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“Holding Forth The Word of Life”

Philippians 2:16

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## It's Time to Make Your Reservations

BMAA Committee on Arrangements

The 2018 session of the Baptist Missionary Association of America will meet April 16-18 at the Jackson Convention Complex, 105 East Pascagoula Street, Jackson, Mississippi. The facilities and hotels are looking forward to our meeting there. Jackson's accommodations offer plenty of space for all of our meetings and lodging. We hope that you will make your reservations early. Most of the hotels can make your reservations either by phone or on-line, but you must identify that you are with the Baptist Missionary Association of America.

• **Jackson Marriott (Headquarters Hotel), 200 East Amite Street, Jackson, MS:** \$129 per night (Standard Queen or King room). Telephone reservations: 800-228-9290 or 601-969-5100. Online reservation link: Book your group rate for BMAA 2018 Annual Spring Convention. Complimentary parking in hotel parking garage (buses or vans will require metered parking). Reservation cutoff date is March 25, 2018.

• **Hilton Garden Inn, 235 West Capitol Street, Jackson, MS:** \$119 per night (Single or double); \$129 (triple); \$139 (Quad). Telephone reservations: 877-782-9444. All parking is valet, \$14.95 per day. Reservation cutoff date is March 15, 2018.

• **Westin Jackson, 407 S. Congress Street, Jackson, MS:** \$149 per night (Double or King). Telephone reservations: 601-968-8200; Online reservation link: Baptist Missionary Association of America (or copy and paste the following link into a web browser) <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1801157013&key=26CA8A96>. All parking is valet, \$10.00 per day. Reservation cutoff date is March 16, 2018.

Our association has had to pay extra in the past years because we did not use our full block of rooms. Please help us avoid a situation like that this year. We appreciate your help.

*Jerome Cooper, Charles Attebery, and Bill Thornton*

## Especially for Churches Needing Pastoral Help

Dr. Philip Attebery, Dean of the BMA Theological Seminary, will be at Charity Baptist Church, 1401 Ballenger Pl, Columbia, MO 65202 at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 10, 2018 to discuss the potential implementation of an intern program between the Seminary and Charity Baptist Church. Churches interested in this concept are invited to attend.

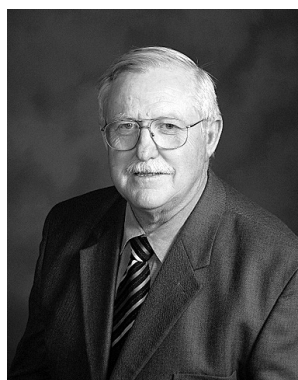
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As our Annual Meeting nears...

## Three Messages

### From Our President



Paul White  
President BMA of America

Message #1

### Hello, Fellow Christians

I encourage your church to begin making plans to attend our national meeting April 16-18 in Jackson, Mississippi

One of the things that makes our association unique is the fact that each of our churches, no matter their size, is represented by the same number of messengers. So before you say

**Washington  
County District  
Auxiliaries  
Quarterly Meeting  
March 9, 2018 • 7:30 p.m.**

at  
**Zion Baptist Church**  
3485 Baumgartner Rd.  
St. Louis

**Program: Church Security  
Everyone Welcome  
(See related article on Page  
8 for more information)**

## 2018 WORLD MISSIONS DAY FEBRUARY 25, 2018

ARE YOU READY TO CELEBRATE WORLD MISSIONS DAY? DON'T WORRY YOU STILL HAVE TIME! BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FEBRUARY 25, 2018 AND JOIN CHURCHES ALL ACROSS THE WORLD IN CELEBRATING OUR MISSIONARY GOD.

OUR THEME THIS YEAR IS EVERY CHURCH - EVERY NATION. OUR VISION IS TO SEE EVERY CHURCH ENGAGED IN GLOBAL MISSIONS. IF WE ARE GOING TO EXPAND TO EVERY NATION, IT WILL TAKE EVERY CHURCH FULLY COMMITTED.

THERE ARE 3 WAYS TO LET US KNOW THAT YOUR CHURCH WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN WORLD MISSIONS DAY AND GET YOUR FREE BMA MISSIONS POLO:

1. CONNECT AT [WWW.BMAMISSIONS.ORG/WORLDMISSIONSDAY](http://WWW.BMAMISSIONS.ORG/WORLDMISSIONSDAY)
2. CALL 501-455-4977
3. EMAIL [PAIGE@BMAMISSIONS.ORG](mailto:PAIGE@BMAMISSIONS.ORG)

EVERY CHURCH EVERY NATION

your vote doesn't matter, I beg to differ. Your vote is as important as anyone's.

Your attendance will not only encourage our departmental leaders and serve as a visible witness to those in the areas where we meet, but when someone comes back and reports on the meeting, it can serve as a needed bridge between our associational work and your local church. Having representation at a local, state and national meeting should be the norm.

Each year, the recommendations to be considered at the meeting are mailed out so each congregation can bring their votes concerning them to the meeting. If it is not possible for your leadership to attend, consider empowering others to stand up for your church family.

Message #2

### Stand in The Gap (Intercessory Prayer)

We are only a few months away from our annual BMA of America meeting. This year BMA of America will gather in Jackson, Mississippi to conduct the most important business on earth — God's business!

Our theme this year is “Stand in the Gap.” It will center on our need — as individuals, churches and an association — to be actively involved in praying for others.

Have you prayed specifically for someone other than yourself today? What about yesterday? Individuals, churches and associations have no greater offensive weapon at their disposal than that of heartfelt prayer.

Please join me in praying for our association and her leaders  
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## BMA of MO State WMA & Brotherhood Meetings

March 3 at 10:00 a.m.

Zion Baptist Church • 3485 Baumgartner Rd. • St. Louis,

Theme for the day “God's Promise”

Philippians 4:19

Speaker(s) will be Sis Linda and Bro. Doyle Moore  
Annual Message - Dennis Baker



# NEWS BRIEFS



Blessings from **Stony Point, Mineral Point**. Our youth are presenting the afternoon programs on the last Sunday of each month. January 28th Anthony Dontrich gave a devotional from Genesis 50:15-21 and then we had a "popcorn" testimony. We were blessed with 32 being present. Plans for a Valentine Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, February 14th to honor our widows of the church. The youth will be taking food and drink orders and serving the adults. We are very proud of our youth and leaders.

Claude Evans, Pastor • Debrah Coleman, Reporter

Greetings once again from **Bethany, St. Louis**. We are enjoying God's blessings as we enter another month of the new year. Bro. Boatright is bringing us God-inspired, uplifting messages from God's word. We are thankful for he and his sweet wife Connie. Thus far the outbreak of the flu has not hit us. We have several older folks that just do not get out when it's so cold and they want no part of the flu. Please continue to pray for Bethany and all of our sister churches seeking pastors. Please call Bro. Earl Johnston at 314-426-3780 if your a preacher, young or not, to come preach at Bethany. God bless till we meet again.

Kathy Chapman, Reporter.

Greetings to our Sister Churches from **Bethel, Sikeston**. We started off the New Year with a lot of our members being sick with the flu and 2 of our members having to have surgery but Praise God he answered our prayers! Both the surgeries went well, they are both recovering just fine! The ones sick with the flu have also recovered well and are back in our services. We are all looking forward to Spring but heard that the old groundhog saw his shadow and we will have 6 more weeks of winter weather!!! We are so looking forward to what God has in store for the rest of this year! We have a lot of plans for good things to happen! On Wednesday nights Bro. Billy is teaching about all the wonderful names of God! This is an amazing study, We serve an awesome God!! Faith Bible Institute class started January 22nd, and all 33 that signed up came except a few that were in the hospital or were still sick with the flu. We are planning and praying to have a Revival in the Spring, and for God's leading on who to call to Preach for us at that time. Also we have started planning and getting ready for VBS, Sis. Lisa Seabaugh volunteered to be our coordinator this year. We are thankful that our members are so willing to step up and take charge when needed. Our youth are planning a Mission trip for next year. They are not sure where they will go as of yet but they have started fund-raisers to make money to pay for their trip. They are selling tickets for a Valentine Dinner on the 17th of February. The Ladies Class presented our Deacons Bro. Matt Bolen and Bro. Joe McElroy with a gift of appreciation for all of their unselfish deeds they do for our church! They both have been a tremendous blessing and help to our Pastor and to all of our members...We also appreciate all they do! We have a guest speaker on the 11th of February coming from the Philippines. We look forward to hearing from Bro. Roberto Mendoza. On the 28th, we look forward to having the Freeman Family from the Philippians to be with us. Please be praying for a safe trip here and back. God's Blessings on you all!

Billy Davis-Pastor

Joan Wood-Reporter

**Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston**. As we entered January, we were praising God for the good past year He had given us. In 2017, we were blessed to see eight professions of faith. We also saw eleven additions to our membership, seven of

those by baptism. While it's still a work in progress, 2017 will also go down in history as the year we were able to move into our new building. We praise God for the profession of faith of Julie during January. Work on our building had been suspended since November as Pastor took care of his father who passed away January 14th, but that work has now resumed.

Rodney Dunlap, Pastor

Greetings from **First Baptist Church, Potosi**. There has been so much activity the last two months it is difficult to keep up with everything. Taste of Christmas was full to capacity and was enjoyed by all. This is an outreach program; however, the program is so good that everyone wants to attend. When tickets ran out for the meal, then the program was open to anyone to come and then join everyone for dessert. As usual it was a great success. The children were great in their Christmas program led by Laurie Franklin and Jaclyn Rowe along with several Volunteers. All the speaking parts were memorized and the actors were wonderful. The teens and sponsors attended the Youth Alive Conference. UPWARD youth basketball began in January. The children have been so excited about this program; my five-year-old grandson has been waiting for this day since he was two. Devotionals, prayer, and basketball with many parents from the community make it a great outreach program. Due to weather, the GMA has just begun the new year. Many activities are in the planning process. Celebrate Recovery is continuing to be a strong program. We have new people each week and now our Landing (teens) group is becoming larger than our Celebration Place (ages 5-11). Also, our nursery has several little ones every week. Volunteers are always welcome. We have a meal each week, so help is always needed in

the kitchen. In the adult classes on Sunday mornings we have been studying the book of Ephesians. The couples class is studying The Story (the Bible as one continuing story of God and His people). We have many members who are ill or have lost a loved one. Our Sunday evening classes are getting ready to begin again. The Tuesday morning Community Women's Bible Study has begun again after the winter break. This event is always well-attended. We are big supporters of the Pregnancy Resource Center in Potosi. Many young men and women have been helped in this program with their children. Raven Porter has been elected as our Children's Director. This is a new position for which Raven is already showing her creative talents. Please pray for us as we pray for you.

Jim Ainley. Pastor • Deborah Rauhut, Reporter

**Zion, St. Louis**, sends greetings to her Sister churches. Our attendance has been down somewhat due to sickness, extreme cold weather, and some have to work. We are looking forward to warmer weather. Despite low attendance, we are having good services. The music helps lift our spirits and gets us ready for the preaching of the Word. Bro. Baker has been bringing messages the last few weeks from the Book of Jude. It is amazing what all is packed into such a small book. Zion is looking forward to hosting the State Auxiliaries Saturday, March 3rd. The meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. Former missionaries to the Philippines, Doyle and Linda Moore, will be speaking at the WMA meeting. We hope you all can come out and hear them. Then, Friday, March 9th. Zion will be hosting the Washington County District Auxiliaries. This meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. Because of Bro. Baker being gone so much during the holidays with his father's illness and death, the church waited until January to present him and Sis. Baker with their Christmas present. The church presented them with a trip to Branson sometime in late March. We hope they will have a refreshing and enjoyable time together and can forget about the worries of the world for a few days. As we remember you in prayer, please remember Zion.

Dennis Baker, Pastor • Norma Womble, Reporter

HELLO to all from **Oak Hill, Alton!** We have been blessed by the Lord the last few Sunday's because we were able to go to Church and worship the Lord! Prior to those Sunday's we were not able because of sickness or bad weather in which it is not safe to travel. We really do not have any news to inform you of. I really do want to Thank you for all the thoughts and prayers regarding my health that has been lifted up to the Lord.

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## FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • JANUARY 2018

### General Fund:

#### Checking Account:

Balance December 31, 2017		\$	45,572.83
August Receipts:			
Missions:	\$	2,756.28	
Total Income:	\$	2,756.28	\$ 2,756.28
Total Available			\$ 48,329.11
Disbursements:			
Director Salary	\$	600.00	
Mileage/ Dir. Meeting	\$	421.20	
Web Master (1 yr.-2018)	\$	1,200.00	
Office Supplies	\$	73.85	
Total Disbursements	\$	2,295.05	\$ (2,295.05)

**Balance January 31, 2018:** \$ **46,034.06**

#### Bank of America Savings Account:

Balance December, 31 2017		\$	(1,100.62)
Interest:	\$	.02	\$ .02

**Balance January 31, 2018:** \$ **1,100.64**

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

Balance December 31, 2017		\$	100,618.69
Interest:	\$	550.34	\$ 550.34

**Balance January 31, 2017:** \$ **101,169.03**

**Total of all Funds January 31, 2018** \$ **148,303.73**

### From Our Director...

January 12th I attended a meeting at the BMAA Global Office in Conway, Arkansas. This meeting was for the purpose of discussing ways our various state associations could coordinate disaster relief efforts whenever the need arises.

This past year we had several national and world disasters in which the BMA of America churches were involved in sending relief money and personnel. It was then we realized we need a plan that would help us do the most good without duplicating the efforts of the various ones who want to help.

Some of our state associations have already organized relief groups but many are like us in Missouri who just get a group together and go when the need arises. That is good but it could be better as we worked together.

As a result of this meeting we were challenged to try to do our part in unifying relief efforts starting with organizing a data base which could be used to recruit help nationally when disasters strike.

Therefore I am searching for a volunteer who is willing to contact our Missouri Churches and compile a list of people who are willing to be contacted when help is needed. This list would include how they can be contacted and what abilities and resources they have that could be utilized when needed. I am also searching for a volunteer to be our "Contact Person" whenever there is help needed. These two positions can be filled by the same person. If you are interested in both or either of these responsibilities please let me know and we can discuss what we have in mind.

This is a good idea that will be very helpful when it is initiated and disaster comes.

### Mission Update and 2018 Vision • Lahmann Family

#### The latest news from the Missionary Family that are part of the 2017-18 WMA Project

It has been awhile since we have updated. If you follow us on facebook you have seen the outstanding results of the Christmas Angels Outreach. Together we collected over 380 Christmas Gifts to share with the Navajo Children. We also took a van full of groceries, winter coats, and gently used clothing items to a needy family in Black Mesa, AZ. As many of you know we reach out to our supporting churches to make this outreach possible every Christmas. And every Christmas we receive amazing support and donations from so many of you; when we say that this ministry and specifically this outreach would not be possible without you we mean that with all of our hearts. Many families and

churches from back east collect donations, and send gifts for us to distribute; Lighthouse Baptist Church in Cortez has faithfully helped us wrap these gifts the past several years, and we are so thankful to announce that this year Mexican Water Baptist Church stepped up in a huge way and helped us pass out all of these gifts. This year

our family only had 100 gifts to pass out on our own. Our church distributed the gifts between many of the members and they each went a different direction with a vehicle of gifts and to share and the message of Christ with our local community. It was a blessing to see our members getting involved in another area of ministry.

During the month of February we have a one day Teen Conference scheduled with guest speaker, Bro. Zack Terry. And we have a Valentines Fellowship planned for our church family. We are looking forward to both of these outreach opportunities.

We have several prayer requests in the church currently as we have several, including our family that has been sick, a couple men who are struggling with alcohol (Alberta's brother and Shane Spencer), and families who are wanting to take on more responsibility in the church but haven't committed to do so yet. Also Ms Sophie had a niece who passed away this past month. She was 31 years old and leaves behind a husband and three young children. Please remember these requests in your prayers, we would greatly appreciate it and so would our church family.

#### 2018 Vision

As 2018 is now here and we look forward to what the year has in store we are excited to share with you our Vision Letter for the upcoming year. Our main goal and focus will be to build the church through doctrinal teaching and discipleship of our members. It continues to be our burden and prayer that we will see the church grow. While numerically is always a blessing, we seek to see our members grow spiritually giving strength to the church foundation and outreach into the community.

As we look at 2018 we have some goals and as we share these we ask that you join us in prayer that God would work and we will be able to see great things accomplished in 2018.

#1. We are going to explore the idea of moving the church location closer to the paved road. This will take several steps including obtaining permits and land permission from the Mexican Water Chapter, and also the Navajo Nation.

Also, Archeology exploration has to be done on the land that we want to move the location to and make sure that there is no ruins or archeology sites on the location.

#2. Continue the construction and updates on the church building and fellowship hall. We were able to make numerous updates in 2017, but we still need to finish new flooring in the church building and also move the cooler location to prevent leaking on the church roof.

#### Personal Prayer Request:

In 2018 our family will experience many changes as we see Trenton graduate in May and we bring him to college in August. As this is a very exciting time in every Senior's life it is a new parenting step for us.

Andy continues to work a full time in Durango, Colorado to supplement our family's needed personal income and insurance needs. God has blessed us with growth in our Mission income but at this time we still rely on Andy's income for many of our needs. It is due to Andy's full time schedule and Ministry schedule that we do not have plans to do any deputation in 2018. We will gladly conference call, FaceTime, or present a dvd update to any church who wishes this communication. We praise the Lord for your faithfulness in supporting our ministry the past six years, we would love to extend an invitation to all of you to visit this ministry that you support in prayer and finances. It would be our blessing to have you visit and see the Navajo Nation to which God has called us.

I just have to end by saying God is good!!!! In May we will begin our seventh year of ministry to the Navajo Nation! NEVER did I think that we would have a waiting list for any ministry outreach that we did, and never did I think that the time would pass so quickly. But here we are and we can easily say that we have never been hungry, and we have never been bored! Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our family and the ministry that the Lord has called us to. We are blessed to be your missionaries to the Navajo Nation.

Andy & Danyell Lahmann  
20869 Road W, Lewis, CO 81327  
(573) 205-6336

I'm a lot better but still have some more healing that needs to occur. Until next month, I hope I will have some more good news to tell you but until then we will be praising and honoring our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God Bless!!

Edward Casey, Pastor • Jennifer Williams, Reporter

## ***Grace Baptist Church has a Heart for Local and Global Missions***

### **Why does Grace Baptist Church in Joplin, Missouri participate in global Missions?**

According to their Pastor, Brad Wieneke, "The easy Sunday school answer: It's what Jesus told us to do in Matthew 28:19! The mission that we have been called to is easier to accomplish if we work together. We support BMA Missions because we believe we can do more together than we can apart. Our association of churches gives us the ability to reach and serve beyond ourselves, and trained missionaries give us confidence that we are being good stewards of what God has given us here at GBC!"

Grace Baptist Church believes that people will be more eager to give toward missions, and BMA Missions specifically, if they know the missionary. As a result, they try to connect with and invite as many missionary families as possible to speak at their church and share about the gospel work they are fulfilling on their mission field.

"Sometimes they are on the mission field and we put the [Skype] video up on our big screen and just talk to them, allow our people to ask questions, and get updates on how they are doing, where they need prayer and even extra support for projects or other things," explained Pastor Wieneke. "Then we pray for that missionary family together as a church. It really helps our people in their giving and feeling connected; we have skin in the game with that family and what God is doing in their lives on the mission field!"

Specifically, GBC supports the Hales family in the Dominican Republic, the Sookraj family in Peru, and several American church plants. They not only give, though, but they also send their members on short-term trips to these mission fields.

Not only does GBC have a heart for missions around the world, but they also strive to reach the lost around their own community in Joplin. Their mission is stated as follows: "We exist to equip, train & send people to love God, love others & to make disciples."

"Our mission field is within 1 square mile of the church," said Wieneke. "There are 14,000 people that need to hear about Jesus and the good news. We are doing that by going door-to-door using the model of Pray / Care / Share! The reason we are doing door-to-door is to let our community know that we are here, and we have not done a good job in the past of serving them, but we want the opportunity to pray for them and to care for them. When we pray and care we are looking for an opportunity to share Jesus with them. The gospel does its best work when it is done relationally, so the door-to-door for us is good practice for our people to see the need in the community, but to also see the need and use the model of Pray/Care /Share in their relationships at work, school and with family."

In addition, this church hosts two events per year called "Faith in the Field," where the church gets outside of the building and invites the community to worship with them in the local park. GBC also invests in their community through a food pantry, by supporting Life Choices (a Christian pregnancy center), and the Rapha House (a ministry that works with sex-trafficked girls).

"Our natural tendency is to be focused on us and what we need and want. God has called us to walk in the Spirit, and the Holy Spirit only wants to talk about Jesus everywhere

## ***Camp Garwood***

It is time to get prepared for the activities at Camp Garwood by making sure you complete the Adult Screening required for ALL that are age 18 and older who plan on staying overnight at any of the events taking place during the year. Go to [bmamissouri.org](http://bmamissouri.org) and click on Camp Garwood to find "Adult Screening" which will lead you through the process.

The first scheduled activity this year is the **Paintball Retreat**, April 6-7. Watch the Camp Garwood Facebook page for details as they are announced.

This will be followed by the **Men's Spring Retreat**, May 4-5. (See information of page 8) Yes, men, we must do the Adult Screening too! But the fun and fellowship is worth it!

The **State Camp** is July 30th thru August 3rd this year. The Theme is **God's Tool Shed**. Our Camp Evangelist is Bro. Michael Treat.

Let Bro. Chris know when you can come and work at camp. 573-380-1975

**Are You  
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Give a Dollar  
Every Week  
to Camp Gawood**

He goes. Missions helps our people to focus on our calling not on ourselves," shared Wieneke. "We don't have any answers, but we are growing in our understanding of what God has called us to and we are regularly looking at what is effective for the kingdom of God! We want to be found faithful when he comes or calls us home."

**Will you join Grace Baptist Church in supporting BMA Missions this World Missions Day on February 25?** We need EVERY CHURCH to participate in order to reach EVERY NATION with the gospel of Christ. Grace Baptist Church has registered their church for World Missions Day, and yours can too at [bmamissions.org/worldmissionsday](http://bmamissions.org/worldmissionsday).

## ***LifeWord • VISION 2018***

During the Lifeword team's first staff meeting of 2018, Executive Director Donny Parrish shared the vision and direction that God has put in his heart. While the fifty-plus-year vision of spreading the gospel through media has not and will not change, the method of delivery has changed immeasurably. Donny made the following points about those changes:

1) **A more diversified ministry:** Internet is increasingly how we spread gospel, and we will take advantage of it. Communicating the gospel to the whole world through the new Lifeword Network and LCR (Lifeword Community Radio) has increased ministry around the world and will become who we are globally. The Great Commission says we're to make disciples, and a natural by-product of discipleship is the planting of new churches. Our partnership with BMA Missions will be even more intentional as we come alongside them to help establish strong new missions.

2) **The Cloud as our brand and our identity:** We have bought the domain name "Jesus To You." So when people all over the world search the name "Jesus" or "Who is Jesus?" or go to JesusToYou.com, they'll be directed to lifeword.org. We want as many people groups as possible to find their language then find out who Jesus is from print and video resources.

3) **A de-centralized ministry:** To be able to do what we do around the world, we must not think of our office in Conway, Arkansas. Leaders, on-air personalities, and broadcasters around the world will be identified, trained and supported by Lifeword USA, but we want Lifeword to be thought of as a globally based ministry instead of a "land-mass" ministry. We'll be investing in all kinds of media personnel around the world who will be "broadcast missionaries."

4) **A dynamic leadership team:** The Lifeword team must be prepared to adapt to and run with this new global paradigm.

- Someone needs to be leading people around the world, someone like Luis Ortega, who will be our Director of Operations. With his technical and communication skills, he'll develop the timeline and method of implementing this globally-based effort.

- We need an English-language radio station and we must have good, time-tested broadcast training for our new leaders. Rick Russell will be Director of Broadcast Equipping and Training.

- Jon Dodson is Director of Internet Broadcasts and Marketing. With his technology skills and decades of experience, he is already working on Cloud implementation and will join our team on a full-time basis June 1.

- Unless we have good support from our churches, we can't do what we do. Someone has to tell them the story of what Lifeword is and does, so Holly Meriweather is our Director of Church Connections.

- Even though he will be assuming his new MRS (Ministers Resource Services) role, we are blessed that Steve Crawley will continue to help us on the financial front.

By May 2018 the Cloud will be built; that's Phase One, then we have to get content to the Cloud. In five languages-English, Spanish, Swahili, Arabic and Garifuna - we will answer the question, "What is Jesus to You?" Phase 2 is streaming to our LCR stations around the world.

About this new way of operating, Donny said, "God will allow us to be tested during this time, but this is our battle plan, and He has equipped us. We ask that God superintend Lifeword while we simply participate in His ministry."

**Mark Your Calendars  
October 21, 2018 is  
LIFEWORD SUNDAY!!**



## To the Churches of the Baptist Missionary Association of America

Brethren,

We need your help. Our roster shows that we have 1,260 churches who are affiliated with the BMAA. However, the representation in our Annual Meetings reflect the participation of only about half of them.

We recognized that the Association is the servant of the churches. Each church is autonomous and participation is voluntary.

However, there are many benefits offered to the member churches. Below is a list of some of those benefits.

1. Legal certification that the church is a registered member of anon-profit association, (the BMAA is a registered non-profit organization with the IRS.
2. Certification to assist if the church chooses to incorporate for legal or tax purposes.
3. Gives the church a voice in the actions and decisions of the BMAA.
4. Encourages and strengthens the voice in their stand on moral, political and doctrinal issues.
5. Offers fellowship with other churches of "Like Faith."
6. Opportunity for involvement in fulfilling the great commission on a world wide scale.

### Please remit funds for meeting and Minute expenses.

All expenses for facilities, equipment and supplies for the annual meeting plus travel expenses for several committees and the printing of the yearbooks are paid from this fund. The total cost is \$35,000 - \$40,000 each year. It is imperative that we increase contributions to this fund. Thanks to your response last year, we made it. However, our balance is dangerously low. We still need extra help.

Brethren, you are our first line of communication with our churches. Your help will be deeply appreciated. If you have suggestions for helping us communicate with the churches, we invite your input. Please know that we are praying for you, and stand ready to serve in any way possible. Even when attendance is not possible, the letter of registration affirms their membership. The registration letters need to be forwarded to:

James Ray Raines:  
PO Box 17872  
North Little Rock, AR 72117.  
501-231-4204

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every day until April.

Monday evening, before the official opening of the meeting, our service will kick off with a God and Country Rally that you will not want to miss. It should be an exciting and uplifting event, and a special mystery guest could very well show up!

Also, Bro. Jeremy and I need your help! Wednesday afternoon, I have asked that we have a "BMA of America Choir." This is for anyone present, so make plans now to participate. Please consider loading up your church choir and letting them be a part of this time of worship.

Message #3

### Helping Hands

After we have prayed for others, we might need to put legs on our prayers.

Pastors, you probably know of churches in your area that might love to be represented at the meeting, but they can't afford it and the pastor would never ask for help to do so. I encourage our churches to help some of our smaller congregations be able to be represented at the national meeting. An investment like that could not help but be a win-win situation for everyone involved.

## BMA Annual Church Survey Deadline is March 31st!

By providing the most up-to-date information, your church helps BMA America connect, build relationships and understand the impact BMA churches are making through their local communities with the gospel.

Please choose one of the following options to provide BMA America with the most accurate information for your church.

### What Can My Church Do?

1. Visit [bmaamerica.org](http://bmaamerica.org) to view and edit your church information. Once on the web site, select the "BMA Churches" tab listed at the top, then click on "BMA Church Log In."

2. Fill out the pre-populated survey you received in the mail and mail to:

BMA America  
PO Box 1188  
Conway, AR 72033

3. Request an e-mail or paper copy of the survey by contacting Lauren Noland in the Information Services department at 501-358-4007 or [lauren@bmaamerica.org](mailto:lauren@bmaamerica.org)

Remember, the deadline is **MARCH 31, 2018!**

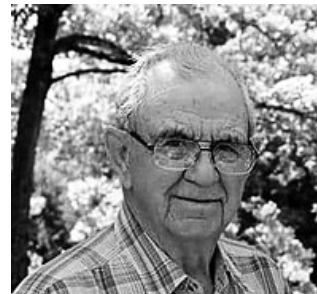
Be creative — share a ride or a room when possible. After all, preferring our brother is not a bad thing.

The boy throwing the starfish back in the sea was told, "There are so many out there. Do you really think you can make a difference?" The boy simply bent down, picked one up, threw it in the water and said, "I made a difference to that one!"

Pastor, you can't help every church afford to go to the meeting, but maybe you could help one. It would surely make a big difference to that church!

I also want to encourage individuals and families to consider providing a way for your pastor or church members to attend. Each one giving a little can also make a big difference.

## Faithful Workers Receive Promotions



Howard Eugene Dunlap

Howard Eugene Dunlap, 85, of Harviell, MO, passed away January 14, 2018 at the Landmark Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

He was born December 19, 1932 in Harviell. He worked as a farmer and enjoyed wood-working, gardening, farming and reading. He was a member of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church where he had served as a deacon. Howard was a veteran of the United States Army, having served in the Korean Conflict from 1953-1955.

September 2, 1960, Howard married Thelma Pennington in Harviell. She survives. Also surviving are his children: Patricia (Frank) Williams of West, MS, Rebecca (Ernie) Cate of Puxico, MO, and Rodney (Debra) Dunlap of Charleston, MO; a sister, Mary Clem of Kahoka, MO; a brother, Everett (Paula) Dunlap of Plymouth, IL; sisters-in-law: Nelda Dunlap of Revere, MO, Mary Dunlap of Indianapolis, IN, and Dorothy Dunlap of Dexter, MO; grandchildren/step grandchildren: Jonathan (Kasha) Williams of Salada, TX, Christina Morrison of Oklahoma City, OK, Melody Smith, Ryan Morrison of Superior, MT, Ezekiel, Rachel and Elijah Dunlap of Charleston, MO, Brian (Dawn) Meade of Florissant, MO, Jordan Cate-Klutts of Huntington, TN, Jason Cate, Jesse and Santana Cate of Poplar Bluff, MO, Tiffany Greer of Mt. View, MO, Yvonne and Paul Sannes of Temecula, CA, Alexandria (Tyler) Bollman of Laveen, AZ, Brooke Cummins of Essex, MO; 25 great-grandchildren; and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

Proceeding him in death are his parents, Clarence and Iva Dunlap; 2 sisters, Marie Burnley and Betty Mae Dunlap; 3 brothers, Walter, Cecil and Earl Dunlap; as well as 2 grandchildren and step grandchildren.

The funeral was January 19th at the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Harviell, with Elder Frank Williams and Elder Ernie Cate officiating.

Blanche Nadine Cate, 86, of Greenville, MO, passed away January 18, 2018 at Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, MO. She was born in McDougal, AR, December 10, 1931. She had been a long-time elementary and high school teacher, retiring from the English Lab at Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff, MO. Nadine enjoyed writing, quilting, sewing, baking, gardening, singing, fishing, playing Scrabble and Jeopardy and spending time visiting with friends and family. She was a member of the Women's Missionary Auxiliary and Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Poplar Bluff.



Blanche Nadine Cate

She married her husband of 66 years Cecil N. Cate December 22, 1951, he survives. Other survivors include five children: Ernie (Becky) Cate of Puxico, MO, Nancy (Lenny) McCanless of Troy, IL, Tracey Cate of Poplar Bluff, MO, Kim (Alan) Bryant of Punta Gorda, FL, Christopher Cate of Greenville, MO; two sisters: Laney Roberts of Montauk, MO, Sandra Hatley of McDougal, AR; eighteen grandchildren; twenty-seven great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents Jesse and Flossie (Garver) Stanley; two brothers Terrell Stanley, Cecil Stanley; one sister Christine Brotherton; grandson Jeffery Cate; granddaughter Jennifer Meade and daughter-in-law Brenda (Grotzky) Cate.

Funeral services were conducted January 24, in the Ermert Funeral Home Chapel with Ernie Cate officiating. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Camp Garwood: c/o Chris Polk, PO Box 271, Matthews, MO 63867

## WMA & GMA NEWS

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Shelia Polk  
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### Ladies,

### Your National WMA needs you!

How can I (you) help? I am so glad you asked!!

**First and foremost, PRAY!**

Pray for each National Officer as we prepare to meet in Jackson, MS in April. Pray for the plans made for this meeting. It's going to be very DIFFERENT! Our First Vice President Jodi Rhea and Second Vice President Charlotte Johnson, along with other ladies, with much prayer and consultation have totally changed the schedule and format. We are praying that this will increase interest and participation as well as MINISTER to ALL ladies in our churches. Watch your state papers, the National WMA Facebook page as well as other Facebook pages and the National WMA website for information on the meeting. You do NOT want to miss this year!

**Second, contribute to the Project Fund.**

The 2017-2018 Project is the BMA of Philippines Bible College. This is a great mission outreach to those who live in "closed" countries in Asia. If you wish to learn more about this you can find information on the Web page, [nationalwma.org](http://nationalwma.org) as well as the Facebook page.

There will be an offering taken at the National WMA meeting on Monday afternoon for the Project.

**Third, contribute General Fund of the National WMA!**

Granted the General Fund receives 10% of the Project Offerings. However, if funds are not sent in for the project, the general fund does not receive any either.

There will be a second offering taken at the National WMA meeting on Monday afternoon for the General Fund.

What does the General Fund pay for? Well, again, I am so glad you asked.!

The National WMA General Fund pays for expenses incurred at the annual WMA meeting such as the speaker and program expenses, printing of the program books, display tables (both for the meeting and the display hall), meeting room rentals (if required), Miss GMA expenses to the meeting, National Officer expenses throughout the year, annual audit of our finances.

So you can see, it is a lot and quite honestly this year we may not have enough in the fund to pay these bills.

One word about the National WMA Officer expenses, we do have a spending limit and many of these ladies will not even turn in their expenses because they love to serve through the WMA. However, they should be compensated for their labor and time.

Again, Pray for the National WMA and if the Lord leads you to give, please do. No amount is too small. Please designate if your contribution is for "PROJECT" or "GENERAL FUND" and mail to Pat Duncan, PO Box 30, Hardy, AR 72542

We will receive offerings anytime, however, the annual books close February 28 to be credited in the 2018 report.

Thank you for your consideration and contribution.

*Janet Widger,*  
Assistant Treasurer  
WMA of BMAA

## National WMA Meeting

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## Ladies Retreat

Jackson Mississippi Convention Center

**Monday afternoon - April 16, 2018**

**WMA Meeting**

1:30 - 2:30 Officer's Meeting Room 209-210  
3:00 - 5:00 WMA Business Meeting Room 209-210  
Opening - Ruby Poteet, President  
Welcome - Beth Caldwell, Mississippi President  
Song - Judy Wallace (offering for general fund)  
Song & Project Offering - Judy Wallace  
Business Meeting - Ruby Poteet  
Reports  
Petitionary Letters  
Treasurer's Report  
Officer's Recommendations  
Close out Project 2017-2018  
Project Nominations & Selections  
Election of officers  
Officer's Reports - GMA & Sunbeam  
Committee Reports - Registration, Finance, Resolutions  
Installation of officers - Charlotte Johnson  
Theme for 2018-2019 - Brenda Hornaday  
Resolution Committee  
Promotion of New Project - Beth Caldwell  
Closing Remarks

**Tuesday - April 17, 2018**

**Ladies' Retreat**

**Outrageously Courageous:**

**Dare to Live Beyond Your Fears**

Rooms - 216-217, 218 Nursery - Room 211

**Tuesday morning**

8:45 - Registration  
9:00 - Welcome  
Devotional - Miss GMA  
Prayer - Jr Miss GMA  
Door Prizes  
Praise & Worship - Judy Wallace  
Special Music - Sabrina Clayton  
Introduction of Program - Charlotte Johnson  
Guest Speaker - Kim Crabill

**12:00 - 1:00**

**Meal** - (at convention center) Everyone is welcome. You must register and send money for meal to Jodi Rhea by March 17, 2018. Cost--\$17.50

Jodi Rhea  
40156 E. CR. 1631  
Wynnewood, OK, 73098

Recognition of Minister's wives and widow's at the luncheon. Please indicate if you are minister's wife or minister's widow.

**Tuesday Afternoon Session:**

1:15 - 3:00 each 45 minutes rotate to another session  
Shirley Hoffpaur - Sunbeam  
Judy Wallace - "From Final to First"  
Kim Crabill - Burdens to Blessings  
Diana Morris - Missions  
Dismiss at 3:00 p.m.

## Dear Ladies!

I want to say "Thank You" to the churches and individuals that made a donation to the National WMA luncheon to be April 17th. It has helped to cut the cost for each lady attending and to provide for some expenses that we will have.

Each lady will need to pay \$17.50 for lunch. A buffet is being planned. Make your check payable to "National WMA". I need to know your name and if you are a pastor's wife or widow, as we will honor them at the luncheon and I need to know how many we will have. Please send you check and information to Jodi Rhea, 40156 E. CR 1631, Wynnewood, OK 73098. I need to have your money by March 17th to let the caterer know how many there will be. You will not be able to purchase a ticket at the door.

Your help to pass on this information to every WMA lady or Missionary's wife or any visitor that you know are thinking about attending the meeting is important! I do hope we have a good number to attend. I am sure you will miss a wonderful blessing if you don't, so make plans to be there now! Remember, I need your money by March 17th!

Sincerely,

Jodi Rhea

1st Vice President,  
National WMA

## Date Change for Ladies' Retreat

The date for the BMA of Missouri Ladies' Retreat has changed to September 14 & 15, due to the speaker's availability. Everyone will be thrilled with the speaker that is coming!!

Stay Tuned!!!

Watch for future announcements in this publication and keep up with the BMA of Missouri WMA news on their Facebook page.

Posted by:  
*Terri Willis Adams*  
Retreat Committee



## Brothers....

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

### Something to Think About:

## The Bible and God's Providence

John 5:13

by Dennis Baker, Brotherhood President

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

The apostle John lead by the Holy Spirit stated that one of the reasons God gave us the Scriptures was to provide assurance of salvation. Subjective faith is the believer's own story of how God convicted them of sin and how they came to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. However, subjective faith depends on objective revelation of truth as revealed in God's Word. In other words, God's Word must support salvation faith to be genuine.

Example, A person depending on works such as Baptism or the Lord's Supper to get to heaven cannot use God' Word to support their belief. Ephesians 2:8-9, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

There is an interesting story concerning the Bible and God's Providence in Twelfth Century Church History. Did you know that the Church Council of Valencia in (1229) forbade men who were not priests to read the Bible and the Bible was placed on The Index of Forbidden Books? This was the result of the conflict between the Roman Church and a Frenchmen named Peter Waldo. Around 1170, Pe-

ter Waldo employed a priest to translate from Latin into French the four Gospels and certain other books of the Scriptures.

By God's providence, Waldo saw the truths of God's Word and wanted to practice them. Waldo realized that the Scriptures alone are the basis of faith and not the word of any human being, be he priest, bishop, or pope. He learned that there is but one

Mediator, that saints should not be worshipped, and that the Lord Jesus Christ instituted only two sacraments; Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

In 1177 Peter Waldo organized a society of men and women who were willing to help bring Bible truth before their fellows. The members of this society are known in Church History by the name Waldenses. They were also known as "the poor men of

69th Annual

# BMA of America National Meeting

May 16-18, 2018

Arlington Convention Center • Arlington, Texas

## Program

Monday Morning, April 16		3:00 General Session — 2	
8:00	Display/Exhibit Set-up	Reporting:	BMA Foundation Master's Builders DiscipleGuide Brotherhood
Monday Afternoon, April 16		5:30 Seminary Dinner	Room Gallery
2:30	Registration Set-up (Enrollment and Finance Committee)		
3:00	WMA Meeting	Room 209-210	
Monday Evening, April 16		Tuesday Evening, April 17	
7:00	Pre-Associational, God & Country Rally <b>General Session — 1</b> President's Address	Paul White	7:00 <b>General Session — 3</b> Special Music Annual Message
			CBC Singers Terry Kimbrow
Tuesday Morning, April 17		Wednesday Morning, April 18	
8:00	Brotherhood Meeting	Room: 212	8:30 <b>General Session — 4</b>
9:00	Ladies' Retreat	Rooms: 216-217, 218	Reporting: LifeWord DiscipleGuide Coordinating Council Nominating Committee Committee on Arrangements WMA
	Theme: "Outrageously Courageous Dare to Live Beyond Your Fears"		10:10 BMA Departments Presentation
	Nursery	Room: 211	Reporting: Moral Action BMA Foundation
9:30	Committee Meetings: Seminary Trustees Foundation Trustees Moral Action Trustees Missionary Advisory LifeWord Trustees DiscipleGuide Trustees Nominating Committee	Room: 201 Room: 202 Room: 203 Room: 204 Room: 205 Room: 206 Board A	12:00 Missionary Wives Lunch Session Lunch
11:00	Breakout Sessions		Room: 216-217
	1: Sharing Christ with Muslims Charles Costa	Room: 207	
	2: Multi-Generational Ministry Adam Thomas	Room: 208	
	3: Opportunities....Hispanic Elvis Garcia	Room: 209	
	4: How to Counsel Sam Bradley	Room: 210	
Tuesday Afternoon, April 17		Wednesday Afternoon, April 18	
2:00	Breakout Sessions	2:00 <b>General Session — 5</b>	Reporting: Revolving Loan Fund Missions Department Election of Officers BMAA Choir Lifetime Achievement Awards
	1: Sharing Christ with Muslims Charles Costa	Room: 207	Led by Jeremy Wilkinson
	2: Multi-Generational Ministry Adam Thomas	Room: 208	
	3: Opportunities....Hispanic Elvis Garcia	Room: 209	
	4: How to Counsel Sam Bradley	Room: 210	
Wednesday Evening, April 18		6:30 <b>General Session — 6</b>	Missions Commissioning Service

General Sessions	Trustmark Ballroom
Registration	Outside Trustmark Ballroom
Exhibits	Exhibit Hall A

### Enrollment Committee Schedule

Monday	2:00-4:00 p.m. 6:00-7:00 p.m. and 30 minutes after session
Tuesday	8:30-9:00 a.m., 2:00-3:00 p.m. 6:30-7:00 p.m. and 30 minutes after session
Wednesday	8:00-8:30 a.m.

Lyons." (Houghton, 63)

The truth that we can learn from Peter Waldo's story is the importance of people having the Word of God published in their own language so that they can read and search the Scriptures themselves.

The Scriptures provide assurance of salvation and understanding on how to worship God in an acceptable manner. By studying the

Scriptures, one can discover eternal life hope though Jesus Christ.

Bibliography:

Houghton, S.M., *Sketches from Church History*, Carlisle: The Banner of Truth, 1980.

May be purchased at: <https://banneroftruth.org/us/store/history-biography/sketches-from-church-history/>

## *An open letter to BMA Readers*

Dr. Charley Holmes, BMA Seminary President

The Seminary staff and administration are praying that all our churches and their families will experience Christ's peace during 2018. I'd like to take just a few minutes to update you on some matters of prayer for your BMA Seminary.

Financially, things are steady and we have a small operating surplus for the fiscal year to date. Our end of the year giving seems to have been a little stronger than the past few years which helped us go from a moderate deficit to a surplus. One substantial source of income for the last seven years will be unable to help us for the immediate future. With that in mind, we are making final adjustments now for next year's budget year which begins June 1. One of our trustees has informed me that the Lord has led their church to vote to increase their current support to the Seminary by an excess of 100%. Another long-time board member gives regular generous designated offerings through his church in addition to helping with special projects. This kind of news is greatly appreciated by me and other administrators.

I haven't studied the support of each individual BMA church, but I know that many of them do support the Seminary in some way. As you enter the new year, consider leading your church to support the Seminary to at least the level that it supports other denominational efforts. I would be glad to arrange a visit to your church in the next year and report on the Seminary. It is amazing what God can do through faithful stewards who see a need and meet it.

Dr. Attebery is currently very busy with enrollment for the spring semester. There are not yet any enrollment projections available as it is too early in the process.

Matters of prayer - Please include these items in your family prayers and share them with your church:

1. Doctrinal and spiritual stability for our administrators, staff, teachers and students.
2. Financial stability for our supporting churches and individuals.
3. Our Bible-institute type ministry around the world, especially in Tanzania, Jordan and Tunisia. Our alumni around the world have several others we pray for, but these are the newest and most fragile. January 14th I taught a week-long class in Tanzania. The leader of that association, Bro. Renatus Kanunu, returned with me to attend courses on campus during the spring semester.
4. Thursday, February 15, we will be rededicating the refurbished Dorman Memorial Chapel at 10:00 a.m.

4. The Pascal Lectures this year will be presented by Bro. Justin Peters April 3 and 5, 2018. Bro. Peters is a premier speaker on the topic of the errors of the modern prosperity/

### ***Potluck Supports Ministry to Churches***

The 2017 World's Largest Potluck season was a time of great encouragement for DiscipleGuide. Their heart and goal remains to invest in local churches, providing services that equip them to carry out the Great Commission. BMA churches banded together during the Potluck season to support that goal, and DiscipleGuide is incredibly thankful.

Donations have been pouring in from participating churches, and because of that plans for future DiscipleGuide ministries are already in the works.

"We are so encouraged by the outpouring of love from our churches," said Dr. Scott Attebery, Executive Director of DiscipleGuide. "It's heartening to know that our churches are thankful for and supportive of our ministry. We are excited about the new ministries that will come as a result of this year's World's Largest Potluck offering."

If your church participated in the World's Largest Potluck

healing movement. If anyone associated with these tendencies visits your church, this would be a great event for them to attend. This would also be an occasion to bring a group from your church to strengthen them in their beliefs.

6. The annual meeting of the BMAA will be in Jackson, MS April 16-18, 2018. The Seminary Singers (Philip Attebery, David Hellwig, and Keri Southern) will be leading singing for the afternoon session on Tuesday, April 17. They will also sing for the Seminary Dinner, which will be Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Convention Complex.

7. The Seminary will be hosting a golf tournament benefiting Seminary scholarships on Saturday, May 5, 2018. Trustees Tom Mitchell and Elaine Beal are taking the lead in this effort. Raise a team from your church or come over and help with the logistics of the day.

8. Graduation Saturday will be May 19, 2018. **Seminary Sunday will be Sunday, May 20, 2018**, and we are asking that each church has a time of special prayer for the school and the new graduates as well as a special offering for scholarships.

Thank you for praying and leading your church to pray for our spring semester. If I may be of assistance to you, please contact me at the Seminary - 800-259-5673 or [president@bmats.edu](mailto:president@bmats.edu).

and has yet to send in your offering to DiscipleGuide, now is the perfect time to do so. As they plan for the upcoming ministry year, a complete tally of funds is necessary to fully serve the churches of the BMA.

Donations can be sent to DiscipleGuide P.O. Box 1749, Conway, AR 72033, and make sure to clearly specify that the donation is for the Potluck. Thank you again for praying for and supporting the ministries of DiscipleGuide.

## *More About Washington County District Auxiliary Meeting*

The Washington County District WMA and Brotherhood will meet March 9, 2018 at Zion Missionary Baptist Church in South County, St. Louis, Missouri, at 7:30 PM.

In light of the recent attacks at churches, as well as other public facilities, we are pleased to have Bro. Ron Lowry come and give a presentation on church security. Bro. Lowry is a member of First Baptist Church of Arnold, Missouri. Bro. Lowry gave his life to Christ in 1994 and joined the staff of First Baptist where he worked in various positions, including currently directing a formal medical and security team.

Bro. Lowry is former Air Force Security Police with experience in protecting people and a focus on nuclear weapons. He used his former military experience to form a new security team and protocols for First Baptist of Arnold to operate by. He has attended numerous church security conferences to stay in tune with current trends and procedures. He directs a team of approximately 18 security team members ranging from former military to uniformed officers as well as a team of doctors and nurses.

Your church may already have a protocol in place, or you may be thinking of implementing a protocol. Maybe you will hear something you hadn't thought of.

We invite you to come and hear the experience and suggestions of Bro. Lowry in helping to make our places of worship as secure as we can for our membership and visitors.

*Connie Reifsteck,*

President, Washington County WMA

### ***7th Annual Men's Spring Retreat Camp Garwood***

**Friday, May 4 starting at 7:30 p.m.  
and Saturday May 5, 2018**

#### **Who Can Attend?**

Men of all ages, and you are encouraged to bring your friends who do not attend church.

#### **What is the Cost?**

There is no cost for those attending, but churches are encouraged to bring an offering to help with the expenses.

We will be taking up an offering at the meeting to help with the expenses.

#### **What is the Purpose?**

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

#### **What to Bring?**

You are encouraged to bring your, 22 rifles (young men), 12 or 20 gauge shotguns (for our competition events), along with personal items, bed sheets and blankets (or sleeping bag), and pillow.

Beds, food and fun are provided.

Ammunition will be furnished by the BMA of Missouri Brotherhood

#### **Questions??**

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