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Philippians 2:16

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“Just The Crumbs” Provides Disaster Relief

When disaster strikes, the BMA of America partners with “Just the Crumbs” to provide relief.

“Just the Crumbs” is a nonprofit organization that began in December of 2014 in order to provide help to those in need. Its founder, Lavon Haden, began the ministry by simply handing out hotdogs to the hungry in his town of Columbia, Mississippi.

His goal was not to ask for money, but rather ask for anything people had in excess that he could sell, hence the name “Just the Crumbs.” This vision has resulted in the establishment of four thrift stores, the profits of which go to disaster relief projects.

Thus far, Lavon and his volunteers have responded to 18 disasters. Next week they will be headed to North Carolina with their semi-truck, 53-foot mobile kitchen, and multiple trailers to help with disaster relief from Hurricane Florence.

Their ministry has made a tangible and lasting difference in the lives of many hurting people. After Hurricane Harvey in 2017, Just the Crumbs helped build one house from the ground up, fed approximately 80,000 people, and gave away about 300,000 prepared meals.

“All of those supplies have been donated,” said Haden. “And being a part of the BMA, I wanted the BMA to be involved in the ministry. I also needed access to volunteers and people that wanted to get involved.”

Just the Crumbs needs supporters and volunteers to help with disaster relief

from Hurricane Florence, as well as future disasters. Teams will include a chain saw and cleanup team, a cooking and food serving team, and occasionally a medical team through BMMI (Baptist Medical Missions International).

Food and lodging will be provided for volunteers at the disaster site, though teams will need to bring a cot along with their personal belongings.

“The most important thing right now, though, is prayer,” said Haden. “Pray that we would reach the lost. That’s the whole concept of what we do – to create opportunities to witness. There’s no better time to do that than when people are in need.”

To donate to BMA partnering with Just the Crumbs, or to volunteer, contact Angela Rice at angela@bmamissions.org, or call the BMA Missions Office at 501-455-4977.

For more information about BMA Disaster Relief and Just the Crumbs, or to sign up to be first responder, visit bmamissions.org/disasterrelief.

Autonomous, But Not Alone

By Dr. Charley Holmes, President BMA Theological Seminary



Dr. Charley Holmes

What is the difference between the BMA and other groups of Baptists? I have been asked that question many times over my years as head of the seminary. However, the frequency has increased dramatically in the last two to three years. There is no way to read the minds of those asking, but my sense is that the question recurs as a result of the intense upheaval in Baptist life.

In the last few weeks, I have posed that question to more than one pastor with terminal seminary degrees. Each time the answer has been, “I really don’t know; and the topics of independency, associationalism and conventionism were never addressed in seminary classes.” Astonishing! What is the difference between these three positions? Why does it matter? The faculty of the seminary knows that answer to these questions and pledges to our churches to see that they are accurately communicated to our students in the appropriate classes.

Your school must do this because it is part of our charter, approved by the BMAA, to support the historic nature of our churches. (This commitment can be found in the purpose statement of the seminary which is published in our catalog at bmats.edu/courses/catalog.)

Could your church or local association leaders give a clear and convincing answer to these questions? If the answer is maybe/maybe not, contact the seminary to discuss having a speaker come to address the issue at your church or at the next meeting of your local association. I, or another faculty member, will gladly come and present a session we have titled “Autonomous, But Not Alone.” The Seminary owes it to our supporting churches.

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Any questions: please contact Erica Lehmann at 636-352-8354

2nd Renewal Retreat

Over a year ago we had our first **Renewal Retreat** which was actually two separate meetings. It was a time for our pastors and other leaders to have discussions about the work of our churches in Missouri. The results were good from both meetings and we decided to have another **Renewal Retreat March 29-30, 2019** at Camp Garwood. Please mark your calendars and watch for further details as we start the new year. We appreciate the effort of Bro. Ben Kingston in getting this together and preparing the agenda. We encourage all our pastors and leaders to make time to attend and learn from one another and encourage one another in our churches.

a reminder.....

It would be GREAT to see all our Churches

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This could start a REVIVAL in Missouri!!

Paintball Retreat at Camp Garwood

November 2-3, 2018

Watch for more information on the
Camp Facebook Page



NEWS BRIEFS



Bates Creek, Potosi, is rejoicing over two more baptisms. We ask that you remember these new members in prayer. We are also praising God that we are able to worship in Bates Creek again. Our building is finished. You are invited to our homecoming/dedication services Sunday, October 14. There will be a noon meal and all are invited to bring a special song for the afternoon. We will also be hosting a community Trunk or Treat October 31st starting around 5 p.m. It is a great outreach to our local community. All are welcome to participate with us. Our WMA sent six ladies to the retreat. All learned a lot and had a great time of worship and fellowship. Thank you to all that work so hard on the retreat committee.

Bryan Buckley, Pastor • Sara Buckley, Reporter

Greetings from **Black Creek, Poplar Bluff**. September 8th we visited with folks in Manor Nursing Home in Poplar Bluff. The youth handed out cookies, thinking of you cards, and pictures they had drawn for the residents and sang songs. Bro. Troy brought a message and we were all blessed. We look forward to revival coming October 15 - 19. You are all welcome to come at 7:00 each night.

Troy Sisk, Pastor • Joana Lipsey, Reporter

Hello, from **Bethel, Sikeston**. We are continually blessed with seeing new faces each time we meet and are so thankful for this Fall weather and God's beauty being displayed all around us. God is so good! One of the Missions that we support "Anchor Baptist Academy" has been a real blessing again this year as they planted and harvested a large patch of watermelons to send to the prison "M.E.C.C." in Pacific, MO. The melons were taken to the prison by Bro. Mike Bolen from Bethel and Bro. Jim Murphree from Anchor Baptist Academy. The prisoners are so thankful and show their appreciation for the love of God being shown thru those involved in this mission. The evening of September 16th we had a special prayer service, which was an awesome time in the Lord! On the 23rd, we had a pleasant surprise visitor, Bro. Benson Olipas, Missionary from the Philippines was in the area and stopped by to give us a report on the Missionary work that was being done there. He showed a video of the church they are building and gave a very good message from the Word of God. September 29th we pulled our float in the Cotton Carnival Parade with some of our members walking along side it and behind it, giving out candy to the ones watching the parade. It was a fun time and Bethel was well represented. The Theme of our float was "Choose you this day whom you will serve." We are thankful to all the church members that helped and for Sis. Cathy Beardsley for leading in this project again this year. Bro. Billy was recovering from a virus that has been going around, so he asked Bro. Mike Bolen to preach in his place for the evening service on the 30th. We are looking for a very busy October with our Homecoming on the 14th and our revival the 15th thru the 19th. Pray for God to bless in a mighty way. Blessings to you all!

Billy Davis, Pastor • Joan Wood, Reporter

Lower Doe Run, Ellington, enjoyed the fellowship and preaching at the Meramec Missionary Baptist Association at Fellowship Baptist in Potosi. We also were blessed to meet with the Logan Creek Association Fifth Sunday Sing at Ohlman. We congratulate the Church and their faithful pastor of 20 years. The singing was great. There was a lot of talent present and all willing to share it. Our Ladies Bible Study is a blessing to many. We welcome visitors always to the regular weekly meetings at the church and the special events. Sunday mornings we meet with prayer at 9:45, Bible Class at 10:00

and Worship at 11:00. We dismiss for a brown bag lunch at noon then continue our Worship/Bible Class at 1:00. Sometimes we practice music, hold business or dismiss to Nursing Home Services as announced. We continue to pray for our shut-ins, members far away, and the sick ones of the congregation and the community. The lost ones are always on our hearts and in prayer that the Holy Spirit will convict to salvation. We are looking forward to walking with the Cane Creek Association at the Twin Pines Recreation Center near Ellsinore on the 20th. Also we plan to attend the BMAMO at Bethel in Lonedell on the 27th. Hope to see you there.

Until we meet,

Melvin Meade, Pastor

Carolyn Meade, Reporter

Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston. We were glad to get our steeple and an exterior wall cross installed on our building this week and then thrilled with the result. Other work was also accomplished on the interior. Pictures can be found on our facebook page. We mourned the passing of Checkbook Summers during September, but rejoice in the knowledge that, for the saint, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

Rodney Dunlap, Pastor

Greetings from **First Baptist Church, Potosi**. September was another glorious month of worship and baptisms. #FBCKids Club began this month with "Put On The Armor Of God": GMA has begun its meetings and girls are working hard on their lessons; and Tuesday morning community-wide ladies Bible study began under the leadership of Beverly McColloch. The ladies are studying the book of II Samuel. Fall Community Groups have started; we are studying "Pressure Points" a study of the book of James by Chip Henderson. The month of October is going to be very busy with

UPWARD boys and girls basketball/cheerleading registration; Caring Hearts Pregnancy Resource Center Walk for Life/Church Fair is October 13; Kairos Prison Team Ministry will be here October 18-21; and LIFEWORD WALK FOR THE WORLD will be October 27 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rowes' CORN MAZE. I'm looking forward to raising money for this ministry. A GMA paint night fund-raiser for the Dorcas House Children's Home in the Philippines will be November 10. Celebrate Recovery is growing and spreading the Word of God. We are so thankful for the volunteers from dinner preparation all the way to the Leaders. It takes many committed volunteers for this program to work. If anyone would like to see what Celebrate Recovery is all about, please join us on any Friday night. Dinner is at 6:00, Worship and devotional is at 7:00, small groups begin at 8:00, and dessert is at 9:00. Celebration Place is for those children ages 5 - 11 from 7:00 to 9:00, and the Landing is for those teenagers 12 - 18. Our Wednesday night adult class has doubled in size. Bro. Kevin Smith keeps the youth busy with Bible lessons along with some fun activities. We have had many members who have been sick and still need prayers. Please pray for us as we pray for you.

Jim Ainley, Pastor • Deborah Rauhut, Reporter

Stony Point, Mineral Point, rejoices in the saving Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ! Our newly elected officers and teachers filled their positions in September. We will all remain in prayer that the Holy Spirit will work in them and guide them as they labor in love to help the Body of Christ grow in Spirit and in Truth. Bro. Wayne and Sis. Ruth Gibson are starting a new children's worship ministry program. Eight ladies attended the state ladies retreat in Arnold. On the 23rd the youth led in a sword drill. On the 30th Stony Point hosted a singing with all of our sister churches invited. Finally, should this publication make its way to your mailbox in time...Heaven's Echoes will be singing at Stony Point on October 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Claude Evans, Pastor • David Hughes, Reporter

HELLO to all from **Oak Hill, Alton**. I apologize for typing the wrong date for our fifth Sunday dinner, it was of course the 30th instead of the 29th. We enjoyed a great time of food and fellowship. September 23rd the family of God grew as Julia, Bro. Eric Keck's girlfriend, was saved by the marvelous, wonderful, amazing grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. October 13th is our Walk-Of-Faith Fish Fry we will be eating at 5:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome. If you do not like fish

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Gift the Church Leaders Cruise for Pastor's Appreciation Month

We love pastors. The sacrifices they make for their congregations effect each church member personally. Their surrender to serve Christ, discipling and shepherding their flock, deserves to be appreciated.

October is Pastor's Appreciation Month. What better way to love on your pastor and his wife than to send them on the Church

Leaders Cruise, which will allow them to rest, relax, and recharge, all while being poured in to by excellent speakers and directors of the BMA?

Pastor burnout is a real and present issue in our culture. A 2018 study from the Barna Group discovered that pastors are more likely to feel mental or emotional exhaustion than the average worker (75% versus 55% for the average person). Additionally, the study found that nearly half of pastors have struggled with depression, and 47% struggle to find time to invest in their own spiritual health.

Hal Seed at PastorMentor.com agreed by saying, "Senior pastors carry a spiritual burden and work load that is different from other professions. According to Fuller, Barna, and PastoralCare Inc., 50% of pastors are so discouraged they would leave ministry if they had another way of making a living. That's staggering."

A large factor in these intimidating statistics is the pastor's lack of rest. Rest and being poured in to are essential for pastors to continue to grow, serve, and love well. The Church Leaders Cruise is the perfect opportunity to give your pastor the rest he so desperately needs.

This conference will have three ministry tracks that the pastor can choose from: the Inspiration Track, taught by Dr. Mark Livingston, the Family Ministry Track, taught by Champ Thornton, and the Leadership Skills Track, taught by Dr. Timothy Paul Jones. In addition to the speakers, Directors of the BMA such as Dr. John David Smith, Larry Barker, Eric Johnson, and Steve Crawley will be present and available to pour in to pastors during the conference, and their wives will be available to pour in to your pastor's wives.

"Everyone needs to get away and spend some time Resting Relaxing & Recharging," said Larry Barker. "The Church



Leaders Cruise is an excellent way to do just that with good friends, ministry partners, and other leaders. If we want our churches to be healthy, then our leaders need to also be healthy!"

Though a cruise may seem extravagant, the Church Leaders Cruise price-per-day is approximately the same cost as other conferences. And, as a gift to Church Leaders, the lowest possible registration rate has been permanently extended.

If you are considering giving a gift to your pastor during Pastor's Appreciation Month, why not band together several small groups or Sunday school classes and send your pastor on the Church Leaders Cruise? The earlier you book the spots, the lower the rate will be, so act soon!

The cruise will take place January 19-24, 2019, and more information about registration and booking can be found at discipleguide.org/cruise.

prayers we look forward to her being much better soon. Let us all enjoy the coming season and pray for each person that needs our prayers. Tim Boatright, Interim Pastor • Betty Johnston, Reporter

Former BMA of Missouri Pastor Called Home

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday September 26, 2018 at the HS Smith funeral home in Caruthersville, Missouri for Bro. James Mills. The editor has no other information at this time.

Chest of Joash... Restoring the Temple

II Chronicles 24:4-6, 8-14

Verses 8 and following – A chest was placed outside at the gate of the Temple

A friend of the Seminary Bro. Glen Tropp (pastor of Unity BC, Hope, AR), initiated the Chest of Joash at his church a number of years ago. The example of King Joash was to take offerings dedicated for repairs of the temple in Jerusalem. The biblically-inspired offering has been blessed over the years to keep the church's facilities in a condition honoring to God.

The Seminary's chapel and adjacent buildings need a Chest of Joash offering for ongoing repairs.

This past year, by the generosity of our friends, the Dorman Memorial Chapel's interior was completely renovated. The Chapel had not had a face-lift in 60 years! IT was obviously greatly needed and has been a blessing for our students and many guests over the last several months. (Special thanks go out to BMA Seminary trustees Bro. Reggie Blake, Bro. Marvin Delk, and Mrs. Elaine Beal for a lot of consultation.)

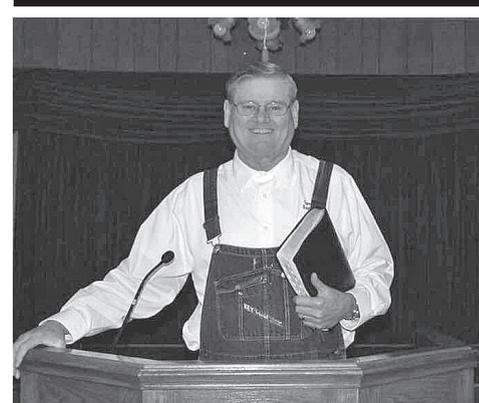
More work is needed for the chapel roof and the roof of the adjacent building. We literally need your help in "keeping a roof over the students' heads." The first really big repair project that the school needed when I was elected as president was to replace our aging roof. I had hoped that it would last longer than me. However, I have outlived the roof! 19 years is a long time for a commercial flat roof and it has served us well until now. We had a few leaks several years ago and a major patch job was done. We are now beyond patching. Some major leaks are occurring and the new roof cannot wait. We have done our due diligence and reviewed four (4) bids. Work will start in mid-September. The total cost for the roof for the chapel and adjacent classrooms, administration offices, and the Gregson Center is \$140,000.00. The contractor will ask for approximately half of the bid (\$70,000.00) when the materials are delivered – about September 15.

Would you pray that God will fill our Chest of Joash so that we can repair the roof? We were planning to fund and begin the work in the next two (2) years, but providence has advanced the start time. We must start now to stop any further water damage and preclude spoiling the renovation of the chapel.

Again, please pray about this need and also share it with your Sunday School classes, your church, and your local association. Any Chest of Joash gift can be made in honor of or in memory of a friend or loved one.

Charley Holmes, President BMA Seminary

P.S. If only two (2) people purchased a \$100,000.00 Charitable Gift Annuity by transferring funds from low-interest CDs, this would supply more than half the need and double the interest paid to the donor. If this could be you or someone you know, call 800-259-5673 (LORD), or e-mail president@b mats.edu.



Thank you for the prayers for his family the days ahead.

as they adjust to this loss.

May they find God's Grace sufficient for their needs and find comfort in their faith, their family, friends and church. May God's blessings be upon them in

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we have Chicken Strips, French fries, Hush Puppies and a lot of other dishes and, of course, dessert. If you come to eat I can promise you will not leave hungry. A date has not been set for our Hayride/Weiner Roast, but we usually try and have it around Halloween. Until next month I hope I will have some good news to tell you but until then we will be praising and honoring our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God Bless!!

Edward Casey, Pastor • Jennifer Williams, Reporter

Greeting from **Bethany Baptist Church in St. Louis, County.** We are looking forward to the Fall Season. God provides us with the beautiful Fall so we can have a lot of nice Fall weather. We are praying for a full-time pastor. Bro. Tim Boatright is still doing a wonderful job filling the pulpit. He and Connie are really blessing us and we thank them for doing God's work. Bro. Tim brings some very inspiring messages. We had 10 visitors at church Sunday. God may be answering our prayers to build our church and increase our attendance. We pray they will continue to come and be a part of our church. We are still praying for the ones who are ill and hope they will be back soon. Sis. Ella Beeler is still having health issues. With our

Master's Builders staying Busy



In Gilmer, Texas

Power of Prayer Teams at SOAR 2019

Matthew 7:7 says to, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

At **SOAR 2019**, Prayer Warriors and Prayer Partners will band together to cover churches, youth groups, and students in prayer as they attend the annual student conference.

This idea to approach the throne of grace on behalf of SOAR's attendees came to Kristen Riddle of Conway, Arkansas during SOAR 2018. Before the sessions at the 2018 conference, Kristen and a handful of sponsors covered the students in prayer. This birthed in her a passion to be intentional in her prayers for next year's conference, while bringing other believers along in her journey.

"You could feel the Spirit moving in our group," said Riddle. "It was felt in the entire room – so powerful. I feel like God would like us to be intentional in praying for our kids and our leadership for this entire year, through next year's conference."

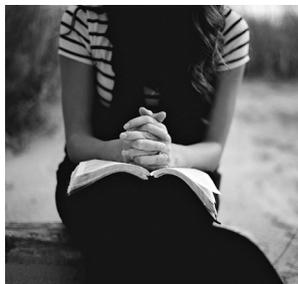
As a result of this desire, Kristen is developing two prayer teams for next year's conference: **Prayer Warriors**, who will come to SOAR 2019 with the sole purpose of covering conference-goers in prayer, and **Prayer Partners**, who will stay at home, but commit to praying over the students, pastors, and SOAR leadership for the duration of the conference.

"God tells us to come to him with our requests. He tells us that he will bless that," said Riddle. "And that's what we intend to do. Prayer Warriors will attend the event as part of the army, and during the sessions we will have a War Room as our prayer room."

Sign-ups for the two teams will begin October 1 and last through December 31. Beginning in January, weekly prayer requests for SOAR will be sent to the two groups. Those who commit to be Prayer Warriors will need to come to SOAR 2019 solely to pray over the event, rather than coming as a sponsor. Their registration fee will be waived. Those who commit to be Prayer Partners will also cover the conference in prayer, asking God to change hearts and lives.

"We'd like to see kids coming to know Christ, walls coming down, unity within youth groups, spiritual growth from kids who are already believers, and strengthening of the pastors and youth pastors," said Riddle. "From the minute these people step foot in the area, we just want them to feel the sweet spirit of Christ."

As the beginning of sign-ups approaches, pray about whether God would have you join one of the teams to cover SOAR 2019 in prayer. Stay tuned to facebook.com/SOAR-conference for updates about the prayer teams.



The Master's Builders spent the week of September 10-15 at Concord Baptist in, Gilmer, Texas helping put up sheetrock in their new building. They had lost their building in a fire over a year ago.

The Master's Builders put sheetrock up in the entry, sanctuary, fellowship hall, bathrooms, and four classrooms.

Thanks to all the members of Concord. The fellowship was wonderful and the meals you provided for us were delicious. Thanks to their Pastor, Bro. Clay Potter and Bro. Dale Pruitt, the building coordinator. I want the zeal for the Lord's work that Bro. Dale has!

This was the Master's Builders 155th project.

September the 17th, we traveled to the Three Creeks Community, near El Dorado, to begin work with Hopewell Baptist Church.

They needed help with framing rooms in their Family Life Center. The Builders framed and walled up the kitchen, two bathrooms, a storage area and built stairs up to and decked the future Youth Room. We spent eight days working on this project.

Thank you to the ones who prepared our evening meals. Also, thank you to Bro. Grant Barnett, pastor of Hopewell and also to Herbert, Tanner and Tate for joining right in and helping us work. Former pastor, Bro. Deryl Jones and his wife Cinda, joined us Tuesday and we all enjoyed a day of work and fellowship. This always encourages us!

The Master's Builders plan to work at the "We Are Free" project in October. Please continue to pray for our men as they work and pray that the Lord will lay the Master's Builders Ministry on the hearts of men willing to serve.

If you are interested in serving the Lord in this ministry, have questions about the Master's Builders, or if your church has building needs, contact: Office Coordinator, John Mangum at 318-202-5155 or 318-607-4100 (cell); or Field Coordinator, Eddie Sikes at 903-725-6549 or 479-462-1675 (cell).

Follow us on Facebook, and liking us at "The Master's Builders"

Reporter- *Nelda Malone*

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Numbers 10:35-36 – "And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, Lord, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee. And when it rested, he said, Return, O Lord, unto the many thousands of Israel."

Zechariah 2:5, 8, 9 – "For I, saith the Lord, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her. For thus saith the Lord of hosts...He that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye. For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants..."

Isaiah 49:15-16 – "Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me."

Zechariah 14:3 – "Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle."

Isaiah 59:19 – "...When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him."

Joshua 5:13-14 – "And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand; and Joshua went unto him and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the Lord am I now come..."

II Kings 19:34-35 – "For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the Lord went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand..."

I Samuel 17:45-46 – "Then said David to the Philistine, thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of Hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand, and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee."

Oh, Israel, what did you trade the love and protection of the Lord for but for sticks and stones to which you gave names, that could not hear, love, or help.

And shall I trust in the American dollar, the strongest in the world; or hide behind the American military, the strongest in the world; or put my hope in 21st century medicine, which has no equal? **No! I will trust in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.**

Submitted by: **Charity Miss. Baptist Church, Bismarck, MO**



Near El Dorado, Arkansas

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Washington County District WMA

The Washington County District WMA met on September 7, 2018 with Charity Missionary Baptist Church in Bismarck, MO. The theme for the meeting was "When the Squeeze is On". The new officers elected for 2017-2018 were:

- President – Connie Reifsteck (Zion)
- First Vice-President – Sharon Page (Landmark)
- Second Vice-President – Bea Evans (Stony Point)
- Secretary/Treasurer – Tracy Goede (Zion)
- Asst. Secretary/Treasurer – Ladonna Baker (Zion)
- Historian/Reporter – Norma Womble (Zion)
- Youth Promoter – Dana Dane (Bethesda)
- Asst. Youth Promoter – Sara Buckley (Bates Creek)

2018-2019 Project:

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

Rebekah Son and Lisa Payne are planning to participate in VSM next year. The ladies voted to send \$100.00 to each lady to help with their expenses.

The next meeting will be Friday, November 9, 2018. Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church of Lemay, MO will host this meeting.

Norma Womble, Reporter

2018 Ladies Retreat Was a Success!!

Editor's Note: I understand that the Ladies had a great time at the annual Retreat last month and even though I have no official report I am including a note and some pictures I gleaned from the WMA Facebook page. Hope you enjoy them!

Where do we begin to describe the past 24 hours?

The 2018 MO WMA sponsored ladies retreat is now history. However, we can cherish the memories of a great spiritual time we will never forget. Pray that the words spoken and the songs sung about transforming our lives will remain in our hearts and minds. Pray that we will not just remember what we heard but that we will put to action what we heard.

Here are just a few pictures. We know that many others have posted pictures as well.

We had a great time with ladies from MO and IL and re-newing friendships.

Looking forward to the 2019 retreat.

Janet Widger



Eight Simple Ways To Pray For Your Church Today

by **Chuck Lawless**, Dean of Doctoral Studies and Vice-President of Spiritual Formation and Ministry Centers at Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, NC, where he also serves as Professor of Evangelism and Missions. In addition, he is Team Leader for Theological Education Strategists for the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

It's Monday, the start of a new work week. It's also a day when we need to reflect on what God taught us and called us to do in worship services yesterday. Here's my challenge to you today: find time to pray, and particularly pray for these things for your church:

1. **For regular attenders** of your church who weren't there yesterday. Try to think of at least one person or family, and

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

Qualities of a Leader

Jude 20-21

by **Dennis Baker**, Brotherhood President

The book of Joshua contains the divine record of the transition of leadership from Moses to Joshua. It is hard to imagine the emotions that Joshua was experiencing. For the past forty years Joshua had assisted Moses. In Egypt he saw all the signs and wonders that God performed. He knew that God was a God of power who would care for His people. He saw God humiliate the gods of Egypt demonstrating that he alone is God. He saw God open the Red Sea, so his people could safely escape the pursuing Egyptian army. He saw God defeat their enemy by closing the Red Sea, drowning the Egyptian army. Joshua was a man of faith who trusted God to do wonders for His people.

Joshua was one of the two spies who returned with a favorable report that, with God's help, the nation could possess God's promised inheritance. Joshua demonstrated that he did not allow problems and difficulties to rob him of his faith in God. He was not afraid to stand up against the majority and he knew how to accept victory and defeat.

As a soldier, Joshua was as a man of courage who was not afraid to confront the enemy, but trusted God for the victory. His secret for victory was not just his military skills, but his submission to the Word of God and to the God of the Word. His desire was only to glorify God and to honor the authority of God. Joshua 1:7-8, "*Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*"

As a leader of God's people, Joshua made his share of mistakes. However, this short review of Joshua's life shows why he was a successful leader.

- He knew that God was a God of power who would care for His people.
- He knew that there was only one God.
- He was a man of faith that trusted God to do wonders for His people.
- He did not allow problems and difficulties to rob him of his faith in God.
- He was not afraid to stand up to the majority.
- He knew how to accept victory and defeat.
- He trusted God for the victory.
- He was successful because of his submission to the Word of God and the God of the Word.

These leadership qualities are a testimony that Joshua trusted the promise of God for his ministry. Joshua 1:9, "*Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.*"

pray for them—whether or not you know why they weren't there. They may well need your prayers.

2. **For any person under conviction** today from yesterday's sermon. I trust God spoke to you, too, through the sermon, but if not (and even if you didn't like the sermon), He might have spoken to somebody else you don't even know. Pray that the enemy would not snatch the Word from that heart.

3. **For your pastors**, who may be struggling today with their own review of yesterday's services. Pastors tend to be tough on ourselves, and many of us get weighted down when things don't go as well as we had hoped.

4. **For two or more children in your church** who have not yet professed following Christ. Ask God to help them get grounded in the teachings of the Bible and then follow Christ when the timing is right.

5. **For one or more teens in your church**. Teenagers need our prayers just because they're teenagers, and they're beginning to make life-changing decisions. If you don't know any names of teens in your church, check with your pastor.

6. **For anyone who attended your church yesterday who might be straddling the fence with sin**. You don't even need to know who that person is. God knows him or her, so pray He will draw them back away from the sin line.



It's Like a Family Reunion!

Join your friends across the BMA at the annual Senior Adult Conference, which will be held November 12-14 at the Branson Hilton and Convention Center. It will be a perfect opportunity to catch up with friends, all while enjoying worship and teaching in the beauty of the Ozarks.

This year's conference host will be Donny Parrish, and Dr. Gary O'Neal, pastor of Oak Park Baptist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, will be preaching during the three main sessions.

David Attebery and Neil Dumas will lead in powerful worship through song. These men grew up playing music together at First Baptist Church in Springhill, Louisiana, and are excited to worship with Senior Adult Conference attendees in November. Attendees will also enjoy concerts from professional violinist, Jaime Jorge, and Gospel Trio, N Him.

In addition, a fully-catered breakfast will be served each morning, and during free time, conference goers can walk across the street to the Branson Landing for great shopping.

Those who register by October 13 will not only receive an early bird registration discount, but they will also receive tickets to the Sight and Sound Theater's new show, Samson! This production will be a beautifully-portrayed exploration of the life of Samson. Live animals, special effects, and excellent acting will bring this biblical story of God's providence to life.

Register today for a conference that will be just like a family reunion! For more information about this year's Senior Adult Conference, visit discipleguide.org/senior.

7. **For God to call out from your church the next generation of pastors and missionaries**. Some folks may already be dealing with this kind of call, and your prayers may convince them to step out in faith.

8. **For next week's worship service**. Begin to pray now, and pray every day between now and then. Don't wait until next Sunday.

Following this prayer pattern does not require a lot of time, though you can certainly extend the time as you wish. It does require a burden for your church and some intentionality in your praying. May God guide you to people and needs as you pray at the beginning of this week!

ALIVE STUDENT CONFERENCE 2018

December 27 - 29, 2018

Doubletree Conference Center • Chesterfield, MO

Information/Registration Packets have been mailed to the churches.
Please note the instructions about **registering** and the **deadlines**.

If you have not received your packet contact
Brad Banderman 636-629-2978

Stay in touch with any updates by going to:
alivestudentconference.org

We look forward to seeing you in December!!

LifeWord Cloud The First Five Languages

Following is the first in a series of five articles about the first five languages that will be uploaded to the Cloud. We're calling them "starter" languages, because they will be used to "work out the kinks" of the new Cloud initiative, AND they meet the requirements that you'll read about.

#1 - Garifuna: A Lifeword Language and a People Group

The People

African slaves endured a perilous journey, one that often ended in death often caused by disease. The late 1700's was the peak of trans-Atlantic slave trade and shipwrecks were another cause of those deaths, but the story of the Garifuna people, although tragic, was about life...the kind that is eternal.

In 1797, this West African people group was deported to Honduras by the government from a small Caribbean island called Saint Vincent. Some seventy years before, they had been rounded up from the modern-day countries of Nigeria, Congo and Ghana and put onboard two Spanish slave ships bound for plantations in the "New World." However, their journey ended near the West Indies island of Saint Vincent where they were shipwrecked and had to swim for their lives.

Once ashore, survivors blended into the indigenous Carib people group and tried to avoid detection by the British, who controlled the island. But in 1796, the Garifuna surrendered to them, and their captors put them in prison where many died from disease. A year later, they were released to the Honduran government and allowed to settle there and on neighboring islands.

The Language

Fast forward two centuries to the fall of 1980 when BMA Missionary David Dickson and his family went on holiday to the Atlantic Coast, an hour's drive from their home. As they enjoyed a day at the beach, they overheard two boys speaking in a dialect they had never heard. As Bro. David conversed with them in Spanish, he learned about a people group called the Garifuna.

God placed a burden on his heart about them, and his research on the Garifuna led him to the national library of Belize where he found an English-Garifuna dictionary and copied its pages. His next stop was Guatemala and the Wycliffe Linguistic Institute where he met Lillian Howland, who shared his interest in this people group.

In the two years following his meeting with Lillian, she passed on her knowledge of the language and coached him as he learned to read, speak and preach in this strange tongue that had no alphabet, no written record, no Bible.

Garifuna is the heart language of these people, and the older ones, who are usually illiterate, had virtually no record of its written form. Young children learn Spanish in school and become bilingual, but the only way to reach the older generation with the gospel is to preach in Garifuna and teach them to read, beginning with the Bible.

The Gospel

In September 1982, Bro. David preached his first sermon in Garifuna and a twelve-year-old boy was saved. His message to the Garifuna was that "Jesus can speak and understand your language, your culture and your needs." Since that time many Garifuna have surrendered their lives to Christ, been trained and disciplined, and have planted churches all over Honduras. Bro. David's sermons and teachings have been recorded and archived by Lifeword, and they are still being used on current broadcasts now produced completely by Garifuna.

Only five languages have been chosen by Lifeword as "starter languages" included in the beta-testing stage before

the public rollout of the new lifeword.org in August...and one of those is Garifuna. To determine the best languages to use, Lifeword personnel considered the following about the broadcasts:

* Are they produced only by indigenous people?

* Is the quality excellent, meaning biblically sound and culturally relevant?

* Are there variations in the formats, such as long form and short form, and videos?

* Do they use various media outlets, such as online radio and community radio?

The Garifuna broadcasts can answer yes to all of those questions. Thanks to the burden God gave to Bro. David Dickson 36 years ago, many of these people once bound for slavery have a new freedom and new life in Christ.

#2 - Swahili: A Language and a People Group

The Lifeword language of Swahili has been on air since 2015, and its round-table-discussion format has been very effective in reaching Tanzanians with the gospel. For Tanzanian broadcasters and brothers Deus and Renatus Kanunu it is simply a part of their tribal culture where problems are solved through discussions. A resolution is reached when the chief has the last word.

The idea was first used by the Garifuna of Central America, who created this culturally relevant broadcast format in 2009: eight pastors sitting at a table and interrupting each other with their opinions.

The Garifuna people group originated in Africa (see the June newsletter for their incredible history), so Director of Operations Luis Ortega and Director of Broadcast Equipping and Training Rick Russell thought a similar format might work in the Swahili culture. Planning meetings with Tanzanian pastors in 2014 revealed a similar Swahili custom: The tribe's chief meets with family leaders and presents a difficult village issue. If the

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.

Matt Baker, a member of Black River Baptist Church in Qulin and former pastor of Twin Oaks, Kennett is available for pulpit supply as God leads. He can be contacted at 573-609-1223.

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

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.

Churches Seeking 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.

To submit a resume or for further information, contact Bro. Dave Wright by phone • 314-606-7069 or via e-mail • wrightsdecor@gmail.com

First Baptist Church at Bourbon, Missouri is seeking a pastor.

To send a resume or for further information, contact the Pulpit Committee Chairman, Kelvin Erickson at (573) 341-2109 or erickson@fidnet.com.

Oak Park Baptist Church at Little Rock, AR is seeking a youth/children's minister. Resumes may be sent to opbsearchcommittee@insideoakpark.com; or to the church, Attention: Youth/Children Search Committee, 8200 Flintridge Rd., Little Rock, Ark. 72210.

group cannot come to a consensus after various solutions have been offered, he will make the decision.

The chief is the ultimate authority just like God's Word is for Christians. This method of reaching Garifuna and Swahili speakers is a great example of Lifeword's philosophy that broadcasts should be created by and for indigenous people.

To do that effectively, Lifeword has hundreds of personnel around the world working on translating and contextualizing content that speaks to the hearts of the people groups they represent. Lifeword Programmer Deus Kanunu is that representative for Swahili speakers. As an indigenous speaker, he will create gospel presentations that can be streamed, shared and downloaded to anyone, anywhere who speaks Swahili!

August of 2018 is when lifeword.org will go live with the five languages chosen for the testing process: Garifuna, Swahili, Arabic (to be featured in the August newsletter), Spanish and English. As Executive Director Donny Parrish puts it, "For a year, we have been in the building process; after the Cloud is build, we will begin the creative process. Long term we hope to have gospel presentations for 200 of the world's languages. Following the lead of BMA Missions, our ultimate goal is to help them plant churches."

....**Watch for more on the LifeWord Cloud languages in following issue of the Missouri Missionary Baptist.**