeing them from having to be intensive programmers. LifeWord will be the programmers. They will have the freedom to concentrate on one or two programs that will enhance their outreach to their audience.

The Challenges Ahead

There are many challenges facing the LifeWord team as they move to this mode of ministry. Some of these challenges we understand and know. And there are many others that we will not know until we face them.

Part 3

We are not the first LifeWord team to dream and pray about the possibilities of providing a global hub available 24/7 for anyone to access what LifeWord and her affiliates produce. But with advancements in technology, particularly O3b with its next-generation satellite network providing billions of people with low cost, high speed Internet and mobile connectivity, the time for such a monumental effort seems to be now.

There are many challenges facing us as we move to this mode of ministry. Some of these challenges we understand and know. And there are many others that we will not know until we face them. They include the following:

• A Change in How We Think About Ministry

As we move into this new

arena we cannot simply stop our present ministry efforts. At the same time, we will be forced to examine all we are doing with the prospect of moving into this new paradigm.

• We Must Build a New Model for Ministry Operation

Our directors’ job descriptions will begin to change as we move into this ministry effort. Our organization on the ground around the world will look much different than it does presently.

• Our Financial Structure Will Change

How we fund broadcasts around the world will begin to shift as we move away from traditional “radio time” broadcasts to LifeWord Network programming. We will begin to seek talented programmers to fund instead of radio broadcast deliverers.

• We Must Build the LifeWord Cloud

The construction of the LifeWord Cloud will be a crucial foundational step in making this dream a reality. (Think of the Cloud as more a spider of broadcast servers scattered around the world instead of a hub located at one centralized locale. The reasoning for this move centers on the need to meet technical standards for each area of the world accessing our programming.) The goal is to build this Cloud without interrupting the present budget.

• We Must Market and Develop the LifeWord Network

After all the technical challenges of building the Cloud are met and completed and after the challenges of developing programmers and delivering content to stations is done, the ongoing challenge will be to market and develop the LifeWord Network. Expanding the LifeWord Network around the world to new churches, pastors, missionaries and stations will be essential to fulfilling our mission.

It truly is an exciting time for the LifeWord team, and we covet your prayers as God uses us to achieve the same goal that those who have gone before us have done for 52 years

• **“Help our BMA churches fulfill their Great Commission calling through media.”**

Help on LifeWord Sunday!!

October 22, 2017 is LifeWord Sunday (or whatever day works for your church), an opportunity for church members to understand how LifeWord helps them fulfill their Great Commission calling. We ask churches to show the 2017 LifeWord Sunday video, pray for and give to LifeWord on that day.

Since 1980, the flagship fund-raiser for LifeWord has been the Walk, but many churches have discontinued it in favor of other types of events, often very creative ones. Many churches include LifeWord in their budgets, and we are honored by that partnership. We especially encourage those churches to at least have an emphasis day informing their congregations about what LifeWord is and does.

The 2017 LifeWord video is available for download or by DV. The LifeWord Team just returned from Peru with footage of visionary leader Pastor Paul Tinoco and LifeWord Programming Director Luis Ortega in the mountain village of Quelicani as they develop a partnership to broadcast the gospel to thousands in that region.

For up-to-date information about LifeWord’s ministry, please use the following sources:

- lifeworld.org for viewing videos about current initiatives and future vision and reading articles and blogs
- Facebook pages: Lifeworld, Lifeworld Community Radio and Team Lifeworld
- Instagram and Twitter
- Lifeworld.org/lifeworldsunday to register your church for participation in Lifeworld Sunday and order Tshirts.

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Ladies, Watch for a Report on the 2017 Ladies' Retreat in this column next month!!

Help for Pastors that's Good for All of Us....

Overcoming Discouragement

By Dr. Allen Tilley, Pastor
First Garthage, Texas

(Baptist Progress, Texas) Demands on a pastor can be overwhelming. Working long hours with little or no appreciation, pastors are not immune to discouragement. Pastor, if you feel life caving in on you and you're ready to give up, try these steps first:

- **Turn worries into prayers.** Whenever an anxious thought enters your mind, decide that instead of worrying about it, you'll pray about it. Pray as often as you think about what is troubling you. Know that, unlike worry, prayer actually accomplishes something positive.

- **Discipline your mind.** Rather than dwelling on your troubles, decide to think about what is true, right, pure, beautiful and praiseworthy. Read and meditate on Scripture often to saturate your mind with the right kinds of thoughts. Pray for the Holy Spirit to renew your mind every day.

- **Exercise.** Pastors are notorious for working long hours and eating late at night. Take time to work out. Just as you take care of your spirit, work at taking care of the only body God will give you in this lifetime. Exercise releases endorphins that perk up your attitude.

- **Let go what you can't change, and change what you can.** Stop trying to change what's beyond your control. Direct your energy away from depression by working toward a solution to your solvable problems. Don't just think or talk about them, actually take action and enjoy the progress you make.

- **Pray for the right perspective.** Ask God to give you His perspective on the relationships and situations in your life that are troubling you. Correct your vision so you can see with eyes of faith.

- **Tap into the power of forgiveness.** People often say and do things to pastors they would never dream of doing to someone else. Instead of harboring hurts, forgive the offender. Don't allow their judgmental attitude to place you in bondage.

- **Make time for rest.** Be sure to get plenty of sleep each night, getting at least seven hours nightly. Practice deep breathing to help reduce tension. Regularly engage in activities that relax you, such as watching a movie, reading a book, listening to music or taking a walk. Use your vacation to get away from the daily grind. Turn off your cell phone.

- **Grow in your pain.** Ask God to show you how you can grow as a person and pastor from your suffering, then ask Him how you can use what you've learned to help others.

- **Change the way you talk to yourself.** Instead of beating yourself up, remind yourself of how much God loves you. Use the same words of grace and compassion for yourself that you share with others. You are just as important.

- **Draw strength from Scripture.** Read, study and meditate on the Bible every day. Let God's Word refresh your soul and revive your spirit. (allen@firstbaptistcarthage.com)

Moral Action

Dr. John M. Adams • Executive Director

"As Executive Director of Moral Action, it is my desire to continue to identify the major moral issues before our churches and the American people on a monthly printing.

These "Judeo-Christian Heritage" series reminds all of us that God's Word does speak clearly on these 7 major issues. It has been 8 years since they were presented via publications.

So thank you for helping us to keep it before our readers."

Judeo-Christian Heritage Series

The Issue of Abortion/Pro-Life

Series #1

Psalms 139:13-16

Job 31:14-15

Revelation in regard to human origin and birth, and in regard to the inner mysteries of bodily life, is characteristic of our times. It must suffice us to set before our minds the great truth concerning God and life-birth.

According to our scripture text God designed man, and the complications are beyond us; we can only wonder and adore. Every embryo is a bundle of possibilities. God alone can know the small child in the mother's womb. He knows the child from the beginning. For this reason we in our Judeo-Christian heritage are firmly convinced that life begins at the time of conception in the motherly womb.

When is human life expendable? And the question is answered never. Yet on January 22, 1973 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in the landmark, Roe versus Wade decision, that unborn human beings are not legal persons according to the U.S. Constitution. An unborn baby is the property of the owner, and she can have the child killed at her request. Ours is a peculiar society; we have laws protecting wildlife and dogs but not defenseless human embryos. The real question today is not when human life begins but what is the value of human life?

Abortion Is Evil

Time Magazine states, "even in the earliest stages of pregnancy, the embryo is amazingly babylike. By the ninth week the fetus is kicking and moving, and even today its sex can be recognized at 9 weeks." Dr. Everett Koop, author of the book, "The Right to Live, The Right To Die" said "Once there is the union of sperm and egg, and the 23 chromosomes of each are brought together, that one cell with its 46 chromosomes has all the DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid), the whole genetic code that will, if not interrupted, make a human being just like you with the potential for God-consciousness." He asks a crucial question, "At what point can one consider this life to be worthless and the next minute consider the same life to be precious?" Ecclesiastes 11:5; Deuteronomy 30:9.

Every day in the U.S. 1 every 10 seconds babies are aborted. It's a horrible, painful death considering that the baby's heart is beating at 3 weeks and the embryo's nervous system is very sensitive to pain.

Abortion Is An Error

There is a wrong attitude toward human life. Every human being reflects to some degree the likeness of Almighty God. When man dares to take another human life, he lifts his hand in rebellion against the image of Almighty God – Genesis 4:10. Abortion on demand laws give one person – (the mother) – the legal right to kill another – (the baby) in order to solve the first person's social problems. It's hard to believe that this is happening in a civilized society. A second wrong value is the wrong emphasis on self. That is, that the mother has the right to decide what happens to her own body. The

question is raised – is not the rights of the unborn child to be recognized? Former and late President Reagan quoted by L.A. Times "When they put it simply and say 'I believe in the right of someone to have a free choice.' What I came back with was, "that's what a murderer is insisting on, that he's got free choice to decide that he thinks somebody should be dead." Job 31:14,15; Isaiah 49:1.

The main question, is, "What will we do with a human life that has been given to our keeping?"...

Medical Society Journal.

Abortion and Its Effect

The effects of this willful death is far greater than we think. Proverbs 24:11,12. Moody Monthly asked – "Have we been sitting – Lot-like, quiet at home, unruffled, even critical of those who are easily alarmed about babies? If the blood of Abel, one innocent adult, cried out to God from the ground, how many more millions of babies since 1973's Legislation.

The problem of throw-away life will not lessen. It presses on the American conscience with great agony. And it should.

To put one's will above God's will is to rebel against the Sovereign of the universe. When we flaunt the will of God we are walking in the footsteps of a doomed and defeated Satan. We cannot expect His help or blessings as individuals or as a nation if we ignore His word and set aside His Bible precepts. Isaiah 59:7,8.

In conclusion, this dramatic statement haunts our nation: "You can kill babies without penalty because according to our U.S. Supreme Court, the word person as used in the 14th Amendment does not include the unborn." We ask God to spare our nation.

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

The BIG Picture

by Dennis Baker, Brotherhood President

News reports in the month of August have been filled with hurricane Harvey in Texas, North Korea firing missiles over Japan, demonstrations because people are offended by confederate symbols, and the battle of the transgender community. I have also noticed what is not in the media. There are few reports of how the Christian community is coming to the aid of the flood victims with truckloads of food, water, clothing, and shelter. The Christian community is not responding because of government regulations, but because they are following biblical teachings of showing God's love to those in need. There seems to be more negative reporting of biblical values. As a believer in Christ, I am concerned about how these events will impact the Christian community and the spread of the Gospel.

The book of Revelation helps us to focus on the "BIG Picture." Revelation is a book of prophecy. Prophecy is the foretelling of future events, which have not yet taken place when the prophecy is spoken. The foreknowledge of God makes the actual fulfillment of prophecy possible while God's knowledge of the beginning and the end enables Him to fulfill with accuracy all future events.

Revelation is a book of doctrinal teaching. Doctrines such as foreknowledge, inspiration of Scriptures, Deity of Christ, blood redemption, resurrection, repentance, faith, security, perpetuity of the church, Israel's restoration, the great tribulation period, the judgments, rewards for saints, and the earthly reign of Christ are found in the book. God's plan of redemption and the fulfillment of prophecy are found in Revelation. The goal of the book is to reveal the latter stages of God's eternal plan of redemption and to establish His messianic kingdom of peace and righteousness.

Because of intense persecution the book of Revelation was not sent to the churches of Asia to satisfy their curiosity about the future but to give encouragement through the message of strength and hope. John wanted to reassure the churches that Jesus Christ controls the course and the climax of history. God's overriding purpose in history is the establishment of His salvation plan for the world and the establishment of His promised messianic kingdom.

Revelation is classified as apocalyptic literature. The primary intent of apocalyptic literature is to reveal the mysteries of God to His servant's things, which are to come to pass. Revelation 1:1. "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John." Contrary to the opinion of some Bible scholars which believe that the book is too figurative to be understood, the book pronounces blessing on those who read and hear the words of the prophecy. Revelation 1:3, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand." The message of the symbolism found in the book can only be understood by those who know Jesus Christ in a personal relationship. The symbols are consistent with the whole of biblical revelation. Some symbols are explained, others are understood from a study of the Old Testament, and others are not explained at all. To correctly interpret the symbols, we must anchor our interpretation to what God reveals in His Word. Revelation has an evangelistic message that believers can use to warn the non-believer of God's triumph over anti-Christian kingdoms and their need to be converted. The content of the book should create within the believer an attitude of worship.

Men's Fall Retreat

The 7th Annual BMA of Missouri Brotherhood Fall Retreat is scheduled for Friday September 29, 2017 and Saturday September 30, 2017 at Camp Garwood. Bro. Jason Redden, Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Sikeston, is the Friday evening speaker. Make plans to attend and bring a friend.

Program

Friday Evening 7:30 p.m. Supper • Devotion-Speaker Bro. Jason Redden

Saturday 7:30 a.m. Breakfast • Archery Competition • Dismissal

Who Can Attend?

Men and young men. We encouraged you to bring your friends who do not attend church.

What is the Cost?

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

What is the Purpose

We want to provide and avenue for fellowship and encouragement for the men of all ages.

What to Bring

Personal items, sheets, blankets, sleeping bag, and pillow. Also, please bring your archery equipment. Beds, food, and fun are provided.

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2017 Classes at Camp Garwood

THANK YOU, TEACHERS!

Robin Elsey (5 & under) had	15
Kari Hartlein (6-7) had	20
Sharon Lourance (8-9) had	18
Christina Barbre Taylor (8-9) had	23
Ladonna Baker (10-12 girls) had	42
Don Burke (10-12 boys) had	30
Joey Duckworth (13 & up boys) had	53
Deiatre Gillam (13 & up girls) had	60
Claude Evans (way up) had	48
Total	309

We will be posting pictures of our classes as room allows.

The media is focused on individual rights, terrorism, and conflict between nations. But the Bible enables the believer to focus on the "BIG Picture" -- God's overriding purpose in history is the establishment of His salvation plan for the world and the establishment of His promised messianic kingdom.



Color Guard raising the flags before morning classes

Master's Hands Deaf Church Needs Financial Help

The Master's Hands Deaf Church, and outreach of the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Swartz Creek, Michigan could use some financial help with their outreach ministry Pastor John Bienlein sends the following information:

Currently we have three areas of need.

1. We try to provide Bibles to Deaf who do not have Bibles. We pass out LARGE PRINT ERV translation as the language is easier to understand for most Deaf. The cost is \$10 per copy. We try to keep a supply of 15 on hand to have ready at any time. \$150

2. We partner with Michigan School for the Deaf here in Flint, Michigan. There are a certain number of students who attend but cannot afford basic school supplies. There are also a number of Deaf students in the Flint Community School system who are in the same situation. We include: backpack; spiral notebook; folder; ruler; pencils; color markers, and crayons. We take advantage of the "Back to School" sales at local stores. All together the cost for each backpack comes out to \$7.00. Our goal is 50 backpacks. We have had sponsors for 20. We are seeking support for the other 30. This will also give us a fund of money for "Back to School 2018" 30 backpacks

@\$7 each \$210.

3. We are also trying to replace our church laptop used for worship, and church related things. The best laptop we have found that suits our needs is an HP laptop. \$449.99 tax (Michigan 6%) \$27 total \$476.99.

Thank you so much for your prayer support and the consideration of these needs. If you have any questions please contact me any time.

God is Good!

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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 or as the Lord leads. Contact him by e-mail at bkadams27@yahoo.com or by phone 217-779-9264

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If you are a preacher and a member in good standing of a Baptist Missionary Association of America church and would like your name added to this column please contact the editor using the information on page 2.

More Pictures from Camp Garwood 2017



Adult Class meeting in Dining Hall



Some of the 8 & 9 year olds meeting at the fire pit getting ready to paint rocks to hide and then hunt for them later??



Sis. LaDonna's 10 to 12 year old girls watching the "Potter"



Dusty Train Ride!! Especially if you are in the last car and have a FAST driver.



After classes and activities there is always a hungry bunch lining up in the dining hall. But below is what is waiting to serve the food. That could ruin your appetite!!!



Don't worry about the dust - you can always wash off in the water slide!!



13 & up Girls Class in Tabernacle



Getting into the singing and motions!



Thanks, Bro. Shawn Hammontree, for Great Messages!