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BMA of America 2019 National Meeting

A Means to an End

by Jeff Swart, President of BMA of America



The officers of your national association have been concerned about the dwindling representation of our churches at the national meeting for several years now. Charting the meetings over the last 17 years, the highest number of churches represented by messenger was 345 in 2002, in Joplin, Missouri, and the lowest number of churches represented by messenger was 204 in Jackson, Mississippi, in 2018. Concerning the number of attendees, the highest attendance was in Joplin in 2002, with 1,172 people present and the lowest was in Arlington, Texas in 2017, with 369 people present.

Although we do not pretend to know the reasons that the

majority of our churches are simply deciding not to attend the annual meeting, the department directors and officers of our association believe that if we offered our churches more reasons to attend the national meeting—our participation might actually increase.

I first remember discussing the restructuring of our national meeting at a Coordinating Council meeting in May 2015. We talked about making the annual meeting less about business and more about offering our churches resources to enhance their ministries. The department directors, and officers of our association, believe the time is now to act upon that discussion and restructure our national meeting.

In previous years, the national association has actually been an end in itself. We have the meeting, go out to eat with friends, talk in the display room, and all go home when the meeting is over until the next national meeting the following year. What we are suggesting is a radical new idea—let the national meeting become a means to an end. The “end” is the strengthening of the ministries of our local churches.

We are proposing that the national meeting become a ministry resource for our pastors, church leaders, and churches sharing practical information that can be taken home, implemented into the ministry of the local church, and then, we return to the national meeting the next year and receive further equipping skills for ministry. We anticipate that the result will be healthier churches whose ministries are reaching more people than ever before. We are praying that the national meeting will become a resource for our churches instead of just a meeting where we conduct business.

We are planning two new features for this year’s national

Attention all Pastors & Pastoral Staff

Renewal Weekend!!

Please mark your calendar for
March 29 - 30, 2019
and attend our **Associational Renewal Retreat**
at
Camp Garwood
from
5:00 p.m. Friday to 3:00 p.m. Saturday.

Bro. Charley Holmes will present two sessions on
What it means to be an Association.

Bro. Holmes is the President of the BMAA Theological Seminary and has a heart for this subject.

Bro. Larry Barker will present two sessions on
What it means to be a Church.

Bro. Barker is the BMAA Director of Church Planting/ North American Missions and is over ACTIVATE, our national effort to revitalize churches.

Bro. John Smith will present two sessions on
What it means to be a Pastor.

Bro. Smith is a long time pastor and successful missionary to Kiowa, Colorado.

This meeting is co-sponsored by the Missouri State and the Mera-mec Associations and is FREE to Pastors and Pastoral Staff.

For more information and to REGISTER please contact Retreat Planner, Ben Kingston at 636-629-2526 by March 15, 2019.

We pray that all our Pastors and Pastoral Staff will make a special effort to attend this meeting.

meeting—a BMA Town Hall Meeting and a Pastors Table Talk Forum. At the BMA Town Hall Meeting, our directors will cast their vision for the future of their departments and our association. Then, your input will be welcomed concerning what you have heard. And you will also have the opportunity to ask the directors any questions that you might have. The DiscipleGuide trustees will also be in attendance to talk about the future of DiscipleGuide and explain how certain decisions have been reached.

At the Pastors Table Talk Forum, pastors will enter the room and be allowed to choose to sit at one of twenty different

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BMA churches are making through their local communities with the gospel.

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

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or

2. Fill out the pre-populated survey that was mailed last fall.

or

3. Request a new survey. Updated surveys can be mailed or e-mailed.

For questions about logging in to the website or to request an updated survey, contact Tasha Waites:

By Phone - 501-358-3860

By e-mail - tasha@bmaamerica.org

Completed forms can be e-mailed to:

BMA America • PO Box 1188 • Conway, AR 72033

Will you help us keep our records updated and preserve the history of our association??

World Missions Day 2019

World Missions Day in the Baptist Missionary Association of America is **February 24, 2019**. If your church has not made plans to participate in this special day go to bmamissions.org/woldmissionsday to register and to get ideas and materials to use for this special day. You can also e-mail Paige West at page@bmamissions.org or call the missions office at 501-455-4977.

BMA Information Services Wants to Hear from You!

BMA Annual Church Survey deadline is April 15, 2019!

By providing the most up-to-date information your church helps BMA America connect, build relationships, and understand the impact



NEWS BRIEFS



Greetings from **Black Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Poplar Bluff**. We wish everyone a Happy Valentine Day. I do believe Bro. and Sis. Troy Sisk have an anniversary the 8th of February, so wish them a Great Anniversary with lots of love, gifts, cards, and a blessed life. We were sorry to see Bro. Bob and Sis. Hill move their membership to Briar, but know the Lord knows what is best. We enjoyed the Ladies Prayer Breakfast at Antioch January 19. Five from Black Creek were present and five churches were represented. Some activities have been cancelled because of the bad weather.
Troy Sisk, Pastor • Joan Lipsey, Reporter

Ohlman Missionary Baptist Church, Bunker news. First, this is a new job for me. I want to thank the members of Ohlman for accepting me and making me a part of their church family. The weather in January caused some services to be cancelled, like many of you had to do. The exciting news is that on Wednesday nights we continue to have 50 to 70 youth attend services. All 3 busses are put into service to pick up some in town as well as the communities near church. They get food for their physical strength and then they get food for their spiritual strength. The best news is that this past month two were SAVED! That's what it is all about. One of these, Paisley May, presented herself for baptism on Sunday morning, February 3rd. Our prayer is that those who attend Wednesday nights will start attending on Sundays and their families. The Brotherhood continues to meet on the first Sunday evening of the month. The WMA has started meeting again on the third Thursday evening of the month. We will be studying the book "Staying in Touch" over the next few months. We are excited to announce that March 9th we will have Angelyn McMurray, Director of We Are FREE speaking. You all are invited to attend.
Terry Sharpe, Pastor • Janet Widger, Reporter

Our goal at **Landmark Baptist Church, DeSoto**, is to serve the Lord through our church, our neighborhood and anywhere that the Lord ask us to serve. We are praising Him that He counts us worthy. We still covet your prayers. It is a joy to announce that we now have an interim pastor. Bro. David Crites and his wife, Sylvia, have answered our call in a positive manner. We are praising the Lord. He will be bringing the messages on Sunday morning and evening services. One of our men will continue to bring a devotional on Wednesday evenings. The Crites live quite a distance away, so we're not wanting to put the extra burden on them to make that extra trip each week. We have been busy getting the parsonage ready for them to use when they desire. That way they can come on Saturday and not leave until Monday if they choose to do so. It's actually there for them to use any time they desire. We ask you to pray for: Gary Gwaltney, the husband of one of our members. in the hospital in ICU: for my daughter-in-law, Mary Hawkins, of Alabama who is suffering from probable pneumonia and is a very bad diabetic: and for a very special young man, a member, who lost his mother this past month through some horrible circumstances.
David Crites, Interim pastor • Sharon Page, Reporter

Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston. In October we had begun a trial run of having a Sunday evening and Wednesday evening service in order to gauge how true the interest was in such services. In December, we made those services permanent. Our attendance is not large for either, but we do have four families that have been faithfully committed to both, which is enough to make them happen. Also in December we performed our Christmas program twice. We performed it

on the morning of December 23rd as a part of our morning worship service, but then we performed it again in the afternoon and invited our community to come out and be with us and enjoy a time of fellowship afterwards. Three churches from our community, unchurched from our community, and two sister churches from our local SEMO Association represented in that service with us. In January we got our steeple and the cross on the side of our building lit. Pictures of this progress can be found on our Facebook page.
Rodney Dunlap, Pastor

HELLO to All from Oak Hill! We hope and pray that 2019 is going well for everyone. We decided that we need a couple more Deacons. After we prayed about selecting Deacon Candidates we voted and they are Bro. Roy Nix and Bro. Chad Casey. We have not set a date yet for their ordination. PRAISE the Lord Bro. Chad and Sis. Abby welcomed Emalyn Alyse Casey January 25th 2019. She weighed 8 lbs. 3 ozs. and was 20 inches long. Her big brother Carstyn was happy to welcome his little sister home. Bro. Ed told us a story about how they were getting ready to change Emalyn's diaper and they laid her on the bed and then they had to pull down her little onesie and Emalyn did not like feeling the cold air on her skin and started fussing and Carstyn was standing by the bed and said "Oh Dear!" The Flu has really had an impact on us; we were down in number for our Sunday services. I'm sure that we are not the only church that has had the same outcome from the flu. Bro. Patrick has recently had shoulder surgery and is dealing with his recovery and is having some other health issues and would appreciate prayers for his healing. Bro. Don Hufstедler our oldest Deacon fell and broke his hip. He had surgery and is in the Nursing Home receiving

Physical Therapy. He would also appreciate prayers for his healing. Until next month when 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 each of you!!
Edward Casey, Pastor • Jennifer Williams, Reporter

Greetings from **Bethel, Sikeston**. We have been blessed with seeing new visitors each time we meet. Some members that haven't been in a long while have started showing up again, Praise God! This is an answer to our prayers! Our vision and goal for 2019 is to win more lost souls to Christ by going out in our neighborhood and knock on doors. We all have become very lax in doing this! Bro. Billy has had a series of witnessing messages for us on Wednesday nights to help prepare us better to go out into the community. There is a great need all around us! After all it is our great commission from God! We covet your prayers as we go out in God's power to do this. We are also planning to start an outreach for the youth in our community, by setting aside one night a week for refreshments, games and a devotional. Our youth are planning a Valentines day dinner to help raise money for their mission trip this year. January 20th, for the evening service Bro. Mike Bolen brought us a powerful message about Jonah! We are so blessed to have many ministries going out of our church. We are so grateful for each one of them! We are planning a spring revival April, 22 - 26th. Bro. Michael Poirier from Canada has agreed to come preach. We invite everyone to mark this on your calendar and come and join us at that time. We are so blessed and look forward to this time.. We need to be in fervent prayer for the leaders of this country, for them to turn to God for answers to what needs to be done. We all need to take a stand against the partial birth abortion law that was passed in some of the states! This is nothing but murder, and it is going against God's commandment!! Satan is trying to tear apart everything that God has established! If Christians don't take a stand, who will? Judgement begins at the house of God first!! May God bless you all.
Billy Davis, Pastor • Joan Wood, Reporter

Greetings from **Faith Baptist Church, St. Charles!** It's hard to believe how fast 2019 is already going! We've been keeping busy in the Lord's work. We added a third service on Sundays in the afternoon. A team of volunteers make lunch happen every Sunday after the morning service, and following the delicious food for our bodies, we head back upstairs for more food

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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • January 2019

General Fund:

Checking Account:

Balance December 31, 2018		\$	26,813.48
January Receipts:			
Missions:	\$	<u>3,626.02</u>	
Total Income:	\$	<u>3,626.02</u>	\$ <u>3,626.02</u>
Total Available		\$	30,449.50
Disbursements:			
Director, Salary	\$	650.00	
BMAA (Matt Barker)	\$	200.00	
Web Master 2019	\$	1,200.00	
VSM Scholarship	\$	500.00	
Spec. Miss. Com.	\$	814.66	
Office Supplies	\$	<u>50.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$	3,414.66	\$ <u>(3,414.66)</u>
Balance January 31, 2019:		\$	27,034.84

Bank of America Savings Account:

Balance December 31, 2019		\$	1,100.86
Interest:	\$.02	\$ <u>.02</u>
Balance January 31, 2019:		\$	1,100.88

Investment in BMA of Mississippi Revolving Loan Fund:

Balance December 31, 2018:		\$	102,819.94
Interest:		\$	<u>583.12</u>
Balance January 31, 2019:		\$	103,403.06

Total of all Funds January 31, 2019: \$ **131,538.78**

From Our Local Associations

Clerks, please share what is happening in your local meetings...

Meramec Landmark Baptist Association

Missionary Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 2, 2019

Westview Baptist Church
1036 LoMo Drive • Jefferson City, MO 65109

Agenda

Worship:

A Word from the Apostle to Timothy
Brendon Sanders
Friendship Baptist Church

A Word from the Apostle to Titus
Benjamin Kingston
Westview Baptist Church

Business:

Missionary Committee

Lunch:

Provided by Westview Baptist Church

Come hear and support a couple of the young preachers from churches in our association.

First Quarter 2018-2019 Financial Report

Kenneth Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund

October 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Balance: October 1, 2018	\$	13,059.31
Receipts:	\$	<u>0.00</u>
Total Available:	\$	13,059.31
Disbursements:	\$	<u>(0.00)</u>
Balance: December 31, 2018	\$	13,059.31

BMA Disaster Relief Ministry Opportunities

Even though it has been several months since hurricanes Florence and Michael hit the Gulf of Mexico, there is still a tremendous need for disaster relief efforts in the areas that were affected.

On February 23 – March 2, Bro. Lavon Haden of Just the Crumbs and BMA Disaster Relief will be traveling to Callaway, Florida (near Panama City) to help with clean-up efforts and the building process. They will be working with a ministry called “ACTS” out of New Hampshire to help support them in their disaster relief efforts.

Volunteers will be provided with food and lodging for the duration of the trip. Showers will also be available, but volunteers will need to bring their own cot and bedding, and arrange for their own travel.

Just the Crumbs will be hosting another disaster relief trip over spring break, which will be held the week of March 11. This relief effort will also take place in Callaway, Florida.

“There is, and will be for a long time, a tremendous need,” said Bro. Lavon Haden. “This place was devastated, and there’s a lot of people in need. We just want to go and help them as much as we can, and help as many as we can. If someone is looking for an opportunity to serve and be a blessing to those in need, we’ll give that to them.”

If you would like to volunteer to serve on either team with Just the Crumbs, contact the BMA Missions office at 501-455-4977 and ask for Angela Rice. You can also e-mail her at angela@bmamissions.org.

From Our Missions Director...

Now that things are starting to thaw and most activities are getting somewhat back to normal things are going to be very busy among our churches in Missouri.

It is exciting to hear that a couple churches who have been searching for pastors have found someone to lead them and a few are having preachers in view of a call so that this time next month more might have pastors. It is also encouraging to know that some searching churches have found men who are willing to serve as interim pastors to help them have some form of continuity while they search for the man God wants to lead them.

Amidst this encouraging news we are brought back to the reality that a pastor or two has resigned and other churches are searching for pastors to fill the vacancies. Please keep in mind that as director of Missions I constantly get calls from churches that are in need of pastors or who are looking for someone to “fill-in” during their search. Therefore, if you are available to pastor or fill-in please let me know so I can give your information to those who contact me, and I can publish your availability in this publication.

The joint meeting of the BMA of Missouri Special Missions Committee and the Missionary Committee of the Meramec Association was very positive as both associations are interested in helping support the planting of new churches in our state. We met with a prospective church planter and his pastor and were impressed with what God has laid on their hearts concerning the work in Missouri. Both committees are working to see just how we can join in this effort and we hope

to have some ideas to share at our mid-year meeting in May of this year. Please keep praying for this effort.

We are still praying for God to open doors and provide church planters all across Missouri as we know we need to be reaching more with the Gospel before the Lord returns.

I encourage Pastors and Pastoral Staff to do your best to attend the “**Renewal Weekend**” that we asked Bro. Ben Kingston to plan. It will be the last weekend in March and, as you see from the information on the front page, it should be very helpful to all who attend. This is a time to not only learn from experienced men but also a great time to fellowship and encourage one another in the Lord’s work. It doesn’t cost you anything but your time, and God has already given that to you!! So use it wisely!

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for our souls. Our new Assistant Youth Pastor, Clay Stevenson, has been sharing the preaching responsibilities with our Pastor. It has been a privilege to sit under the preaching of both men. While we almost exclusively sing from the hymnal on Sunday mornings and evenings, for the afternoon service the worship band has been leading the congregation in some newer worship songs like "Good, Good Father," "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)," "At The Cross (Love Ran Red)," and other great songs. The end of January, we set our calendar for the year, and we're already getting excited for Vacation Bible School, youth events, Camp, Fall Picnic outreach, and other events. As our family grows, we're enjoying spending time together at women's craft nights, men's breakfasts, bowling, and whatever else we can think of to do together, but we're also very aware that we desperately need revival in ourselves as individuals, in our church body, in our city, state, country, etc. Pastor Justin has challenged each of us to pray for revival every day. Some have chosen to pray at a set time each day to help us stay focused on the goal. We've spent a lot of time in prayer for individuals in our church family, as there have been major medical issues, from the young (Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis) to the grey headed (heart surgery), and all between (kidney stones, eye surgery, and more). Thank you in advance for your prayers for our congregation as we continue to pray for yours, and for continued revival in our land.

Justin Arender, Pastor • Annaliese Wagner, Reporter

Greetings from **First Baptist Church, Potosi**. January has certainly been a difficult month for all of us. We had to cancel services two Sundays in a row; however, activities have continued through the month. The Celebrate Recovery Praise Band led the worship one Sunday morning and Bro. Kevin Smith brought the message. It touched the hearts of many. UPWARD practices began in January and children are ready for their February and March games. The girls are excited about the "Shine" conference in March; they are anxious to see what is new this year. Bro. Leonard Compton taught the Wednesday night adult Bible Study class; he always chooses an interesting topic. Sis. Brenda Wilson is making a monthly giving calendar for the Christmas Shoeboxes for

next year. January was hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens. February is socks, pajamas, and underwear. Also, she is asking that we have a clear plastic box at home to put items in each month, so it will be ready next November. Plans are being made for our 63rd Annual Friends' Day March 3. Our church is blessed to have two wonderful pastors. Currently, we are learning how to put God as our center of attention. Many of our congregation have been sick this past month. Hopefully, everyone will begin to feel better soon. Please pray for us as we pray for you.

Jim Ainley, pastor Deborah Rauhut, reporter

Hello again from **Bethany Baptist Church, St. Louis**. We have had different weather since the last issue of the paper. The weather has not been our friend. We had to close for two Sundays due to the snow and cold weather. We still have members out due to illness and it being so cold. Sis. Tiny Blanchard is doing much better and Sis. Ella Beeler is still not quite able to get out yet. May God be with these and others that still need our prayers. Bro. Wayne Gibson is filling our pulpit for two weeks and we thank him for the good messages in the absence of Bro. Boatright. Bro. and Sis. Boatright are still waiting the arrival of their first granddaughter. We still have visitors despite the cold weather. God does so much for us! Sometimes we fail to notice all the needs and other things He provides for us. With His help we all can have a good start to this year.

Tim Boatright, Interim Pastor • Betty Johnston, Reporter

The Master's Builders Retreat

The annual retreat for the Master's Builders, was held on January 22nd -25th. For the first time, the Builders gathered at Daniel Dorm at Daniel Springs Encampment, in Gary, Texas. In April of last year, our men did some remodeling of the dorm and Daniel Springs can now offer a very nice facility for group gatherings. Bro. Jason Prewitt says the camp is "wide open" for large groups to enjoy. Daniel Dorm and Retreat Center offers sleeping quarters, a full kitchen, and a large multi-use room. The Master's Builders will tell you that the facility is great for church groups, reunion, and retreats. You can contact Jason at 903-685-2433 or e-mail him at: jason@danielspring-scamp.com.

Several of our Builders remarked that this was the Best Retreat yet! We had 30 Builders who attended the retreat and stayed on the grounds and 1 couple from Lufkin, TX, who came to visit. We always enjoy our time together. We do a lot of eating, snacking, grazing, and game playing. We are happy to welcome a new couple into our group. Don and Pam Windam, of Fairfield, TX, certainly fit right in to our fun group.

On Wednesday night, we had a special treat, as the Jacksonville College Choir, under the leadership of Bro. Randy Decker, came and fellowship with us and put on a great con-

idea!! This would be good for us all to do!! Step out of our comfort zone and make new friends! Bro. Randy, thank you for being a great music leader and life leader WITH these students. He shared this thought with all of us, "We are not to be an influence by forcing someone to do something, or by doing something for them, but by doing something WITH them."

While we were at Retreat, we learned of the death of our eldest Master's Builder, Max Adams. He would have been 92 in a couple of months. Max lost his beloved wife, Wilma, last July and was certainly ready to be "home" with her and his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Please pray for his family, his church family at

Wyatt Baptist, El Dorado, Arkansas, and his Master's Builders family. We will all miss him and his whistling!

The Master's Builders have a busy spring coming up. Plans are to be back at Daniel Springs in March, Kenwood Baptist, Siloam springs, Arkansas, in April, New Liberty, Emmet, Arkansas, in May, and River-



cert! Bro. Randy has asked each one of the students to greet new people and ask, "What's your story?" And then to sit and listen and then share their story with them. What a GREAT

Everyone Is Invited!!

to

Ohlman Baptist Church

10186 Hwy. 72, Bunker, MO 63629

Please join us in hearing about a growing and prevalent evil that is in our communities, metropolitan and rural areas.

Angelyn McMurray the founder and director of "We Are FREE" will be speaking

There will be two sessions:

The morning session will be:
"What's the Reality of Trafficking"

A light lunch will be served:

The afternoon session will be:
"Our Response to Trafficking"

After the afternoon session:

Angelyn will be available for questions

You will be given a chance to make a one time financial contribution or become a financial partner to this ministry

We pray you will come and hear about
"We Are FREE!"

view Baptist, Fulton, Arkansas, in June. If you are near one of these jobs, come see us, we would love to meet you!

If you have questions about the Master's Builders ministry, or if your church has any building needs, please contact our Office Coordinator, Bro. John Mangum, at 318-202-5155 or (cell) 318-607-4100 or our Field Coordinator, Eddie Sikes, at 903-725-6549 or (cell) 479-462-1675.

Keep up with us on Facebook. Rose Bittner does a fantastic job keeping everyone informed of all our goings on! Like us at "The Master's Builders" w/ (arbor logo).

Nelda Malone - Reporter

From BMAA Recording Secretary

To: Churches of the Baptist Missionary Association of America

Brethren,

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

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

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

1. Legal certification that the church is a registered member of a non-profit organization. (The BMAA is a registered non-profit organization with the IRS.)

2. Certification to assist if the church chooses to incorporate for legal or tax purposes.

3. Gives each church a voice in the actions and decisions of the BMAA.

4. Encourages and strengthens the voice in their stand on moral, political and doctrinal issues.

5. Offers fellowship with other churches of "Like Faith."

6. Opportunity for involvement in fulfilling the great commission on a world wide scale.

Your Help is NEEDED NOW!

Please remit funds for meeting and minute expenses.

All expenses for facilities, equipment, and supplies for the annual meeting plus travel expenses for several committees and the printing of the yearbooks are paid from this fund. The total cost is \$35,000 - \$40,000 each year.

It is imperative that we increase contributions to this fund. Thanks to your response last year, we made it. However, our balance is dangerously low. We still need extra help.

We can only turn to our churches, you who are reading this are our first line of communication with our churches. Your help will be deeply appreciated.

If you have suggestions for helping us communicate with the churches, we invite your input. Please know that we are praying for you and stand ready to serve in any way possible.

Even when attendance at the meeting is not possible, the letter of registration affirms your membership.

The registration letters need to be forwarded to:

James Ray Raines
PO Box 17872
North Little Rock, AR 72117

Sincerely,

James Ray Raines

Recording Secretary, BMAA

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tables, each table discussing a different ministry related topic with other pastors. After twenty minutes, church leaders will have the opportunity to move to a different table to discuss a different ministry related topic. This will be an occasion when we will learn from one another. We anticipate this to be a very practical, helpful, and popular session for church leaders.

Seven break-out sessions will be offered on Tuesday for all church leaders. The WMA changed the format of their meeting last year, and will do it again this year. They will conduct business on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning will be dedicated to a women's conference for all ladies.

70th Annual BMA of America National Meeting May 6-8, 2019 Embassy Suites Hotel & Convention Center • Rogers, Arkansas

Program

Monday Afternoon, May 6

- 1:30 National WMA Officers Meeting
- 3:00 National WMA Business Meeting

Monday Evening, May 6 • First General Session

- 7:00 Welcome - President
 - Worship Service - House Band (Antioch Baptist Church, Conway, AR)
 - President's Message - Pastor Jeff Swart

Tuesday Morning, May 7

- 8:30 Registration for Women's Ministry Conference (Temple Baptist Church, Rogers)
BMA Orientation to New Pastors & Churches (Pastry, Coffee, Meet the Directors)
- 9:00 Women's Ministry Conference - "Catch the Vision" (Temple Baptist Church, Rogers)
National Brotherhood Meeting
- 9:30 Trustee Meetings subject to Call
- 9:30 Breakout Sessions (7 breakout sessions)
- 10:30 Breakout Sessions (7 breakout sessions)

Tuesday Afternoon, May 7 • Second General Session

- 2:00 John David Smith (What it Means to be "On Mission")
- 3:30 BMA Town Hall Meeting (Directors and DiscipleGuide Trustees)
- 5:30 BMA Seminary Dinner

Tuesday Evening, May 7 • Third General Session

- 7:00 Worship Service - House Band (Antioch Baptist Church, Conway, Arkansas)
Annual Message, Dr. Clif Johnson

Wednesday Morning, May 8 • Fourth General Session

- BMA Associational Business**
- 8:00 Song, Scripture & Prayer
- 8:15 Miscellaneous Business
- 8:40 BMA Theological Seminary
- 8:55 Ministers Resource Services
- 9:10 Lifeword
- 9:25 DiscipleGuide
- 9:40 Moral Action
- 9:55 BMA Foundation
- 10:10 Missions Department
- 10:25 Miscellaneous Business

Wednesday Afternoon, May 8 • Fifth General Session

- 2:00 Church Leaders Table Talk
- 3:30 Missions Commissioning Service

Wednesday Afternoon, May 8 • Sixth General Session

- 7:00 Worship Service

Enrollment Committee Schedule

Monday: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. • 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. and 30 minutes after session

Tuesday: 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. • 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. • 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. and 30 minutes after session

Wednesday: 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

An altered format may also prove beneficial to our bi-vocational pastors. They may be able to attend one day of the meeting, and if so, they could choose to attend the business session or several of the breakout sessions that are offered.

We are praying that our

churches will view our national association in a new light. Instead of being merely a meeting where we conduct business, we would like to repurpose the BMA of America national meeting as a church conference where we do business.

Our prayer is that the BMA of America national meeting will become a means to an end—the national meeting is the "means" and the "end" is the edifying of the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ. We hope that you will agree and ask that you begin even now praying for your leaders and the upcoming meeting.

WMA & GMA NEWS

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50th Annual State WMA Meeting

(The State Brotherhood will also meet at this time and location)

at

Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church • Kewanee, MO

March 2, 2019 • 10:00 a.m.

Theme - "Mission Possible"

Your Presence will MAKE the "MISSION POSSIBLE!"

2019 National WMA Meeting

and Ladies Conference

Rogers Arkansas

"Catch The Vision"

Monday, May 6 • Convention Center

1:30 - 2:30

National WMA Officers Meeting

3:00 - 5:00

National WMA Business Meeting

Tuesday, May 7 • Temple Baptist Church

Just 5 minutes from the Convention Center at 1812 S. Dixieland Road

Women's Conference

8:30

Registration

9:00

Program • "Catch the Vision"

Keynote Speaker • Judy Wallace

Special Music • Sabrina Clayton

There will be a special time of honoring

Pastor's wives and widows

12:00

Lunch will be catered • pay at the door

1:15 - 3:00

Breakout Sessions • you may choose 2

Reaching out in Service

- 1) Through Missions • Belinda Caudle
- 2) Through Benevolence • Robin Tyler
- 3) Through Youth Auxiliaries • Valerie Fish
- 4) To Minister's Wives • T'Shana Everitt

All ladies are encouraged to attend! Be sure to check our Website (nationalwma.org) and our Facebook page (National WMA of BMA) for updates. If you have any questions you can e-mail me at jodiegrhea@live.com or call and leave a message at 501-472-9490 and I will call you back. Hope to see you in May!

Jodi Rhea, President

Exciting Momentum for World Missions Day

At BMA Missions, we are so excited and encouraged by the response for this year's World Missions Day. Our goal for this year is 350 participating BMA churches. At this point, over 200 churches have registered for the event, which is 50 more registrations than there were at this point last year!

Thank you to those who have pledged to participate! We are excited to celebrate the legacies of many missionaries and church members in our association, and we are excited to celebrate our missionary God. We are also eager to pray for and give toward ministries around the world who are working to make disciples, plant churches, and develop leaders.

If your church has been undecided about participating in World Missions Day, now is the time to register. We need your help to reach, and hopefully exceed, our lofty goal of 350 participating churches. No matter how small or large your church

Director of Abortion Recovery Ministry Speaks at Jacksonville, College



BJ Garrett

January 23, the day after New York passed the Reproductive Health Act, BJ Garrett, Executive Director of Christ-centered Abortion Recovery & Education (CARE), spoke in Chapel at Jacksonville College. As she addressed students, faculty, and staff, BJ began to recount the tragic story of her childhood: "When I was twelve years old, my mother sold me for a bag of groceries. I was being sex trafficked by my own mother before sex trafficking was a thing. When I was twelve years old, there had been so many men that had been given access to my body that I was basically a shell of a little girl. There was no real 'me' left at twelve years old."

BJ felt like her life was out of control, and she made one terrible choice after another. Those choices led to four pregnancies, the first when she was only fourteen years old. She kept two of the babies, Ashlei and Austin, but she had two abortions. She still struggles with the memories of her first abortion. She explained, "I can still feel today the pressure in my gut from me lying on that table and them ripping my child from my body. Every time I hear the sound of a vacuum cleaner or an air conditioner, I can hear the sound of them literally taking the life of my child from my body. It was horrendous."

BJ then married a man who was an alcoholic. The marriage seemed unlikely to last, until BJ and her husband became Christians. "I cannot tell you what it was like for me to go from such ugliness and such brokenness to meeting Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior," she said. "He is the Healer of all things."

BJ and her husband, Jay, have now been married for 21 years. The two have a daughter, Alex, who is attending Jacksonville College. Ashlei, BJ's first child, is a Jacksonville College graduate. She is now 28 years old and is a beautiful reminder of how precious life is. Ashlei attended the January 23 Chapel service to support her mother.

When BJ became involved with CARE, she was able to talk about things from her past that she had kept hidden from even those closest to her, including her abortions. God used CARE to help her heal, and she is now able to offer support to other women who are struggling with the same decisions she had to face. BJ explains, "CARE's mission is to restore lives wounded by abortion and to educate the community of its consequences. In short, we minister to both men and women who are hurting from a past abortion experience. We help them understand the truth of abortion, and we offer real help and resources for those facing an unplanned or crisis pregnancy."

In 2016, BJ accepted the position of Executive Director of CARE. She is also a graduate of the Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary in Jacksonville, and she welcomes opportunities to share her testimony of restoration and abortion recovery.

When asked for her response to New York's Reproductive Health Act, BJ answered, "First, and most importantly, taking your child's life at ANY stage of development comes with life-

altering, heartbreaking physical, mental, and spiritual consequences. I know this because I've made that choice not once, but twice. We have to educate our nation about the truth of abortion.

Second, full-term abortions are already legal in several states, and there are even non-profits that raise money just to help women pay for and end their children's lives. This is not new. New York just joined the list of these states. Heartbreaking? Yes, but I feel educating our communities and our nation is key to stopping the heartache caused by abortion."

Jacksonville College's stance on abortion is that human beings are created by God in His image; therefore, every person, from conception to natural death, possesses inherent dignity and immeasurable worth—including preborn children, elderly individuals, those with special needs, and others marginalized by society. Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Christians, then, are called to defend, protect, and value all human life.

New York's Reproductive Health Act that legalizes even full-term abortions was signed into law on the 46th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. JC President Mike Smith lamented, "Christians were asleep in 1973 when abortions became legal." It is the prayer of Jacksonville College that Christians will wake up and support ministries like CARE that work with women who find themselves in "crisis pregnancies" and who help men and women who have suffered from the spiritual and emotional complications of abortion.

For more information about CARE, visit careabortionrecovery.com.

family may be, we would love to count on you to celebrate World Missions Day with us on February 24.

Along with the many U.S. churches who will be hosting this Missions event, Pastor Gerson Orellana Porras, who serves at PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA DE CHUPACA, will celebrate World Missions Day with his congregation in Peru! Pastor Gerson is originally from Costa Rica, but fol-

lowed God's call to Peru to become a missionary. On February 24, their church will gather to pray for, give to, and learn about BMA Missions.

"I want to do a special Missions service," said Pastor Gerson. "I want to present some photographs of BMA Missionaries, and give the church a missionary vision inside and outside our mountains!"

If you would like to participate in World Missions Day and be a part of meeting the 350-church goal, you can register online at bmamissions.org/worldmissionsday, by phone at 501-455-4977, or by emailing Paige West at paige@bmamissions.org. We will mail you free bulletin inserts, posters, a promo video, and a BMA Missions fleece vest for your pastor to help promote your church's event.

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

The Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven

Matthew 16:19, "And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

by Dennis Baker, Brotherhood President

What is the purpose of Jesus giving the "Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven" to Peter? What kingdom is Jesus referring to? What is meant by "whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven?"

The traditional interpretation of some groups or denominations is that Jesus conferred upon Peter a special status enabling him to define doctrine and convey grace, for example, by forgiving sins. However, the giving of the "Keys" to Peter was God's sovereign plan for building His earthly kingdom and expanding the outreach of the Gospel, and ministry of the Holy Spirit to the whole world!

The meaning of the "Keys" can be found in the expansion of the Lord's New Testament Church in the Book of Acts. The "keys" refer the inclusion of all people groups from the sons of Noah; Shem, Ham, and Japheth, into the church. The three sons of Noah represent the three people groups of the world, Jews, Samaritans, and the Gentiles. Act chapters two, eight, and ten record Peter opening the door of faith to the Jews, Samaritan, and Gentiles.

The first "Key" was the empowering of the Jewish church (descendants of Shem) with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Peter's explanation of what happened at Pentecost was not the fulfilment of Joel's prophecy in Joel 2:28-31. Joel's prophecy deals with the nation in end time events, in connection with the "Day of the Lord." Peter was led by the Holy Spirit to make application of the prophecy to the church. The application was, "This is the same Holy Spirit that Joel wrote about." The same Holy Spirit that empowered Moses, David, and the prophets was now empowering the church. It was the dawning of a new age, "last days" in which God would bring to completion His plan of salvation for mankind. Jesus had finished the great work of redemption, and nothing more had to be done except to share the good news with the world, beginning with the nation of Israel. The invitation is; Acts 2:21, "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The second "Key" was the empowering of the Samaritans (descendants of Ham) with the Holy Spirit. Acts 8: 14-15, "Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost."

God commissioned Philip to evangelize the people of Samaria. The gospel was moving from Jewish territory into Samaria where the people were part Jew and Gentile. God in His grace was building a bridge between two estranged people and making believers one in Christ. The church would no longer be limited racially, culturally, or geographically. The Samaritans received the empowerment of the Holy Spirit after Peter and John laid hands on them.

The third and last "Key" was the empowering of the Gentiles (descendant of Japheth) with the Holy Spirit. Acts 10: 44-45, "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of

Dress Like A Man

by C. R. Curtman, via ThatWeMayKnow.com

The Cheap, classless, childish, comedic even creepy ways some men, boys and boy/men dress today is a product of the overall dumbing down of Americans; and I do mean "dumbing," and I do mean, "down." Shakespeare says, in Hamlet, "For the apparel oft proclaims the man." How true.

The Bible says, "The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart" (1 Sam. 16:7). Some Christians this as rationale for dressing (even though they have the wherewithal to do better) as though they're on their way to a ball game at best, or, at worst, like a bunch of bums when they go to church. Others use it as justification for what amounts at one level or another to what the world calls "crossdressing."

But when 1 Sam. 16:7 is used by men (or women for that matter) as an excuse for their careless nonchalance and overall unbiblical approach to how they dress, they miss the truth of the message that is in this Scripture. The point is, that others (including our children) can't tell what's in our hearts as to how much we do or don't want to obey the principles in God's Word, which reveal God's will for every aspect of our lives.

The only clues people have, the only conclusions they can reach, concerning us spiritually depend almost, if not altogether, entirely on what they can see being displayed by our out-

Be Careful About Mingling With Midanites; They'll Mess Up Your Lives

by C. R. Curtman, via ThatWeMightKnow.com

I just answered an e-mail, asking me who I think the Midianites in Judges, chapter six represent. This was my answer: "I think the Midianites here probably represent the non-Christian people of this world, and the Christless culture of this fallen world, which will take over the lives of believers in Christ with their worldly influences and cause them to be robbed of their God-given blessings, their spirituality, etc. When and if God's people begin to sin against Him, and flirt with the world this is what happens. Christians come into bondage to the modern-day Philistine, Midianite world around them. This is why following the example of people like Gideon and having spiritual leaders like him in churches is so important. I address this subject on the following links:

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the Holy Ghost."

Peter preached the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He made it clear that Israel was God's instrument for accomplishing His work (Acts 10:36), but that Jesus is "Lord of all," and not just Lord of Israel. God made it clear that the blessing would be from Israel to the whole world (Genesis 12:1-3). The good news that Peter announced to Cornelius was that "Whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of Sin" (Acts 10: 43). The Holy Spirit was giving witness to the Jews who were present that the Gentiles were truly born again. They had not seen the vision with Peter, and they needed to understand that the Gentiles were now on equal footing with the Jews. They were astonished because they had witnessed an event parallel to Pentecost, the same Holy Spirit who had come on the Jewish believers had come on the Gentiles. With this event, the period of transition in the early history of the church comes to an end. Believers among the Jews, Samaritans, and Gentiles have all received the Spirit of God and are united in Christ (I Cor. 12:13).

ward appearance, and what they can hear coming out of our mouths, etc. outside. Again, "The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart" (1 Sam. 16:7).

"Man looks on the outside." That's all he can do. Therefore, Christians who care about the testimony they have before lost men and women for the sake of evangelism, and the testimony they have before other Christians for the sake of their edification, need to recognize the significance involved in how they dress.

Someone once said,

"The body is the shell of the soul, and dress the husk of that shell; but the husk often tells what the kernel is."

We can't help mingling with unbelievers. We have to as long as we are in this world. And we ought to. It's our duty and is essential to the spread of the Gospel. But make sure you do it conscientiously determined to be "salt" and "light" among them. And be extremely careful, that in the process you do not let yourselves become deficient in your saltiness or let your light become dimmed.

"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 5:13-16)

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Polk to learn how you
can help Camp Garwood.

Consequence For Behavior

Genesis 3:14 - "And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou has done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shall thou eat all the days of thy life:"

Genesis 3:17 - "And unto Adam he said, Because thou has hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and has eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it; cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;"

I Samuel 24:15-16 - "The Lord therefore be judge, and judge between me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and deliver me out of thine hand....and Saul lifted up his voice, and wept."

I Kings 3:11-12 - "And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself....Behold, I have done according to thy words:....so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee."

Haggai 1:5,6,7,9 - "Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways. Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough;....and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put into a bag with holes. Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways. Ye looked for much,....and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the Lord of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house."

Malachi 3:8-10 - "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Hebrews 1:9 - "Thou has loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."

Matthew 3:16-17 - "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water:and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 7:7 - "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:"

Galatians 6:7-8 - "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

James 4:7-8,10 - "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you....Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."

II Corinthians 5:10 - "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

Revelation 20:12 - "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God;....and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."

Submitted by: Charity Landmark Missionary Baptist Church
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Church Mission Opportunity

Is your Sunday school class, church, or youth group looking for a week-long mission trip where you can learn skills that can be used in your own local church, all while helping a sister church reach its community with the gospel? Then the Launchpad Community Mission Project in Siloam Springs, Arkansas may be a great opportunity for you. Your group would lead backyard Bible clubs during the day and minister to those in need through service projects during the afternoon. You would encourage homeless families working to reset their lives and become self-sustainable as they work toward ending homelessness for their family.

Siloam Springs is located in the Northwest corner of Arkansas, which is one of the fastest growing areas in the United States and home to many corporate giants, including: Walmart, JB Hunt, Tyson, Simmons Foods, and the University of Arkansas. It's also home of East Kenwood Missionary Baptist Church; a small church in the middle of a church revitalization, being used of God in big way.

"When our church began praying for a vision to reach our community and serve them without expecting anything in return," said Pastor Jeremy Wiginton, "we never expected to end up building homes on our property to aid homeless families."

The Launchpad Community ministry includes four small homes on the church's property, ranging in size from 500-600 square feet. The homes are utilized in partnership with Genesis House, a local homeless day shelter, to provide emergency housing for 90 days while families work through a program to become self-sufficient.

The 2-year pilot program has resulted in a successful launch of 24 families, with a success rate greater than 95% to date. Over the next 10 years, 160 families and over

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.

Wayne Gibson, a member of Stony Point Baptist Church in Mineral Point is available for pulpit supply. Contact him at 314-277-6940 or by e-mail wayne.gibson@sbcglobal.net

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 Quilin 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

Denver Page, a member at Landmark, DeSoto, MO is available for preaching as needed. (636) 942-3503

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.

Associate Pastor Search

Beacon Baptist Church, Taylor, AR is seeking a bi-vocational associate Pastor. Resumes may be sent to Search Committee PO Box 94 Taylor, AR 71861 or emailed to Beacon-BaptistTaylor@gmail.com. For further information you can contact Douglas Collier at 870-299-0640.

800 homeless individuals will pass through these homes, each being given an opportunity to establish new friendships with Christian families in the area and receive Jesus Christ as Savior!

East Kenwood MBC needs help this summer to expand their reach into the community as part of their revitalization. According to Pastor Jeremy, "This is a great opportunity for church groups to have a mission field opportunity in the U.S., experience some on the field training that they can utilize at their home church, and help a small sister church revitalize in their home area."

Church groups will live in and operate out of East Kenwood's building during their mission trip. Students must have completed the 7th grade to attend, but there's no age restriction beyond that.

Mission teams will arrive on Saturday evening at the church and be greeted by their church host for the week. They will worship with the church on Sunday, survey the area, and review the work sites for the week. Teams will conduct two backyard Bible clubs each morning, from Monday through Thursday, with work projects in the afternoon. There will be two team-building events during the week so that mission teams can experience the area and have fun together as well. The Launchpad Community Project will begin June 15 and run weekly through August 2.

BMA Short Term Missions is excited to partner with Launchpad to create more areas to serve. For more information contact Angela Rice by e-mail at angela@bmamissions.org, or by phone at 501-455-4799.