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Philippians 2:16

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Happy Thanksgiving

We are thankful for....Our Great Association

90th Annual Meeting of the BMA of Missouri

October 28, 2017 • 9:00 a.m.

Camp Garwood

by Don Burke, Clerk • James Hoffmann, Editor

Fifty-nine messengers (plus several visitors) representing 30 churches met at Camp Garwood for the 90th annual meeting of the Missouri State Association.

Following the morning devotional from John 17:17 by Leonard Knight, Association President Dale Fish called the Association to order.

Two guests, Philip Attebery representing the BMAA Seminary and Terry Kimbrow representing Central Baptist College, shared with the body the ministry and needs of their respective schools. The Association voted to send \$1,000 from the Missions Fund to each of these.

Newly Elected Committeemen

- **Alive Committee:** Brian Buckley (term ending 2019), Kevin Smith (2020), and Brian Kingston (2021);
- **Publication Committee:** Ray Thurman (2019), Don Burke (2020);
- **Camp Committee:** Brian Whitlock (2022);
- **Special Missions Committee:** Russell Chitwood (2024).

Highlights of Committee Reports

- **Alive Committee** - announced that this year's conference is scheduled for December 28-30, 2017 and will take place at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in

Chesterfield.

More information can be found on the Alive Conference Facebook page along with instructions about how to register. Registrations must be done by December 1st to get the good rate that the hotel offers.

• **Publications Committee** - Editor Jim Hoffmann expressed thankfulness for having a good year financially which made it possible to end the year with a positive balance without having to

ask for special offerings.

• **BMA Loan Association** - Director Dennis Baker reported that we were able to help Emmanuel Baptist Church with a Grant which enabled them to replace heating and air-conditioning units that were needing replaced. Emmanuel's pastor, Jason Reddin noted that the church was extremely thankful for the help and had already started giving offerings to this fund to show their appreciation. He mentioned that the need was more critical that first imagined as they found that carbon monoxide was entering their building because of the faulty equipment. Thank God, we had the funds available to help.

• **Brotherhood and WMA Reports**, indicated that these auxiliaries are doing a great service to the Lord's work in strengthening the fellowship and outreach of our churches. Sis. Juanita May reported another successful WMA Retreat with good lessons and fellowship along with an auction that raised more funds for Camp Garwood. Bro. Dennis Baker reported that the Men's Retreats have continued to bring our men and boys together at Camp Garwood with devotionals, fellowship, and activities that strengthen the relationship in our churches.

• **Camp Garwood Report** - Direct Chris Polk presented an encouraging report on the 2017 Camp and Retreats. A new dorm was finished and put into use this year and plans are to build a workshop/storage building on the old house site

at camp which will allow us to make a more permanent dorm out of the area that has been used as storage and an extra dorm when needed. We are thankful for all the souls that have been saved at Camp Garwood. (See Bro. Chris' article on Page 5.)

Ben Kingston gave the annual sermon, taken from Proverbs 2:1-12. His admonitions centered upon "A Search for Wisdom." (See notes gleaned from his message on page 5.)

Bro. Wayne Gibson expressed our appreciation to Bro. Leonard Knight and Bro. Ben Kingston for the devotional and message.

A wonderful noon meal was prepared by the Rockin' Mobile Café, operated by Dave and Lisa Payne.

After the noon break, the body reconvened for the Missionary Committee meeting. The Special Missions Committee presented the following recommendations:

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. (Note: Later the Advisory Committee set the Director's Salary at \$600 a month.)
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 \$5,000 to BMA Missions Department for aid in Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.
8. That we pay up to \$2,500 to Abundant Life in Christ Church in Charleston for upgrading their parking as they continue to finish their new building.

After some discussion the recommendations were approved by the Missions Committee, and then later ratified by the full Association body.

Dale Fish and Claude Evans were reelected **Association President and Vice President** (respectively). The President reappointed the same brethren to serve on the **Enrollment Committee** (Russell Chitwood, Leonard Knight, Brad Banderman) and **Resolutions Committee** (David Griggs, Chris Polk, Tom Foster, Jr.) for the coming year.

The Association will meet on **May 18 - 19, 2018 at Zion (St. Louis)** for the Missions Symposium and Mid-Year Business Meeting. The 2018 Annual Association will meet **October 27, 2018 at Bethel (Lonedell)**.

We are also thankful for the increased attendance this year and for the sweet Spirit of fellowship!

+++ +++ NEWS BRIEFS +++ +++

We are thankful for.....Reporters who keep us informed

Landmark, DeSoto, reports: We started off the month of October by enjoying our 85th homecoming on the 1st. It was a good day, some visitors and a wonderful lunch as usual. But we really celebrated as Bro. Ryan Hall was baptized and his wife, Bobbi came into the church by statement of her salvation and scriptural baptism. Then we celebrated Sis. Gibson's birthday on the 4th with cake and ice cream. October the 8th was Bro. Wayne's last official day as pastor, although he has preached since and probably will fill in from time to time until we get a pastor. We are so glad that they are not leaving Landmark. We had our Walk for the World at Walther Park, DeSoto, on the 14th. There were 10 that came and participated. We had an enjoyable time, although it was quite a warm day. Afterwards, a birthday party was held for Sis. Jean Haderlein's 80th birthday, and those who walked also attended that celebration. She was definitely queen for the day. We appreciate that lady at Landmark. Bro. Ben Kingston came the afternoon of the 15th and had a light meal with us and gave us encouragement as we seek a pastor. Afterwards he brought a message from the Word of God. Bro. David Wright preached for us the morning and evening services on the 22nd. We thoroughly enjoyed his messages also. Bro. & Sis. Gibson attended the annual Missouri State Meeting at Garwood. They reported it was a wonderful meeting. The 29th we had our fellowship dinner, and after the evening message, we observed the Lord's Supper. The pulpit committee has been busy in their search to bring before us those to come in view of a call. Please pray for us as we wait upon the Spirit's leading. Sharon Page, Reporter

Lower Doe Run, Ellington, is so very thankful to God for you, our field of labour, our association and workers. God has blessed in ways we cannot count. We have a tendency to look at the sickness and loss but fail to see the health and gain! Yes, we still have a lot of physical health problems in the church family and community but God is so faithful to go with us and give us opportunities to witness His great love and amazing grace. Another dear sister left our community to live near her daughters and their families. We miss Sis. Betty Rayfield but we know she will continue to pray for us faithfully. Sis. Thelma Hoffmann is far from us physically but we know she is continuing to pray for us faithfully. Bro. Don Hoffmann is not with us physically but we are always assured that his love for Jesus will not cease as he ministers in his way to his new surroundings. We celebrated the Harvest Festival October 21st with several families from the community attending roasting hot dogs, marshmallows, and enjoying all the food that goes with them. Dakota gathered all the young ones for a game using glow sticks. She did a great job but was exhausted keeping it going. Then our kind neighbor brought his huge tractor and trailer over for our hayride. After the ride, several loaded up in vehicles to drive by a display nearby and invite the family to church. The next day, Sunday morning, we had five visitors, one being our own great granddaughter, Zana Elizabeth Evans. Praise God. The next Sunday we had six visitors. Nine of us participated in the Fifth Sunday Singing at Ohlman in the afternoon. What a blessed time we had there. We appreciate Bro. Sharp and the congregation there. We were represented along with a great group of BMAMO folks at Camp Garwood on the 28th. Another great blessing there. We love to fellowship with you folks in association meetings. We look forward to meeting you at the mid-year Mission Symposium and BMAMO at Zion on May 17-18, 2018 and also the Annual BMAMO at Bethel, Lonedell on October 27, 2018.

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With Thanksgiving, Until we meet again,
Melvin Meade, Pastor
Carolyn Meade. Reporter

Bethesda, Park Hills, had a fall fellowship October 29th. We ate chili and soups and played games. The children (including me) had fun throwing cotton balls at a pretend spider web and throwing candy corn into buckets. We also played fill-in-the-blank games and guessed the answers to riddles. Three of our members attended the annual district meeting. Bro. Len Young preached the first two weeks in October and Bro. Alan and Zach Dane preached the last two Sundays. Ashton Dane, Youth Reporter

Bethany, St. Louis, says, "Happy fall." Once again we send greetings to all of our sister churches. We are in transition at Bethany with Bro. Nick's resignation coming up quickly. He and his family took some vacation time and have moved. He will be with us up to and including the 19th Of November. We were blessed to have Bro. Page and Bro. Boatright filling the Pulpit while he was on vacation. We extend our sympathy to the Richard Eye family in his recent passing. We know he is at peace and is pain free in the presence of God Almighty. Please continue to pray for us as we search for the pastor God has for us. Anyone interested or feeling led to come in view of a call. Please contact Earl Johnston, 314-650-7060 or send a resume to Bethany Baptist Church •11211 Midland Blvd., • St. Louis, MO 63114. As we wait for Christ's appearing may we be found working to bring the lost to him. God bless and may you all have a blessed thanksgiving.

Nick Dunn, Pastor
Kathy Chapman, Reporter

Greetings from **Bethel, Sikeston.** October started off

great! Kayla Clark came forward and made a profession of faith requesting baptism, and Sis. Grace Turnbow came forward requesting to join by letter. Both were accepted and they were given the hand of fellowship and hugs as we welcomed them into our fellowship. Praise God for these two! Kayla is a teenager and Sis. Grace is 97 years young. Our Revival was a great blessing as Bro. Tommy Foster, Jr. brought a powerful message from God every night, God used him in a mighty way!! Needless to say, Bethel was revived and hopefully will continue in Revival til Jesus comes!!! For Pastor appreciation we blessed our Pastor and his wife with a generous gift for their new house that they will be moving into the first part of November. They are greatly appreciated! Congratulations to Matthew Stafford and Anna Kinder as they were joined in marriage October 21st. May God richly bless their marriage! We had been discussing getting our parking lot sealed at our last business meeting and were blessed to get that done this month. On the 28th Bro. Joe and Sis. Stephanie McElroy hosted a Fall Festival party at their home again this year. We so appreciate them for opening their home for this. Everyone had a great time! Bro. Billy, Bro. Matt Bolen and Bro. Joe McElroy attended the annual meeting of the BMA of Missouri at Camp Garwood and were very impressed by the number in attendance this year. Bro. Gary Lindsey has been in the hospital and we are thanking God for his healing as he is back home and doing much better. Sis. Brenda Varvel volunteered to be our card Lady, We call her our "Sunshine Lady." She also joined other ladies in the Jail Ministry! What a blessing to see members stepping up to do the Lord's work! To God Be the Glory!! Have a Blessed month and enjoy the beautiful handiwork of God! He sure paints a beautiful picture!

Billy Davis, Pastor • Joan Wood, Reporter

Greetings from **Black Creek, Poplar Bluff.** Our God is an AWESOME God! Saturday, October 21st we had "Family Day" at the church from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. There was a wonderful turnout, with an attendance of around 60 people including church members, our families and friends. We had a bonfire with roasting hot dogs and marshmallows. Funnel cakes and fried Oreos were also among the desserts. Thanks to some good friends of mine, Sis. Doreen Brown, Sis. Patty Roark, Bro. Eddie Pickens and his wife Sis. Debbie. We had a cakewalk where almost everyone who played won a dessert of some kind to take home. Sis. Doris Chitwood won a cake

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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • October 2017

General Fund:

Checking Account:

Balance September 30, 2017	\$		43,242.94
October Receipts:			
Missions:	\$	3,464.10	
Total Income:	\$	3,464.10	\$ 3,464.10
Total Available	\$		46,707.04
Disbursements:			
Assistant Director Salary	\$	500.00	
SMC Mileage	\$	135.00	
Camp Garwood	\$	1,000.00	
BMA Seminary	\$	1,000.00	
Central Baptist College	\$	1,000.00	
Total Disbursements	\$	3,635.00	\$ (3,635.00)
Balance October 31, 2017:	\$		43,072.04

Bank of America Savings Account:

Balance September 30, 2017	\$		(1,100.56)
Interest:	\$.02	\$.02
Balance October 31, 2017:	\$		1,100.58

Investment in BMA of Mississippi Revolving Loan Fund:

Balance September 30, 2017	\$		100,071.34
Interest:	\$	547.35	\$ 547.35
Balance October 31, 2017:	\$		100,618.69

Total of all Funds October 31, 2017 **\$ 144,791.31**

From Our Director...

We should be rejoicing and praising God for the good turnout at the State Meeting at Camp Garwood. I have heard some good comments about our Camp from some who have not seen it for a few years. God has certainly blessed us with a tool to use to reach many with the Gospel.

Thanks to Bro. Chris and his crew for inviting the association to meet at the Camp and for the great job they did in hosting the meeting. We had a good time in the Lord.

Thank you for electing me as your Missions Director. Please pray that I can be used of God to lead, inspire, and encourage greater growth in our mission work across the state. Let's work together to accomplish what God wants and enables us to do.

Thank you also for the raise in salary. The Special Missions Committee, set the Director's salary at \$600 per month in response to your approval of their recommendations.

I am encouraged by the willingness of our churches to help some of our sister churches financially as they need a boost to encourage growth and outreach. Your Special Missions Committee hopes to find other ways we can help some works who have a good potential for growth. Perhaps by our mid-year meeting we can have some more recommendations in this area.

In this Thanksgiving Season we can be very thankful for

God's blessings upon our efforts in His kingdom work. It is evident that we have many pastors and members who want to let God use them to spread the good news of the Gospel and to support His work as much as possible.

If you have suggestions or questions about any phase of our work with which I can help please let me know.

We hope you are looking forward to the next Revitalization Conference which will be held in 2018 and that when the dates are announced you will do your best to attend. Bro. Ben Kingston is doing a good job in planning and facilitating this effort to improve our impact on one another across Missouri.

May God continue to bless us as we labor together.

**Washington County Association
of Landmark Missionary Baptist
Churches**

by *Dennis Baker*, Clerk

The Washington Association held their annual meeting at Stony Point Missionary Baptist Church, Mineral Point, Missouri, Saturday, October 15, 2016.

Thirteen messengers were present representing seven churches. We received \$475 for Minute and Clerk Hire.

Officers elected for 2017-2018 associational year:

Moderator -	Don Burke
Assistant Moderator -	Roy Callahan
Clerk -	Dennis Baker
Assistant Clerk -	Perry Womble
Treasurer -	Roy Callahan
Assistant Treasurer -	Roy Brakefield

Elected Missionary Committee officers:

Moderator -	Roy Brakefield
Assistant Moderator -	Leonard Knight
Clerk -	Dennis Baker
Assistant Clerk -	Roy Callahan

The Obituary Report noted that the Lord called home the following eight individuals from four churches:

Bates Creek - Bro. Charles Evans

Bethesda - Bro. Larry Black & Sis Gladys Black

Stony Point - Sis. Dorothy Thompson & Bro. Gray Coleman

Temple - Bro. Michael Yount, Bro., Tim Mouser, & Bro. Ronald Pierce.

The messengers voted to send ten copies of the book, "The Diamond Years" to each of the churches to sell at a cost of \$5.00 each. Also, five copies of the book will be sent to the BMA of Missouri Women's Missionary Auxiliary for the Silent Auction.

Treasurer Bro. Roy Callahan reported that \$2,979.95 was received and expenses totaled \$1,931.42. Funds available in checking \$8,285.10, CD's \$5,991.86.

The messengers voted to support the BMA of Missouri, Kenneth E. Gibson Student Loan Fund, with an offering of \$1,000.

Because many of the churches of the association are struggling, Bro. Claude Evans, Bro. Roy Callahan, and Bro. Dennis Baker were elected to investigate to determine if and how the Washington County Association can help them.

The 2018 annual meeting will be held at Zion Baptist Church, St. Louis, MO. Bro. Leonard Knight was elected to preach the Annual Message with Bro. Roy Callahan the Alternate Speaker.

The annual meeting closed with a worship service with music led by Leonard Knight and Barbarasue Marler. Roy Callahan preached the Annual Sermon. The title of the message was "Go" based on Acts 9:10-16. God called Ananias to a hard task, but God had a plan.

Thankfulness Shows....

If we are thankful for Someone - we will show them.

If we are thankful for Something - we will use it.

If we are thankful because of Something - we will tell it.

If we are thankful doing Something - we will enjoy it.

Are your thankful for God? Show It!!

We are thankful for.....Reports of what God is doing

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and donated it back to the church for our monthly fellowship dinner, which was the next day. A great time was had by everyone who attended I do believe. Looking forward to next years "Family Day" already! The Cane Creek Association had a wonderful turnout for the "Walk for the World" with a total of 49 people and 12 of these were our youth. There were 9 churches represented. Bro. Brian Whitlock, Pastor of Black River M.B.C. brought the devotional from Luke 24:13-35. After the devotional the walk around the lake began for most. The "Ladies Prayer Breakfast" met with 6 churches represented. Prayer request were asked for and we also had some praise reports given. It is so great to be having the ladies come together and pray for each of our churches and families and friends. If you would like to join us, we meet normally on the third Saturday of each month at Ryan's in Poplar Bluff, MO at 9:00. For November we changed to the 2nd Saturday, November 11th. It was such a blessing to be a part of the "State Annul Meeting," which was held at Camp Garwood on the fifth Saturday of October, taking care of business and getting to fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. What a wonderful lunch was served also! Thank you so much to everyone who had a part in cooking and serving. It was great seeing the youth at the meeting taking care of getting drink orders and delivering drinks to the tables. Please remember to pray for all 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

Greetings from your friends at **Faith Baptist Church in Saint Charles!** We have had a busy month with our Fall Festival, five baptisms, two business meetings, and now our preparations for the upcoming holiday seasons. We are thankful that God is continuing to do a work in our midst, and we feel blessed. October 21st, we held our Annual Fall Festival, complete with cakewalks and a chili cook off. Who knew there were so many varieties of chili! We used the festival as an opportunity to reach our community, including using numbered tracts instead of tickets for our prize drawings. We hope some seeds were planted! November 19th, our church family will be gathering in the evening for our annual Thanksgiving dinner. The sign-up sheet is full of names promising to bring all sorts of delightful Thanksgiving treats, and we have so many good cooks in our number! We're looking forward to an evening of wonderful fellowship. We are getting excited about the upcoming Christmas season, as well. Several are working on boxes for Operation Christmas Child, our music for the choir was delivered the other day, and parts were drawn for the youth play. Every December, the ladies who participated in "Secret Sister" gather for the big name reveal and to draw names for the following year.

As we continue to look to God for our direction, we trust that He will guide us. Of course, then it is up to us to follow His guidance!

Justin Arender, Pastor • Annaliese Aliprandi, Reporter

Greetings from **Kewanee!** As I write this report we are in revival services with Bro. Donnie Parish and the first night was great. We are looking for great things to happen at Kewanee Missionary Baptist! Friday night of revival has been designated Youth night and we will have a hayride after services. I am sure we will have many adults crashing this party too. We are half way through this semester of FBI class, semester 4. We are looking toward our first final in the Old Testament soon. Pray for the students that we learn and grow in God's word. We celebrated Pastor's Appreciation October 29th. We

Discipleship Produces Tomorrow's Spiritual Leaders

Jenni Johnson grew up in the BMA, attending Daniel Springs and SOAR every summer. She learned to grow in the faith because of her local church and **DiscipleGuide's** investment in her life. Now, she is a full time missionary with her husband and children in China.

"I'm a product of BMA discipleship," said Jenni, "and now serve in a ministry that is being supported by and prayed for by **DiscipleGuide**. It's full circle!"

She has been a missionary in China for a decade now, where they strive to live a lifestyle of discipleship and outreach, just like they received growing up. This has resulted in their involvement in many different discipleship and outreach ministries that are bringing hope to many in Beijing.

You can help DiscipleGuide invest in local churches so that they can be healthy and produce the next pastors, missionaries, and faithful disciples –like Jenni.

This holiday season, **join in our World's Largest Potluck** – a simple fund raiser where we 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 we reach the goal of raising \$200,000, we will 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, we will be able to offer a tradi-

had a great time of songs, poems, jokes and a skit. We love Bro. Dan and Sis Pam! Afterwards we had fellowship with food and cake. We are blessed to also have 5 preachers in our congregation and they were also recognized. Trunk or Treat was observed October 31st in the parking lot. We decorated our vehicles and handed out treats for the children. We knew that kids will go trick or treating so why not give them a safe environment to do this and also we had a chance to invite visitors to church. Our youth are having a 'Breakfast at Dinner' event December 9th. They are working towards going to Youth Alive. We have many already signed up ready to go. If you are interested in coming please contact the church or our Facebook page for more info.

Dan Wisely, Pastor • Terri Adams, Reporter

Greetings from **First Baptist Church, Potosi.** It is difficult to find the words to adequately describe all the awesomeness that is going on here at First Baptist. The Wednesday night children's classes tried something new this year and the children loved it. They studied the superheroes of the Bible (men and women). Now they are preparing for the Christmas program with story and song. UPWARD basketball begins in January, so there is always something to keep the children involved. Our teens stay busy and are preparing for ALIVE in December. One event brings in money so that any teen who wants to attend any activity will be able to do so even if they do not have the money themselves. Our auction this year brought in \$7,000 and it is all for the youth program. We are still hosting the women's community Bible Study every Tuesday with great attendance each week. Once again, we are planning our Taste of Christmas. It is always exciting to see how the tables are decorated as each table has a different sponsor. The dinner is by invitation only, but everyone is invited for the devotional in the sanctuary and then to the Life Center for dessert. I think we have had 250 - 300 for dinner the past two years. Celebrate

tional Sunday school quarterly for churches that prefer the previous format. Funds from the offering will also allow us to begin printing youth and children's material again –the same kind that missionaries like Jenni Johnson grew up studying.

We pray that you will consider joining with other BMA churches in giving during the World's Largest Potluck. To get your church ready for the potluck, begin by registering at 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 equipping local BMA churches.

Feel free to contact us by phone (501-358-7054) or e-mail (info@discipleguide.org) if you have any questions.

Recovery still is going strong and a lot of volunteers help to keep this program going. We have dinner every Friday at 6:00 and Brenda Wilson organizes the meals; it takes a lot of volunteers just for this part of the program. GMA meets on Mondays after school and, of course, the first thing they want to do is eat before their work. Larry and Debra DeClue work with the junior worship children. For a while they were having 40 children every Sunday. They are a great team. We have just completed another session of our Sunday night Bible study on the parables in our small groups that meet in different homes. From August through October we have had ten join our church by baptism and 12 by letter. We are so thankful for God's blessings. We showed our appreciation for our pastors in October with a social after church. We have a place for everyone to be spiritually fed and to volunteer. Please pray for us as we pray for you.

Jim Ainley, Pastor

Deborah Rauhut, Reporter

We are thankful for.....Our Camp and other Ministries

Report From Camp Garwood

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

It's been a rough year in many ways. And still, when we stop to count our blessings there is much to be thankful for.

The 90th meeting of the BMA of MO was held at camp last month. Thank you everyone who helped get the facilities ready. I personally thought it worked out very well. We had a great turnout and meeting and an even better lunch. I would have offered to host again but wanted to get feedback from others first. What I have heard since the meeting has all been positive so maybe we will do that again.

The meeting was the last official camp function this year. Besides a few straggling hunters the only thing that has to be done is shutting down the water.

Of course that doesn't mean we are done. Over the winter we plan to be working on the mini golf course, the train trail and the paintball area. It's a struggle trying to balance camp things with church, home and work things. There just isn't enough time to do it all so sometimes the camp stuff is pushed to the back burner during the winter.

Following is the camp report given at the State meeting:

I didn't know how to write this report. I'm not sure where to start. I can't really speak to how camp went because I wasn't there.

We had 11 professions! That's a good start.

We could talk about the money spent...miles traveled...Or hours worked. But really those are side stories.

Seeing God move. That's why we do what we do. Whether working or giving. We are Thankful for the reminder each year at camp that, Jesus Saves.

When we think about all the not so good, things that happened leading up to and during camp.

(A/C lost a compressor, well pump going out, big refrigerator going down, my falling, The Harpers stepping aside mid-week, Bro. Jordan unable to make it unexpectedly, food shortages.) And yet there wasn't any real trouble. No real injuries, Besides my hand. The Lord works in wondrous ways.

Camp is a great ministry because of the great people and our even greater Lord.

I can't express my gratitude enough to Matt for bearing the brunt of the load camp week.

24 campers enjoyed staying in the new dorm, without it they would have been crammed in the overflow shed again.

Joe has done a great job on the new dorm. If you haven't seen it please take time to check it out before you leave today. We didn't use the overflow but only had 15 empty beds across all the dorms.

There were 357 registered campers, with over 50 visitors coming each day. Over 90 on Wednesday.

We have several projects for camp next year. Building a miniature golf course in memory of Lanny May is our first priority. The plan is to build the course with a logging theme. We want it to be neat and represent Lanny well.

Because we are building the golf course in the area we have been playing paintball, we are also clearing a new area for paintball.

And finally we hope to build a storage shed on the old house concrete so we can cleanup and make the overflow dorm more of a permanent dorm.

We were able to use the train trail but not like we had hoped. So we are also working on that a little more too. The big train seemed to be a hit from what I have heard. I look forward to expanding its use in the future.

Michael Treat, Associate pastor at Central Baptist Church

Thank You Very Much!

Dear Churches of the BMA of Missouri:

It's with grateful appreciation that we acknowledge your gift to us of up to \$2,500 for chat for our parking lot. You were never under any obligation to support us as a mission, and certainly even more so you're not now that we're an organized church.

We have our base rock down, and so your offering will be used to put down a something minus chat that will pack into a hard parking service. Our ladies will be thrilled! They'll be able to wear their heels without the fear of "breaking a heel or breaking an ankle." It will also give our grounds a much more attractive and finished look.

Our work here is not without its struggles. Our largest service's attendance—morning worship—is certainly not large. Twenty-something is the norm. We have very few workers, and that has been an albatross around our necks from day one. We have great success at attracting new people to us, but discipling them into committed members who are there every service and fulfilling positions they have accepted has proven elusive. We are also located in the poorest county in Missouri, and our finances reflect that.

Our city's population is also very mobile. Often, we'll see people come in, make a profession and be baptized, but then within a few months they will have moved, and so we're left to rinse and repeat again.

In spite of the struggles, however, it's a good and progressing field. What was three years ago a cornfield is now a usable building improving week by week, and our mortgage balance on both the property and the building is zero dollars and zero cents. Every year that we've been here we've seen professions of faith and baptisms.

"A Search For Wisdom"

Proverbs 2:1-12

The following is a list of "words of wisdom" mentioned by Bro. Ben Kingston in his message at the annual meeting of the BMA of Missouri last month at Camp Garwood. They are certainly worthy of being given deep thought by each of us.

- Little is much when God is in it!
- There is no restraint to save by many or by few.
- Every church no matter what size deserves a competent pastor.
- You are before God only what you are on your knees.

Conway is scheduled to be our speaker next year. **2018 camp dates are July 30 - August 3rd.**

Let's look at some numbers. Our current balance is \$13,507.00. We received \$123,326.21 and we spent \$141,508.51.

Some of the more notable expenses:

\$634.61	Equipment fuel for mowers tractors etc.
\$1,182.20	Protect my ministry
\$1,320.00	New well
\$2,400.00	new cooler
\$6,000.00	on the trail
\$7,154.85	on Electric (includes fees for connecting new dorm)
\$6,941.50	on Ins.
\$6,000.00	on our hut
\$7,277.58	on food
\$43,615.28	on new dorm

Please continue to pray for us as we work on a great camp for 2018!

Blessings, Chris Polk • PO Box 271
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God consistently blesses our services. It is normal for the altar to be full across the entire building at invitation. Tears are a normal occurrence, as is spontaneous applause and/or shouts. The worship is joyful, active and interactive.

We would never try to pull anyone from his own church service, but if ever you would like to see what you're supporting, our door is absolutely open. It's your right to be able to observe and know where your missions dollars are going. You can also catch good glimpses of what is happening in both our building and our services by going to our Facebook page.

We pray God blesses you as you have blessed us. Let us remember to pray for one another. Truly, the devil is busy, but the harvest is still plentiful.

For the souls,

Rodney Dunlap, Pastor
*Abundant Life in Christ
Missionary Baptist Church*

- All failures are prayer failures.
- Love the people.
- If it doesn't affect eternity, let it go!
- Only one life to live, will soon be past; Only what's done for Christ will last
- Talk to your people - use the Golden Nuggets God gives you.
- Honor and support your fellow ministers.
- Mourn the losses in your ministry.
- Celebrate victories
- Model what you want to see.
- Unload your wagon as soon as you load it.
- Life is a series of new beginnings.
- Your family is your best business cards.
- Beware of side issues.
- Don't lead with your quirks.
- Jealously stamp out sin.
- Your only source of significant security is in Jesus Christ.
- Every temptation is an invitation to worship the creation and not the Creator!

We are thankful for.....Our Ladies' & Girls' Influence

WMA & GMA NEWS

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Ideas to Raise Funds For National WMA Project

The 2017-18 National WMA Project is the Baptist Missionary Association College in the Philippines. Our goal for this year is \$40,000. The due date for the project donations isn't until early 2018, but we thought some ideas of how to raise money would be helpful.

The majority of the money donated to the WMA usually comes from smaller churches giving what they can instead of a few larger churches giving a lot. So don't think that your group is too small to contribute!

Here are some ideas and the Project Committee would welcome any ideas you have. An easy way to raise money would be to have a potluck lunch after church one Sunday (or several times throughout the year) and put out an offering plate. Lots of folks go out to eat on Sundays and this meal would be better because it is homemade and offers an opportunity to help a worthy cause at the same time.

Another idea is to provide small banks for each Sunday School class to fill with change and dollars, and one person suggested having the school children save their small milk cartons, then clean them up and spray paint them or decorate them.

Perhaps my favorite idea is to have a silent auction at your district WMA meeting. I'm planning to do this in January at our district meeting because many times we receive gifts at Christmas that could be "donated" to the Silent Auction.

Our church recently sold hamburgers at the Fall Festival in our town to raise money for the Project. Bake sales are usually successful too.

Kelly Williams,
National WMA Project Committee

The following was copied from the October Newsletter from Doug and Diane Lee, Missionaries in the Philippines:

NATIONAL WMA AND BROTHERHOOD - These two outstanding organizations of the BMA of America have adopted the BMAP Bible College as their 2017 projects. If you would like to donate to this very meaningful project, please contact a member of either or both to make your donation.

The WMA has produced a very informative video featuring the Bible College and its current needs. Their web site is www.nationalwma.org or you can view the video on their Facebook page, National WMA of BMAA or youtube.com - Project Promotion 2017 BMABC.

Where to send Project Money

Please Mark your offering
"2017 - 18 National WMA Project" and send it to:

Pat Duncan
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Hardy, AR 72542

A Letter from Our Missionaries....

Dear Ladies,

It was such a pleasure to meet with you at the National Meeting in Arlington and so very thankful that you all have elected the BMA Bible College in the Philippines as your 2017-18 project. With the loss of funds from the BMA Missions office, we are dependent on this project to keep the doors of the school open. Because of your previous help for maintenance and building projects, you already have an investment in the school. Your help in the past and now is a tremendous blessing to the students, staff, and faculty. The Bible College is a training center for pastors, missionaries, workers, and musicians here in the Philippines and throughout Asia.

I apologize for not getting with you sooner but we got back on the field in June and hit the ground running. We have a great group of students this year and classes are going well. For the first three weeks of school, they have won 129 people to the Lord on their weekend outreach programs.

What do you all need from us to publicize the project? In the meeting, we discussed a video, so if you need photos of students, campus, or whatever, please let us know, and we will send to you. Whatever you need from us for your promotion of the project, we are ready to help you. Just let us know. You can email us at doug@musicervicesinc.com or diane@musicervicesinc.com. Also, we are on Facebook and are always posting photos of student life. Our facebook name is Elwin Doug Diane Lee.

Thanks so much for all you do.

Grateful to Serve,

Doug and Diane Lee

Missionaries in the Philippines

Feed The Momentum!



When I hear the word "Potluck," I immediately think of Ms. White's homemade sour dough bread and Mrs. Patterson's chocolate pie! Those are sweet memories, and not just because of the food. The local church is where we share life's most important moments with life's closest friends. We profess Christ and are baptized in a local church. We take marriage vows and raise our children in a local church. We watch future missionaries and pastors grow up in Sunday School classes and serve in the youth group. We send out faithful families to take the gospel overseas in local churches.

God works through local churches like the ones in the Baptist Missionary Association of America.

That's why it is so exciting to see what God is doing right now in our association! We have more missionary families around the world than in our entire history. Meanwhile, the BMA Theological Seminary is raising up world-class preachers. And Lifeword is broadcasting in 40 languages! During recent disasters, BMAA churches have rallied to help hurricane victims. And every year we send Christmas gifts to children all over the world!

Everything God is doing through the BMAA runs through our local churches. After all, our association is

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We are thankful for....Our Men's & Boys Leadership

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

Something to think about....

Thoughts Concerning the Doctrine of Original Sin

by Dennis Baker, Brotherhood President

Deuteronomy 1:39, "Moreover your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, and your children, which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it."

Romans 5:12, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

As we try to formulate our personal biblical viewpoint concerning sin there are many factors that we could consider, but we will try to focus on three thoughts. The universality of sin, the result of Adam's actions; personal responsibility and guilt for our actions; and moral competence and accountability for our actions.

The Universality of Sin, the result of Adam's Actions

Sin originated in the human race because Adam sinned. Adam acted on behalf of all mankind. The universality of sin has been received from our parents and our distant ancestors by way of decent from the first parents, Adam and Eve. Because of Adam's actions, all receive a corrupted nature and are guilty in God's sight. Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

Personal Responsibility and Guilt for our Actions

All of us sin, therefore; we incur through our own actions, the same personal guilt that Adam incurred through his actions. All die because all are guilty, and all are guilty because each one of us has sinned on our own. Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Moral Competence and Accountability for our Actions

All human life begins with both the corrupted nature and the guilt that are the consequence of sin. Infants and those who

do not have the mental competence to believe or have knowledge between good and evil are not under God's judgment. Scriptures teach that a person is not morally responsible before a certain point, which we refer to as "age of accountability." Deuteronomy 1:39, "Moreover your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, and your children, which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it." John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Conclusion:

The above thoughts are simple and not complex. However, they show our need for a Savior. Sin is a universal problem, as well as; an individual problem. All are accountable to a righteous God for our individual actions.

Are You Thankful for our Camp and its Ministry?? Then YOU should be DEWing it!! By Giving a Dollar Every Week this year to Camp Garwood

Bi-vocational Youth & Family Outreach Director Needed

Calvary Baptist Church, Vidalia, LA is seeking a bi-vocational Youth & Family Outreach Director. Send resume to office@calvaryvidalia.com or 2001 Murray Drive, Vidalia, LA 71373

Pastoral Search

at Bethany Baptist Church St. Louis, MO. Interested preachers contact Earl Johnston, 314-650-7060 or send resume to Bethany Baptist Church • 11211 Midland Blvd., • St. Louis, MO 63114.

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Do you prefer the traditional format of Compass Sunday school literature? Beginning this spring, DiscipleGuide will offer Compass Classic: a traditional format of Compass curriculum. Now, every class in your local church will be able to choose the format they prefer while all studying the same lesson. For teachers, Compass Leader will be compatible with both formats.

Compass Classic will provide the printed text of the lesson in the King James Version without fill-in blanks or discussion questions. Samples of Compass Classic will be placed in every shipment of DiscipleGuide curriculum this winter so that every church can get a preview.

Compass Classic will be offered in the regular size that fits in most bibles, as well as a large print size. For more information or to request more samples, call 800.333.1442 or e-mail info@discipleguide.org.

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the churches!

At DiscipleGuide, our mission is to help local BMAA churches grow healthy and strong. We know that the future of our world mission program depends on the health of our churches at home.

In addition to our camps, conferences, and curriculum, we offer free and low-cost consultation and training services to churches. Plus, we provide pastors and their families with a free help-line so they can always have access to Christian counsel.

We have plans to offer more resources in the near future, such as an intentional interim program and pastoral search assistance. We envision workshops and resources developed for the unique needs of bi-vocational pastors plus events specific to men and women. And we are looking forward to offering printed literature once again for youth and children. But we are going to need help.

Because we keep our prices low, we depend on offerings from churches and individuals. When you invest in DiscipleGuide, you are investing in local churches who, in return, reach the world for Christ!

God is doing wonderful things through our association. Help us feed the momentum by joining in our World's Largest Potluck offering during this holiday season. Simply take an offering for DiscipleGuide during a church-wide holiday meal, and we will reinvest it into local churches around our association.

Just like at a potluck, when everyone brings something to the table, nobody walks away empty. It's the same with our association. We pool our resources to help one another because we are better together.

To learn more, or to sign up your church, visit discipleguide.org/potluck or call 888.333.1442.

Show your thankfulness for God's Blessings by making it possible for us to help others who are ministering around the world.

We are thankful for...those who serve our Country Pray for them each day....



Chaplain (Major) Dough Inman, Wife Katja, and oldest of three children, Nathaniel

October 10, 2017, Doug Inman, a BMAA military chaplain, was promoted to Major in the U.S. Army Chaplaincy. Doug, his wife Katja, and three children have been assigned to Fort Hood, TX over last the couple of years. A few months ago, Doug underwent successful back surgery requiring an extensive rehabilitation program. With his new promotion to Major also came new orders. The Inmans will move to Fort Sill, OK in early January 2018. He has already been notified by his gaining command of an impending deployment to Southeast Asia shortly after their arrival to Fort Sill. Please remember to keep the Inmans and all our chaplains in your prayers.

We are thankful for.....those who surrender to ministry & teach us

Moral Action

Dr. John M. Adams • Executive Director

JUDEO-CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

Homosexuality • The Real Problem • Romans 1:24-32

Across the land, pressure is increasing to give homosexuals more and more privileges. They desire access to jobs of every kind (including the ministry), the right to be accepted as foster parents, and the right to marry each other in church weddings. Should they have the right to do something that the Bible convinces us is morally and spiritually wrong? All this is the crux of what is called the “gay-rights” issue.

The Conflict of Homosexuality – Leviticus 18:22

Can a homosexual be a Christian? What should be our attitude toward persons in the grip of homosexual practice? Twenty years ago a discussion on homosexual rights in our society was unthinkable. Today, many Christians accept homosexuality and lesbianism as a legitimate alternate life-style. Some time ago, Time magazine in an essay, “The Homosexual in America,” made this discerning comment:

“Beset by inner conflicts, the homosexual is unsure of his own position in society...A vast majority of people retain a deep loathing toward him, but there is a growing mixture of tolerance, empathy or apathy.”

Society is torn between condemnation of the homosexual and compassion for him. The deviate’s plea is that he be treated like everyone else, yet it is known that he is not like everyone else. In simple terms, a homosexual person is in the grips of Satan’s most vulgar sin.

Let’s trace God’s Word for His expression:

- A. Leviticus 18:22
- B. Ezekiel 16:49-50
- C. Romans 1:26-28
- D. I Corinthians 6:9-11

The fact that Leviticus 18:22 is followed by a commandment against sexual acts with animals suggests the unthinkable nature of the homosexual-lesbian relations.

The Confusion of Homosexuality

In all this, the Bible inevitably has come under sharp attack. Some seek to show by the scripture that the Bible itself justifies the homosexual life-style. Some say that the Word of God should have a place in setting moral and marital standards. No Christian should be deceived, for the Bible clearly tells us that this perverted lifestyle is without defense. Genesis 19 describes the lusts of men for men of which led to the destruction of the city. What ultimate confusion came from this sin!

The degrading effect is beyond our understanding. The tragedy above all else is that they are letting their lust come between them and the blessing of salvation. Homosexuals are a society walled off from God.

From his writings “Homosexuality and The Church”, Richard F. Lovelace states that the confusion of sex can be cleared up from Genesis 1 and 2.

Genesis Chapter 1:22 deliberately notes that the man made in God’s image was created male and female, connecting this with the command to reproduce (Genesis 1:27, 28). In Chapter 2 sexuality is also related to companionship; the loneliness of man is remedied not by the creation of another man, but the addition of woman (Genesis 2:21, 22). The woman became a helpmate suitable for the man. The bond of companionship between man and woman is cemented by sexual union and their togetherness as a family unit. The sexual relationship between male and female married partners continues to be celebrated with unembarrassed candor as a gift of God...such as the Songs of Solomon and Proverbs 5:15-19.

The Cure For Homosexuality

God has put the cure in our hands as Christians. The Word of God tells us (I Corinthians 6:11-20) that although no one can hang on to homosexuality and be accepted by Almighty God, some former homosexuals in the church at Corinth had found de-

liverance. They had entered a brand new life by faith in Jesus Christ.

William Barclay writes, “The proof of Christianity lay in its power. It could take the dregs of humanity and make real men out of them. No man can change himself, but Christ Jesus can change him.

Recommended Readings:

- Facts on Homosexuality – John Ankerberg
- The Gay Agenda – Ronnie Floyd
- The Homosexual Agenda – Alan Sears, C. Oster

JUDEO-CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

Euthanasia • The Right To Die • Exodus 23:7

Euthanasia is morally and Biblically wrong. As believers we should seek to safe guard the God-given right to life, to which every person is entitled. If you’re very old, mentally ill, severely handicapped, according to humanistic philosophy your life is in danger.

These individuals that have God-given life and spiritual desires should be treated with compassion and encouragement. Proverbs 6:16-19... “The Lord hates...hands that shed innocent blood and a heart that devises wicked plans.” We are urged to “keep far from a false matter...in not slaying the innocent or righteous.” Those individuals who wish to destroy other individuals by injections are classified as “wicked”.

Historical Aspects of Euthanasia

When Hitler of Germany issued his direct order for euthanasia in 1939, all German state institutions were required to report on patients who had been ill for at least five years or who were unable to work. The decision regarding which patients should be killed as made entirely on the basis of a brief questionnaire. The Nazi authorities who pronounced their death sentences were professors of psychiatry at major universities in Germany. They never saw the individuals themselves.

The first to be killed in the 1940’s and at other holocaust times during the Middle Age wars were the aged, the infirmed, the senile, the mentally

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.

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Len Young, a member of Lakewood Baptist Church, Potosi is available to preach. Contact him at home 573-786-2485, by cell 573-247-6623, or e-mail libertybooks04@gmail.com.

retarded, and defective children. The German Nazi power even went so far to exterminate children with badly modeled ears, epileptic children, and bed-wetters.

According to American News Service Publication, “The mass extermination of Germany’s undesirables started with the acceptance of the attitude basic to euthanasia philosophy, that there is such a thing as life not worthy to be lived.” That is exactly what is being accepted today in the abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia movement.

Present Day Concept of Euthanasia

Euthanasia is not a mere fear for the future. It has survived and is now present in American Medical practice. Even today doctors in the United States are debating whether it is better to starve “undesirables” to death or to administer fatal injections. “Voices in our government are looking for ways to reduce health care costs,” Mercy Killing by Denyse Handlen.

Well meaning people are attracted to what might seem to be the beneficial aspects of some sort of euthanasia. Americans must not be misled or tranquilized by assurances that the practice is limited to the terminally ill. Abortion was once proposed as a last resort in desperate cases, but today it is commonplace. “To say that this subject can be carefully controlled is either naïve or deceitful.” The Right To Live, The Right To Die – C. Everett Koop.

Former Governor Richard Lamb of Colorado shocked the nation when he told a group of health lawyers that “sick people have a duty to die and get out of the way and let the well society build a reasonable life.” There is even now a Church of Euthanasia!

The Biblical Perspective of the Right To Life

I Corinthians 3:16-17 reminds us that our bodies are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in us. That makes life very precious to God and to us. As the movement continues to gather momentum, euthanasia is moving into the spotlight as the great moral issue of the 21st century. Turning to the Bible for answers is the only possible guideline. This so-called Society is one of 26 organizations of the World Federation of Right to Die Societies.

The Word encourages life for all ages: Psalms 8:2 for babies; Psalms 127:3-5 for children; Matthew 5:21 for adults.

For more information:

www.euthanasiaaprocon.org www.euthanasia.com