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“Holding Forth The Word of Life”

Philippians 2:16

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## Looking Forward to Hosting the Annual Meeting October 28, 2017 • 9:00 a.m.

From Camp Garwood,

With all of our Fall retreats behind us we are now focusing on the annual meeting. I have a couple small jobs to do before the meeting along with just cleaning up.

The Annual Meeting for the BMA of Missouri is October 28th beginning at 9:00 a.m. and will be hosted by Camp Garwood.

We will open as many dorms as needed for anyone wanting to arrive on Friday. If you don't like the dorm life (bringing your own bedding and linens and sleeping in bunks) the Landing in Van Buren is only 10 minutes away or there are several hotel options in Poplar Bluff about a 30 minute drive from camp. If your schedule allows come early enough on Friday to enjoy some local sights. The leaves should be fully turned by then and there are several places worth a visit. Or maybe you would rather come early just to enjoy the quiet and look around the camp grounds. We should be at camp most of the day Friday and will be glad to show you around.

We will have coffee and donuts available Saturday morning and lunch following the meeting.

Camp is located off of Hwy 34 on Co Rd 558 in Garwood. We will have the camp signs out for those who haven't been to camp in awhile. If you have any questions please give me a call or text 573-380-1975.

Blessings, *Chris*

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Camp Garwood 573-945-2213

## Central Named Best Regional College

Central Baptist College has been added to the list of Best Regional Colleges in the South by U.S. News and World Report. CBC was selected number 48 on the list, tied with Kentucky Christian University.

CBC's most recent ranking was 71st in the 2016 list. The rankings are based off of the graduate experience and the broad range of programs offered in the liberal arts, such as business, nursing and education.

The U.S. News and World Report is an annual publication and the U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges 2018 guidebook includes rankings of 1,800 institutions nationwide. The rankings

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## Don't Miss “The Miracle of Christmas”

This November 13-15, join DiscipleGuide as we host this year's **Senior Adult Conference** in beautiful Branson, Missouri! Head to the Hilton Convention Hotel to enjoy a weekend that will be just like a family reunion.

Hear the inspiring preaching of Don Chandler and the moving worship music from David Attebery and Neil Dumas, as well as a concert by Steve Green and a performance by the CBC Singers.

**Register by October 19**, and attendees will receive tickets to the Miracle of Christmas at the incredible Sight and Sound Theater along with their registration!

The Miracle of Christmas will bring the story of Christmas to life through an interactive experience filled with sensory immersion. The smells of Christmas fill the air as the audience interacts with a living nativity featuring actors in authentic costume and live animals. The theater will be brilliantly decked out in holiday at-

tire with lights, greenery, and a thirty foot tall Christmas tree to celebrate the story of Jesus the Messiah taking human form.

Make sure to register by October 19, because the tickets will not be included in the registration package after this date, and seating is extremely limited because of the popularity of this performance.

We can't wait to see you there! Visit [discipleguide.org/senior](http://discipleguide.org/senior) to register for the 2017 Senior Adult Conference!

## The Help of EACH CHURCH is NEEDED!

Your cooperation will help us stay connected

**We Need Your Help?** Each year the Baptist Missionary Association sends a form to all BMA churches to collect the most up-to-date information. This helps us connect, build relationships, and provide accurate information of the impact BMA churches are making through their local communities with the gospel.

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Or

2. Fill out the pre-populated form provided and mail to: BMA America, PO Box 1188, Conway, AR 72033

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### Online Feature

As an added value to each of our churches and associations, you will now be able to print and mail updated church information to your local and state associations by selecting “Print PDF” at the top right hand corner once you're logged in.

### Need Help?

Please contact Lauren Noland in the Information Services department at 501-358-4007 or [lauren@bmaamerica.org](mailto:lauren@bmaamerica.org)



# NEWS BRIEFS



Greetings from **Bethany, St. Louis**. We are filled with God's goodness. Our pastor has agreed to stay on the field till November 19th. We have elected a pulpit committee. Pray for those members please. This is not an easy task. We extend our prayers and sympathy to Bro. Earl Johnston in the passing of his brother, Floyd Johnston, September 24th. Sis. Kay Morrison has had some serious back problems. Sis. Beeler is still undergoing therapy. Please keep these in your prayers. Family members attended the graveside service of my aunt Hazel Norris. She was 100 in March. We had a great reunion labor day. Not too hot. Lots of good food, laughing. And lots of kids. Please continue to pray for Bethany as we follow God's leadership.

Nick Dunn, Pastor • Kathy Chapman, Reporter

**Bates Creek, Potosi**, enjoyed a great, spirit-led revival in September. Everyone enjoyed the sermons that Bro. Ben Kingston brought to us each night. We had special singing from Bro. and Sis. Meade, Bro. and Sis. Evans, our WMA, Sis. Shelba, Sis. Kingston and their daughter, and our youth group. Bro. Bryan Buckley finished revival services for us by holding special services on Sunday. A good day of fellowship was enjoyed by all and visitors were in attendance. God is so good!!

Leonard Knight, Pastor • Sara Buckley, Reporter

**Landmark, DeSoto**, hosted the Washington County WMA, Brotherhood and Youth on the 15th of September. I can't speak for the Brotherhood, but the ladies had a good meeting. We held our annual elections which I'm sure will be reported elsewhere in this paper. Then there were 4 of us that attended the annual meeting of the Meramec Association. Another good meeting, with good preaching, good reports and great harmony. September 16th, we had a fellowship at church, with food and games. We finally met our goal of 45 in Sunday School, with 49 in attendance and several more came in for church services. The greatest blessing was a young man coming forward for baptism. Bro. Ryan Hall and his family have attended for a few weeks now. Besides his wife, there are two small children. We are happy to have him as a member of Landmark. He is being baptized soon. Also, earlier in the month, Wyatt Pinson was baptized and there were about 20 members of his family that came to witness it. None of them attend Landmark. What a blessed month we've had!!! Please pray for us as we will be having ministers soon come in view of a call as pastor. We want the man that God has waiting for us. Until next month or the Lord's Return

Wayne Gibson, Pastor • Sharon Page, Reporter

Greetings to our sister churches and other friends. **Lower Doe Run Missionary Baptist Church of Ellington** suffered a great loss August 8, 2017 as our oldest Deacon, Bro. George William Rayfield departed this life at the Des Peres Hospital in



George William Rayfield

St. Louis at the age of 93 years and 10 months. George was born in Ellington, October 22, 1923 to the late John Dea and Rosie (Pigg) Rayfield. He was united in marriage to Betty Morris in Piggott, AR June 22, 1946. To this union four children were born. He was saved in mid-life and was baptized in the Lower Doe Run Missionary Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon since February 6, 1993.

George worked as a hog and cattle farmer and he previously served as the Reynolds County Southern District Commissioner. He loved his family, his church, the lime hauling business, mowing lawns, and gardening. He took care of the church maintenance for years as his service to his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. In addition to his parents, George was preceded in death by two brothers: Jesse and Joy Rayfield and four sisters: Ossie Chitwood, Eunice Howard, Opal Scaggs, and Irene Thomason who passed only this summer at 95 years. George is survived by his wife Betty of Ellington; one son, George "Bill" William Rayfield and wife Debra of Ellington, three daughters, Wilma Maddox and husband Mark and Wanda Grimm and husband Hadley of Macon, MO; Roberta Cox and husband Charles of Rolla, MO, fifteen grandchildren and twenty-four great grandchildren, as well as many other relatives and friends that will mourn his passing. Our church misses him greatly but we are assured that we will meet him soon "on that happy golden shore where the faithful part no more, when the storms of life are o'er ... Where the night dissolves away into pure and perfect day, We are going home to stay, meet us there."

Melvin Meade, Pastor  
Carolyn Meade, Reporter

Greetings from **Stony Point, Mineral Point**. Wednesday night, September 13th, Michael and Jennifer Bourbon and Anthony Dontrich were presented with their baptismal certificates. We are so blessed to have them as members. September 24th our youth presented the afternoon service with singing and playing guitars, a scripture reading, and testimonies. Sis. Bea then presented Abby Wilkins and Ali Schaefer with bracelets with their initial "A" on them for passing a GMA step. Congratulations

girls. We are so blessed with our youth. October 1st, we had our walkers for Reach The World. It was a beautiful day in the Lord and lots of fun and fellowship. After our walk we hunted for painted rocks with the scripture Psalm 119:105 on them when all were collected. God Is So Good.

Claude Evans, Pastor • Debrah Coleman, Reporter

**Bethesda Landmark, Park Hills** reports that two of our members, Dana and Courtlyn Dane went to the Annual Ladies Retreat in Arnold. Sunday night, September 17th we had a Back-to-School Ice-Cream party. We played a game that the ladies had played at the Retreat. Bro. Alan Dane filled in the first two Sundays in September and Bro. Michael Huddleston preached the last two Sundays of the month. Some of our members attended the District Auxiliary Meeting at Landmark. We have a Fall Fellowship planned for Sunday, October 29th.

Ashton Dane, Youth Reporter

Greetings from **Black Creek of Poplar Bluff!** So amazing is God our Father! We had two people saved during our revival with Bro. Scotty Rayburn. Both, Matthew Schuhart, a friend of Sis. Heather Sisk and Melaney Thurner, Bro. Matthew Thurner's sister, came forward on Thursday evening. Besides these two being saved there were several who were revived and are on fire for the Lord again in our Christian walk. We want to give all the glory to God for the return to church of Bro. Curtis Hendricks after his round in the hospital with COPD and Bro. Carl Howe after his surgeries on his kidneys. What a blessing it was to host the Youth in the Harvest for the month of September! We had a total of 49 in attendance with 22 of those number being the youth of our association. Bro. Troy Sisk led the program which consisted of unscrambling Bible verses and also being able to remove items that did not belong with specific Bible events. Bro. Kenneth Melton brought the invitation message about "Being Ready to Be a Christian Witness at School" from Mark 10:46-52. October's Youth in the Harvest will be held at Pine Woods Recreation Area, at Ellsinore, MO Saturday, the 14th at 9:00 a.m. and will be our "Walk for the World." Bro. Brian Whitlock will be bringing the devotion before the walk starts. The Ladies Prayer Group will also be meeting for a few moments before starting the walk. We have asked everyone to please bring a potluck dish and enjoy fellowship with all our brothers and sisters in Christ after the walk. Hope to see you there! November's Youth in the Harvest has been invited to Black River M.B.C. in Quilin,

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## FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • September 2017

### General Fund:

#### Checking Account:

Balance August 30, 2017		\$	46,961.69
September Receipts:			
Missions:	\$	<u>2,389.28</u>	
Total Income:	\$	<u>2,389.28</u>	\$ <u>2,389.28</u>
Total Available		\$	49,350.97

#### Disbursements:

Assistant Director Salary	\$	500.00	
SMC Mileage	\$	504.47	
SMC Meal	\$	103.56	
BMA Missions for Storm Relief	\$	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$	<u>6,108.03</u>	\$ <u>(6,108.03)</u>
<b>Balance September 30, 2017:</b>			<b>\$ 43,242.94</b>

#### Bank of America Savings Account:

Balance August 30, 2017		\$	(1,100.54)
Interest:	\$	.02	\$ <u>.02</u>
<b>Balance September 30, 2017:</b>			<b>\$ 1,100.56</b>

#### Investment in BMA of Mississippi Revolving Loan Fund:

Balance August 30, 2017		\$	100,071.34
Interest:	\$	0.00	\$ <u>0.00</u>
<b>Balance September 30, 2017:</b>			<b>\$ 100,071.34</b>

**Total of all Funds September 30, 2107** **\$ 144,414.84**

### From Our Assistant Director...

This is a particularly busy time as some local associations have their annual meetings, and the annual State Association meets which involves the closing of financial and record books of all our departments. As we review the past year we are reminded of God's blessings upon His work among our churches.

I was able to attend the annual meeting of the Meramec Landmark Baptist Association which met at New Testament Baptist Church in Sullivan September 22nd. It was a joy to be welcomed to this meeting and to be able to give a report on State Missions, the Missouri Missionary Baptist and the Kenneth Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund. Thanks to Bro. Michael Hearts for sending the summary of this meeting that is located elsewhere on this page.

Appreciation is expressed to these churches for their cooperation in our state work during the year and the special offerings that were given at this meeting. Your support and encouragement is a blessing to the Lord's work.

It was a joy to attend part of the Men's Retreat at camp Garwood the last weekend of September. It is great to fellowship with the men and boys of our churches and to enjoy a time of relaxation and fellowship at camp.

Our BMA of MO Special Missions Committee met September 14th at the Ponderosa in Perryville. Those present were: Russell Chitwood, Ben Kingston, Don Burke, Dale Fish, Claude Evans, and Dan Wisely. I appreciate these men and their willingness to take time to meet and help plan the work we need to be doing.

Our clerk, Bro. Dan Wisely has taken the time to provide a copy of the recommendations that we plan to present to the Missionary Committee at our State Meeting October 28th at camp Garwood. Those recommendations follow this article. Please prayerfully consider these recommendations and come to the meeting prepared to vote on them or present recommendations you have that will guide us as we do the work of missions. If you have any questions about any of these recommendations please contact me or any of the committee members and we will be happy to try to answer your questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Lord and His churches in this capacity and please pray with me that we might use all the opportunities God gives us to reach others with the Gospel and strengthen His Churches.

## The 95th Annual Meeting of the Meramec Landmark Baptist Association

submitted by *Michael Hearst*

The Meramec Landmark Baptist Association annual meeting was held Friday, September 22nd at New Testament Baptist Church in Sullivan, MO. The following are some of the highlights of this meeting:

- Bro Joe Ginter, Pastor-Charity, Columbia, MO preached the annual message.
- voted to send \$5000 to the BMAA Disaster Relief Fund.
- voted to send \$2000 to the BMAA Seminary Chapel Fund as a memorial to Bro. Jim R. Ford.
- voted to send \$1,500 to the Kenneth Gibson Scholarship Fund.
- voted to send \$1,000 to the Missouri Missionary Baptist paper.
- voted to begin church revitalization efforts at Charity Baptist Church, Columbia, MO and at Berean Baptist Church, Festus, MO
- authorized Moderator, Bro Ben Kingston, to work with the State Association on a joint "Revitalization" meeting at the State Camp in Garwood, MO and to help with the cost of the meeting.
- standing vote of appreciation for the special offerings from the former Springdale Baptist Church in Fenton, MO.
- standing vote of appreciation to New Testament Baptist Church, Sullivan, MO and Pastor Charles Idleman for their hospitality in hosting this meeting.
- Pastors and wives fellowship to be held Fri, Oct 13 at Meramec Retreat Center
- 2018 Meramec Association's Annual meeting to be held September 21st at White Oak Grove, Potosi, MO. Brian Kingston was elected to bring Introductory Sermon with Charles Idleman as alternate speaker.

### BMA of MO Special Missions Committee

#### Recommendations

(to be considered October 28, 2017)

1. Bro. James Hoffmann stand as nominee for Missions Director.
2. That Director's Salary be commensurate with duties asked, to be set by our Advisory committee.
3. Bro. Don Burke Stand as nominee for Assistant Missions Director.
4. That we give 1 month's salary for Christmas Bonus to our Missions Director.
5. That we designate ½ of the Mission Director's salary as housing allowance.
6. That we continue Revitalization Conferences with Bro. Ben Kingston as Director.
7. That we send \$5000.00 to BMA Missions Department for aid in Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

*Dan Wisely, Clerk*

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are based on peer assessment, first-year student retention rate, graduation rate from 2016, class size, student/faculty ratio, SAT/ACT percentile rating, freshman high school graduation class rank, acceptance rate and alumni giving. The full list of rankings can be found at [usnews.com/colleges](http://usnews.com/colleges).

*Deanna Ott*

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• **NEWS From Page 2** •

MO. Please remember to pray for all of our Sister Churches who are without Pastors. And also pray for our Pastors. May God continue to bless us all!

Troy Sisk, Pastor • Yvonne Hill, Reporter

Hello from **Bethel, Sikeston**. September has been a really busy month for us. We continue to be blessed with visitors and some returning members that haven't been here in a long time. We are so thankful for each and everyone of them. One of our dear ladies from Wendell Apartments, that attended our services there, Sis. Brenda Perry went home to be with the lord this month. She will be sadly missed but we look forward to seeing her in heaven some day. We are thankful for the men that are willing to work and teach our young men skill trades and how to be men of God. The young men recently built a picnic table and did an awesome job! We are so proud of our youth as they have taken part in many areas of the church: singing specials, taking up the offering, praying, witnessing to their friends, etc. God has blessed these young people with many talents! We are so thankful for them. We are signing up for the Faith Bible Institute classes, Sis. Kelly Rickman has offered to get it all going again, We already have quite a few signed up for it. Anyone is welcome to attend this class. You don't have to be a member of our church to sign up, we would love to have you come. For more info you can call the church at 573-471-3750 or Sis. Kelly at 573-620-4787. One of our missions that we support is Anchor Academy boys home in Vanduser, MO. Recently these young men showed care and concern for the men incarcerated at the M.E.C.C. prison in Pacific Missouri by planting, caring for and harvesting watermelons to send to the inmates. Thru the combined efforts of Bethel and Anchor 800 melons were loaded on a trailer to be delivered to men who had no air conditioning in their cells during the hot summer. Needless to say these men were "ma-



month Bro. Perry Womble's youngest brother, Marvin, passed away a few days after having surgery. And then the following week a cousin, Ron Thomlinson, passed away after a very short bout with lung cancer. It is comforting to know that both are with the Heavenly Father. Just today (10/3) we learned of the death of Leroy Flowers. His wife Wanda is a charter member of Zion. Although Leroy was not a member at Zion, he was beloved by all that attended Zion. Please pray for this family in their loss, and also for the church for he will be dearly missed. We also request prayer for Bro. Art Goede who recently had a 5 vessel by-pass surgery. His surgery went well but he needs prayer as he continues to heal. Pray for his wife Tracy too. Bro. Baker had a good report on the Men's Retreat. In a recent afternoon service, we were privileged to hear Bro. Roy Callahan share God's Word. Zion is looking forward to observing LifeWord Sunday on October 22nd. We will also be having the Lord's Supper on the 22nd. Bro. Baker recently preached on the Lord Supper; what it means and the importance of examining our lives before we partake of this special church ordinance. Please remember Zion in prayer. Dennis Baker, Pastor Norma Womble, Reporter

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## Master's Builders in Mississippi

The week after Labor Day, The Master's Builders began work in Poplarville, Mississippi, at College Heights Baptist Church. Pastor, Bro. Brandon Burge and the hard-working members there, needed help with work in their Fellowship Hall. Five couples were able to come and we also had help from Bro Willie Oldenquist and Bobby Lowe.

We enjoyed sweet fellowship with the church and thank them for all they did for us while we were there.

If you have questions about the Master's Builders Ministry or if your church has building needs, contact: Office Coordinator, John Mangum at 318 - 202 - 5155 or cell 318-607-4100 or Field Coordinator, Eddie Sikes at 903 -725 - 6549 or cell 479-462-1675.

Remember to follow us on Facebook at "The Master's Builders" (arbor logo).

Nelda Malone - Reporter



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Let me introduce you to Max. Max lives in Impanaquiari, Peru - a small village in the jungle along the Amazon Basin. In August, Baptist Medical Missions International (BMMI) had the privilege to go to his village to do medical clinics. Max was one of our patients that day. While examining Max at the clinic, Dr. Izard, director of BMMI, knew that there was hope for Max to regain the use of his eyes, but it would require surgery. He also knew that Max's parents would not have the funds to pay to travel to Lima, Peru, much less pay for the surgery. Dr. Izard talked to BMA missionaries, Pastor Paul Tinoco and Bro. Johnmichael Poulin. They agreed to help coordinate the travel to Lima and set up an appointment for Max to be seen by an optomologist. Through the support of individuals and churches, BMMI was able to provide transportation cost for Max and his family to visit the doctor. A procedure was done that day to start the process of correcting his eyes. Once Max was fitted with glasses, he could see clearly for the first time. The smile on Max's face said it all. We received an email from Pastor Paul that Max is doing well and recovering nicely. He shared that Max was talking all about his trip to Lima, Peru with his friends in his school - all who live deep in the jungle. What a great adventure for Max and his family, and what a blessing it is to know that Max's life was forever changed because of people like you who give to this ministry.

Please pray for Pastor Paul Tinoco and his team as he ministers to the Ashaninkan's. Many villages along the river are only accessed by boat. Pastor Paul and his team have built relationships with the chiefs of the villages, and are beginning to share with them about Christ. Many of the people that visited clinics in the villages accepted Christ, but many more did not. This is new to them; they have many questions. BMMI was the first group accepted into the villages, and we were asked to return and hope to go back to the jungle next year.



## World's Largest Potluck Eat • Give • Bless

The goal at DiscipleGuide is to equip the local church to carry out Christ's call to make disciples of all nations. As you know, when churches are healthy, they send out missionaries.

### Fourth Quarter 2016-2017

#### Financial Report

Kenneth Gibson Seminary

Student Grant Fund

July 2017 – September 2017

Balance: July 1, 2017	\$	12,338.16
Receipts:	\$	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Available:	\$	14,338.16
Disbursements:	\$	<u>(2,830.00)</u>
Balance: September 30, 2017	\$	11,508.16

They produce the next pastors of churches. They develop the next generation of disciples. DiscipleGuide is there to make sure that happens!

DiscipleGuide is the church investment arm of the BMA, developing camps, conferences, consulting, and curriculum to give local churches the ability to grow and thrive.

They offer a wide range of free services to BMA churches, among which is pastor ministry consultation and a free Pastor's Help Line, which is available to all BMA pastors and their families. This provides them with a confidential ear to talk and professional counsel-

ing on any issue ranging from depression to anger to parenting struggles. These are just a couple examples of essential services that DiscipleGuide provides for BMA churches.

DiscipleGuide needs your help as they continue to invest in BMA churches through the free resources and ministry support services. This year, they want to invite you to participate in the **World's Largest Potluck** - a simple fundraiser where they ask BMA churches to take up a special offering for DiscipleGuide at their church body's holiday meal - whether that's Thanksgiving, Christmas, or even New Years!

If this ministry reaches the goal of raising \$200,000, they will also be able to provide new services to churches, such as an intentional interim pastor program and pastor search services to help churches without pastors. In addition, they will be able to offer a traditional Sunday school quarterly for churches that prefer the previous format.

DiscipleGuide prays that you and your church will consider joining with other BMA churches in praying and giving during the **World's Largest Potluck**. To get your church ready for the potluck, begin by registering at [discipleguide.org/potluck](http://discipleguide.org/potluck). There, you can sign up to receive bulletins and posters to promote your church's event.

Thank you in advance for allowing DiscipleGuide to continue to equip local BMA churches. Feel free to contact them by phone (501-358-7054) or e-mail ([info@discipleguide.org](mailto:info@discipleguide.org)) if you have any questions or concerns.

### Fourth Quarter 2016-2017

#### Financial Report

Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper

July 2017 - September 2017

Balance: July 1, 2017	\$	6,951.21
Receipts:	\$	<u>5,493.95</u>
Total Available:	\$	12,445.16
Disbursements:	\$	<u>(4,637.81)</u>
Balance: September 30, 2017	\$	7,807.35

## 2017 LifeWord Video Ready for Download

On October 22, BMA churches will celebrate **LifeWord Sunday** by learning about, praying for and giving to LifeWord. This year's video will be available to download Friday, September 22. Go to LifeWord's Facebook page and website for a link that will take you to Vimeo for download.

DVDs can be requested by e-mailing [holly@lifeworld.org](mailto:holly@lifeworld.org), and they will be sent at no charge. Churches who are planning to participate in LifeWord Sunday on that day (or any day they choose) need to register at [lifeworld.org/lifeworldsunday](http://lifeworld.org/lifeworldsunday) and receive their free T-shirts and bulletin inserts.

There is another incentive for churches to register: Pastors or staff members will be entered to win two passages on

DiscipleGuide's Church Leaders Cruise (Jan. 13-18, 2018) if contributions have been sent in by December 11. Drawing for the cruise will be held December 13.

Thank you, BMA churches, for 52 years of support. The following links will tell you more about LifeWord's new initiative, the LifeWord Cloud on the LifeWord Network:

<https://lifeworld.org/unlimited-lifeworlds-new-media-vision-part-one/>

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## Attitude Affects

### Impact

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—Charles R Swindoll,  
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### Washington County District WMA

September 16, 2017, Landmark in DeSoto hosted the Washington County District WMA. Opening song was "Just Over In the Gloryland" and opening prayer by Sis. Jean Hadlerlein. After the Youth and the Men left for their meetings, the Welcome was given by Sis. Betty Harrison and the Response by Sis. Pam Callahan of Zion. President Barb Williams gave a devotional on "Stuff" reading from Matthew 6:19-21 and I Corinthians 13:13.

The new business consisted of election of officers for 2017-2018. The new officers are:

President –	Connie Reifsteck – Zion
1st Vice President –	Sharon Page – Landmark
2nd Vice President –	Bea Evans – Stony Point
Secretary/Treasurer –	Tracy Goede - Zion
Assist. Secretary/Treasurer –	Ladonna Baker - Zion
Historian/Reporter –	Norma Womble – Zion
Youth Promoter –	Dana Dane – Bethesda
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	Janet Widger
	Sharon Page

2017-2018 Project:

- 25% Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper
- 25% Camp Garwood
- 30% General Fund
- 20% Youth

Sis. Connie Reifsteck gave the charge to the new officers and Sis. Bea Evans led in prayer for the new officers.

The next district WMA meeting will be Friday, November 10, 2017 at Stony Point Missionary Baptist Church, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Norma Womble - Reporter

### Local WMA's Express Appreciation for the Ladies Retreat

**Bates Creek, Potosi** would like to thank the retreat committee and Sis. Valarie Fish for another great retreat. We had five ladies go from Bates Creek. It was a great time of learning and fellowship with each other and with other ladies from around the state of Missouri.

Sarah Buckley, Reporter

**Bethany, St. Louis**, had four of our ladies, along with Sis. McCanless, attended the Ladies Retreat and what a blessing it was. The music, devotionals, fellowship and the speaker were all spirit led. If your ladies have never attended these retreats, you should encourage them to do so.

Kathy Chapman, Reporter

Others made good comments in their "News From the Churches" articles and all indications are that the ladies had a great time and were challenged to do their best for the Lord. Perhaps we will have a report in the next issue with more details about the meeting.

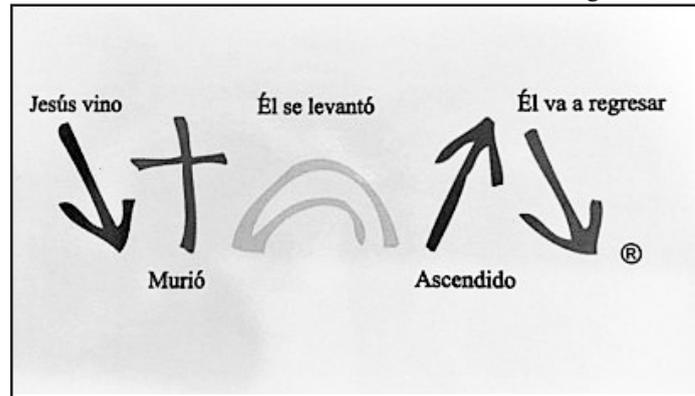
## My Trip To Ecuador

by Rebekah Son, Volunteer Student Missionary

First of all, I would like to thank all of those who helped to send me to Ecuador by sending me money to go. Second, I would like to start out this article by saying we serve a mighty God who prepared the way to Ecuador for me. Finally, I would like to tell a little about my trip.

We did two weeks of VBS while we were there. The first week was in a park right in front of a new convert's house. Miriam and her family love the Lord so much. When we passed out fliers for the VBS, Miriam was running ahead of the group. She was just so excited to invite people to come hear about Jesus.

The VBS was taken from King's Witness. The program had five lessons: "He came," "He died," "He arose," "He ascended," and "He's coming back."



This card showed the five lessons in VBS (from right to left) He came, He died, He arose, He ascended, He's coming back

There were verses that went along with each lesson that we had the kids memorize throughout the week. We offered cards with the verses on them to random kids in the park as well as parents passing through. At the end of the week we gave the children and parents bracelets and backpacks that had the symbols of the VBS lessons on them.

The second VBS mimicked the first but it was at a different park close to the church. Pastor Marco and another man from church took time to help us pass out fliers for the second VBS. Throughout all of the trip, we saw how God does mighty things. Trevor Morris, the preacher who died in a plane crash in Texas was the founder of the church in Cuenca, Ecuador. We were there in Ecuador when he died. We were able to help comfort the church in their time of grief for the loss of their friend and brother.

The people of Ecuador are not time based as we are. They were more willing to fellowship and make relationships than worry about getting church started on time. The people were also willing to give of everything they have without thought of what they do or do not have. It was an awe-inspiring experience to hear the people worship in one language while we worshiped in another. We sang the same songs and had the same love of friends and family, yet they were willing to give more than we are usually willing to commit.

All in all it was an amazing trip with lots of fun, laughter, and even tears. We definitely came away with many friends and adopted family.



From left to right, back row: Mallory, Riley, Kaitlynn, Candra, Jamie, Randy, Kim, and me. Front row: Jon, Mason, Myah, and Holly. Bro Chris Huson was taking the picture.

All in all it was an amazing time and I learned so much! Thank you again for your prayers and support!

**Editor's Note:** Our young people have some tremendous opportunities to get involved in short-term mission trips during the summer. Contact the BMA of America Missions Office in Conway, Arkansas for more information. The number is 501-455-4977.

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

**Report of 7th Annual Brotherhood  
Fall Retreat**

by Dennis Baker, Brotherhood President

A total of eighteen men attended the Brotherhood Fall Retreat at Camp Garwood. Bro. Jason Redden, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Sikeston, provided an excellent devotional concerning "Making Choices." Jason also shared his personal testimony of faith in Jesus Christ.

Following the devotion, we were blessed by the testimonies of the men and boys who shared their experience of salvation. Some of the men were moved to tears as they shared what God has been doing in their life.

Bro. Rick Garza provided us with three excellent meals. Friday menu was chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, and corn on the cob. Saturday morning, we enjoyed eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy. For lunch we relished cheese burgers.

The annual archery competition seemed to be enjoyed by all the men. Even those who did not compete seemed to enjoy watching. The best overall score for the amateur level was Andrew Wilhing from Stony Point. The best overall score for the advanced level was Brian Vollersten, also from Stony Point.

We are thankful for the financial support of those who attended. We received a total offering of \$150.00. We are also thankful for the churches that regularly support this ministry.

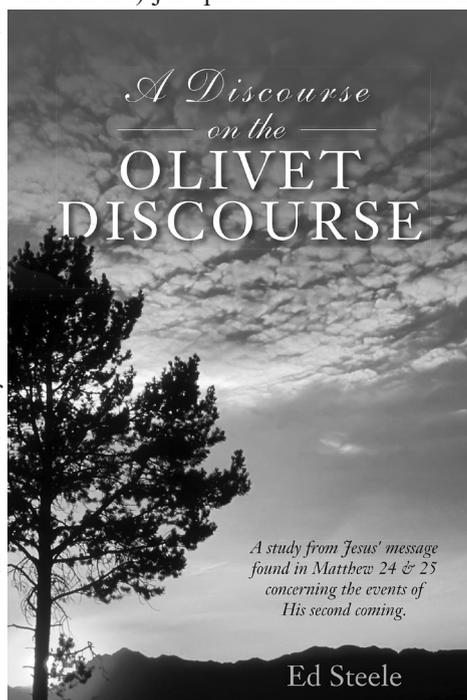
I personally enjoyed the beautiful weather and fellowship with my brothers in Christ. The life changing testimonies were a spiritual encouragement. Thank you, Bro. Garza for the wonderful meals.

Bro. Rick Garza has posted several pictures of the retreat on Camp Garwood's Facebook page.

**Book On Second Coming  
of Jesus Released**

A book entitled "A Discourse on the Olivet Discourse" has been written and recently published by Ed Steele. Matthew 24 and 25 present Jesus' message preached on the Mount of Olives (the Olivet Discourse) just prior to His crucifixion wherein He referred to the signs of the times, the Rapture, the Great Tribulation, the Millennium, and the coming judgments. The book is separated into these five segments with three chapters being written on the signs of the times, two on the Rapture, five on the Great Tribulation, two on the Millennium, and three on the judgments. The Bible text for each chapter is taken from the Olivet Discourse with supportive Scripture from throughout the Bible enlarging and giving more details on the events surrounding His second coming.

The book is written from a Pre-Tribulation Rapture point



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**JUDEO-CHRISTIAN HERITAGE**

**Series #2 • Capital Punishment • Leviticus 24:17**

According to scripture, the Bible favors the death penalty. Capital punishment not only deters crime; it is the ultimate and greatest deterrent because the murdering criminal knows that from the imposition of the sentence there will be no probation, no parole. Society, according to God's law, has a right to defend itself, that is to take the life of those who commit murder with premeditation and planning.

**It is Taught in the Scripture.**

Genesis 9:4-6 teaches that life is precious made in God's divine image. Murder strikes at the God who created man. God requires in verse 5 the life of the murderer.

The laws and ordinances of Exodus again remind us, Exodus 21:12-15, of the sacredness of life. James 1:14-15 describes the corruptibility of sin bringing forth eventual death. It is the people's right to impose capital punishment for murder offenses.

Other scripture references declare with attention God's intentions toward life. They are Exodus 20:13, Exodus 21:23-25, Numbers 34:31-34, Romans 13:3-5, and Acts 25:10-12.

**It is Missing from Our Governmental Laws.**

In the case of Furman versus Georgia, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5 to 4 that capital punishment was unconstitutional. This nullified the existing death penalty statues in 40 states and the sentences of the then 629 death-row inmates.

On July 2, 1976, the Supreme Court ruled 7 to 2 in the Gregg versus Georgia case that the death penalty, at least for the crime of murder, is not a cruel or unusual punishment. So presently, 32 state legislatures have passed death penalty statues, yet there is no federal death penalty legislation on the books. Because of this lethargic position of our governments and the long appeals in the courts, we now have 2,843 death row inmates.

After World War II, death penalty executions became less

of view. The future of Israel in the plan of God is greatly stressed in the presentation. Steele states, "I believe that what I have written is consistent with what the majority of people in the BMA also believe, but it is my prayer that I have provided many supportive verses to help them verify and explain what they believe. Some readers may find some minor differences in my explanations concerning what I believe the Bible teaches will happen when Jesus returns."

The book contains about 250 pages and is the third book published by Steele joining "God's Creation Story" (2009) and "God's Covenant of Grace" (2015). Each of these books is available through Amazon.com in book form and as Kindle downloads. A click on the author's name on either of these books will open the author's page that also reveals three of the Compass Adult Sunday School Quarterlies written by him that are offered by DiscipleGuide. The price of the books on Amazon is around \$15.00 each with the Kindle copies being less than \$4.00.

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popular. Newsweek states, there were 82 in 1950, 49 in 1959, and two in 1967. Much of the decline in carrying out the death penalty resulted after legal battles were waged against it by the A.C.L.U. (American Civil Liberties Union). The nationally scheduled executions for 2017 will be 14.

**It is Frightening Our Society.**

But according to a Gallup poll, 60% of Americans now favor capital punishment, up from 57%. Most people believe it is an effective public deterrent to murder and a permanent deterrent in preventing the murderer from committing additional murders inside or outside of prison.

At least one study by Dr. David Phillips, a sociologist at the University of California at San Diego, confirms that capital punishment acts as a deterrent to murder for at least two weeks after a highly publicized execution. "On the average, homicides decrease by 35.7 percent," Dr. Phillips explained.

But still death penalty executions are so slow in being carried out that many are beginning to complain. "I feel the same way the majority of people in the United States feel about the death penalty," stated Texas Judge Michael McSpadden recently. "Enough is enough of these appeals. It's time to enforce the laws."

Former California Gov. George Deukmejian probably brought the delay issue more into focus than anyone in recent times when he complained that of the 150 men on the California Death Row, the state Supreme Court has reviewed the cases of only 23 and of that number, the death penalty convictions of only three have been upheld.

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“The time is long overdue,” said Deukmejian, “for us to implement the death penalty in California. In the last years, there has been just one state execution of a convicted killer, while more than 30,000 innocent Californians have been murdered...”

Former U. S. Sen. Dennis DeConcini (D. Ariz.), writing in the American Legion magazine, put the use of capital punishment into its correct perspective:

“If we in this country are to administer a successful criminal justice system, we must first consider what qualifies as justice. Obviously, the more simple and direct form of justice is restitution-compensative to one who has been wronged.

“But in reality, restitution often is not possible. When an innocent human life has been lost, restitution is not among the options from which blind justice can choose. Punishment becomes the alternative. It logically follows that the more severe the crime, the more severe the punishment applied.”

“We have, in this nation, admirably adhered to the protection of individual rights; yet, we should not in that process, forsake our responsibility to protect the rights of society as a whole. And, in these cases (murder cases where the murderer was sane and represented a threat to society)...capital punishment emerges as the only vehicle for ensuring those rights.” More information can be obtained via the internet – Death Penalty Information Center.

## JUDEO-CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

### Series #4 • *Alcohol Abuse* • Proverbs 20:1 • Isaiah 5:22

Some Christians favor the use of alcohol beverages in moderation, where as other believers insist on total abstinence. Some believe it is possible to drink alcoholic beverages without damaging their Christian testimonies, and others that the only safe rule is to completely stay away from strong drink.

As a nation, little of what we say or do is based on the Word of God. We have rejected God’s counsel in government, business, schools, and in the family; and we are paying the price. Will we fail to recognize that God has the first and last word? As Christians, we ought to see the alternatives clearly, pray, and then speak out as those who understand and are committed to the will of God.

Although widely scattered, the majority of tragic happenings all had a common cause – drinking alcoholic beverages. These tragedies take place every twenty-four hours of every day across the nation. Forces outside the church rise to quench the tide of useless deaths by alcohol abuse – such as Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) and Students Against Drunk Drivers (SADD).

### The Reasons For the Liquor Problem

First, some people like the thrills that come with drinking, and nothing, including tragedy, will make them give it up. Second, our nation gives alcohol its unholy place because of our insatiable lust for profit. Readers Digest states that “retail sales of alcoholic beverage in one recent year totaled \$223.2 billion. From that our government claimed \$6.4 billion in federal, state, and local taxes. Money over people!

The liquor industry, along with many moralists, join in a persuasive chorus: “If people would only learn to drink sensibly, there would be no liquor problem.” However, the very nature of alcohol is to weaken the will to drink with moderation. Alcohol is no respecter of persons. It can touch and destroy you or someone that you love.

Observers and recent newscasts tell us that although per capita consumption of alcohol (beer, wine, vodka, gin, and whiskey) has leveled off in recent years, more young people are becoming heavy drinkers, and more women are drinking now than in the past. Reports are stating that even moderate drinking by pregnant women can and will damage an unborn baby’s brain for life.

### The Remedy For the Liquor Problem

In the face of facts like these, what should be the Christian’s view concerning social drinking? We must remember that a person becomes a Christian believer only by repentance of sin and faith that Jesus Christ can save your soul. Faith in Christ makes us new creations with new goals and standards. The believer will want to abstain and restrict himself to please the Lord who saved him.

There are four basic reasons that all should voluntarily abstain from strong drink:

**First**, the Bible proclaims that abstinence is a sound position and a solid footing. The Holy, Heavenly Father required total abstinence for those in close relationship to Him. Leviticus 10:9 forbids the use of wine to priests who ministered in the Tabernacle. Wine was forbidden to those under special vows to God as Nazarites...Numbers 6:3. Even the “little wine for the stomach’s sake” of I Timothy 5:23 refers to medicinal purposes and that too was sweet, unfermented wine.

Paul writes, “Let us walk honestly (or decently), as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness...but put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh.”...Romans 13:13-14. I Peter 1:15, 16.

**Second**, another reason for staying away from strong drink is the role and character of alcohol in our modern day. Liquor today is the partner of excess and evil. One cannot drink without giving endorsement to a baneful custom, and a conscienceless enterprise. It is unthinkable that a Christian or moral person should contribute to an industry that deals in thousands of deaths, misery, and the total ruin of countless lives. I Thessalonians 5:22, “Abstain from all appearance of evil.” One cannot ever argue that drinking is a harmless custom when literally millions are alcoholics. We need to read II Corinthians 6:14-15.

A **third** reason for abstinence is that drinking is

## 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.

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

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

**James Hoffmann**, is available for pulpit supply. Contact him at 314-277-8644 or by e-mail at [jmhoff@charter.net](mailto:jmhoff@charter.net).

**Brian Adams**, a member of First Missionary Baptist Church of Matthews is available to preach or as the Lord leads. Contact him by e-mail at [bkadams27@yahoo.com](mailto:bkadams27@yahoo.com) or by phone 217-779-9264

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### Bi-vocational Youth & Family Outreach Director Needed

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harmful to the body. Thomas Edison, the inventor, said, “To put alcohol in the body is like putting sand on the bearings of an engine. It does not belong.” Shakespeare wrote it this way, “Alcohol is a poison that men take into the mouth to steal away the brain.” Brain cells die when alcohol is taken into the bloodstream. Heart, liver, and kidneys are also permanently affected.

A **fourth** reason for abstinence is to abstain for the sake of others, especially those who may be influenced by the example...that is children and teenagers. Moody Monthly declares, “Eight out of every dozen social drinkers succeed as moderate drinkers, but four others will fail, and one of them will drop off the precipice of addiction.”

It seems clear that the only safe principle is total abstinence from alcoholic beverages in any form. In light of the extreme cost, in terms of deaths, property, and health, alcohol is a luxury that we cannot afford. If you wish to be high, let Jesus, God’s Son, lift you up....”*ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.*” I Peter 1:8.

### Recommended web sites and readings:

- 1) [www.PacHills.com](http://www.PacHills.com)
- 2) [www.gricetrack.net](http://www.gricetrack.net)
- 3) Addictions – A Banquet in the Grace – Ed Welch
- 4) God is For the Alcoholic – B. Palmer