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“Holding Forth The Word of Life”

Philippians 2:16

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It's Time to Make Your Reservations

by BMAA Committee On Arrangements

The 2019 session of the Baptist Missionary Association of America will meet May 6-8 at the Northwest Arkansas Convention Center in Rogers, Ark. The facilities and hotels are looking forward to our meeting there. Rogers' accommodations offer plenty of space for all of our meetings and lodging.

We hope you will make your reservations early. Most of the hotels can make your reservations either by phone or online, **but you must identify that you are with the Baptist Missionary Association of America.**

The Embassy Suites Hotel, 3303 Pinnacle Hills Parkway, will serve as our headquarters hotel for the annual meeting in Rogers. The Embassy Suites adjoins the convention center to provide the easiest access to all of the association meetings and activities. Here is the contact information for the hotel:

Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas (Headquarters Hotel), 3303 Pinnacle Hills Parkway, Rogers — (Single/Double, \$149 per night; Triple, \$159.00; Quad, \$169) (Standard Double or King room); (479) 254-8400; complimentary self-parking for all guests (valet parking is available); full breakfast included; reservation cutoff date: April 14.

In addition to the headquarters hotel, additional overflow facilities are available in the area. Following is a list of properties that have blocked rooms for the BMA meeting.

• **Candlewood Suites, 4601 West Rozell, Rogers** — (Studio suite, two full-size beds: \$99); (479) 636-2783; reservation cutoff date: April 19.

• **Country Inns & Suites, 4304 West Walnut, Rogers** — (Standard two queen or one king suite: \$129); (479) 633-0055; use Group Code 0505BMAOFA; reservation cutoff date: April 5.

• **Hyatt Place, 4610 West Walnut, Rogers:** (\$116); 479-633-8555; reservation cutoff date: April 1.

• **Fairfield Inn & Suites, 4611 Rozell Road, Rogers** — (Single \$99, Double/Double \$99, Executive King \$109); (479) 936-5900; use Group Code SMERF; reservation cutoff date: April 20.

• **Hampton Inn, 4501 West Walnut, Rogers** — (Double

Alive Student Conference 2018

Thanks to the hard work of the Alive Committees of the Meramec and BMAMO associations another GREAT Alive Student Conference was held December 27 - 29, 2018 in Chesterfield, Missouri. It sounds and looks light they had a great time with good attendance and lots of fun! Below and on other pages are some pictures during the conference.



Gathering for the first service Thursday evening

“The Christmas Necktie”

(The Legacy of Missionary Baptist Pastor W.S. Gordon Lives On)
by Melissa Zinn

A small band of Missionary Baptists gathered in Fifty-Six, AR, in August, 1935, and organized the Fifty-Six Missionary Baptist Church where years later an eleven-year-old boy, Randy J. Zinn (named for his two Godly grandfathers) would walk the aisle of the church and accept Jesus as his Savior.

In September, 1935, one month after the organization of the church at Fifty-Six, another group of Missionary Baptists, led by Bro. W. S. Gordon, a preacher from Beebe, AR, convened in the small town of Kewanee, MO, to organize the Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church where years later an eight-year-old girl, Melissa Frances McVay (named for her two Godly grandmothers) would be led to Christ by her pastor during a revival service at the church.

Queen \$144); (479) 986-0500; reservation cutoff date: April 6.

• **Aloft Rogers-Bentonville, 1103 S 52nd Street, Rogers** (King \$119); (479) 268-6799; reservation cutoff date: April 5.

The association has incurred penalty payments in some years because we did not use our full block of rooms. Please help us avoid a situation like that this year. We appreciate your help.

- Jerome Cooper, Bill Thornton and Daniel Williams

Little did these two small congregations, in 1935, suspect that their paths would cross in a God-ordained way 49 years later when Randy and Melissa were married March 23, 1984. Randy surrendered to the Gospel Ministry 40 years ago this March while a member of the Landmark Baptist Church of Batesville, AR, and Melissa moved from Missouri to serve as secretary to Landmark's pastor, Bro. Jim Brown. Randy and

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A Special Invitation to All

Our family invites our friends to a **housewarming and fellowship for Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Charline Melton**, who are moving back to the Belgrade/Caledonia area.

It will be held in the basement fellowship hall of Temple Missionary Baptist Church, 13938 State Hwy C, Belgrade, MO January 19th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Please drop in and have some food and fellowship with us. We would love to see you!

Feel free to bring a little something for their new home, if you would like, but it is certainly not required. We, mainly, just want to welcome them back to the area!

We hope to see you there!

Jalayne “Tedder” Robinson, Granddaughter
Bro. Kenneth & Sis. Charline Melton



NEWS BRIEFS



Happy New Year from Bethel, Sikeston, I somehow missed sending in our newsletter last month, so I will be listing the news for November and December this month. November 4th Breanna Beardsley came forward making a profession of faith, requesting baptism and church membership. She was baptized December 16th. Our fall Harvest Party was at the home of Bro. Joe and Sis. Stephanie McElroy's home, Everyone had a great time of fun and fellowship. We appreciate them for hosting it again this year. November 7th Bro. Chris Polk came to give us information on the Trail Life Organization that is being used at Matthews Missionary Baptist Church. It is Christian based and a wonderful program for young boys or men. Bro. Jeff Reynolds has shown interest in leading this program at Bethel. In our business meeting November 11th Bro. Jeff requested the church support him in this endeavor and we voted to help him. November 25th we had a chili cook off and silent auction to help the youth raise money for their mission trip next year. They raised just over a \$1000. We are so thankful for all those who cooked and donated food, desserts and items for the auction. The 9th of December Brandon and Kaela Townley came forward requesting to join the church (he, by letter, and she by baptism). Kaela and Breanna were baptized on the 16th, The youth and adults did a marvelous job on the Christmas Program the evening of December 16th. Afterward we had refreshments and fellowship. Wednesday night Hailie Edwards came forward and gave her testimony requesting baptism and church membership. She was baptized the 23rd during the morning service. After the baptism we observed the Lord's Supper. How awesome to have both of these special events in the same service. We had a candlelight ceremony for the evening service, which made it even more special. We look forward to the new year and what God has in store for our church! We plan to do more outreach in our community to win lost souls to Christ! Wishing everyone a Happy and Blessed new year! May God bless you all!

Billy Davis, Pastor • Joan Wood, Reporter

Happy New Year everyone from your Brothers and Sisters at **Stony Point, Mineral Point!** Sunday December 16th our youth presented a Christmas program and had an encore performance on Wednesday the 19th. It was a Christmas Blessing from the Lord to His church and we are thankful. Stony Point had 11 people attend the Alive Conference December 27th – 29th. Everyone returned very tired but strengthened in their walk with Jesus. We have 2 folks that are standing as approved candidates for baptism which will be scheduled soon. Blessings and Peace to you all.

Claude Evans, Pastor • David Hughes, Reporter

Landmark, DeSoto, wants to wish each one reading this report a wonderfully blessed and healthy 2019. We've certainly enjoyed the last couple of weeks with family and friends. We do not have a pastor at this time and have been having someone to fill the pulpit each Sunday morning, then having one of our men to give a message or devotional for the Sunday evening services and the Wednesday evening services. It has worked out very well. We've had Bro. David Crites several times and Bro. Allen Dane a couple of times, Bro. Wayne Gibson then Bro. Benjamin Kingston this past Sunday evening. We've enjoyed each of them. Our attendance has been low for Sunday School, then usually have several more come in for church. We are trusting the Lord to send us the man he wants us to have as a pastor. Those that are faithful are very faithful. We had let the WMA and Brotherhood go by the wayside for a few months, but plan to reactivate it again this month. We did have two people come forward and ask to be rein-

stated into the membership of the church the last of October and are very thankful for that. We are looking forward to all the good things the Lord has for His church this year. Pray for us.

Sharon Page, Reporter

HELLO to all from **Oak Hill, Alton, MO.** We hope everyone had a blessed Christmas! Christmas is a way to remember why Jesus came to Earth to be an amazing and wonderful Savior. *"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."* Romans 5:8 Bro. Tim Hand and family got an early Christmas present. December 7th Alesha, Bro. Tim's daughter-in-law, had Noah Judson Hand. Noah weighted 7 lbs. 7 ozs. and 19 1/4 inches long. December 9th we presented a Cantata "Once Upon a Miracle" which has a good and clear message about the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The 22nd we had a little man turn two years old, Carstyn Casey, the grandson of Bro. Ed. Hopefully the next article I write I will be able to tell you about the birth of his little sister. December 23rd we sang some Christmas songs and Bro. Colby Kernodle, one of our youth members, gave an excellent devotional about the birth of Christ. Then we had finger foods in our fellowship hall. We have been having a lot of visitor's in our Sunday morning worship services and we are hoping and praying that those visitors will become members at Oak Hill. We hope everyone has a wonderful and blessed New Year! 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

Happy New Year! from all of us at **Lower Doe Run Baptist Church** near **Ellington, MO.** This could be the

day! The day that Jesus comes! We are so looking forward to that day. Meanwhile we must be diligent to watch and wait! Of course watching and waiting does not mean doing nothing! It involves witnessing and sharing the gospel wherever we are! The Community Thanksgiving was held with a few from the neighborhood. Not as many as we had hoped but we enjoyed it. Several friends and relatives made the memorial for Larry Dean Thomason memorable December 16. We were sad to say goodbye to another dear saint from our childhood and up. We celebrate the home going of Wilma Jean Finely and we send sympathy to all the family and to her church family. Lord, send laborers in the Harvest, we pray.

Melvin Meade, Pastor

Carolyn Meade, Reporter

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Bethany Baptist Church St. Louis. We are thankful most of us has made it through another year. It has been a very busy time of the year with all the festivities going on. Hope all enjoyed their family get to gathers and church functions. We all need to remember "The Reason For The Season." Bro. Tim Boatright had some good messages about the Birth of Jesus. We still need to remember our members who are out due to illness. Sis. Tiny Blanchard is still recovering and doing well.

May we all have a very good new year and all draw closer to God and pray our churches will increase in number. We are still having a few visitors and thank God for them. Thank God for all his blessings.

Tim Boatright, Interim Pastor • Betty Johnston, Reporter

Happy New Year from First Baptist Church, Potosi. I love reading about many of our churches growing this year. It is a blessing that I pray will continue in this new year. We ended the year and will begin the new year with baptisms. December began with a "Taste of Christmas." Our Life Center was packed with beautifully decorated tables for the catered dinner. After dinner, all were seated in the sanctuary for a presentation by Jaclyn Rowe. Many women who attended were not regular church attendees and Jaclyn's words blessed the souls of all who were present. Afterwards, everyone trekked back to the Life Center for dessert. This was year 3 for this outreach program. The performance given by the FBC Kids Choir was profound. We sure had some cute characters and they all had such "angelic" faces. Our GMA prepared a care package for one of our soldiers who could not come home for the holidays. Leonard Compton and Wayne Thornton delivered Christmas

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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • December 2018

General Fund:

Checking Account:

Balance November 30, 2018		\$	25,768.71
December Receipts:			
Missions:	\$	<u>2,544.77</u>	
Total Income:	\$	<u>2,544.77</u>	\$ <u>2,544.77</u>
Total Available		\$	28,313.48
Disbursements:			
Director, Salary	\$	650.00	
BMAA (Matt Barker)	\$	200.00	
Director (Bonus)	\$	<u>650.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$	1,500.00	\$ <u>(1,500.00)</u>
Balance December 31, 2018:		\$	26,813.48

Bank of America Savings Account:

Balance November 30, 2018		\$	1,100.84
Interest:	\$.02	\$ <u>.02</u>
Balance December 31, 2018:		\$	1,100.86

Investment in BMA of Mississippi Revolving Loan Fund:

Balance November 30, 2018:		\$	102,819.94
Interest:	\$		<u>0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2018:		\$	102,819.94

Total of all Funds December 31, 2018: \$ 130,734.26

From Our Director...

Happy New Year from Mary and I. Thank you for allowing me to serve you in this capacity and for supporting the BMA work in Missouri with your prayers, finances and loyalty to God.

Things are looking good as we enter 2019 as far as the possibilities of seeing churches find pastors and the potential of planting a new church or two.

Pray for the Special Missions Committees of our State Association and the Meramec Association as they will have a joint meeting before you get this edition of the paper to discuss the possibilities in our state. We desire to be sensitive to God's leadership in all matters, including planting new congregations and strengthening those who are struggling.

Our offerings continue to be sufficient to meet present needs, but if we start supporting a missionary or two the needs will be greater and

more churches will need to send regular offerings.

Please pray for our host pastor and myself as we plan the program for our annual Missions Symposium for this May. Host Pastor is Bro. Gary Longstaff of Grandview Baptist Church in Springfield and the date is **May 17 for the Symposium and May 18 for the Mid-Year Meeting** of our Association.

Our annual meeting will be **October 12 at Bethel Baptist Church in Sikeston.**

I believe it is Scriptural for Churches to work together and God will bless our efforts if we are willing to cooperate with one another and support each other as we labor for the Lord. It seems to be an accepted practice today for pastors and churches to be self-centered and not put our much effort to work together. Let's work to change this and see how God will bless if we let Him!

If you have any suggestions for a program for the

Missions we would love to hear from you, but we need your suggestions soon as we need to contact speakers and other who might be involved and give them plenty of time to adjust their schedules and prepare their parts. Hopefully, by February 15th we can have a program prepared and make the necessary contacts.

Thanks for any input you can give us about this matter.

A Word About the Article "A Christmas Tie"

I hope you have already read this article, if not stop and read it now.

This came to me too late for the December issue so I have included it in this issue in an effort to inspire us to focus on the far reaching results of doing God's will.

When I was a young boy Bro. W. S. Gordon was pastor of Chambers Park Church in St. Louis which is now Lindsay Lane Baptist Church in Florissant.

Sometimes we forget we are involved in work that **LASTS**. Let's do our BEST!

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Melissia ministered in the Batesville church for eight years before they were married.

Over the years, Bro. Zinn has been privileged to return to Fifty-Six on many occasions to preach and he has been honored, also, to preach at Melissia's home church in Kewanee numerous times. Both churches continue to minister passionately and effectively in their communities.

In 1998, the Zinns moved to Houston, MO, where Randy pastored Houston Baptist Church and worked at an elementary school to supplement his income. While at the school, he met a teacher introduced as Mr. Gordon. Christmas, 1999, Mr. Gordon, knowing that Randy was a pastor, graciously presented him with a Looney Tunes cartoon, Christmas necktie he proudly wears every Christmas.



The Christmas Tie

This gesture sparked an in-depth conversation between them and Bro. Zinn shared how his wife was from Kewanee, which piqued Mr. Gordon's interest. He excitedly related how his father, Bro. W. S. Gordon, was the founding pastor of Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church, to which Bro. Zinn responded that Melissia's grandfather, Joseph McVay, was a charter member and one of the first deacons of the church. Not only that, in addition to Melissia, her mother and all six of her siblings were saved at the church, her father already a member and the music director. Naturally, from this exchange, a warm friendship developed between them - an astounding 64 years after the organization of the Kewanee church.

The Zinns moved to Dustin, OK, in July, 2000, where he was pastor of the First Baptist Church for over twelve years. One day in the early 2000's, they received their copy of *The Missouri Missionary Baptist* and immediately their attention was captured and their hearts saddened by the article announcing the homegoing of Pastor W. S. Gordon and listing, most fittingly, one of the musical presentations at his service as "Thank You for Giving to the Lord" written by Ray Boltz.

From 2013 to 2015, Bro. Zinn was privileged to pastor the Lighthouse Missionary Baptist Church of Malden, MO, a church started by their beloved Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church--and the legacy of Pastor W. S. Gordon continued to live on.

Today, Bro. Zinn and his wife, Melissia, live in Russell, AR. He pastors the Russell Missionary Baptist Church, just 33 miles from Beebe where the body of Pastor Gordon was laid to rest. The Zinns have only one thing to say, "Bro. Gordon, thank you so much for giving to the Lord, and thank you, Lord, for giving Bro. Gordon to our world for over 90 years."

Fast-forward to 2018. Our very own BMAA's current Executive Director of Missions and long-time Missionary, Dr. John David Smith, is the son of Bro. Arthur Smith who was a two-time pastor of the Kewanee church. His mother, Shirlene, graduated valedictorian from Kewanee High. Dr. Smith's grandmother, Ethel Hall, was a long-time, Godly and faithful member of Kewanee until her passing and his uncle, Danny Hall, is still an active and faithful member there. And-Pastor W. S. Gordon's influence continues to touch lives ALL OVER THE WORLD. Praise the Lord! Dr. Smith has been the revival speaker at the church on several occasions. (Dr. Smith's aunt, Mary Lou Hall Edwards, was my closest friend throughout high school and still my dear friend today. Bro. Arthur Smith was my pastor during his first term at Kewanee.)

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boxes to the Indian reservations. "Thank You" to them for always taking the time to deliver these for children to receive them in time for Christmas. Celebrate Recovery continues to be blessed with new people each week desiring to become a part of our forever family. A big thank you goes out to Fellowship Baptist Church for volunteering with the CR dinners; this is very much appreciated. Also, the Potosi Intermediate School faculty and staff prepared our Christmas dinner for CR this year. It is a blessing to know that our schools have the ability/freedom to support Christian activities. High School Vespers was exceptionally beautiful this year. Several of our youth are involved in this special program. It is amazing that our school is able to continue this activity. UPWARD basketball will be every Saturday, January 26 through March 2. The SHINE Girls Conference at the Centene Center in Farmington will be March 9, 2019. We ended the year with guest speaker Alex McFarland, author, religion and culture expert, He gave us six goals for 2019 regarding our Christian responsibilities for the year. He also spoke at Youth Alive where we had 70 from our church attend. Youth and Sponsors had a great time and we had at least one saved. Many members have been ill this past month and prayers are needed for healing from illness and surgeries. Please pray for us as we pray for you.

Jim Ainley, Pastor • Deborah Rauhut, Reporter

Greetings from **Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church!** December was a busy month for us as well it was for most of our churches. December 1st the Youth hosted a Fund-raiser Dinner, Breakfast for Dinner. We had over 100 people show up and we had a great time. The youth stepped up and did a fantastic job of serving and clean up. December 4th the WMA had their Christmas party at Susie's Bake Shop. We had 39 ladies attend and we enjoyed games, food and exchange of gifts. Our Youth Christmas program was December 23rd. As always the kids performed well and we would like to thank Lisa Payne, Jenni Duckworth and Debbie Nowell for helping to put this together. Twenty youth and adults attended the Youth Alive Conference in Chesterfield. This was a great conference and the kids really were attentive to Bro. Alex McFarland. Of course you can't have a conference without some fun so we went to the Chesterfield Sport Fusion Thursday night. Between laser tag, dodge ball and rock climbing we were all a little sore the next day. Bro. Dan and Sis. Pam were able to enjoy family time during the holidays. Bro. Caleb Houston preached for us December 30th and brought a great message. We are grateful for Bro. Dan and Sis. Pam for all they do for the church. Our prayer is that your church will grow spiritually in 2019.

Dan Wisely, Pastor • Terri Adams, Reporter

Happy New Year to our Sister churches from your friends at Zion Baptist Church in South County! May the Lord bless you in this new year of 2019. As we look back over the year 2018, there were ups and downs, but the Lord was there with us in all situations. Praise the Lord for His goodness. The last day of December, we said our final goodbye to Sister Wilma Chitwood Finley. Sister Finley passed from this life on Thursday, December 27, 2018. Sister Finley was a charter member of Zion Baptist Church. She was a faithful member. A very godly woman and will be greatly missed by family, friends and her church. Her life was a testimony of her belief in the Lord Jesus Christ. We will see her again. Zion is looking forward to the Lord doing great things in 2019. We are so thankful for a pastor that digs deep into God's Word and studies, so he can effectively feed his flock. We ask that you pray for Sister Connie Reifsteck's husband, Larry. He will be traveling back and forth to Chicago for several weeks to receive radiation treatments. We are thankful Sister Wanda Flowers is now

home on her own and her goal now is to be able to start driving again. Brent Baker has recovered nicely from his surgery and now back at work. There are others with health issues that are working despite how they feel. Please lift all of these up in prayer. The Lord knows each one and their specific needs. The Christmas season was a very joyous time for Zion, we trust you enjoyed the season as well. Knowing the reason, Jesus Christ, is the important thing in your life. Keep Zion in your prayers and we will remember all of you.

Dennis Baker, Pastor
Norma Womble, Reporter

Greetings and **Happy New Year** from your brothers and sisters at **Faith Baptist Church, in St. Charles!** 2018 was quite a year for our church body. We had many members added, some by baptism and some by letter. We have had visitors in nearly every service lately, too, which we are excited about. In the month of March, we really expanded our presence on Facebook by doing 30 sermons broadcast live over the course of 30 days. We reached thousands of people, and it was encouraging for us to hear preaching every night! June brought us a church camp out of state for the youth and Vacation Bible School. Some of our youth were saved during those two events, for which we praise God! In late July/early August, more than 30 of our congregation headed to Camp Garwood for the week. We loved spending time with our sister churches and getting to know new friends. In early September, we had a Revival, which was strengthening to so many of us. In October, we had our annual Fall Festival which was a success and brought many new faces to our church grounds. November brought our annual Thanksgiving dinner, which is our largest meal at the church all year. It was delicious! It was also wonderful to fellowship with many of our church families' extended families. In Decem-

**New
Album
Released**

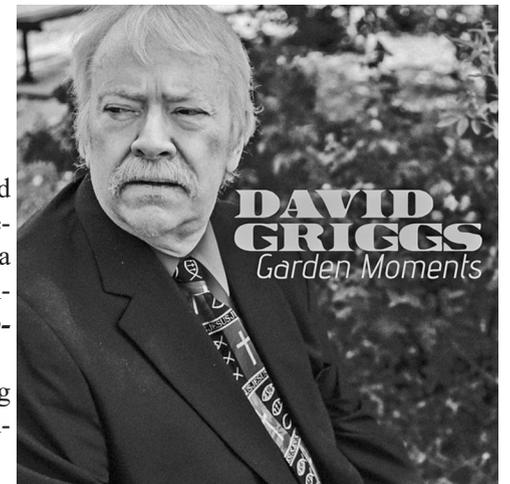
Pastor David Griggs has recently released a vocal album entitled *Garden Moments*.

The following songs are included in this album:

In The Garden,
There is Jesus,

When He Speaks, Between Twelve and Thirty-three, Wonderful Merciful Saviour, Are You Washed In The Blood/I'll Fly Away, Love Was In The Room, Jerusalem, Worry Ends Where Faith Begins, and I Call Him Lord.

You may purchase the album directly from David in person for \$12.00 or by mail for \$15.00. Checks are accepted. You may contact David by e-mail (david92951@aol.com) or by calling 314-631-2213.



Front cover of *Garden Moments*

ber, our ladies had their annual Secret Sister reveal and picked names for 2019. We added a Junior Secret Sister exchange for the new year, too. Of course, we also had our youth Christmas Play which was delightful as always! Our directors and their helpers worked tirelessly to get everything just right! In the midst of all the growth to our number and spiritual growth among members, we have unfortunately had what seems to be an extraordinary amount of physical sickness hit many members of our body. This has caused us to come together at the altar as a church many times. It has been strengthening to our prayer lives and encouraging to hear our brethren pray so earnestly for each other. We are thankful for 2018 and the evidence of God's hand on us, and we are praying that God will continue to lead us through the coming year.

Justin Arender, Pastor • Annaliese Wagner, Reporter

Greetings from **Black Creek Missionary Baptist Church of Poplar Bluff.** We hope all of you had a real good Christmas and I am looking for a great New Year. Before Christmas Black Creek Church visited with the folks at Westwood Nursing Home. We handed out Christmas Cards, candy, snacks, socks, smiles and the young people even gave out free hugs. Our Christmas program went well and the young people did a good job. We hosted the Third Sunday Singing with a pretty good turnout. Some of us attended the Women's Prayer Breakfast at Black River Missionary Baptist Church at Qulin. There were four churches represented. Over the last few months our attendance has been up and down.

Troy Sisk, Pastor • Joana Lipsey, Reporter

Revised List of 2019 Dates

Important to people in BMA Churches	
State WMA/Brotherhood	March 2nd
Renewal Weekend	March 29th-30th
Spring Paintball	April 5th-6th
Mens Spring Retreat	May 3rd-4th
National BMA Meeting	May 6th-8th
BMAMO Midyear Meeting	May 17th-18th
DEWrS Weekend	May 30th-June 1st
GMA Retreat	July 12th-13th
Camp Week	July 29th-Aug 1st
Mens Fall Retreat	October 4th-5th
BMAMO Annual Meeting	October 12th
Fall Paintball	November 1st-2nd

Wilma Jean Finley

October 15, 1928 • December 27, 2018

Wilma Jean Finley, daughter of the late Elder Sterling P. Chitwood, Sr. and Edith Chitwood (Dace), was born in Ellington, MO October 15, 1928. She departed this life for her Heavenly Home December 27, 2018 at the age of 90.



Wilma Jean Finley

She was saved and baptized as a young girl, growing up in the church where her father ministered. Growing up she was surrounded by the love of God and a family of 11 siblings, all but one has preceded her in death: Clyde Chitwood, Zelpha Beck, Dessie Skaggs, Daisy Bass, Gerald Chitwood, Pauline Hampton, Benjamin Chitwood, Cecil Chitwood, Sterling P. Chitwood Jr., and baby Joseph Chitwood. She is survived by a sister, Edith Maudeline Burns (Amsden).

Wilma Jean was united in marriage March 13, 1948, to Robert G. Finley in Ellington. From this union, six children were born: Carolyn Goede, the late Edith Finley, Donna Cox, Roberta (Jeanie) Roedel, Mitchell and Michelle Finley. She is survived by 8 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild.

Wilma was one of the charter members of Zion Missionary Baptist Church. She taught many youth classes and witnessed to everyone she knew. Her faith was everlasting.

She worked at Proctor and Gamble for 37 years. Those who knew her know her best for her love of the color purple. She was often referred to at work as "the purple lady." She was generous in all things but especially of her heart and feeding people. She was known to bake cakes, treats and other meals for work where she loved to spoil her coworkers. At home, her house was the gathering site of many church parties or Sunday afternoon dinners between services. The house was always alive with family and friends from far and near with doors always wide open and everyone welcomed.

She will be dearly missed by everyone. Pastors Dennis Baker and C.R. Curtman officiated at the funeral December 31, 2018. Her grandsons served as pall bearers at the gravesite January 2, 2019.

How Do You Summarize the Life of a Person Who Did Not Want Accolades and Praise??

submitted by Janet Widger in Honor of Wilma Jean Finley

Wilma Jean Chitwood Finley is one of those people. Over the past few days, many thoughts of what she did and what she meant to so many people kept running through my head. I turned to Proverbs Chapter 31, knowing that if she could reach out to me, she would whack me up the side my head for attempting to honor her with these words.

She "willingly works with her hands." Growing up in a family of eleven children, she learned very young how to cook and maintain a home. The skill for cooking large meals stayed with her till age and physical ability prevented her from doing so. While her children were living at home, it was nothing for her to provide the Sunday noon meal to her six children and, to many of the youth from Zion Baptist Church and their school friends. She was "Mom" and "Grandma" to many.

Whenever a meal was to be provided at Zion for a special event or fellowship lunch, she cooked a large portion of it. Her, her cousin Wanda Flowers, as well as my own mother, until she moved away, were lovingly referred to the "kitchen bosses" and they made the process of providing big meals seem like a small task. Wilma Jean and Wanda continued this service ministry at Zion until just a few years ago when their

physical health and strength caused them to "fire" themselves. They left some pretty big shoes to fill.

She "provides food for her household." As a young person growing up in rural Missouri she worked with her parents and siblings growing a garden as well as raising chickens and hogs to provide food. As an adult living in the city, she continued to raise a garden to provide food.

She "rises while it is yet night." Wilma Jean worked at Proctor Gamble in St. Louis for 37 years. Many of those years she worked the evening and midnight shifts. This allowed her to be home during the day with her children. As a person who worked those hours, it amazed me how she could continue to do the many other activities she did during the daylight hours and still get adequate sleep and rest.

She "extends her hand to the poor...she reaches out her hands to the needy." If she ever was made aware of someone who was in need, whether it be finances, clothing or food, she would provide. She would do it in a quiet matter of fact manner and never expected to be recognized for it. This also applies to her generosity of finances to Zion Baptist Church and the various ministries that Zion supported. Only the Lord knows how much money Wilma Jean Finley contributed to the needs of the church as well as to the needs of others.

"She makes tapestry for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple." When she was able, she sewed clothing for herself and her family. That was back when it was not just a fashionable skill to have but a much needed skill to make ends meet when you had a big family.

Purple! Purple was her favorite color. You hardly saw her wearing any other color. It was only natural for many of her family and friends to wear purple at her viewing and services. Zion Baptist Church provided lunch for the family after her service and there was no question as to how the tables would be covered. Purple!

"She opens her mouth with wisdom. And on her tongue is the law of kindness." This was mentioned at her home going service. You knew if she disagreed with you but she would do it in a loving and respectful manner. I am not sure if her children or some of us others who had the privilege of her "corrections" would agree. However, "Her children rise up and call her blessed." Each one of her six children had a special relationship with her. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren were special to her and she was special to each of them.

The greatest accolade that we can say about Wilma Jean Finley is "a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates."

All the good things that she did and all the good things that we can say about her, there was never any doubt about Wilma Jean Finley's personal relationship to Christ. There was never any doubt about her desire that her children and grandchildren have a personal relationship with Christ and serve Him in the church. She came from a legacy of servants to the Lord and prayerfully that legacy will continue.

As many of us say at a time like this, it's not goodbye, it's see you later.

First Quarter 2018-2019 Financial Report

Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper

October 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018

Balance: October 1, 2018	\$	6,394.02
Receipts:	\$	<u>3,356.18</u>
Total Available:	\$	9,750.28
Disbursements:	\$	<u>(5,484.79)</u>
Balance: December 31, 2018	\$	4,265.41

Thanks for your support of this ministry!

A Thank-You Note to The Meramec Association

Dear Meramec Association Churches:

This past September at their annual meeting the Meramec Landmark Missionary Baptist Association approved giving to my ministry. I serve as a Global Trainer with Reaching and Teaching International Ministries.

I take deep discipleship and theological training to pastors who would not normally have the opportunity to be trained.

The Meramec Association voted to match any amount, up to \$4,800 given by the churches of the Association.

As of Mid-December \$4,452 has been matched by the association.

We are very thankful for your investment in this kingdom work. Please feel free to contact me with any comments or questions: jamie.haguewood@reachingandteaching.org.

Jamie Haguewood

Preach God's Word!!

C.H. Spurgeon said....

"It is better to preach five words of God's Word than five million words of man's wisdom.

Men's words may seem to be wiser and the more attractive, but there is no heavenly life in them"

Paul admonished the young minister Timothy to.... "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

2 Timothy 4:2

May we always be found "Preaching THE Word!

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Ladies, Remember Our State WMA Project

Please send your offerings to the State WMA Treasurer listed in the heading above. Also, Remember the **50th Annual State WMA Meeting is March 2, 2019** at Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church.

More Pictures of Alive Conference.....



Group Prayer Times are an important time each day



Many church groups attended



What Gifts Did You Receive?

Submitted by: *Lee Miller,*

Pastor of Charity Landmark Missionary Baptist Church,
Bismarck, Missouri

Well, Christmas has come and gone for 2018. Did you get everything you wanted? I always tell everyone, "Save your money. Don't buy anything for me." I'm always tickled, though, when I do receive a surprise gift. When I was in the 3rd or 4th grade, my Grandpa Miller bought me a NEW bicycle with a working headlight from Western Auto. I still have it in my shop. A couple of years later, my Grandpa Price gave me a .22 rifle, which I still have. Just a few years ago, my mother gave me Grandpa Price's Bible - the last one he had before going home. I use it every time I preach at Charity and when I go to the jail and prison ministry. These three gifts are very precious to me. They cost someone some money, and I received the benefit.

• However, the **MOST EXPENSIVE & GREATEST GIFTS** I have received and still have today came from my **Heavenly Father.**

1. **Life** - "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." (Genesis 1:27). How great it is to be alive. I did not know how precious my life is, until I saw someone die.

2. **Love** - "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8). He knew me, yet he loved me.

3. **Eternal Life** - "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23). Because I have received His gift of salvation, I have passed from death unto life. (John 5:24).

4. **Jesus** - "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." (John 3:16). This gift alone is the greatest gift, the gift of Jesus. What would life be without Jesus? I would never have known God the Father, and I would not have eternal life without Jesus standing in the gap.

• Now that I have received the gift of Jesus, God has showered me with more gifts than I can count. Here are just a few:

5. **Reconciliation** - "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation." (II Corinthians 5:17-18). All things are new now because I have received the gift of reconciliation

6. **Sanctification** - "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." (I Corinthians 6:11). He and he alone has sanctified me and then has justified me.

7. **Justification** - "Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be

against us?" (Romans 8:30-31).

Now, many could say, "Lee Miller, you are no good. You are not fit or worth two cents." This is true, but HE has justified me and glorified me. PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME!

8. **Grace** - "Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ." (Ephesians 3:7-8). These gifts were more than I could ever imagine, but He then gave more gifts just for me.

9. **Michelle** - "And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." (Genesis 2:23-24). What a blessing it is to have Michelle. God then gave us Pricilla and, ten years later, He gave us Victoria. He has further blessed us with two granddaughters, Linlee and Camille. As I write this, I must say, "Oh, Father, there is no doubt at all that you love me. You have told me so and have shown me so through the years, just how rich this love is by the gifts you have given and continue to give. 'What is thy servant, that thou shouldst look upon such a dead dog as I am?'" (II Samuel 9:8). Thank you, Father, for the gifts you give."

What gifts have you, the reader, received?



How did this guy get in??

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

WANNA BUY A WATCH? HOW ABOUT SOME CHRISTIANITY?

Jeremiah 23:21, "I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran;
I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied."

Guest article by C. R. Curtman

I've been approached on the streets of New York, Hong Kong, Tokyo and other cities by smooth talking street peddlers offering to sell me an expensive-looking "name brand" watch or a "genuine" diamond ring for only a few dollars.

There are a lot of flim-flam fakers selling their phony selves and peddling their counterfeit wares today; not just in the secular world, but in the religious world too. I call them "knock-off merchants."

We live in a day when the term "knock off" is familiar to most people. We hear the term used in reference to clothing, jewelry and other things. There are "knock off Rolex watches, knock off Gucci shoes, knock off designer dresses and suits, etc. A "knock off" is an imitation of an original. It looks and feels like the real thing to one degree or another, but it isn't real. It appears to have the same value as the real thing, but it doesn't.

Today, there are people and religious organizations passing themselves off, and being accepted, as Christians and churches. But they aren't. They're cheap counterfeits of the real thing.

There are "knock-off" preachers today such as those in Jeremiah's day of whom God said, "I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran; I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied" (Jer. 23:21). There are men like this today, who were never divinely sent into the ministry, but they went into it any way.

There are knock-off Christians whose artificiality will be revealed some day just as surly as the green coloration on a piece of "real" gold jewelry eventually appears to indicate how unreal it really is. Jesus spoke of these false professors in His Sermon on the Mount: "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them ... And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you" (Matt. 7:20,23).

There are knock-off churches galore today. These are very popular today. Why? Because so many people aren't interested in the real thing where church is concerned. They're "in on the game" in this respect. They don't care how unreal it is. They are in the market for a knock-off church. The fact that there is are real, genuine, churches of Jesus Christ is an inconvenient truth for them. They're happier with the knock-off, and will begin to insist that the knock-off church they have is no different than, or even better than, the real thing.

"Knock-offs" carry, without lawful authorization, the brand names and labels of what they are imitating. False claims of authenticity are made for "knock-offs" that sound very convincing. Knock-offs are popular because (1) people like to give the impression, and enjoy the illusion, that they have the real thing when they know they don't, and (2) because a "knock off" is easy to throw away if you get tired of it.

If a person finds something they don't like about their knock-off Rolex or their Gucci shoes, they can just toss them in the trashcan and then get on the Internet and find a new knock-off. This is how "knock off" Christians approach the Christian life, and why they are drawn to "knock off" churches one after another.

Tragically, American Christianity is glutted today with people who profess to have something in terms of genuine

LifeWord Profile: Clif Johnson

"When Donny approached me about doing Day by Day, I was intrigued with being able to speak to BMA people, but what interested me even more was what he said about Lifeword's strong presence worldwide versus a lesser one in the States. It's an opportunity to minister to people across America that I would never see, crafting something that would appeal to believers and non-believers."

If you've followed Lifeword's daily devotional on Facebook, you've no doubt noticed that Clif Johnson, pastor of Garrett Memorial in Hope, Arkansas, has been the occasional broadcaster on Day by Day. The popular Facebook show receives an average of more than 10,000 views per day. Beginning in January, Clif will be recording all Day by Day broadcasts, and the set will have a completely new look.

As the grandson of BMA Pastor and Publications Editor C.O. Strong, Clif was born into a legacy of ministry. In addition to his family and mentors like his former pastor Richard Walters, he credits his home church, the former Temple Baptist (now South City) in Little Rock, with encouraging a love for people and building relationships with them.

He recalls that the church's well-used family life center/gym was where all kinds of sports were used for outreach and ministry. Clif's sport was baseball, and although he wanted to use baseball to reach others for Christ, he desired to do so as a professional player.

But God had a different idea...

After two years of baseball at Eastern Oklahoma State College, Clif says "my desire for ministry increased and my desire for baseball decreased. The desire to be with teammates and share the love of Christ became more important. It was like in Jeremiah (20:9), 'a fire shut up in my bones': The love of baseball was gone and a spirit-filled love for Christ had replaced it." He returned to Little Rock and told his family that God was calling him into full-time ministry.

He had been a history major at EOSC with the intention of coaching, but in 1999 he transferred to Central Baptist College in Conway, Arkansas. During his time there, he worked with the youth at Temple and was hired at First Baptist in Perryville, Arkansas, as their youth pastor.

While attending CBC, he met Kristi Martin, a counseling major, and the two married in 2001. The next year they moved to Memphis so he could attend Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary. In 2005 he earned a masters in divinity degree (MDiv) with an emphasis in church history.

That same year he joined the staff of Garrett Memorial. Another mentor to Clif, Bro. Larry Silvey was senior pastor at GMBC at the time and had kept up with him throughout his life. He asked him to serve as associate pastor and principal of their Christian School.

The Johnsons welcomed their first son Jack in 2006, and three years later twins Sam and Sophia were born. In 2008 Bro. Silvey resigned as pastor and Clif succeeded him. Then, while his twins were toddlers, he began working on his doctorate in ministry from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Three-and-a-half years later, he completed his degree.

salvation, who in fact know that they have nothing. They have nothing but a cheap imitation and their "say so" to validate its authenticity. Spiritually speaking, they may have the outward look of a Rolex but the plastic inward parts of a Mickey Mouse watch.

Gullible people are fooled by "knock-offs." They take everything they hear as the truth. They don't look close enough for signs of authenticity. And sometimes they don't want to look. They are too fond of their illusions to face up to a reality.

Sometimes people sincerely think that the knock-off they have is the real thing. But this doesn't change the fact that that it isn't.

Ignorance of, or indifference to, what is legitimate and what isn't doesn't change the reality or worth of what is at issue, and it doesn't change the fact that compromise and/or subterfuge always involves the sacrifice of a principle of truth.

This is certainly the case where doctrinal teaching or practice is concerned. The Lord God is not pleased with knock-offs in these areas, however much they may resemble the real thing.



Clif Johnson

In the summer of 2018, Lifeword's Executive Director Donny Parrish began talking to Clif about initially filling in for him on the Day by Day broadcast. After much prayer, working out logistics, and writing scripts, Clif's shows began the first week in October.

Donny says, "I love Clif and his heart for people, his heart for the nations and his insight into Scripture. I can't wait to hear what he has to say. This is my opportunity to look at new venues and new ways of sharing the love of Christ. You'll continue to see me on broadcasts, but in new avenues and venues."

Excitement continues to build for the Lifeword team. Cloud technology has brought the ministry's reach to an unprecedented level, and Clif Johnson is one of many reasons to praise God and thank him for talented people who are willing to be used through media.

Clif has already mapped out devotionals for the coming year, and his enthusiasm for the Bible is contagious. He says, "There's more treasure in the Word of God than we realize and an endless well of nourishment for people. When your gaze is on God through his Word, then you have perseverance, joy, and peace."

Unfortunately there has never been more disingenuousness, deceitfulness and disconnect in play where Christianity is concerned than there is today. Undoubtedly we have reached an all time high for false professors, false preachers and false churches. So make sure your profession to salvation is genuine, the church you are in and the preacher you have are genuine, and be extremely thankful if they are.

2019 Moral Action U.S.A. Goals

Executive Director – Dr. John Adams

The joy to work alongside our BMA family is evident everywhere Mrs. Adams and I attend in behalf of Moral Action.

Our “God and Country” rallies have been and are a great stimulant to the Moral Action efforts. It allows us to enjoy our God, our country, our families, and our churches. BMA ministries have some of the finest people to serve and a great God to represent. So I salute BMA missions, radio, publications, schools/colleges, etc., etc.

These are our Moral Action ministry goals:

1. To be in the center of God’s will with this agency.
2. To present Jesus Christ as the Savior of all who will call upon Him.
3. To encourage the BMA family to daily intercede for the President of the U.S.A. and his cabinet that they may live for God.
4. To contact new U.S. Senators and new U.S. Congress-

men in D.C. in 2019.

5. To have Godly boldness in speaking up for moral values that are so needed today, and that it may encourage Godly and biblical legislation.

6. To continue the “God and Country” rallies upon invitation.

7. And to be an encourager for our BMA churches, pastors, associational workers and staff workers to stand in this sinful and diverse world.

We humbly ask for your prayers and financial support for Moral Action in 2019.

“Manners and More Manners”

by Dr. John M. Adams, Executive Director Moral Action USA

The little things do count, for much more than we think. We call them the “Golden Rules of Life.” They are consistently talked of in the Word of God. So it is impossible to overstate the need and the importance of mannerisms that please God and that help life go better.

Someone states that they are riding at full speed a life of harshness, awful manners, bad temperament, and an attitude of selfishness. So, if you’re riding that horse at full speed and you’re being chased by a lion and there’s a giraffe in the way in front of you, how do you escape? Get off the carousel! You and I can improve our daily manners and make our life better.

About the Bible and Manners

Solid guidelines about good etiquette and social/family life start our heart to singing. When someone follows proper etiquette and expected rules, we say that person has good manners. I Corinthians 10:31 says “*Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*”

Our Heavenly Father desires for Christian behavior to glorify Him. These good manners help point individuals that watch us, to a better life and to possibly a saving relationship to Jesus Christ. When we carry the love of Jesus with us, our good manners affects the way others see our Savior and Lord.

II Timothy 2:22-26 “*Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.*”

Ephesians 6:1-3 “*Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.*”

About the Family and Manners

In the world of mannerisms, we should not disrespect family by failing to use good manners. Many family members have done pretty amazing things for us. Grandparents, parents, children, aunts/uncles, nieces/nephews, and the larger family deserve the words “thank you,” please, and compliments. These thoughts are for every age group. Around the family house,

avoid being lazy and listless. Make eye contact as you talk and share, put the cell phone down especially at the table, learn to shake hands and hugs are always in vogue.

Manners and etiquette certainly help around your home. Clean faces, decent and clean clothes, clean hair, soft speech, and kind voices. Our appearance and our words need to say who we are as followers of Christ. These type things reflect on your family and what your parents and teachers have taught you.

From the writings of Mary Dell Harrington on motherhood, we learn “that good family etiquette suggests gratitude rather than entitlement,” reminding us that “manners are something that people remember about us.”

About the Small Things and Manners

Research tells us that being kind to others makes us happier. Just so, our Bible declared this before any research. Manners are written all over Ephesians 4:32 “*And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.*” Then Paul declares in Ephesians 5:1 “*Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children.*”

Manners in the small things of everyday life says “I love and care for you. Your fellowship is more important

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.

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Pastor Search

Lindsay Missionary Baptist Church, Lindsay OK is in search of a bi-vocational pastor to replace our retiring pastor. Interested pastors may contact us at 405-428-6512 or send resume to Missionary B. C. 903 S. Main, Lindsay, OK 73052.

than my feelings.” Use good manners that will please our Father and His Son Jesus Christ.

What are the Best Manners to Teach Children?

Here are what I consider to be the 10 most important manners. While many of these seem like common sense, children don’t know what’s expected of them until you explain it. Make your expectations clear, and then model it yourself so they can see good manners in action.

1. Say please.
2. Say thank you.
3. Apologize.
4. Smile and have a good attitude.
5. Make small talk.
6. Ask questions of others. (Show interest)
7. Say excuse me.
8. Compliment others.
9. Share.
10. Treat others the way you want to be treated.

How do Christians Reinforce Good Manners in Your Family

(Copied)

- Read a book about manners.
- Give your kids “the talk” before going to school, a friend’s house, or relatives’ house.
- Create your own list of family manners. Focus on the ones that are important for your own family.
- Make a manners competition within your house. Have a sticker chart for every family member and give each other points for using good manners. At the end of the week, let the winner pick dessert for the night or to choose a fun family activity.