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Philippians 2:16

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Missionaries and Missions Workers on Stage as Bro. James Schoenrock Leads Commissioning Service Prayer

Many things were the same at the 69th annual session of the BMA of America, held last week in Jackson, Miss. But as always, a few things were different.

The total reported attendance was exactly the same as last year (567). However,

there were only two petitioning churches, compared to four last year. Both were Mississippi churches: South Forrest at Hattiesburg and Grace at Clinton.

Some officers stayed the

same • Recording Clerks James Ray Raines, Jerome Cooper and Greg Medenwald, who succeeded himself. However, all the other officers had served two terms, and were not eligi-

ble for re-election. 1st VP Jeff Swart moved to President; 2nd VP Mark Livingston moved to

rett Memorial Hope, AR was chosen as next year’s Speaker. Andy Comer, pastor of Antioch at Georgetown, TX was elected as alternate.

The 2019 meeting will be held May 6-8, at the Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas in Rogers, AR. The messengers accepted the Committee on Arrangement’s recommendation to hold the 2021 meeting at Antioch Baptist Church in Conway, AR April 19-22.

As in previous years, several “break out” sessions were scheduled Tuesday morning and were repeated Tuesday afternoon so attendees could choose from two of the six sessions.

BMAA Meeting: The Same, Yet Different

by Editor Diane Spriggs • via Baptist Trumpet



2 VP Mark Livingston welcoming messengers from new churches. On left Bro. & Mrs. Sidney Farmer of South Forrest Church, Hattiesburg, Mississippi and Bro. Danny Bartlett of Grace Church, Clinton, Mississippi.



Newly Elected President Jeff Swart receiving Gavel from Past-President Paul White

1st VP; and Justin Rhodes was elected 2nd VP.

Clif Johnson, pastor of Gar-

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Ready or Not....

Camp Garwood

Beginning this year The “DEW” program is going to become The “Camp DEW’rs.” A camp DEWr is anyone who gives \$ 75.00 or more to camp in a year.

Camp DEWrS will receive a free T-shirt and will have special retreat weekends only open for DEWrS. The first one being this Fall. DEWrS will also get special recognition camp week.

DEWrS are determined on an honor basis. Churches will receive a DEWr T-shirt order form in the camp packet. Anyone wanting to be a DEWr needs to get their name on that form. That form will be returned to us mid June with camp registration.

DEWrS are individuals, not family units. For example. If my kids want to go to a DEWr weekend, they have to raise the money to be on the DEWr list.

A DEWr weekend will be a special retreat. We’ll have special guests and activities planned. Our hope was to get the first DEWr weekend in before camp. But looking at the calendar it is physically impossible.

But hopefully next year we can get some things rearranged so there is a slot available before

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Last Reminder....

BMA of MO
Missions Symposium
May 18th at 7:00 p.m.
&

Mid-Year Business Meeting
May 19th at 9:00 a.m.
at

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

Attend the Mission Symposium and get acquainted with 2 of our newly elected BMA of America Missionary families.

Please bring an offering from your church designated as a love offering for Bro. David Griggs showing our love and support for him as he has had physical problems and medical expenses during the past year.

Pray for a harmonious business meeting and a time of great fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ!



NEWS BRIEFS



Greetings from **First Baptist Church, Potosi**. April began with the celebration of the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Members could choose from two service times (7:30 or 10:00) for worship. Breakfast was at 8:00, Sunday School at 9:00, and then regular morning service at 10:00. We were blessed with 120 for the early service and 379 for the 10:00. Many families spent time together in the afternoon for the Easter celebration and I was blessed to be one of those who had all of my children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and good friends with me all afternoon. Our FBC Kids Choir has begun and are preparing for their program Sunday, April 29. Wednesday evening's, Brother Jim is directing us through the Mayberry Bible Study. It brings out a lot of discussion and scripture study; those of us attending are receiving a blessing. April 8 began our new In-home Sunday evening Community Groups on marriage, evangelism, apologetics, or Revelation. I chose evangelism (the three circles) and I believe this study will enable me to be much better at telling others about Jesus. The Kairos Prison Ministry team was here April 19-22 to share the gospel with the inmates. The following are activities our youth and children will be attending this summer: Youth Super Summer June 18-22, Vacation Bible School July 9-12. Kids Camp July 25-28, and Teen Mission Trip and Camp July 13-21. Of course, many adult volunteers are needed to make these a success. Many of us witnessed the beautiful Christian worship wedding of Emma Haguewood and Marscel Thomas. The songs included Reckless Love and In Christ Alone; you could definitely feel God's Spirit blessing this couple. Our church hosted the Pregnancy Resource Center's fund raising event; the center is based on Christian principles and provides many services for young women, men, and children. GMA is still working hard on their studies after their state meeting in Matthews. Celebrate Recovery has been blessed with other churches and organizations beginning to help with the meals which are very important to our cause. Also, we need volunteers: for nursery, Celebration Place (5-to11-years old), The Landing (12-18-years old), and anywhere you feel God's calling even if it is just once a month, a year, or whatever you desire. I cannot think of anywhere else I would rather spend my Friday evenings. What about you? Our towns are full of churches and there are still many who have never heard the gospel. Please pray for us as we pray for you.

Jim Ainley, Pastor • Deborah Rauhut, Reporter

Lindsay Lane, Florissant, reports that it is almost our one year anniversary of having been blessed by Pastor Brian Mead and his wife Dawn. God is using them to lead our ministry. We rejoice in the baptism of Stan, Jeanette, and Carl Anthony last month. We just finished our AWANA year with our awards program, 82 in attendance. Twenty-eight clubbers received book awards. We are gearing up for our annual Sports Camp, June 18-22, with a Carnival on Saturday, June 23rd. This is our largest single week of evangelism and we pray for God's blessing. Maddy Parrish is registered with Volunteer Student Missions [VSM] to visit Canada this summer on a mission trip. She is our first VSM student and the church has pledged our support prayerfully and financially to see her through this life-changing event. For the first time in many years, we are sending both elementary and senior kids to Jesus Camp - God is blessing the ministries of Lindsay Lane Baptist. Please keep us in your prayers each day during this very busy summer season.

Brian Meade, Pastor • Mike Jenkins, Reporter

Greetings from **Ozark Heights Baptist Church, Potosi!**

The Lord has been working amongst our people. We have had 7 new members added, five through statement of faith and two through baptism. We have seen many members step up in new exciting ways and the love of Christ growing between them. We have started a new children's program, Roots to Wings. It is a family-led, church-driven program that teaches children to answer life's questions through the Scriptures. It meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Please join us in prayer for this new program. Both for the members working and the children attending.

Brian Kingston, Pastor

Stony Point, Mineral Point, was blessed again with our youth presenting skits. Sunday, April 29th Bro. Alan Dane filled the pulpit while Pastor Claude went to Temple Baptist. Bro. Dane's message was from I Kings 19:1-18 "What are you doing here?" We send blessings to all.

Claude Evans-Pastor

Debrah Coleman-Reporter

Blessings continue to flow at **Bates Creek, Potosi**. We welcome new member, Sis. Connie Evans to our congregation. Sis. Connie brings a lot of talent with her and has been a blessing to our church. We also had two girls come forward for baptism and are planning a double baptism for the end of May. Please remember these girls in prayer. Bates Creek is hosting a day of fun at the Potosi City Park starting at 11 a.m. June 9. There will be a derby car race, gospel singing, hot dogs, and more. We hope you can join us. Each church will need to bring enough hot dogs, buns, and drinks for the group they are bringing. Remember this event, our church, and our pastor as we witness to our local community.

Bryan Buckley, pastor

Sara Buckley, Reporter

Bethel, Sikeston, says "Hel-

lo!" Our sympathies to the Freeman Family on the loss of their oldest son. They are in our thoughts and prayers. We continue to welcome new visitors each time we meet! We had a special time of people giving their testimonies of how they came to know the Lord. Every experience is different. Our movie night was April 14th and "Do You Believe" was shown. We had a good time in the Lord. Our next movie night will be May 19th at 4:00 p.m. and all are welcome to attend. In our business meeting April 25th we discussed security plans for the church. It is sad that we have to do this, but we do need a plan to keep our people safe. We also decided to cease our support of two missions we had been supporting for several years and put that support toward our missionaries in the Philippines, Robert Mendoza and the Freeman family. Bro. Ronnie and Sis. Mary Lou Warren were here on the 29th to bring us the Gospel with their singing talents and preaching of the Word. We were amazed that Bro. Ronnie had a gift of being able to play many musical instruments and the unusual gift to play the "saw"! What a blessing they were! In the evening service we had another great blessing by having Bro. John Holyfield and his family from Tiptonville, Tennessee with us. Bro. Holyfield brought us a powerful message of "God's Provision For US." We will have a celebration for our 3 graduates on the 6th of May after the evening service. Our VBS kickoff will be June 16th from noon til 4:00 p.m. Bring your pets and enter them in our dog contest. They will be judges on three things: How much they resemble their owner, How patriotic they are, and How well they perform tricks. Three winners will be selected. This will be a fun time for everyone in the park, weather permitting. There will be games, food and fellowship for all! Vacation Bible School will be June 18th thru 22nd. You are welcome to bring your children and their friends. We look forward to seeing you there.

Billy Davis, Pastor • Joan Wood, Reporter

Greetings from **Bethany, St. Louis**. Can you believe it's May already! A very happy Mother's Day to all of the moms out there. Graduations and proms and Memorial Day all rolled into one month, oh my. Bro. and Sis. Boatright have been blessing us with their presence. Sis. Connie is using her talent and her beautiful voice singing for us. She will be retiring from teaching soon and we pray God will continue using them in the ministry. The Gosnells were with us in April. It was good to have them in our services and in my home for a great visit. Miss Mattie Mitchell will graduate from Ritenour High School this spring. Please keep her in your prayers as she

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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • April 2018

General Fund:

Checking Account:

Balance March 31, 2018		\$	47,444.19
August Receipts:			
Missions:	\$	1,579.60	
Total Income:	\$	1,579.60	\$ 1,579.60
Total Available		\$	49,023.79
Disbursements:			
Director - Salary	\$	600.00	
Director - Expenses	\$	995.13	
Total Disbursements	\$	1,595.13	\$ (1,595.13)
Balance April 30, 2018:			\$ 47,428.66

Bank of America Savings Account:

Balance March 31, 2018		\$	(1,100.66)
Interest:	\$.02	\$.02
Balance April 30, 2018			\$ 1,100.68

Investment in BMA of Mississippi Revolving Loan Fund:

Balance March 31, 2018		\$	101,169.03
Interest:	\$	541.32	\$ 541.32
Balance April 30, 2018			\$ 101,710.35

Total of all Funds July 31, 2107 **\$ 150,239.67**

BMA Global Missions Offers B+ Security Training

BMA Global Missions is glad to partner with Stronghold Security to offer B+ security training to our newly elected missionaries and to other missionaries who are able to attend. The training will take place at the BMA Global Ministry Center in Conway, AR June 18-19. There are some spots available to the public for those who are interested. The cost will be \$250 per person.

The B+ course is recommended for faith-based travelers who go abroad often, lead teams abroad, live abroad for prolonged periods of time, and for anyone working in an advanced security risk area with regards to criminal activity and/or unfriendly host governments.

Classes will be conducted using lecture, demonstrations, videos, discussion and hands-on role-play scenarios designed to allow students to practice the skills being taught under limited simulated pressure. Topics covered include crime avoidance and target hardening, developing situational awareness, Code of Conduct, organizational policy and procedure, captivity survival, Information protection, car-jack survival, robbery survival, handling confidential questions appropriately, etc.

The training will be led by Stronghold Security President David Dose, who has a professional background in education and training, law enforcement, US Military survival and hostage recovery. David has trained just over 50,000 long and short-term missionaries and volunteers over the past 18 years with a focus on security and survival for Christian Missions personnel. To sign up for the training or to get more information, please contact Paige West at the BMA Global Ministry Center. paige@bmaam.com; 501-358-3848 or 501.455.4977.

the BMA of America meeting in Jackson, MS April 16th - 18th and enjoyed meeting our new missionaries and hearing reports of how God is blessing His work around the world.

There were several Missouri churches represented by messenger and it was good to fellowship with them and others from around our work. I wish to thank the editors of the Mississippi Baptist Paper (Don Brown) and the Baptist Trumpet of Arkansas (Diane Spriggs) for their contributing pictures and reports of this meeting. Their help was invaluable to me, as I was recovering from eye surgery and not able to record what I needed to for this publication.

The editors of our state papers had a dinner fellowship meeting Monday afternoon before the first session of the association and we enjoyed getting ideas from and sharing experiences from these who are "coworkers" in the printing ministry. It was encouraging to hear how others operate in their ministries.

While on our way to Jackson, Mary and I enjoyed stopping at Bethel Baptist Church in Sikeston just in time to worship on Sunday morning with them. We were made to feel very welcome and their pastor, Bro. Billy Davis, brought a very inspiring message. The church seems to be growing under Bro. Davis' leadership and it was good to meet some new people as well as fellowship with those we have known for a while.

We spent a few "extra" days (at our own expense) in the south following the meeting in Jackson and headed home on Sunday morning in time to stop in Blytheville, Arkansas and join in worship with Pastor Mike Silvey and the folks at Fairview Baptist Church.

April 29th I filled the pulpit at Friendship, Caseyville, IL and enjoyed our time with them. They need our prayers at this time. We have some great churches and faithful pastors and are encouraged as we visit among them as opportunity presents itself. It is a blessing to serve the Lord and seek to encourage others who are laboring for Him.

From Our Director...

You should receive this paper in time to give you a last minute reminder of the State Missions Symposium and Mid-Year Business Meeting that will be **May 18th - 19th, at Zion Baptist Church in St. Louis.**

Pastor Dennis Baker and Zion Church are excited about hosting these meetings and have been very helpful in getting things in order for us to have a great time of fellowship, worship, and business.

Below are two pictures of the two Missionaries that will be speaking on Friday evening during the symposium, which starts at 7:00 p.m. I hope all our churches will do whatever is necessary to be present for this meeting and will give these families a great Missouri Welcome.

Jimmy Walker and his family have been elected to serve in the Philippines and will be leaving soon for their field of service. Your presence at the symposium will let them know you are praying for them.



Larry Wood and his wife have been elected to go to Ukraine. They desire to know who in Missouri will be praying for them while they seek to do the work God has for them on their field of labor.



those we support when we give to Baptist Missionary Association of America Missions.

Please remember to bring a **Special Love Offering** which will be presented to Faithful Pastor and servant David Griggs to help him know we are praying for him and support him during a time of physical problems he has been experiencing for almost a year. Your expression of love will be encouraging to him and his church.

I am praying that we will have a progressive and peaceful business meeting as we meet for our Mid-year associational meeting May 19th. It starts at 9:00 a.m. at Zion.

Our Special Missions Committee has been working on some recommendations that will be presented at this meeting and we hope you are prayerfully considering these and other recommendations what will be presented by other departments of our association.

My wife and I attended

This is a great opportunity for our folks to meet some of

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seeks higher education. Also, Sis. Virginia Williams is very ill and we ask for prayer for healing. Please continue to pray for us at Bethany as we seek God's leadership. We praise God for healing and blessings.

Tim boatright, Interim Pastor • Kathy Chapman Reporter.

Greetings from **Black Creek of Poplar Bluff!** We had our first Easter Sunrise Service on April 1st! We had a great turnout and a wonderful service. Then the evening service with Bro. Caleb Davis (age 11) leading the singing and Bro. Matthew Thurner bringing the devotional was a great way to close the services for Easter Sunday. Sis. Sherry Vance has been working with the youth of the church on Wednesday evenings. They have been studying: "The Fruits of the Spirit" Galatians 5:22-23. The last Wednesday of April the children came forward to show the church how much they had learned. They all did such a wonderful job! Thank you, Sis. Sherry, for all your work with the youth. We had a great time at Youth In Harvest with Black River Missionary Baptist Church and the puppet show the youth performed that evening. It is such a blessing seeing all the youth in our association. We are looking forward to what Briar Missionary Baptist Church has planned for us in May. Hope to see you there! Please remember to pray for all of our Sister Churches who are without Pastors. And pray for all our Pastors. May God continue to bless us all!

Troy Sisk, Pastor • Yvonne Hill, Reporter

Greetings from **Kewanee Baptist Church, Kewanee** to all our Brothers and Sisters in Christ! We have had a great April!! Bro. Dan, Sis Pam, Don and Terri Adams along with their son Marshall had the pleasure of attending the National Meeting in Jackson MS. We had a great time seeing friends and hearing wonderful messages. The missionary commissioning service is the best part of the meeting and we are all praying for these new missionaries as they start their new journeys. This month we had Stan and Donna Scroggins April 8th to give us an update on the work in the Philippines. April 29th we had the Walker Family and Bro. Jimmy brought the morning message and also told us about their call to the Philippines. We are just about to wrap up another semester of Faith Bible Institute classes and are getting geared up for Vacation Bible School the first week of June. We had 14 help with Feed My Starving Children this year. This is a great project and we love participating. We are pleased to welcome Les and Paulette Sires to our congregation. May looks like another full month and we pray that all is well with our sister churches. God Bless, Dan Wisely, Pastor • Terri Adams, Reporter

Lower Doe Run, Ellington, reports that April activities continued even though the Pastor's family had to be absent one weekend due to a mishap when the lawn mower landed on top of the driver (Pastor) instead of the driver being on the lawn mower. It caused a few cracked ribs, two nights in the hospital and this reporter having to cancel her trip to the national association meeting. We are thankful that Bro. Alan Dane was available to fill the pulpit for us and that day three visitors showed up for the Junior Class. What a blessing. Sis. Kathy filled the gap there. Our family enjoyed a worship time at Charity in Bismarck with our middle daughter, Melanie, her husband, Tim, and their two teenagers. We were so sorry to hear that Sam and Dawn Freeman's son Tristan went on ahead of the rest of us through a vehicle accident during the National Association time. We grieve with them and their family. He had a great testimony for the Lord. We anticipate a great month of May with the National Day of Prayer for our nation, Mothers Day, and the State Mission Symposium. Pray for our churches.

Melvin Meade, Pastor • Carolyn Meade, Reporter

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How about allowing your students to take an active role in world evangelism?

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Missionary's Father called Home



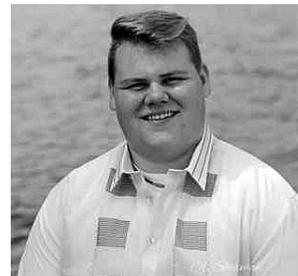
William Harrel Herring

We extend our deepest sympathy BMA Missionary/Pastor John Herring and his family in the passing of his father, William Harrel Herring, 82, of Maumelle, AR, April 26 after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Kathy (Stacy) Herring; twin sons: Jeff Herring of Maumelle, who serves as associate pastor of Oak Park, Little Rock, AR; and John Herring, BMA missionary serving in Nixa, MO; three sisters, Mary Lois Clark of Conway, Willie Mae Karber of North Little Rock and Ernestine Mauldin of Quitman; two brothers, Carrol Herring of Quitman and Burton Herring of Shorter, Ala.; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Park View Baptist Church April 20, and interment was at Old Texas Cemetery in Quitman, under the direction of Roller McNutt Funeral Home.

Memorials be made sent to Park View Baptist Church, 900 Donovan Briley Blvd, NLR, AR 72118.



Tristan Samuel Freeman
America meeting in Jackson.

Missionary's Son Killed In Accident

Tristan Samuel Freeman, 18, of Poplarville, MS died April 17 in a single-car accident while his parents, missionaries to the Philippines Sam and Dawn Freeman were attending the BMA of

Tristan was a sheet metal mechanic with Regional Mechanical Services. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and ministering to those around him.

He spent three years in Liptong, Valencia Negros Island, Philippines as the son of missionary parents.

Other survivors include two brothers, Zane Freeman and Seth Freeman; his grandparents, former missionaries Rayburn and Faye Freeman, and David L. Phillips; and his great grandmother, Bobbye Sue Bradley.

Funeral services were held April 21 at Plainview Baptist Church in Poplarville, and interment was at the church cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home (dignitymemorial.com).

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camp.

\$ 75.00 a year is about 20 cents a day or a little over \$ 6.00 a month.

Camp week is July 30 - August 3rd. I've been exceptionally distracted this year. I don't know if its my being out of shape. Getting older or the crazy weather. But I've gotta get in gear because camp week is quickly approaching. There's only 13 weeks left. Probably 10 by the time you are reading this.

Camp Theme: God's Tool shed - Romans 1:16.

Camp week: July 30 - August 3, 2018

Yep, Ready or not camp week is coming. On a much larger scale that phrase has eternal significance. At any moment the trump will sound and the Lord will shout Ready or not, here I come. *(Some liberties are taken with that statement. No need for correction by the deep theologians out there!)*

I pray at His return He finds us prepared!!

Blessings, Chris Polk • 573-380-1975
P. O. Box 271 • Matthews MO 63867

Editor's Note: Have you thought of how you can help Bro. Chris and others get the camp grounds ready? Contact him and I am sure he will give you some ideas. You do not need a "skill or Trade," just a willingness to help. even if you are unable to attend camp, you can help us have a great camp by doing something to get the facilities prepared.

An investment in Camp Garwood is an investment in lives for the glory of God. Your investment can make a difference in the lives of our youth!

Master's Builders Still Working

April was the time set aside for The Master's Builders to begin their annual work at Daniel Springs Baptist Camp in Gary, Texas. This was the 153rd job for the Master's Builders to date and the 2nd job in 2018. The Master's Builders first worked at Daniel Springs in 1995 and have worked at the camp a total of 8 times over 23 years. Camp Director Jason Prewitt had plans for the men to work on an exciting remodeling project for the Daniel Dorm and also to build a much needed shade shelter at the pool. The Daniel Dorm received a renovation that turned it into a multipurpose meeting/retreat building and dorm space for adults, students, and a variety of groups. The building will have a completely new look. The renovations include a large multipurpose room with a small stage area for meetings and worship, and tables for shared meals or study. The Builders added a new kitchen area and remodeled two bathrooms to be used within the multipurpose area. This exciting renovation will allow more flexibility to accommodate adult retreats and enhanced youth experiences. A total of 14 Builders worked on this job including our sweet friends, and honorary members, "Tex" and Donnette Parks from Bethel Baptist Church, and a new couple, Wes and Kathy Bateman from Arlington, Texas. It is our prayer that they all will join the Master's Builders and work with us again soon.

The women enjoyed Bible study and fellowship each day. As always, there was a lot of laughter and fellowship shared by the men during the work on these projects! Jason Prewitt and his sweet family were on hand to visit with the Builders off and on during the job. While at Gary, the Builders always look forward to attending worship services at Bethel Baptist Church in Clayton, Texas. The Master's Builders helped in the construction of a new sanctuary for Bethel Baptist in September 2015 and the members at Bethel have always been such a blessing to the Master's Builders. The Builders enjoyed 2 meals and lots of wonderful fellowship with the great folks at Bethel during this job!

The Master's Builders plan to work on a large project with other volunteer organizations in June called the "We Are Free" Hebron Hills Aftercare Facility in South Arkansas. This facility will provide Christ centered care, housing, and counseling for victims of sex trafficking. We will be building the first of several group homes and a Counseling Center on 25 acres near Hope, Arkansas. Please be in prayer for this work and this facility. If you would like to know more about this work you can visit their web page at www.wearefree.us.

We hope you were able to stop by our table at the BMA National Meeting and visit with us. Remember, you can keep up with our work on our Facebook page — The Master's Builders. "Like" our page for our job updates and photos during each job. If you feel the Lord is leading you toward this ministry, if you have any questions about the ministry, or if your church has building needs, you can contact our Office Coordinator John Mangum at (318) 205-5155 or his cell at (318) 607-4100; or our Field Coordinator Eddie Sikes at (903) 725-6549 or his cell at (479) 462-1675.

Rose Bittner • Reporter

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Proceedings

The 1st General Session opened with a welcome from Mississippi Lt. Gov. Tate Reeves, and the President's Message "Standing in the Gap: The Power of Intercessory Prayer."

Something new was Monday night's God and Country Rally led by Moral Action Director Dr. John Adams. The event included the presentation of the colors by an honor guard; singing of the national anthem by Sabrina Clayton; the pledge, led by Arkansas Chaplain Major Jeremy Miller; Scripture reading by Dr. Steve Crawley; congregational singing led

by Matt Hudson; and a message, "America: 1969-2019," by Dr. Adams.

As always, music was a highlight of the meeting, including: congregational singing led by Jeremy Wilkinson and singers from his church, Campground at Gulfport, MS; the CBC singers; a trio from BMA of Arkansas Mission Connection Point at Brookland; and a BMA Seminary trio that performed at the meeting and at the Seminary Dinner. This year something new was added — the BMA Choir, led by Bro. Wilkinson. An estimated 75 people gathered on stage to sing three scheduled songs, plus a few more because it was so enjoyable!

"Good preaching" never changes at the national meeting. In addition to the messages by President White and Dr. Adams, Terry Kimbrow, president of Central Baptist College, brought the annual message Tuesday night: "The Toughest Job I've Ever Loved" based on II Timothy 4:7.

President White recognized several BMA patriarchs for over 60 years of service: Jerry Browning, Cecil Burgess, Bill Evans, Gene Gambill, Gaylan Henry, Johnnie Hoffmann, Robert Isaacs, A.W. Kirkland, Grover Laird, Jurl Mitchell, Deward Mullins, James Ray Raines, Howard Rogers, Richard Walters and Johnny Crocker (deceased).

Seminary Dinner

The BMA Seminary Dinner was again held on Tuesday night of the meeting. Dr. Tony Cleaver, who has served in many capacities at the seminary, as well as serving as the BMA's first Army chaplain, was honored as this year's recipient of the Kellar Award. He also writes the "Leave it to Cleaver" column in the Baptist Trumpet.

His wife of 52 years, Jerri Sue, is the daughter of Dr. Gerald Kellar, for whom the award is named. "She is the best Kellar award I ever received," said Dr. Cleaver.

Previous Kellar Award recipients present were: Buddy Johnson, Jeff Swart, James Schoenrock and Ron Chesser.

Jerry Stacy, who is going off the Seminary Board this year after many years of service, was also honored and given a special pen made by Mississippi Baptist Editor (and fellow board member) Don Brown.

The Seminary Alumni Association approved a new constitution and announced that a scholarship recipient had been chosen, but that the finances are still being worked out.

Tom Mitchell also announced that the golf tournament that had been scheduled for May 5 to raise money for scholarships has been postponed. A notice will be sent to the BMA newspapers when a new date is set.

Recommendations

Most of the recommendations (as printed in the Reports Recommendation booklet sent to the churches) were approved, including the election of Dr. Steve Crawley as executive director of Ministers Resource Services. Ron Chesser, who will be retiring May 31, was honored with a plaque for over 18 years of service to MRS; and his wife, Gloria was also honored and given roses and a gift.

Other department directors were re-elected, except DiscipleGuide. Note the following changes in recommendations:

• **DiscipleGuide** — No replacement was recommended for Dr. Scott Attebery, who has submitted his resignation. Committee Chairman Aaron Middleton said: "This is a major moment (for this ministry), and we need time to evaluate (the various) ministries. We need strong leadership, and we have a plan to maintain the stabilization of the day-to-day needs:

"(Executive Directors) John David Smith, Steve Crawley and Donny Parrish will work together with the DiscipleGuide Board and serve as interim DiscipleGuide directors to allow a smooth transition and give the board the time (they need.)"

Since this action was being taken, the board rescinded rec-

ommendations #3-4, which set the executive director's housing allowance, salary and benefits. They also rescinded their recommendation to re-elect Dr. Attebery since his resignation was received after the Reports and Recommendations booklet was printed. The other two recommendations (setting the budgets for DiscipleGuide and Daniel Springs) passed.

• **Missions** — Recommendation #11 was added after the Missionary Advisory met Tuesday morning: "That we continue to partner with South City Church for one more year." (Last year, messengers approved the following recommendation: "We recommend to partner with the re-plant of Temple Baptist Church (Little Rock) now called South City Church, at \$2,000 per month stipend for one year, to be re-evaluated after one year." As it was last year, the recommendation passed without discussion being voiced.

• **Moral Action** — The wording in the fourth paragraph of Resolution #5 — Open Prayer for President Donald Trump was changed from "President Donald Trump as the ultimate leader of our nation" to read "Donald Trump as the president of our nation."

Departmental Reports

• **BMA Seminary** — Dr. Charley Holmes noted that the seminary stands firmly on the inerrancy of Scripture, that it is "complete, sufficient and authoritative." He noted that the school has 150 students from 14 countries and 14 states. Graduation is scheduled for May 20, with a graduating class of 26.

He also noted that they are finishing in the black this year with a small surplus of \$26,000 — less than 2% of the budget.

Two students, one from Nigeria and one from Vietnam, expressed their appreciation for the school and for the association's prayer and financial support.

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Pastor's Wives and Widows Honored by the National WMA



Many of the pastor's wives and widows honored at the "Retreat" by the WMA

A letter For All Ladies...

The following letter was sent to the 2018-2019 National WMA Officers from President Jodi Rhea. While it is directed towards the National officers, ladies it takes each of you to help us make our Auxiliaries "more than just a name on the line".

It takes each local group to pray for and support the district, state and National Auxiliaries. We are here to serve you but we need you as well.

Send us ideas, suggestions as well as concerns.

Janet Widger

Dear National WMA Officers,

I just keep reflecting on the great meeting we had! I really enjoyed it and felt the Holy Spirit at work. I didn't want it to end, but we had to go home because we have work to do. I know we all have our families, our churches, our work and everything else we have to tend to and somewhere in there we have our work for the National WMA. I know we can count on God to stretch our time. He does it for me all the time.

I am looking forward to getting to know each one of you better this year. Together, we have a lot to do. We have a lot of money we need to raise. We need to be good stewards with what He gives us. We need to work hard encouraging our WMA groups and those we come in contact with to grow. We need to help provide ideas and suggestions for resources for WMA groups to use. We need to keep our WMA ladies informed and interested. We need to plan a wonderful program for next year.

When I talked to one our officers about serving, she said, **"I don't want to just be a name on a line, I want to do the job and I want to do it right."** That's the attitude we should have. What an honor we have to serve the Lord in the National WMA. Let's make Him proud. If you need help to know what you are supposed to do, call me. We'll figure it out together.

Let's make this an exciting year! I can't wait to see what God is going to do. Our God is a BIG GOD, let's expect BIG things!

Love and blessings,

Jodi Rhea
National WMA President

Will I See My Loved Ones Again Who Have Died and Lie Buried?

Job 19:26-27 – *"And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God; Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me."*

II Samuel 12:22 – *"And he said, while the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: For I said, who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me."*

John 11:23-24 – *"Jesus saith unto her, thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto Him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day."*

Acts 1:3 – *"To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God."*

I Thessalonians 4:13, 17, 18 – *"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.... Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore, comfort one another with these words."*

We are permitted and encouraged by the Holy Word to anticipate reunion with our loved ones who have died in the Lord.

Submitted By:

Charity Landmark Missionary Baptist Church,
Bismarck, Missouri

Washington County District Auxiliaries

Washington County District WMA and other auxiliaries will meet with the Bates Creek Baptist Church Friday June 8 at 7:30. Please make plans to join us for this special time of fellowship together.

Pastor, O Pastor!

by *Tony Cleaver*

"You must distinguish between the holy and the common, and the clean and the unclean." Leviticus 10:10

Pastor, O Pastor! Here is a job that is yours and yours alone. By the very fact of your ordination you swore before your assembly and before God that you would be the servant of God. The distinguishing work to tell the people about the holy and the common and the clean and unclean falls to you! There is a great difference between the clean and the unclean in life just as there is a difference in left and right and up and down. There is disparity in the two: holy and common.

Pastor, O Pastor! History shows us the nation of Israel fared well when the distinctions were clear and lived out in the lives of the people. History also teaches us when the line was blurred between the holy and the common, the nation did not fare well at all.

Pastor, O Pastor! Let's stop blaming the politicians for the state of our country. Let's stop blaming the media for the state of our country. Let's stop blaming everyone else for the state of our country.

Pastor, O Pastor, we must teach what is holy and what is common and what is clean and what is unclean.

Via - *Northern Landmark
Missionary Baptist*

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

Principles For Worship

Deuteronomy 16

by *Dennis Baker, Brotherhood President*

Deuteronomy chapter sixteen is an essential resource for a biblical study on the principles of worship. A recurring phrase is worship, "in the place which the Lord shall choose to place his name there." The annual feasts of Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacle involved an annual journey to the Tabernacle and later the Temple. The Hebrew word for feast has reference to seasons or occasions for special rejoicing. Each feast related the rejoicing, thanksgiving, and harvest blessings. The feasts recognized Jehovah as the author and sustainer of His covenant people. The active kindness of a covenant keeping God was the cause of the rejoicing.

The rejoicing was "before the Lord," V. 16. The joy of the occasion was spiritually motivated and directed. It had goodness as its inspiration and praise to God for its purpose. Opportunities for expression were found in giving to God and sharing with others. V.17, "Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee." V.11, "and thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to place his name there."

In the New Testament there are many references to both Jesus and Paul, as Jews, respecting the Sabbath and observing the feast. Matthew 12:1-3, Mark 2:22-28, John 5:10; 7:21-24, Acts 13:14; 16:13, and Acts 18:21;20;16. However, the principle taught in these verses is that believers must not keep the Sabbath and Feast Days as an act of spiritual merit that contribute towards salvation because that would deny the gospel of grace. Galatians 4:10-11, "Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain."

In I Corinthians 11:23-26, Paul mentions keeping the feast or memorial meal which Jesus initiated on the eve of His death. Like the great feasts of Israel, the Lord's Supper is a feast of gratitude and anticipation, a feast of rejoicing.

There are many principles that can be found in a study of Deuteronomy. Worship of our great Savior and Lord, the one who provided the once for all sacrifice of the cross, is an everyday experience. Worship involves giving, not what I can get out of worship. It involves sharing God's blessing with God and with others. Worship is a duty and obligation because of our covenant relationship with God. But to the believer, it is an opportunity to acknowledge God's goodness, to praise His wonderful name, to present before Him a token of gratitude, and to bear witness of His faithfulness. Worship in the company of other believers is added joy of fellowship in the Lord. Psalms 122:1, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD."

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• **Minister's Resource Services** - In his 19th annual and final report, Ron Chesser noted that during his tenure, he has traveled over 500,000 miles and "worn out 3 cars."

BMA Retirement accounts have averaged, net of fees, a growth of 7.42% each year for the past 15 years. Each participant had a return of 12% in growth posted to their account in the year 2017. The BMA Retirement portfolio assets totaled \$14,184,867.99 on Dec. 31, 2017.

• **LifeWord** — In his report, Executive Director Donny

**National Brotherhood
Annual Meeting**

Richey Hester • Editor and Promoter

The National Brotherhood of the BMA met April 17, 2018 at the Jackson Convention Center in Jackson, Mississippi. The Brotherhood met at 8:00 a.m. in room 210 at the Convention Center with 62 present. Dr. Kenneth Pollock opened in prayer. President Mark Jones declared the Brotherhood in business. The first order of business was the election of officers. Officers were elected as follows:

President -	Mark Jones
1st Vice President -	Van Widger
2nd Vice President -	James Laminack
3rd Vice President -	Chris Hamilton
Secretary/Treasurer -	Robert Bynum
Editor/Promoter -	Richey Hester
Music Leader -	Bill Thornton
Asst. Music Leader -	Matt Hudson
Galilean Director -	Kenneth Colvert
Asst. Galilean Director -	Dan Williams



2018-2019 BMA Brotherhood Officers

The Brotherhood project for 2018-19 is the Bible College in the Philippines and Missionary Bryan Risner
35% Philippines Bible College - Jimmy Walker Work Fund
30% Missionary Bryan Risner
25% Galileans
10% General Fund

Bro. Kenneth Covert gave the Galilean report. He first thanked the Brotherhood for their support. Bro. Covert said that they are giving the boys a purpose in life. This purpose might keep them out of trouble or even prison. There are more men in prison than women. Bro. Covert said he wanted to get Jesus to them before they end up in prison. National Galilean camp is set for June 28 - July 1, 2018 at Stoneridge Baptist

Parrish noted that LifeWord currently broadcasts in 42 languages to 121 countries, reaching a quarter of the world's population.

He noted that Jon Dodson would be coming on board June 1 as director of internet broadcasting, and that LifeWord Cloud is "changing everything we do... it will be a year of transition... everyone in the office has a new job description."

Parrish noted that there are 7 billion people in the world today, and 3.5 billion of them are in unreached people groups with little or no access to the Gospel. He predicted that in 3-5 years, through Lifeword Cloud, the department would be "telling the world about Jesus in 200 languages."

• **DiscipleGuide** — Scott Attebery noted that there are 35 churches involved in Activate. He also said that "Daniel Springs is doing well. Offerings have jumped from \$5,000 a month to \$12,000 a month, with about \$300,000 in special offerings, which allowed them to do several renovations. The

Camp in Smithville, AR, the Theme is "Separated" II Corinthians 6:17 and Eric Johnson will be the camp pastor.

Bro. Stan Scroggins thanked the Brotherhood for the support of the Philip-pines Bible College. The support equaled 100,000 pesos, 100 pesos = \$1,000.00, so 100,000 pesos = \$1,000,000. Bro. Jimmy Walker gave thanks for the continued support of the Bible College.

Bro. Bryan Risner, Missionary to Romania gave the message. The message came from Acts 1:10-11, he asked the question, "Are you salting, are you going where God leads you?" He tells us

why Romania, 86.7% of the population is orthodox, only 0.6% are Baptist. That's why he will follow God's call and leave Arkansas and go to Romania. He finished with the question, "Where is God leading you?"

Bro. David Lawrence led in closing prayer. Overall it was a great meeting. Remember to support the Brotherhood and our projects.

conference ministry had "one of its strongest years."

A total of 18 churches gave \$ 207,000 to the General Fund this year, and about \$30,000 was raised in the World's Largest Potluck campaign.

Auxiliaries

Both business meetings of the WMA (Monday afternoon) and Brotherhood (Tuesday morning) were well attended. The WMA included a "retreat" Wednesday, featuring Kim Crabill, founder

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Proposed VSM Guidelines

The following is proposed as an addition to the BMA/MO Missions Policy Handbook, under the heading of Cooperative and Supplemental Programs:

IV. Volunteer Student Missions Scholarships

The purpose of Volunteer Student Missions (VSM) Scholarships is to provide financial help for students associated with Missouri churches who are participating in the VSM program through the BMAA Missions Department. The scholarship program will operate under the following guidelines:

1. Applicants: To be considered, a scholarship applicant must be affiliated with a BMA church within the state of MO, approved by the VSM program, and scheduled for a VSM trip within the next twelve months.

2. Application Deadlines and Processing: Completed applications for scholarships must be received by the BMA of MO Missions Director by January 1st. Applications will be distributed by the Director to the Special Missions Committee (SMC) for consideration.

3. Scholarship Amounts and Funding:

a. Individual scholarships will not exceed 20% of the applicant's trip costs. (Cost amounts are set by VSM program.)

b. Individual scholarships will not exceed the net balance of trip costs less amounts received from other sources.

c. SMC will annually determine available funds to be used for the scholarships, based upon current finances and requests received.

d. In the event that available funds do not cover all requested scholarships, the SMC will divide the funds between the applicants as deemed best.

4. Awarding of Scholarships. Scholarship decisions (including actual scholarship amounts awarded to each individual) will be finalized by SMC by February 1st. Notification of scholarship decisions will be sent to applicants and all awarded scholarships sent directly to the BMAA Missions Department, both by February 15th.

5. Exceptions: In the event of extenuating circumstances the SMC has latitude to make exceptions to deadlines, financial caps, and all other limits as deemed best.

Note: This proposal will be presented by the Special Missions Committee to the Missionary Committee at our Mid-Year meeting May, 19, 2018, along with an application form that will be required for all applicants.

"What If"... for Students

by Judy Wallace - via Baptist Trumpet

"What if"... you smiled at that person at school instead of ignoring them??

"What if"... you talked to the "nerd" instead of about them?

"What if"... you didn't participate in making fun of your teachers and their quirky ways?

"What if"... you did your own homework instead of borrowing someone else's?

"What if"... you sat at the front of the classroom instead of at the back so you could concentrate on what was being taught?

"What if"... you helped the person who dropped their books in the hall instead of laughing at them?

"What if"... you walked away from the dirty joke telling instead of participating?

"What if"... you asked the blessing (even silently with head bowed) before you ate your lunch each day at school?

"What if"... you concerned yourself more with what God thought about what you were doing than what the "it" kids thought?

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GRACE

is when GOD gives us good things that we don't deserve!

MERCY

is when GOD spares us from bad things we deserve!

BLESSINGS

are when GOD is generous with both!

THANK GOD EVERY DAY!!

"What if"... you made sure you were clothed with righteousness every day, instead of being so concerned about being clothed in the latest fashions?

"What if"... you took as much time getting spiritually ready for school as you do getting physically ready?

"What if"... you did your best work every day in every class as a testimony of who you are in Christ?

"What if"... you spoke up about our Creator God when evolution is being debated in class?

"What if"... you spoke up about the sanctity of life when abortion is being debated in class?

"What if"... you respectfully asked the teacher to assign you another book to read when the one required is filled with anti-Christian themes?

"What if"... you chose to stay at home instead of attending the homecoming dance because you know the dirty dancing that will take place?

"What if"... you decided to be the one that would take a new student in as a friend and show them around the school?

"What if"... you truly determined to walk the walk every moment of every day under every circumstance around every person?

"What if"... *"Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work is pure, and whether it be right."* (Proverbs 20:11)

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.

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.

James Hoffmann, is available for pulpit supply. Contact him at 314-277-8644 or by e-mail at jmhoff@charter.net.

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

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.

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

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and director of Roses and Rainbows Ministry, followed by a luncheon honoring ministers' wives and widows.

The WMA 2017-18 project raised \$34,296.28. 80% Philippine Bible College, 10% Youth Auxiliary and 10% WMA General Fund. The coming year, 80% will be given to "We Are FREE."

The Brotherhood raised \$ 2,459.22 for Philippines Bible College and \$ 945.85 for National Galileans. The project for this year is 35% Jimmy Walker (Philippines) Work Fund, 30% Bryan Risner (Romania) Work Fund, 25% National Galileans and 10% Brotherhood General Fund.

Other Reports

• **Master's Builders** — Field Coordinator Eddie Sikes reported that the group has finished 154 projects since beginning in 1961, including 6 that were completed this year. The next projects are We are FREE in June, followed by two churches.

He encouraged more people to participate and noted that benefits include "fun, food and fellowship."

• **Coordinating Council** — Chairman Jason Aultman said the council commends all the departments for their cooperation. He noted that the council will continue to evaluate Daniel Springs for the coming year. As outgoing BMAA president, Paul White will begin serving as chairman of the council.

• **Moral Action** — Dr. Adams shared the video, "The Snake," and noted that "We do not want Islam; Christianity should be the religion of the United States."

He also noted that he has been nominated to lead in prayer in the U.S. Senate. Senate Chaplain Barry Black will make the final decision this year.

• **BMA Foundation** — Charles Attebery noted that six churches have hosted Estate Planning events, and noted individuals are encouraged, but not required, to leave part of their estate to charitable endeavors, including BMA ministries.

All participants in the meeting are to be commended for keeping the activities moving along smoothly and at a good pace in order to accomplish all that needed to be done.