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“Holding Forth The Word of Life”

Philippians 2:16

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## Another GREAT Week at Garwood!! July 30 - August 3, 2018

The following report from Camp Director Chris Polk and other notes gleaned from Facebook help us understand that God blessed with another great week at Camp Garwood. Enjoy these reports and comments along with pictures from various sources throughout this month's edition of *The Missouri Missionary Baptist*.

### A Word From Our “Tired” Camp Director

The last I heard we had 373 registered campers from 26 churches. That's up almost 100 campers from last year. We have 24 camper sites and used 21 of them. It was a great week with perfect weather. Describing the week, I have to mention our trip to the drive-in. Our first trip away from camp went as well as we could expect. The owners of the drive-in were impressed with how well our campers handled the backlog at the concession stand.

The final count was 16 Professions of faith!

I'm excited to announce our 2019 speaker will be **Brad Bandlerman** from Bethel, Lonedell. With **Aaron Beardsley** from Bethel, Sikeston leading the worship services.

Please accept my apologies for this short summary from camp. I will have more details once I get caught up on sleep.



Chris Polk • PO Box 271  
Matthews, MO 63867

Thanks, Bro. Chris, you deserve a rest for a job WELL DONE!

*The Theme, The Speaker and the Praise Team were well chosen*

“God's Tool Shed,” based on Romans 1:16 was presented in a practical and useful way as our speaker, Bro. Michael Treat from Central Baptist Church in Conway, AR, emphasized the ways that Satan tries to work against God in our lives and how God gives us

the “tools” we need to defeat Satan each day.

The youth band, Crossroads, from Conway, AR prepared hearts for the Word of God which was used by the Spirit of God to touch hearts and lives.

### A List of Those who Were Saved at Camp this Year

Bro. Matt Bolen submitted the names of those who were saved at Camp:

Lacey Arender  
Timmy Lewis  
Terra Todd  
Austin Ballew  
Gracie Shumer  
James Wilson  
Kayley Latham



Jonathan Joseph  
Elizabeth Snyder  
Destiny Humphries  
Mackenzie Pritchett  
Cadence Simmons  
Jessica Hickman  
Zachariah Pritchett  
Lucy Collins  
Levi Rowland

**Editor's Note:** Sorry we do not have a picture of those who made a profession of faith.

*Appreciation Expressed to Teachers and helpers*  
“Thank you” to all those that were teachers at camp. I wish  
• See *CAMP* Page 3 •

You are invited to help us celebrate the 50th Anniversary of **Dennis & Ladonna Baker**

DATE:  
Sunday August 19, 2018  
TIME:  
2:00 p.m.  
PLACE:  
Zion Baptist Church  
3485 Baumgartner Rd.  
St. Louis, MO 63129

For more information contact  
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## August 31 - September 1, 2018 Is Camp Garwood's FIRST DEWRs retreat!!

We know, this is Labor Day weekend but are hoping our DEWRs are willing to make their last summer hurrah with us at camp.

We are still



working out the details. We promised a special retreat for DEWRs and we plan to make this retreat SPECIAL! Come prepared for an adventure!

The 2019 DEWRs weekend will be  
May 31 - June 1, 2019

## BENEFIT FUNDRAISER

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## MERAMEC ASSOCIATION CHANGE OF ANNUAL MEETING LOCATION

The location for the next annual meeting of the Meramec Landmark Baptist Association has been changed to Fellowship Baptist Church, Potosi, Missouri. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Friday, September 21, 2018.

## BMA of Missouri Annual Meeting

Bethel Baptist Church, Lonedell, MO  
October 27, 2018  
9:00 a.m.



# NEWS BRIEFS



Greetings from **Bethany, St. Louis**. Where did the time go? Here it is August already! Our Interim pastor, Bro. Tim Boatright and Connie took a month off and it was well deserved. We hope they had a real relaxed vacation. We have a beautiful flower garden at the side of the church building. Thanks to Bro. Josh Norris for over-seeing it. We want to thank Bro. Devin Kennedy for keeping our grounds mowed and well-kept. We are still searching for a full-time pastor. We have been having visitors and pray our church will start growing. With our prayers, and the help of others, we will see how God does answer prayer.

Tim Boatright, Interim Pastor • Betty Johnston, Reporter

Greetings from **First Baptist, Potosi**. July began with the Celebrate Recovery Praise Band leading the music and Bro. Kevin Smith preaching the sermon while our pastor and family enjoyed some vacation time. The GMA retreat was the second weekend in July. The theme was "Service" and Sis, Jaclyn Rowe was our guest speaker. Everyone had a wonderful time. Much work went into decorating and preparing lessons and activities for VBS. Everything looked awesome. "Thank you" to the volunteers and Sis. Raven Porter for all the work accomplished so that the Word of God could be given to our children. A lot of our older teens were helpers. The project chosen to receive the funds from the VBS offerings was Bro. Newsom's Dorcas House. Offerings brought in were over \$1,400, Since that exceeded the goal, both Bro. Kevin and Sis. Raven were slimed on Sunday after the program. There were nearly 100 present every day. We sent around 50 people to **Teen Camp** and then **Kid's Slimed Camp** welcomed 80 children plus workers which came to around 135 people. The last evening service was indescribable. There were eighteen professions of faith. God is so awesome in defeating Satan's attempts to keep something like this from occurring. Each camp involves a lot of volunteers for them to run smoothly. We have so many children for the younger camp that we have to have ours separate from the regular camp. We had children attend camp who heard the gospel for the first time which seems unbelievable in our day and age. Our Celebrate Recovery Band has been asked to sing at the Washington County Fair in one of the side tents on Wednesday evening. We are excited about sharing the gospel in song. Also, our church is providing a diaper-changing/nursing station. On August 4th, First Baptist will be 186 years old. We are now gearing up for back-to-school activities, FBCKids CLUB begins September 5th, the Mineral Area Women's Retreat at Bates Creek Camp will be September 14-15, and then in October we will have the LifeWord Walk for the World. We have members who have lost loved ones, those who are ill, in hospitals, and in nursing homes. Please pray for us as we pray for you. Jim Ainley, Pastor • Deborah Rauhut, Reporter

**Stony Point, Mineral Point**, sends blessings to all. July 8th we were blessed with Stephania Lee and Karen Stone joining on statement of baptism and given the hand of church membership. Royace Phillips presented himself for baptism on profession of salvation and was given the hand of Christian fellowship. He was baptized July 15 and given the hand of church membership. Vacation Bible School was only one day, July 14th with the teens helping. Pastor Claude presented "Children of the Bible" for the lessons (Joseph, Josiah, & the children). Sunday evening, July 15th, Wayne and Ruth Gibson presented themselves for membership by letter from Landmark Baptist Church of Desoto. They were given the hand of Christian fellowship. July 29th the youth presented the evening service taking turns leading in congregational

songs of their choice. Anthony Dontrich did the devotional reading from Exodus 20:3-17 and Deuteronomy 27:15. The youth then attended Camp Garwood and came home with spiritual uplifting. Sunday night, August 5th the youth told of their experiences at camp. We are so blessed at Stony Point. Homecoming will be August 19th with Wayne Gibson preaching the morning service. Lunch will be served after morning worship and come prepared to sing a special and enjoy singing.

Claude Evans, Pastor  
Debrah Coleman, Reporter

**Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston** rejoices in the profession of faith of Morgan in June and in the professions of faith during Vacation Bible School of Preston and Brandasia in July. Also, in July we had Youth Sunday with guest preacher Minister Zach Dane from Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church in Park Hills who is 18 years old. We highly recommend him for both his biblical integrity and his delivery. Work on our building was largely suspended in July as we prepared to use every square inch of it for VBS, but is scheduled to resume in August.

Rodney Dunlap, Pastor

**Bethel, Sikeston** says, "Happy Fall to All!" The month of July brought many blessings to us! The 11th Sis. Cathy Beardsley came forward requesting to join the church by statement. She was graciously accepted and given the hand of fellowship and lots of hugs. The 15th, after the evening service, we had an ice cream social. Everyone had a good time of fellowship, and it gave us an opportunity to get to know some of our visitors that have been visiting for quite a few weeks. We pray that they will join our fellowship if it be the Lord's will. Sis. Helen Beardsley had surgery on the 10th and God has worked miracles in her situation. We give Him

all the praise and glory for her healing with no chemo or radiation! Sis. Thelma Slayton had back surgery a couple of months ago and is doing much better. Sis. Tanya Hutton had hip replacement surgery this month and is coming along really good. Sis. Marcia Nimmo is cancer free! We give God the praise for it all!! The 29th we had a special song service, it was very uplifting to hear all our members that have been gifted with singing talents to share them with us. We were also blessed that one of our visitors sang a special too. We congratulate Matthew and Anna (Kinder) Stafford on the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Emerson, this month. Baby Emerson was born a few weeks early due to a car accident that Anna and Noah had. God definitely had his protective hand on them, and all are okay, but Emerson had to stay in the hospital a few weeks. She is doing good and got to go home. God is so awesome! He never leaves us or forsakes us. Several of our youth and adults went to camp this year and, praise God, little Jessie Hickman was saved! We are so thankful for all the volunteers that worked so hard to get the campgrounds ready and all the



Some of the group from Bethel, Sikeston that attended Camp

other issues that need to be prepared for us to have everything needed for a week of worship, fun, and good Christian fellowship! Our Faith Bible Institute classes start back up August 20th. Sign up will be August 19th thru the 25th. If you are interested call the church at 573-471-3750. One of our oldest and dearest members, Sis. Grace Turnbo, 98 years old, went home to be with her Lord and Savior August 3rd. She went peacefully in her sleep. She will be sadly missed as she was such a joy and blessing to us all. Our pastor had the privilege of going to our new motel in town, the Hampton Inn, to pray over the Bibles that were donated by the Gideons and placed in 92 rooms. What a blessing to be able to do that! We covet your prayers, as we continue praying for you.

Billy Davis, Pastor • Joan Wood, Reporter

The Revival at **Lower Doe Run, Ellington**, continues. We

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## FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • July 2018

### General Fund:

#### Checking Account:

Balance June 30, 2018		\$	28,838.12
July Receipts:			
Missions:	\$	3,520.71	
Total Income:	\$	3,520.71	\$ 3,520.71
Total Available			\$ 32,358.83
Disbursements:			
Director, Salary	\$	600.00	
BMAA (Matt Barker)	\$	200.00	
Office Supplies	\$	146.89	
Reg. of Corporation	\$	21.25	
Total Disbursements	\$	968.14	\$ (968.14)
<b>Balance July 31, 2018:</b>			<b>\$ 31,390.69</b>

#### Bank of America Savings Account:

Balance June 30, 2018		\$	1,100.74
Interest:	\$	.02	\$ .02
<b>Balance July 31, 2018:</b>			<b>\$ 1,100.76</b>

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

Balance June 30, 2018		\$	101,710.35
Interest:	\$	550.27	\$ 550.27
<b>Balance July 31, 2018:</b>			<b>\$ 102,260.62</b>

**Total of all Funds July 31, 2018** **\$ 134,752.07**

### From Our Director...

We continue to have several churches without pastors and it seems there is a shortage of preachers to call upon in times of need. That gets discouraging.

At the same time we are hearing that some of our churches are growing and souls are being saved and that is encouraging.

We need to remember that God is a loving and gracious God and that He is pleased when we are willing to do our best for Him. As someone has said, "The greatest ability we can have is our 'availability'

to God. To be available to God and faithful to follow Him is the best we can do.

God is blessing our work and we need to remain faithful to Him until the Lord comes and takes us home. Let's encourage one another as we work together for His honor and glory.

God blessed us with another great camp with the lost being saved and the saved being revived.

Remember to mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting of the BMA of Missouri that will take place October 27, 2018 at Bethel Baptist Church in Lonedell. The meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. Pray for a harmonious meeting where we can renew our determination to do God's will.

Pray for our churches to have the leadership they need to fulfill the commission our Lord gave us to go into all the world with His message of salvation.

If I can be of help to you or your church please let me know. We can encourage one another and increase our effect on those around us. Remember, it is not "my" work or "yours" but God's.

### Comments On Camp Gleaned from Facebook and E-mails

• Great messages this week!!  
*Kari Hartlein, 8-03-2018*

• This week has been so incredible! We are so blessed to be able to bring our children! Life changing!  
*Kathy Minich*

• Why does camp have to be over?? I think I'm going to cry! How many Saturday's until Camp 2019, Matt Bolen?? We all want to move to camp! It's a little piece of heaven  
*Lisa Payne 8-03-2018*

• I just want to say, I've missed camp Garwood with a



passion. And not a day goes by I don't think about it or the worship. Nor do I forget the friendships that were made there. It's almost like the Ma-

• **CAMP From Page 1** •  
that I could have captured a picture of each teacher. I was



Sis. LaDonna Baker teaching under the newly paved shelter

blessed to see the creativity of Robin with the 5 and under class. She had a class full of energetic children! Robin had wonderful ideas prepared for each class time. They sang, listened to a short story out of the Bible, placed stickers on papers to help them remember the story and of course a snack! My favorite part is when the kids make a craft for a keepsake! Robin had them making painted footprints, painting rocks, designing necklaces with cereal and drawing pictures. All of this was then tied back to our reason for life....Jesus. So again, thank you teachers. You are an important part of camp!!

*Jennifer Reynolds*

### Appreciation for the Cooks and all Helpers in the Kitchen

We cannot say enough about the GOOD FOOD at Camp! It takes a lot of planning, preparing, and patience to provide food for over 300 people for a week! Cook Rick Garza and his helpers do a GREAT JOB and we appreciate them and the various groups that help with each meal. Look for pictures of some of these groups working this year throughout this paper.

Jennifer Reynolds wrote this about Jeff who cooked the meat outside for Wednesday, "My hubby loves to cook at church camp. I hope you all could taste the love. He gets to practice at home. When I did the cooking we were skinny.



rines. You don't have to know the men or women to your left or right but they are your brothers and sisters. I wish you the best. Have a good camp this year and someday I will come back. You've played a big part of who I am today.

*Elijah DePriest, 8-01-2018*

**Thank God for  
the Camp Ministry  
of the BMA  
of Missouri**



We daily honor and respect what these flags represent at camp!

• **NEWS From Page 2** •

have visitors in every service. Bro. Donald Morris presented God's messages clearly and simply. God's singers sent out praises to Him. We are thankful that our members are faithful to volunteer within the community. We prayed for a great harvest of souls to be saved at Camp Garwood and He answered. We are so thankful for safety for all the campers. We were able to help Sam and KC through the week and of course our youngest, Zana! We were able to help VBS at Charity in Bismarck this summer. I think we fed about 32 kids and the workers! A group sang hymns at Potosi Manor and Georgian Gardens on the 23rd. The singers were David Griggs, Barbara Williams, Norma Womble, Juanita Wilkerson, Ladonna Baker, Jean Haterlein, Alice Simpelo, and Carolyn Meade. The Logan Creek Association will meet at Ohlman Church August 11. We are working hard to reach Sunday School enrollees as the youngsters begin a new school year. Thank you to all those who made it possible to enjoy a great Camp. Melvin Meade, Pastor • Carolyn Meade, Reporter

**Zion, St. Louis**, sends Greetings to our Sister Churches. We invite you to attend the 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration of our pastor and wife, Dennis and Ladonna Baker. If you can, please join us Sunday, August 19th at 2:00 p.m. There will be cake, ice cream and coffee. Come and fellowship with us as we celebrate with our pastor and wife. Your presence is most welcomed.

Dennis Baker, Pastor • Norma Womble, Reporter

Greetings from **Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church!** August is here and we have had a whirlwind of a summer and school will be starting soon. We are filling crates for our teachers in our congregation with supplies for their classrooms. We had a group attend SOAR in Dallas and they had a great time. The women are working on BMA Shoebox Ministry and our goal is 100 shoeboxes this year. We have started separate men's and women's classes on Sunday night entitled "A Disciples Path." We're having great attendance for these classes and are learning a lot about our relationship with God. Lisa Payne and Terri Adams took girls to the State GMA Retreat the weekend of the 13th and 14th. It is great to see these girls work together and learn. Sis Jaclyn Rowe was our speaker Saturday morning. We had movie night July 20th and we watched "I Can Only Imagine." It is great that we can find a movie that is family oriented and enjoy fellowship with one another. We also had 37 campers attend Camp Garwood with around 15-20 more visiting during camp week. These campers are all ready for camp next year. David Edgar Pipkin came into the world July 9th. He is the son of Shane and Lisa Pipkin and on July 22nd they dedicated him to the Lord. It is great to see a family raising their children in the Lord. Kewanee is blessed with babies and we have more to come.

Dan Wisely, Pastor • Terri Adams, Reporter

HELLO to All from **Oak Hill, Alton!** We hope everyone had a safe and blessed Fourth of July. I wrote last month how Sis. Tammy Lager asked the Lord to save her and Dylan her son also asked the Lord to save him. "Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." Luke 15:10. July 8th we added two new members to Oak Hill Sis. Tammy and Bro. Dylan Lager. July 19th Bro. Don Hufstedler, one of our Deacons, turned 88 years old. Another anniversary on July 19th, twenty-one years is when I was in the automobile accident; it is hard to believe it was that long ago. I'm very thankful that the Lord is blessing me each and every day. July 29th was the fifth Sunday so we had our fifth Sunday dinner but we also celebrated Bro. Don and Sis. Marianne's 64 years of marriage. We celebrated it a little early because their anniversary was on the 31st. Some of their

family members came and helped us celebrate. The kids at Oak Hill are like kids elsewhere, not looking forward to going back to school. They are probably thinking "where has the summer gone?" Two of our local Schools are starting this week. Couch School will start August 8th and Alton School will start August 9th. Until next month, when I hope I will have some more good news to tell you, we will be praising and honoring our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God Bless!!

Edward Casey, Pastor  
Jennifer Williams, Reporter

Greetings from **Black Creek of Poplar Bluff!** What a great, hot month July 2018 has been! Fourth of July is always a wonderful time to reflect on what a bountiful country America is and how God gave us favor to be born in a country where at this time we are able to worship and praise Him! One day that favor may be withdrawn from us because of us Christians failing to stand and be heard. Pray for our land to turn back to the Lord and stop all of our evil. Our nursing home visit this month was with Oak Meadows Nursing Home. It is a small nursing home in North Poplar Bluff and only has 12 beds. Some of the members of Black Creek joined Sis. Joann Lipsey in handing out Sunday school literature, flowers, and cookies shaped like hands. The children sang some of their songs and Bro. Matt Thurner gave a small devotion to the guests. At the end of the quarter if you really don't know what to do with your lesson books of large print, we could use them to hand out to the different nursing homes in the Poplar Bluff area. We truly enjoyed Youth in Harvest at Bethlehem M.B.C. this month. Sis Dian Decker had written questions on pieces of paper and placed them in balloons. The children sat in a circle and were to keep the balloon in the air. Bro. Russell Chitwood would start playing a song and when the music stopped whoever had the balloon got a choice of

## ***Promise(s) Kept***

Genesis 2:16-17 – "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die."

Over 6000 years and billions of people born onto the earth, not one can say or even realistically hope that they will not be included in the promise of death. In our 21st century, incredible investment is made to prolong life in the mortal body; yet the reality of death's promise is commonly expected in less than 100 years and certainly less than 150 years. Not even one can say he or she found His promise of death to be untrue.

However, the same person has made another promise. John 3:16 – "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Time will prove the Promise Keeper to be as good as His Word. Not even one who has put their trust in Him will find failure. We are mentally burdened with the fact that life is destroyed by death, but the Apostle Paul by the Holy Spirit saw the time when "mortality might be swallowed up of life." (II Corinthians 5:4).

Hebrews 2:14-15 – "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."

Let man declare the glory of the Great Shepherd and the dependability of the Great Promise Keeper.

Submitted by: Charity Missionary Baptist Church,  
Bismarck, MO

## ***Thought For Today***

by Tom Smith, Fort Smith, AR

When God created us, He instilled within us His "Operating System (O.S.)," if you will, and programmed us to live in right relationship with Him. However, later on Satan showed up, like some traveling computer salesman, and convinced Adam and Eve that his O.S. was superior.

Thus, when our first "parents" bit into his sales pitch and installed his software, a virus called "sin" was introduced, corrupting the hard drive. And, since that time every one of Adam and Eve's offspring (us) has been infected by it.

Thankfully, the Heavenly Father specializes in restoring the factory settings. Through the New Birth He restores the original O.S. and when we use it, we have a new "reboot" and our computer (life) functions as He intended.

But, we must daily choose which O.S. we'll use. And, when we don't choose, by default we operate under the corrupted, infected one. May we consciously choose to "walk in God's Spirit" today so we'll have sweet fellowship with Him and others. Amen and amen!

answering the question or passing it to someone else. The children seemed to have a good time, and the adults too. Sometimes it will amaze you what the youth know about the Bible and what we have forgotten as adults. We will be hosting the Youth in Harvest for the month of August and by the time you are reading this it will have passed you by. September Youth in Harvest will be at Springhill Missionary Baptist Church at the school on BB Hwy in Fairdealing, MO. Please plan on attending and hearing more about the school. May God continue to bless us all! Continue to pray and look up; for our Redemption draws nigh!

Troy Sisk, Pastor • Yvonne Hill, Reporter

## Good Article

Dr. Holmes has read and appreciates the following article written by Bro. Tom Buck. Bro. Buck is a non-voting member of our Board of Visitors at BMA Seminary. He is Senior Pastor of First Baptist, Lindale and has been since 2006.

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# Stop “Empowering” Women and Start Equipping them to Biblically Lead

by Josh Buice | July 12, 2018

This is a guest post by Pastor Tom Buck. Tom Buck is Senior Pastor at the First Baptist Church of Lindale, Texas. He holds a BA in Pastoral Ministries and New Testament Greek from the Moody Bible Institute, a ThM in Bible Exposition from Dallas Theological Seminary, and is presently completing his doctoral work at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Tom previously served for 12 years as the Senior Pastor of Riverside Baptist Fellowship in Florida. He has been at First Baptist Church since 2006.

### The Ongoing Push to Empower Women

Last month, I drew attention to the redefining of complementarity occurring in the SBC (<https://bit.ly/2Jkn386>). Various leaders were using similar language calling for “the tearing down of all hierarchy” and “empowerment” of women. This rhetoric began to translate into action as the election of a woman as the “first trustee chairwoman” at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary was celebrated, followed by the proposal for a woman to serve as president of the SBC.

Some pushed back against this movement with Scriptural responses. For example, I wrote several articles carefully exegesis 1 Timothy 2:12-15 in order to offer a biblical argumentation for the complementarian roles of men and women. With that Scriptural foundation, I argued that a denomination comprised of local churches should not desire a model of teaching and leadership different from God’s design for those same individual churches.

Proponents of empowering a woman as SBC president have given arguments such as the Baptist Faith and Message only prohibits a woman from serving as a pastor; the office of president is not the biblical office of pastor; and the job description for president does not prohibit a woman from serving. What they have yet to advance is an argument for the roles of men and women that proceeds from a careful analysis of Scripture. Rather than interacting with any biblical arguments offered, one writer simply concluded, “in short, there’s no reason a woman cannot be SBC president.”

The impetus behind this recent movement is critical to understand. This conversation did not arise in a vacuum but surfaced in light of the sad revelation of mistreatment of some women in the SBC. To be clear, there is no justification for the abuse of women and it is right to take a strong stand against all its forms. In addition, when such abuses come to light, we should look to Scripture to guide both our reaction to them and the solution for how to rightly move forward. However, emotional pragmatic answers have been controlling the conversation instead of ideas rooted in Scripture.

For example, in a panel discussion at SBC 2018, solutions were discussed for how to respond to the accusations of mistreatment and marginalization of women in the SBC. Repeatedly, the call to empower women and give them roles of leadership were echoed. One panelist commented that when situations arise where women have been mistreated in the church, the wisest answer is to empower women in leadership to bring about a peaceful solution. At face value, that answer might appear completely logical, but it is absolutely unbiblical.

### New Testament Model of Leadership

In Acts 6, the church encounters its first crisis that created a division in the church. Luke writes, “a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution” (6:1). The

text does not ascribe the motives behind the marginalization of one group of widows over the other as deliberately sinful. Nevertheless, the unequal distribution among these women was serious and needed to be confronted.

This matter was of such importance that the apostles summoned the entire church to address the problem (6:2). Although it was necessary for the apostles to not be distracted from leading the church in the preaching of the Word, the needs of the widows must not be overlooked. Therefore, the apostles called upon the church to choose individuals from among the body to lead in this important task to assure that these women were cared for and no longer marginalized.

The first recorded problem in the church directly involved the mistreatment of women. The apostles identified the need for individuals to lead in the task of bringing about a peaceful resolution that would result in godly care for these women. If there is any task that it would seem appropriate to place women in positions of authority, surely this would be a perfect case. Yet, the apostles directed the church to “pick out from among you seven men” (6:3).

Considering the arguments being made about empowering women, it should be striking that the apostles did not recommend for even one woman to be enlisted in the oversight of this ministry to widows. It cannot be that the apostles lacked wisdom, failed to be sensitive, or merely acquiesced to the cultural norms of the day. When the apostles saw the need for oversight of this critical ministry in the church, they set a clear example of God’s design for authoritative leadership to be men.

The argument I am making is not that no women could have assisted these men chosen to lead. If they were wise leaders, they would have sought women to assist them in this task. However, the empowerment to lead in resolving this ministry crisis

was given exclusively to men. Apparently, male authority in the church is not exclusively restricted to the teaching role of a pastor as some suggest.

It seems unreasonable to believe that the apostles did not deem it appropriate to enlist women to exercise authority in resolving the crisis of the widows, but the SBC should elect a woman as SBC president to address its problems. Perhaps the reason that individuals have not given biblical examples for their argument to “empower” women in the church is because none exist. The apostles were all men; the planting of churches was led by men; the writing of the New Testament was the work of men; and leadership in the churches was given to men.

My ultimate point is not that women should have no leadership in the church. They most certainly should. In fact, I contend that this push to empower women in unbiblical ways will only serve to minimize and discourage women from valuing the very leadership God has called upon them to exercise.

### We Desperately Need Women to Biblically Lead

One of the dangers of responding to issues of this nature is appearing unbalanced. While trying to defend against the onslaught of those promoting unbiblical roles for women, it is easy to get entangled in only addressing what women cannot do. The reality is that women are a wonderful gift from God and their leadership is needed both in the home and the church.

My experience as a pastor is that we need more women, not less, leading as God calls for in Titus 2:3-5: “Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior... and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.” In other words, God calls women in the church to lead other women in fulfilling the vital role that he has given them. Only in Scripture can God’s intended design for women be found.

Paul respected women and worked side by side with them in the work of the gospel (Romans 16). However, the only ministry in which he called upon them to lead was the discipling of children and other women. Mothers in the home should take great joy in the privilege to raise their children in godliness. Women in the church should devote themselves to the crucial role of discipling other women. Women have the unique privilege and responsibility of leading in these significant ways. It is sad and tragic that so many women feel unfulfilled in the beautiful design for which God created them. It is an even greater tragedy when the church cultivates that emotion.

Rather than enticing women with empowerment and cultivating a dissatisfaction towards their God given design, the SBC should call upon churches to equip women to serve in their Titus 2 role. I believe in the radical equality of men and women as image bearers of God. I also know that women have suffered greatly in this world at the hands of sexism. But it is the sin in this world that truly oppresses women, not the role God designed for them or the biblical authority structure of the church. Ever since Satan deceived Eve in the garden, the world has been selling “liberation” for the price of rebelling against God’s design. We should not allow them to set up shop in our individual churches or in the SBC.

Therefore, we should stop “empowering” women and start discipling them to follow Scripture.



Camp Kitchen Workers

## WMA & GMA NEWS

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### *The Women's Ladies Retreat* September 14 & 15, 2018

#### Speakers - LifeWord Trio

Registration Fee:

**\$ 25.00 BEFORE August 31, 2018**

**\$ 30.00 after August 31, 2018**

(No refunds after August 31st)

**Drury Inn & Suites**  
**Arnold, Missouri**

**(636)287-3111**

**Group Name: Women's Missionary Auxiliary of MO**

**Group Number: 2333172**

**Room Rate: \$ 114.99 (plus tax)**

**2 Queen beds (up to 4 people)**

**Rate guaranteed until August 15, 2018**

**Room Occupancy will include:**

**"Kickback" (Supper) & "Quick-start" (Breakfast)**

**Fun begins 4:00 p.m. Friday & ends around 3:00 p.m. Saturday**

**Enjoy the Fun and Fellowship**

Ladies Retreat Registration Form  
(Make additional copies as needed)

**Make check payable to: Missouri WMA**

**and send with this form to:**

**Terri Adams**

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**Church Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lady's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration: (\$ 25.00 before August 31st) \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Late Registration: (\$ 35.00 after August 31st) \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Included: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Please make room reservations directly with the motel. Be sure to mention Group Name and Number.**

**There will be a silent auction with all proceeds going to Camp Garwood.**

## L.G.B.T.Q.

*Dr. John Adams, Executive Director Moral Action*

L.G.B.T.Q. (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) possess U.S. Constitutional rights identical to those that everyone else in America enjoys. They are free to be gay. Gays mistakenly believe that basic human rights and our U.S. societal-norms guarantee them the right to marry as in a traditional marriage of man and woman. Yet centuries of human rights' definitions have never included same-sex marriage.

There is no way to sugar-coat the reality of the core of immoral, selfish L.G.B.T.Q., especially the male sexual relations, it is as ugly as anything can get. God's relevant Word states in Romans 1:24 "God gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves."

Many of this day attempt cover-ups such as "they are nice people" or "they have loyal commitments," but L.G.B.T.Q. are tearing apart the moral fabric of our American nation, and they are attempting to rid our society of allegiance to God's Word and His marriage precepts. Paul said in Romans 1:28..."they did not like to retain God in their knowledge..." So how do Christian moralists consider the "gay world" selfish?

**1. L.G.B.T.Q. and Abortionists believe in a Zero Population position.** Surprisingly, very few have spoken of or written of the selfish intent of these to never increase the population. In Genesis 1:28 God told Adam and Eve "*Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth...*" L.G.B.T.Q., and avowed abortionists in living their way would never populate the world as God intended it to be. There would never be another child born! It is truly the highest form of selfishness.

**2. This selfishness leads others astray as they assess those who oppose homosexuality.** They want all to believe it is just "old-timers" and fanatical Christians who hate their lifestyle. But the people of many states have voted against gay marriage. In spite of the U.S. Justice courts overruling these states and outlawing the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) does not mean that the American people are in favor of perversion in marriage. Of the 325,700,000 Americans that populate our nation, only 7.0% are gay and only 4.0% are bisexual, according to Wikipedia and the 2017 census. In the first large-scale government survey measuring Americans sexual orientation, the U.C.L.A.'s Williams Institute reported in 2016 that 65,000 American soldiers identify themselves as gay or lesbian.

**3. Gays' selfishness closes their eyes to the overall health of American society.** Again in Paul's admonition of Romans 1:27..."men leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust....working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet." Historically, civilizations like Babylon, the Mayans, Greece, and Rome crumbled from within their own culture via sexual

perversion. Many in our nation seemingly have no regard for what gay life will ultimately cost their soul or what corrosion it will inflict upon society around them. Gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgender, and queer are selling their health and their soul for short moments of deviant physical pleasure

**4. L.G.B.T.Q. selfishness continually and viciously disparages any references in the Bible that condemns their open sin.** L.G.B.T.Q. shamelessly discounts the concept that the Bible is the moral standard of living, or if they do accept the Bible verses, they misconstrue them to fit their lifestyle of sin. They prefer no moral standards which is so dangerous for any society. They argue that Jesus Christ is all about love and complete acceptance. Romans 1:22 says..."Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools." Jesus does love all people, including gays, but He notes the sin and offers forgiveness and healing if it is desired.

In conclusion, this deviant selfishness springs from an immoral mind and heart that leads to an erroneous conviction that the gay life is OK. Lesbianism produces a gross picture of a woman on woman and two gay males engaging in sex is a quantum leap from anything beautiful or moral in marriage.

L.G.B.T.Q. has been classified as deviate and criminal by the majority of the world's population for thousands of years, but now in the last 40-50 years, powerful people are attempting to reverse that standard with brainwashing techniques via our children, the media, and by liberal judges and liberal churches.

To love and be loved with the warmth and intimacy of a Godly marriage is a beautiful thing. But to accept this concept of marriage is a serious distortion of acceptable conduct. Romans 1:32 "*who knowing the judgment of God...*" as you read God's Word may it speak clearly: - Leviticus 18:22, Leviticus 20:13, Mark 10:6-9, I Corinthians 6:9-12, and Jude 7-8.



Bro. Joey Duckworth's Boy's Class at Camp

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

**Paul's Tenacious Faith**  
by Dennis Baker, Brotherhood President

What compelled Paul in Acts 21 to possess a desire to return to Jerusalem when common sense and friends influenced by the Holy Spirit strongly encouraged him not to go to Jerusalem?

The answer found in the text was Paul's faith. Paul possessed a faith that enabled him to risk everything for Christ. Paul understood that God was leading him to return to Jerusalem. Acts 19:21, "After these things were ended, Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome." Acts 20:22, "And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there." However, Paul's friends, receiving information by the Holy Spirit, mistook a prophecy of hardship and suffering as a sign that God did not want Paul to go the Jerusalem. Acts 21:10-12, "And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus. And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles. And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem."

Unlike Jonah, who rebelled against God's calling, the only course open to Paul was obedient faith. Despite the dangers and risks Paul was ready to be imprisoned and to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus. Acts 21:13-14, "Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus. And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done."

Paul's life reminds us that the Christian life involves suffering. The religious ideal that because you are a Christian means that you can have exactly what you want, when you want, all the time, is a hoax. Suffering provides opportunities for God and growth in our Christian life. James 1:2-3, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

**Thomas A. Kempis, The Imitation of Christ**

Jesus hath now many lovers of his heavenly kingdom, but few bearers of his cross. He hath many desirous of comfort, but few of tribulation. He findeth many companions of his table, few are willing to endure anything for him. Many follow Jesus unto the breaking of bread: but few to drinking of the cup of his passion... Many love Jesus so long as adversities do not happen, many praise and bless, so long as they receive comforts from him.

The other disciples urged Paul to avoid Jerusalem and save his life. Paul probably would have had many opportunities in the region that he had served in previous missionary outreach. But God had something else in mind. God's plan was to use Paul to bring the gospel to the capital city of the Roman Empire. Acts 22 through 28 shows that Paul had the opportunity to present the gospel to governors and kings, and his appeal brought him to the high court of Caesar. While the record is incomplete most scholars believe Paul was released from prison and had several years of ministry in Rome. Some think that he even traveled to Spain.

Paul's Tenacious Faith that was willing to risk everything for Christ. He was willing to suffer because he believed God.

**Men's Fall Retreat**

The 8th Annual BMA of Missouri Brotherhood Fall Retreat is scheduled  
**Friday September 28, 2018 and Saturday September 29, 2018 at Camp Garwood.**  
Make plans to attend and bring a friend.

**Program**

**Friday Evening 7:30 p.m.** Supper • Devotion-To be determined

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

**Who Can Attend?**

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

**What is the Cost?**

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

**What is the Purpose?**

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

**What to Bring**

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

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**National Galilean Camp 2019**

**Date Change**

By: Kenneth Colvert

National Galilean Camp 2018 is now history, but we are still rejoicing over the wonderful camp. We are thankful for the salvation of five young men and the young man who surrendered to the ministry. With a prayer on our hearts for God's blessings in 2019, we can hardly wait for next year's camp.

National Galilean Camp 2019 will be held one week earlier at StoneRidge Baptist Camp in Smithville, Arkansas. The dates are June 21 -24, 2019, that is Friday afternoon through Monday morning. The Recognition Service and Visitor's Night will take place on Sunday night. Please place this date change on your family and church calendars and start making

plans now to attend.

The 2019 National Galilean officers will meet at Ponca Bible Camp on the weekend Of June 27 - 29 in conjunction with the 2018 Arkansas Galilean Summer Camp to make plans for the 2019 National Galilean Camp. Dr. Jason Aultman, Pastor, Antioch Baptist Church, Conway, AR has been invited to be the Camp Pastor and Speaker. Please be in much prayer for next year's camp.



Kitchen Crew



A large Kitchen Crew



This looks like the group from Faith, St. Charles

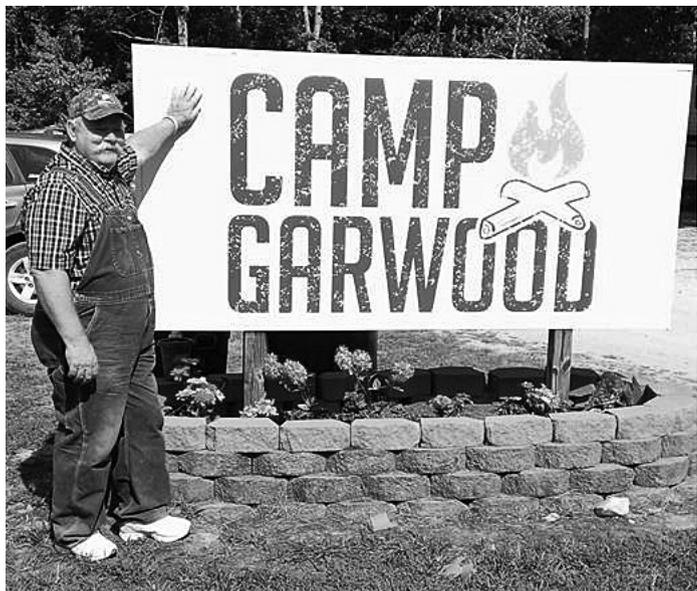
## More Pictures of Camp 2018



Group Prayer Time before Evening Services



Watermelon for all!



Yes, Bro. Claude, you CAN wear your overalls here!



Still another Kitchen Crew...



Yet Another Kitchen Crew... and we still have not printed all who worked in the kitchen

## BMAA Seminary News

### Exciting News!

We are pleased to announce BMA Seminary has been ranked the #1 most affordable online Christian college. In addition, the BMA Seminary is ranked the #1 Most Affordable Online College for a Master's in Theology, and the #2 Most Affordable Online College for a Master's in Religious Studies.

The purpose of the Seminary is to provide accredited undergraduate and graduate theological education for equipping individuals for Christ-Centered service and leadership roles; to support the educational needs of the churches and agencies of the Baptist Missionary Association of America and other groups who share a like commitment to the authority of Scripture; and to serve as a resource center for critical thought and research in a context which nurtures the historical, doctrinal character of the churches of the Baptist Missionary Association of America.

The BMA Seminary is dedicated to providing a quality religious education at an affordable cost. We would like to thank all of the BMAA churches and individual Donors for their support and prayers. The Lord has used them to enable us to fulfill our mission to train disciple makers.



Great Messages from Bro. Michael Treat



Flag Raising by Trail Life USA boys

## 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](mailto:calebhouston@yahoo.com).

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

## Searching for Pastors

**New Testament Baptist Church** of Sullivan, Missouri is seeking a full-time, lead Pastor. Average attendance is around 200 in Sunday morning service. The church is located in mid-Missouri on Interstate-44.

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## What God Wants You To Do?

No matter how long you have traveled in the wrong direction, you can always turn around.  
Why not do it TODAY!