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Philippians 2:16

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Joint Press Release:

Long-Term Solutions for DiscipleGuide’s Ministries

Aaron Middleton, Chairman DiscipleGuide Board of Trustees

The past 9 months have been an intense time of prayer, investigation, and exploration regarding the future of DiscipleGuide Church Resources. On behalf of DiscipleGuide’s Board of Trustees, I want to assure you that we have made a priority of resourcing the churches of the BMA with quality curriculum, conferences, and camps. We are committed to seeing these vital ministries continue.

We understand that the BMAA departments exist only



Aaron Middleton

to serve the churches, so the question “What best aids the local church?” has become the filter to which each decision is subjected. We have received much assistance and counsel from the leadership of the other departments, and from the Coordinating Council.

Recommendations are being made to the association that **Daniel Springs Camp** once again stand as a national department, and that **Conferences** be jointly controlled by the **Executive Directors of the BMAA departments**. We are pleased to announce that we have asked Dr. Charley Holmes to serve as our Interim Executive Director. Under his leadership, DiscipleGuide will focus exclusively on the production of quality curriculum for BMA churches that is distinguished by its sound doctrine, which both forms and directs our vision as well as our mission. We remain committed to seeing that the churches of the BMA are well served with quality resources.

• **Dr. Charley Holmes, President, BMA Seminary**



Dr. Charley Holmes

Friday, February 15, 2019, the BMA Seminary Board of Trustees met with the chairman and vice-chairman of DiscipleGuide (previously known as the Department of Church Ministries). After lengthy discussion of how the Seminary can help restore confidence in our

BMAA Bible study curriculum, Dr. Holmes agreed to serve as Interim Executive Director of DiscipleGuide at a salary of \$1/annum. This decision was supported by the entire BMA Seminary Board of Trustees.

“My immediate goal is for DiscipleGuide to prepare a renovated adult Bible Study curriculum and have it ready for our church-

2019 Renewal Retreat

From Renewal Retreat Director, Ben Kingston

To All Pastors and Pastoral Staff:

We are within a month of our Renewal Retreat for our state association. So, in trying to encourage **all of you** to come at the end of this month (March 29-30) for our State Renewal Retreat, let me ask these evaluation questions:

What is our business? How is business? How can business be better?

Now for some of us if we are not careful we have already started the debate. “Well, Bro.. Ben, the Lord’s Church is not a business!” Please allow me the benefit of the doubt and just hear me out, and remember, this is for evaluation.

And yes, brother, you are right the Lord’s Church is not a business, but we are to be **about the Father’s business!** The Lord himself said as much as a young lad in Luke 2:49.

So, **What is our business? To glorify God through sharing and living out His Gospel.**

How is business? I believe we would all agree that if we look at our statistics on baptisms and membership and the influence our churches are having on their respective fields, there is certainly room for improvement!

How can business get better? This, I hope, will be answered at the Renewal Retreat!

If we can better understand what it means to be a Godly and effective pastor, what it

es to order by June 15, 2019. I pledge that this new curriculum will be true to our doctrines of the inerrancy and sufficiency of the Scriptures.

mens to be a Godly an effective Church, What it means to work and be a part of a Godly and effective association then I believe we will be better prepared to improve the business of our Lord in our respective lives, churches and associations.

I would like to try to answer some questions I have heard about this weekend clear up any confusion so please feel free to contact me at **636-629-2526** or at bethelbaptistchurch@live.com.

COST? There is no cost to you to attend. The State Association and the Local Meramec Association is taking care of the costs.

WHO CAN ATTEND? Pastors and male leaders of your church. I have had several requests for wives and others, but the focus group for this retreat is the pastors and male leaders of the church. IF there is a great desire for a retreat for pastors and wives let me know and we can work on this.

WHAT TO BRING? Bibles note pads, iPads, computers, etc anything that you use to make notes, plus personal items for a night’s stay at camp (sleeping bag or blankets, pillow, etc. Also, bring a; humble and teachable spirit.

WHERE? Camp Garwood

WHEN? March 29-30, 2019

WHAT TIME?

Friday:

5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

8:15 p.m.

9:00 p.m.

9:15 p.m.

9:30 p.m.

Saturday:

8:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

9:45 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

12:00 noon

1:00 p.m.

1:15 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

2:15 p.m.

3:00 p.m.

Register & get settled

Eat

Opening statements

Bro. Charley Holmes

What it means to be an Association

Break

Bro. Charley Holmes

Break

Bro. Dustin Wisely

Tells about the Lord preparing him as a church planter in Missouri & casts a vision for that ministry

Small & large group discussion

Breakfast

Bro. Larry Barker

What it means to be a Church

Break

Bro. Larry Barker

Break

Small & large group discussion

Lunch

Bro. John Smith

What it means to be a pastor

Break

Bro. John Smith

Break

Closing Discussions

Bullet points of action

Please call or text me with your number attending before March 24th, so we can prepare for the food!!



NEWS BRIEFS



Greetings, from **Lindsay Lane Baptist Church, Florissant!** God is blessing us with additions and we thank Him for that. We have missed a few Sundays due to the weather, but God understands. Our ladies are looking forward to secret sister revealing soon and some of our membership are looking forward to going to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter in March. Our awana group and youth groups are going full blast. Our praise teams are blessing us every Sunday with new songs and some of the old hymns too. We have visitors almost every Sunday and they are always welcomed by friendly faces. Bro. Brian is a man of God and feeds his flock with The Truth. God bless and Happy Spring!
Brian Meade, Pastor • Kathy Chapman, Reporter

“Happy Spring everyone” from **Bethel Baptist Church, Sikeston.** Thanks be to God, we have not had to call off any services as of yet because of bad weather! We had our regular business meeting on the 10th and set June 2 - 7 to have our Vacation Bible School. We anticipate having a lot of children this year and seeing many of these trust in Jesus as their Savior! Mark this on your calendar if you have youth that would like to attend. We would love to have them! Our youth had a Valentines Day dinner February 16th. They had a very good turn-out and raised a good amount that goes toward their mission trip this summer. The food was delicious and we played a game in which everyone could get involved. A great time of fun and fellowship! Thanks to all of you for your prayers for those in our membership that are battling cancer or other illnesses. Sis. Marcia Nimmo got great news that she shared with us. She is now cancer free! Praise God for another answered prayer! Please don't forget our revival April 22 - 26 with Bro. Michael Poirier from Canada as our evangelist. Come join us if you are able. We will be celebrating our graduates May 5th. We have 6 graduates that will be starting new adventures in this big ole world. They need our prayers as they go to college or seek a job or whatever they pursue in life. Our prayers are for them to always follow God's leading as they seek success! We are looking for God to do some wonderful things this year! May God bless each one of you. We are keeping you in our prayers. Please keep us in yours!
Billy Davis, Pastor • Joan Wood, Reporter

Greetings from **First Baptist Church, Potosi.** This has been another month of sickness and bad weather. Several within our church were diagnosed with Flu type A and have been sick for several weeks; also many children had strep. UPWARD basketball has continued through the month even though several practices had to be canceled. This is such a great outreach program because the parents are present with their children or grandchildren where they all hear God's word. Devotionals are given each half time of each game. Some do not hear the word any other time. Bro. Jim has been preaching on Colossians this month; his devotionals and sermons are on facebook and on podcast. Our annual Friends' Day will be March 10 (the second Sunday) due to inclement weather on the first Sunday. FBC Choir Kids begin Wednesday night practices and will perform on Easter Sunday. The children always do an excellent job. It takes several volunteers to work with these tiny tots through sixth grade students. The Shine conference will be March 9 and several attendees have not heard much about Jesus before, so this should be a wonderful outreach success. FBC ladies retreat at the Y is near the end of March facilitated by Sis. Nina Gillam. Once again, many volunteers are working diligently so the ladies of our church will be fed spiritually. COW is going strong on Wednesday evenings as well as adult classes when the weather permits. God is blessing the

Celebrate Recovery program and many prayers have been answered. We are beginning our third year of Friday night meetings. Please pray for us as we pray for you.
Jim Ainley, pastor
Deborah Rauhut, reporter

Amity Baptist Church, Doniphan, announces that Bro. Ernie Cate has accepted the call as our interim Pastor. We invite anyone to visit services Sunday morning at 9:45. The church is located off Old Hwy 142 on road 23A.
submitted by Linda Brewer

Lower Doe Run Baptist Church, Ellington. Yesterday is gone forever, Tomorrow is unsure, Now is the only time we have to follow the Great Commission! The weekly Bible Study among our ladies help us gain confidence in witnessing through the Holy Spirit. We were encouraged through the message by Bro. Wisely at the State WMA, the devotional by Sis. Barbara Williams and the installation of officers by Sis. Terri Adams who all spoke of the **Mission: Possible** that becomes our challenge in God's service. We have missed three weeks of services due to the weather. One Sunday we waited until the ice had melted and had worship at noon! One Sunday our pastor prepared an object lesson using the grinding stones he had brought from the Philippines. (Read his lesson “The Millstone” on page 7.)
Melvin Meade, Pastor
Carolyn Meade, Reporter

HELLO to All from **Oak Hill Baptist Church, Alton.** PRAISE THE LORD another soul has been saved; Cody Lager who is Tammy Lager's husband. It's sad to say but we have not been having services because of bad weather making it too risky to travel. Our Deacon Bro. Don Hufstedler has not fully recovered from his broken hip surgery but he is home although not able to attend services. We re-

quest prayers for his speedy recovery because we do miss him and his wife Sis. Marianne. Everyone will have to remember and set your clocks forward one hour this Saturday the 9th or be one hour late for Church. The good thing that comes along with the time change is warmer weather; we hope and pray that everyone will have a blessed Spring. March 31st we will be having our fifth Sunday dinner and everyone is welcome to come and eat with us. Until next month, when I hope I will have some more good news to tell you. Until then we will be praising and honoring our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Edward Casey, Pastor • Jennifer Williams, Reporter

Ohlman Missionary Baptist Church, Bunker, March news. February brought more cold snowy weather forcing services to be cancelled a couple of times. Actually March has started out that way as well. The attendance has been down a little but we still have approximately 50 teens and children attending on Wednesday nights. This is a great ministry to which many



Wednesday night service at Ohlman

from the community have been coming. There has also been an increase in the adult attendance. Prayers are appreciated for Sis. Gay Sharpe's health as she is undergoing more chemo treatments. Her sister passed away unexpectedly in February, pray for the family to continue to find comfort in knowing her testimony. Bro. Terry Sharpe conducted the graveside service in Arkansas for the family. It was a tiring trip for both of them. Sis. Juanita May, Angel May and Janet Widger enjoyed a safe trip to Kewanee Baptist Church for the 50th Annual MO WMA meeting. We are excited that Dottie May Steelman was elected to serve on the MO WMA Retreat Committee and are looking forward to seeing how God uses her and how she recruits others to help her. Even though it's a little over a year away, we are also excited to be hosting the 2020 MO WMA meeting March 7, 2020. Bro. Sharpe will be conducting revival services the first week of March (6th, 7th & 8th) at Landmark Baptist Church in Corning, AR as well as at Sugar Tree Grove Baptist Church in Bunker the first part of April. It's a blessing that he allows the Lord to use him in this way. It is also a blessing that others at Ohlman will fill in for him either teaching his class or driving one of the bus routes while he is away. Ohlman

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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • February 2019

General Fund:

Checking Account:

Balance January 31, 2019		\$	27,024.84
February Receipts:			
Missions:	\$	1,667.06	
Total Income:	\$	1,667.06	\$ 1,667.06
Total Available		\$	28,691.90
Disbursements:			
Director, Salary	\$	650.00	
Spec. Miss. Com.	\$	110.35	
BMAA (Matt Barker)	\$	200.00	
Total Disbursements	\$	960.35	\$ (960.35)
Balance February 28, 2019:		\$	27,731.55

Bank of America Savings Account:

Balance January 31, 2019		\$	1,100.88
Interest:	\$.02	\$.02
Balance February 28, 2019:		\$	1,100.90

Investment in BMA of Mississippi Revolving Loan Fund:

Balance January 31, 2019:		\$	103,403.06
Interest:		\$	0.00
Balance February 28, 2019:		\$	103,403.06

Total of all Funds February 28, 2019:		\$	132,235.51
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From Our Director...

This time last month we thought we would be basking in warmer weather and enjoying uninterrupted opportunities to gather and worship the Lord! But due to continuing winter weather several of our churches have had to cancel scheduled services more than once this past month. Things change for the better in the next few weeks and we can be actively carrying on the ministries God has given us.

Please notice the announcements and schedules for various statewide meeting in this publication and do your best to participate in these opportunities for fellowship, worship, and growth.

Excitement seems to be growing as we approach the time for our **Renewal Retreat** especially planned for our Pastors and other Pastoral leaders the last Friday and Saturday of March at Camp Garwood. If you have any questions contact Bro. Ben Kingston. Also, make sure you notify him of how many will be in your group by March 24th to make sure we have enough food for everyone.

Pray that this Retreat will be a ministry changer for all who attend and that Revival will break out in our midst as a result.

Also, remember the **Men's Spring Retreat** which promises to be a time of relaxation and fellowship for all our men and boys. The details are on page 7.

It is two months away, but I hope you are making plans to attend our **State Missions Symposium May 17th**, and also the **Mid-Year Meeting of the BMA of MO May 18th**. Both meetings take place at **Grandview Baptist Church, 3208 N. Barnes, Springfield, Missouri**.

Pastor Gary Longstaff and the church are looking forward to hosting these meetings. They are excited to be able to provide their attractive and comfortable facilities for our use and

are also planning some times of refreshment and the noon meal on Saturday. More information will be available in the April issue of the Missouri Missionary Baptist.

Pastor Longstaff has sent the following information for those who plan to stay overnight. These facilities are located near the church with prices on the internet ranging from \$85 - \$110 per night. Please make your own reservations. There are also several restaurants in the area.

Drury Inn & Suites Springfield
2715 North Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, MO

Comfort Inn & Suites North Springfield
2815 North Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, MO 65803

Baymont Inn & Suites Northeast Springfield
1610 East Evergreen Street, Springfield, MO 65803

Holiday Inn Express Hotel

& Suites Springfield

3050 North Kentwood Avenue, Springfield, MO 65803

Candlewood Suites Springfield

1920 East Kerr Street, I-44, Exit 80, Springfield, MO 65803

Hampton Inn & Suites Springfield

2750 North Glenstone, Springfield, MO 65803

For those who are not familiar with the annual **Missions Symposium** it is always held on the Friday before the Mid-Year Business meeting of the BMA of MO. Sometimes it has been an all-day meeting, but in the last few years, due to declining attendance, it has been shortened to an evening program with a focus on Missions. The purpose is to encourage more involvement in missions throughout our state, country and around the world. It has also been used to raise additional funds for State Missions or to help various projects departments, individuals or causes. This year I have not encouraged a Special Offering and hope everyone comes to fellowship with and encourage one another and to worship God!

The Symposium starts at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 17th, and our Theme is "The Privilege of Missions" (note the tentative program below). I hope to see you in Springfield!

The **Mid-year Business Meeting** will start at **9:00 a.m. Saturday, May 18th** with President Ben Kingston presiding. All BMAMO churches are allowed 3 messengers each to represent them in this meeting and visitors (non-messengers) are always welcome to attend too! Watch for more information in the April issue of this publication.

Tentative Schedule

Missions Symposium

The Privilege of Missions

6:30 p.m.

Welcome - Pastor Gary Longstaff
Introduction - James Hoffmann
Congregational Singing
Special Music

6:50 p.m.

Enjoying Missions - Bill Hathaway

7:20 p.m.

Singing/Special Music

7:30 p.m.

Learning From Missions - Melvin Meade

8:00 p.m.

Singing/Special Music

8:10 p.m.

Growing Through Missions - Dustin Wisely

8:40 p.m.

Closing/Fellowship



Grandview Baptist Church, 3208 N. Barnes, Springfield, MO

is looking forward to having Angelyn McMurray, Director of WE ARE FREE speaking on March 9th. We have received a good response from other churches as well as the community saying that they plan to attend. Sis. Juanita May volunteers at Riverways Pregnancy & Family Resource Center in Salem, MO and has sponsored a table at their annual Banquet For Life March 19th. She has invited several to join her at her table(s). Ohlman will be hosting the MO GMA House Party and annual meeting March 29th and 30th as well as the Logan Creek 5th Sunday Singing March 31st. We will also be having a "Round Up" Sunday April 14th in conjunction with Revival services that will begin Monday, April 22nd through April 26th with Bro. Scotty Rayburn from Wiggins, MS as the Evangelist. We invite you to make plans to attend.

Terry Sharpe, Pastor • Janet Widger, Reporter

Landmark Baptist Church, DeSoto I know we are all anxious for Spring to get here weather wise, not necessarily by the date they say it starts. This year Landmark has had to close her doors twice in January, twice in February and now the first Sunday of March. This was all due to the snow, sleet and ice kon various Sundays. According to the weatherman, we should be able to worship together this next weekend. So excited that we might be able to do that. Bro. Crites was able to come up and preach for us both services February 3rd. We had good attendance that day. we were thrilled with five (adult) 1st time visitors. I'm sure they felt very welcome and hopefully will be back soon. I had foot surgery on the 22nd and have been house bound. I'm hoping to be rid of the boot, stitches and pins within a couple of weeks. We've had others sick with the flu, including some of our little ones. Praise the Lord for bringing them back to health. Landmark participated in World Missions Sunday. I'm happy to report that the offering exceeded our goal by quite a bit. I'm a firm believer in the statement "A church that is not mission minded will not survive." I BELIEVE THAT! Until next month or the Lord's Return.

David Crites, Interim Pastor • Sharon Page, Reporter

Zion Baptist Church, St. Louis, sends greetings to her Sister churches. Since the first of this year, we have had to dismiss a few Sunday services because of icy, snowy weather. We do enjoy our worship services when we are able to get out. Just missing one service makes the week very long. There have been a few out because of sickness. Some are better, some not. Last month Bro. Baker made a quick trip to Jacksonville, TX for a Seminary Trustee meeting. On his way there, he was able to run by and check on his mother in Arkansas. Bro. Van Widger filled in for Bro. Baker on the Wednesday evening service that he was gone. Several from church were able to attend the State Auxiliaries the first Saturday in March at Kewanee. The WMA ladies had a good meeting and were really blessed by guest speaker, Norma Fields. This was the WMA's 50th Annual Meeting. Thank you, Kewanee, for being a wonderful host. If ever in our area, please come and visit. Please remember Zion in your prayers and we will remember you.

Dennis Baker, Pastor • Norma Womble, Reporter

Happy March from your brothers and sisters at **Faith Baptist Church, St. Charles!** Hopefully by the time you're reading this, it is Spring and the weather has warmed up, because right now in Saint Charles, it is 12 degrees! Brr! We're looking forward to Spring already and doing some Spring cleaning around the church. Parts of the church are being repainted, and we're going through and getting rid of things that no longer have any use. As we grow, we need as much room as we can get! Our new Youth/Assistant Pastor and his wife have been hard at work getting the Youth Room remodeled. A fresh coat of paint, new flooring, new fixtures, and modern equip-

From Our Camp Director

March?! It's hard to believe I'm writing an article for the March paper. By the time you read this we will be turning on water and sweeping up Japanese beetles. It's time to get ready for some retreats!

Renewal retreat March 29-30
Spring Paintball April 5-6
Men's retreat May 3-4
DEWr retreat May 30-June 1
GMA retreat July 12-13
Camp Week July 29-Aug 2

It's also time for you guys to complete the Adult Screening. **Anyone 18 or older must have a background check completed before staying overnight at camp.** You can do this by going to bmamissouri.org in the Camp Garwood section you can read the camp rules, child protection policy and complete the adult screening application. We made some changes to the process this year. The system will ask you to pay for the screening before submitting the application. This will save camp around \$2000.00 annually.

Are you a DEWr? You are if you give \$75 or more to camp. The easiest way to DEWit is setting aside a little each week (\$1.50). We will order this years DEWr shirts on May 1st. If you are a DEWr we need your name and T-shirt size before May 1st. We'll send a DEWr form to the churches by April 1st. It will be much easier to manage if we get the list by church rather than random messages from individuals. DEWr's will receive a T-shirt but also a special retreat. This year the retreat

ment are going to make a big difference in the room! Our youth are excited about the changes and the activities that are planned. This month, they're going bowling, and they're hosting a Spaghetti Lunch Fund-raiser after service on the 17th. As the weather warms up, the Seniors will start planning their excursions, and our bowling coordinator is trying to reserve more nights for us to bowl together, since everyone is enjoying it so much! We're so thankful that we all enjoy each others' company. We're still earnestly praying for revival. We've heard 2 Chronicles 7:14 from the pulpit on more than one occasion this year. It's the perfect recipe for revival, and while we certainly want revival in our country, we were reminded that there needs to be personal revival in our hearts first. *"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."*

Justin Arender, Pastor
 Annaliese Wagner, Reporter

begins on Thursday May 30th for those who can make it and ends on Saturday around noon. We will spend most of Friday away from camp. Be a DEWr and join us!

We are still trying to overcome expenses from last year so this year won't see major improvements. That's not to say there isn't plenty to do. We are working on the mini golf. Repairing some water leaks. Repairing some storm damage also normal maintenance and cleanup. All of these are low budget projects to help us get the loan paid off as soon as possible.

This years camp theme "Hills and Valleys" is actually a suggestion from one of our DIT's last year.

Psalms 104:8 "The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place that you appointed for them." ESV

Hopefully you're looking forward to camp. We certainly are!

Camp Garwood

Financial Report

October 1, 2018 - February 28, 2019

General Fund:

Beginning Balance	\$	3,757.77
Received		10,957.69
Disbursement		<u>6,596.83</u>
Total Fund		8,118.63

Food Fund:

Beginning Balance	\$	0.00
Received		0.00
Disbursement		<u>-201.42</u>
Total Fund		-201.42

Insurance Fund:

Beginning Balance	\$	0.00
Received		0.00
Disbursement		<u>-4,051.50</u>
Total Fund		-4,451.50

Concession:

Beginning Balance	\$	0.00
Received		0.00
Disbursement		<u>0.00</u>
Total Fund		0.00

Paintball Fund:

Beginning Balance	\$	0.00
Received		60.00
Disbursement		<u>35.61</u>
Total Fund		24.39

Mini Golf:

Beginning Balance	\$	9,400.00
Received		0.00
Disbursement		<u>-900.00</u>
Total Fund		8,500.00

Total all funds: \$ 12,390.10

Once Saved • Always Saved?

Charity Landmark Missionary Baptist Church Bismarck, Missouri

Question # 1: By what circumstance is one “saved” from the righteous judgment of Holiness unto damnation of the soul?

Answer:

Hebrews 9:11-12 • *“But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle,....neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered once into the Holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.”*

Hebrews 10:9-10 • *“Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”*

Hebrews 10:12,14 • *“But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;....for by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.”*

Conclusion:

Genesis 22:7-8 • *“And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father and said....Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? And Abraham said, my son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering....”*

God the Father has provided the all sufficient sacrifice for my sins. For that sufficiency to fail, the blood of Jesus Christ must be found inadequate by the Father.

Question # 2: What part do I play to enter into this redemption?

Answer:

Ephesians 2:8 • *“For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:”*

Ephesians 1:13 • *“In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,”*

Ephesians 2:1,5 • *“And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)”*

Romans 8:29-31 • *“For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, then 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?”*

Conclusion: My glorification is yet to be realized by me, but is already a done deal in God’s vision! I rejoice in God’s abundant and all sufficient saving grace and do not “frustrate the grace of God,” (Galatians 2:21), by imagining that I exit God’s grace by the inevitable daily sins of my flesh.

Question # 3: Once I have been saved, can I exit that salvation if I want to?

Answer: If such a masochistic individual exists, they should consider Isaiah 66:23-24 •

“....shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord. And they shall go forth and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.”

And throw themselves at the mercy of God, where they shall surely find grace all sufficient.

Coordinating Council Recommendations Concerning DiscipleGuide

by Paul White, Chairman

Once again, it has been an honor to serve this great association for the eleventh time this year as a member of the Coordinating Council. Since its conception, the council’s main purpose was to encourage our departments and agencies to move toward a unified vision and to promote cooperation as stated in Article 8 of our Statement of Principles of Cooperation.

Each department’s and agency’s mandate is to carry out the will of the messengers of the Baptist Missionary Association of America, as stated in our Statement of Principles of Cooperation.

With that purpose in mind, we have met with the directors of each of the departments and agencies several times throughout the year. I am happy to announce that, perhaps more than ever, we are seeing the benefits of some of the integration that has taken place over the recent years.

Early last year, our DiscipleGuide director resigned, at which time their board sought assistance from several of our department directors to help the board maintain its departmental responsibilities until a better solution could be found. Those departments that jumped in to help through this time of need are to be commended. They selflessly assumed more responsibilities and made sure the operations of DiscipleGuide continued to function. Their response to the need of a fellow department is proof of the spirit of cooperation being witnessed between our departmental leaders.

After many meetings and much prayer, it was decided to offer the association several suggested changes concerning the future of DiscipleGuide that have been presented to the Coordinating Council by their board of directors for consideration as can be seen in the recommendation’s booklet and are shown below. The Coordinating Council, has reviewed the list of recommendations from the department directors and the board

of DiscipleGuide, who have been and will be affected by these recommendations. We believe that, in fulfilling the mandates assigned to us by the messengers of the association, the most logical and practical move forward would be the restructure of DiscipleGuide pursuant to these recommendations that will be included in the Recommendations Booklet and presented to the various state BMA newspapers.

I express my gratitude to the members of the Coordinating Council, department and agency directors, their boards and all involved for their faithful service to their respected ministries.

Shown below are the recommendations from the Coordinating Council to the messengers of our association. These are the result of information received from the DiscipleGuide Board, BMA Seminary, Lifeword, BMAA Missions and the BMA of America LLC director who worked together to arrive at these conclusions.

Recommendations from the Coordinating Council to the BMAA National Association

May 2019

1. We recommend that the Daniel Springs Baptist Camp stand as a separate department of the BMA of America. We recommend that Article X—Department of Church Resources of the Principles of Cooperation be amended to read as follows:

Article X—Department of Church Resources

Section 1. This association shall elect a Department of Camp Ministries board of trustees consisting of fifteen (15) members, eight (8) of whom shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2. The duties of the board of trustees are:

A. To act in its field as an executive of the association between annual sessions, performing all duties entrusted to it by the association.

B. To fulfill the purpose of the department, which is to provide a retreat from outside pressures to focus on spiritual needs through Christian fellowship and evangelical ministries.

C. To be responsible for the physical properties and the establishment of administrative policies relative to the operation of the camp.

2. That if the recommendation concerning Daniel Springs Baptist Camp is approved by the association the present trustees of DiscipleGuide shall serve as trustees for Daniel Springs

Baptist Camp with the rules of election and succession conforming to the policy of the other departments.

3. That for one-year, both the Conference Ministry and Information Services formerly under the supervision of DiscipleGuide, be placed under the BMA LLC with the oversight by the department directors.

4. That the Principles of Cooperation concerning Church Ministries (DiscipleGuide), or any of the following divisions (curriculum, conference ministry, or information services) not be amended for at least one-year.

WMA & GMA NEWS

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50th Annual Meeting of the Missouri Women's Missionary Auxiliary

The 50th Annual meeting of the MO WMA met Saturday, March 2, 2019 with the Kewanee Baptist Church. President Barbara Williams opened the meeting by asking Rhonda Bickertstaff and Debbie Nowell to lead the congregation in singing "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." Bro. Dan Wisely led in prayer and then the men dismissed to their Brotherhood meeting.

President Williams gave a devotional using the theme for the meeting "Mission: POSSIBLE".

The new officers for 2019-2020 are:

President – Barbara Williams (Emmanuel – St. Louis)
1st Vice President – Sharon Page (Landmark)
2nd Vice President – Terri Adams (Kewanee)
Secretary – Norma Womble (Zion)
Asst. Secretary – Sara Buckley (Bates Creek)
Treasurer – Connie Reifsteck (Zion)
Asst. Treasurer – Ruth Gibson (Landmark)
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Youth Promoter – Lisa Payne (Kewanee)
Asst. Youth Promoter – Terri Adams (Kewanee)
2019-2020 Retreat Committee
2020 – Bea Evans (Stony Point)
2021 – Ladonna Baker (Zion)
2022 – Dottie Steelman (Ohlman)

Advisory Council:

Bro. Terry Sharpe (Ohlman)
Bro. Dennis Baker (Zion)
Bro. Claude Evans (Stony Point)

2019-2020 MO WMA Project

50% Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper
20% Youth
30% General Fund

2020 MO WMA annual meeting will be at Ohlman in Bunker, MO March 7, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Annual Speaker - Bro. Terry Sharpe,
Alternate Speaker - Bro. James Hoffmann.

Registration Report:

9 churches present
19 messengers
33 visitors

The annual message was given by Bro. Dan Wisely, pastor of Kewanee.

The WMA program speaker was Sis. Norma Fields from Rogers, AR.

The Kewanee ladies did a wonderful job preparing for the 50th Annual Meeting of the MO WMA. The noon meal was scrumptious!

The Lord blessed through the preaching of the Word, uplifting songs, and inspiring devotional about Nehemiah and how with God's help, all things are POSSIBLE. Sis. Norma's program spoke of our spiritual heritage and asked us to consider what kind of heritage we wish to leave.

If you were not at this meeting, you missed a blessing!

Barbara Williams, President
Norma Womble, Secretary

Thank You, Ladies!!

It has been my privilege to be the editor of the *Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper* since 1988 soon after I came back to pastor in my home state.

I believe the State WMA has supported the paper by choosing it as at least part of your Annual Project every year I have been the editor.

This was true again last year and as I attended your 50th Meeting earlier this month at Kewanee I was asked to give a report on the paper. I expressed my appreciation for the continuous support you have given for at least the last 30 years and perhaps longer.

In giving my report I noted that for the last few years we have not had to ask for special offerings as the support from churches, individuals and auxiliaries (WMA's, GMA's, Brotherhoods, and Associations) has helped us maintain a workable balance. But since the start of the associational year last October our offerings have not kept up with expenses and if that doesn't change we will be in the "red" by next October.

You ladies surprised me again by designating a larger portion of your Project Funds this year for the paper, plus a motion was made to give a special offering from your reserve funds, and after the meeting was over 3 or 4 ladies came up to me and gave another \$400 to the paper!!

THANK YOU SO MUCH! You are an inspiration to so many.



Mission POSSIBLE!
Dan Wisely, Message

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



2019-2020 WMA Officers



Barbara Williams, President



Norma Fields, Guest Speaker

Important Dates for Missouri WMA's & GMA's

Friday, March 29, 2019 • GMA Sleep over at Ohlman

Saturday, March 30, 2019 • GMA Annual Meeting

Monday, May 6, 2019 • National WMA Business Meeting
3:00 p.m. Rogers, AR

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 • National WMA Women's Conference Rogers, AR

June 11 - 14, 2019 • National GMA Retreat, Gary, TX

July 12-13, 2019 • MO GMA Retreat, Camp Garwood

September 6 - 7, 2019 • MO WMA Retreat, Drury Inn Arnold, MO

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

Jesus Christ The Eternal God

by Dennis Baker, Brotherhood President

John's two-fold purpose for writing the book of John was to convince readers that Jesus was both divine and human and to convince readers to believe in Jesus Christ so that they could receive the divine gift of eternal life. John 20:30-31, "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."

He wanted to defend the truth that Jesus was not just an appearance of God (similar to those in the Old Testament) or a man in whom dwelt the spirit of Christ. He wanted to demonstrate that Jesus was both God and man and that within His single person was a perfect union of the two natures of God and man. John 1:1-5 is a theological defense of the two natures in one person and an invitation to the unsaved to become saved. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."

Jesus Christ is introduced as "The Word" by stating that "In the beginning was the Word," "The Word was with God," and the Word was God." Beginning refers to time and space before the beginning found in Genesis 1:1. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Jesus existed before the creation of the present world. Because God is eternal it is hard to fathom time and space before Genesis 1:1. Jesus existed before His incarnation in Bethlehem. John did not write about the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem because his purpose was to demonstrate that Jesus existed before creation.

The statement, "The Word was with God" proves that God in the person of the Son is distinct from God in the person of the Father, and God in the person of the Holy Spirit. The Scriptures and the early church councils confirm that the three persons of the Godhead are God in three persons who have coexistence and are coequal.

"The Word was with God, and the Word was God." The Nelson NKJV Study Bible, comments that "Neither the person of Christ, nor His Sonship, came into being at a point in time. Rather the Father and Son have always been in loving fellowship with one another."

"All things were made by him" is a parallel to the Genesis creation account. God created all things through Jesus Christ which means that Jesus is not a created being, He is eternal God. Colossians 1:16-17, "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."

"In him was life" is a statement that life was not created because life existed before creation in Jesus Christ. Humans are dependent on God for life, our existence both physically and spiritually depends on God sustaining power. In contrast, Jesus has life in Himself from all eternity.

"And the life was the light of men." The image of Jesus Christ as the light of the world conveys the concept of revelation. Jesus Christ is the revelation to all mankind of their sinful condition and their need for forgiveness found only in Jesus Christ.

"And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness com-

prehended it not." Darkness and light cannot exist together physically, but spiritually they can exist together. The unsaved person can live and work side by side with a saved individual and never completely understand the spiritual enlightenment that only comes by trusting in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." Jesus Christ, the God of eternity, in the person of the Son took on the limitations of time and space of humans. The word "flesh" refers to the physical nature of humans and not their sinful disposition. "Full of Grace and Truth," refers to Jesus Christ as the author of perfect redemption and perfect revelation.

The believer and the unbeliever will never be able to completely understand Jesus Christ is both God and man and that within His single person is a perfect union of the two natures. John, the eyewitness of God in the person of Jesus Christ, establishes the fact that Jesus Christ is the author of perfect redemption and perfect revelation. The believer in Christ should share this great biblical doctrinal truth with the unbeliever so that they can overcome the darkness of their sinful condition and come to the enlightenment of spiritual understanding found only in Jesus Christ.

The Millstone

An Object Lesson taught by Melvin Meade

In looking for ways of putting a little meat on a skeleton for a sermon, I did an object lesson on the Millstone.

While in the Philippines we would grind corn in the barrio on stone grinders. These were nothing like the large stones we see here in the US. They were small home-use, two piece grinders. The bottom stays firm while the top turns. Mostly it takes 2 persons to work it.

A small hole is in the top. Corn or other grain is dropped in. As the handle is turned, teeth on both stones grind the grain. Meal falls out all around. You grind just for 1 meal. Grinding starts in early morning when birds first start singing. One member said it was a lot of work and requires strong muscles.



Three types of Millstones used in the Philippines and in this object lesson

I then told of a woman that dropped part of her mill stone off the wall and hit Abimelech and cracked his skull. Do you think she told people, "I didn't know he was there!" or ("I did not know the gun was loaded!") Read this story in Judges 9.

At Christ's coming it was said in Matthew 24:41 that "two should be grinding at the mill, one would be taken and the other left." Again that was a lesson of the millstone.

I then put a rope through the top stone and tied a knot. I placed it about my head and on my neck and asked how far could I swim with this on. Three times in the New Testament (Matthew 18:6, Mark 9:42 and Luke 17:2) Jesus said "Whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea."

I did not get to clean up the table top until the next week. The lady that cleans the church said she thinks that we may have a mouse and that it might not be a poor church mouse anymore!

I hope the members got as much out of it as the mouse did. I really enjoyed doing this object lesson.

8th Annual Men's Spring Retreat at Camp Garwood

Friday, May 3 starting at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday May 4, 2019

Who Can Attend?

Men of all ages, and you are encouraged to bring your friends who do not attend church. **All men 18 years old and up planning to stay overnight on the campgrounds must complete the on-line screening form. Go to bmamissouri.org-Camp Garwood-adult screening. It only takes about 3 minutes.**

What is the Cost?

There is no cost for those attending, but churches are encouraged to bring an offering to help with the expenses. We will be taking up an offering at the meeting to help with the expenses.

What is the Purpose?

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

What to Bring?

You are encouraged to bring your, 22 rifles (young men), 12 or 20 gauge shotguns, personal items, bed sheets and blankets (or sleeping bag), and pillow. Beds, food and fun are provided. Ammunition will be furnished by the BMA of Missouri Brotherhood

Questions??

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Why Christians Should Be Happy

submitted by *Justin Arrender*, Pastor
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*“Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help,
whose hope is in the Lord his God” (Ps 146:5)*

I. They are Redeemed by the Lord. *“... ye were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold ... but with the precious blood of Christ ...” (1 Peter 1:18-19)*

A. The unredeemed are plagued by guilt. Because they are haunted by feelings of sinfulness and guilt concerning their thoughts, words, and deeds, they cannot be truly happy.

B. Christians should be happy because their sins are forgiven and their guilt has been removed. They should not allow Satan to destroy their peace of mind and soul with false guilt.

C. The Christian *“...is a new creature: old things are passed away” (II Cor. 5:17).*

II. They are Resting in the Lord. *“Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself...” (Ps. 37:7).*

A. Many people rush, rush, rush, and wear themselves out. They attempt to carry the responsibility of the world but end up in frustration and misery. We must stop trying to carry all this life alone. If we want rest we must turn to the Lord.

B. Christians should be happy because they can cast all their care on the Lord (1 Peter 5:7). He wants to bear the responsibility for our lives.

C. Christians should do their best and trust the Lord for their rest (Ps 23:2)

III. Their Refuge is the Lord. *“...He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust.” (Ps 91:2)*

A. Christians are aware of the danger in today's world. They know about the ever-increasing crime rate, the threat of war, the possibility of crippling accidents and deadly diseases.

B. Christians should also be aware of God's watchful care and protecting power. They should declare with the psalmist. *“The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid.” (Ps 27:1).*

IV. They will Reign with the Lord. *“... and they shall reign for ever and ever.” (Rev. 22:5)*

A. Christians should be happy because of what God is doing for them here and now, but they should also rejoice over what He has in store for them.

B. The best is yet to come for Christians. The Lord is preparing an eternal home for them. There they will be reunited with their redeemed loved ones who have gone on before.

C. Jesus Christ has promised to come again and receive them that are saved by His blood. They shall reign with Him forever. (John 14:1-3)

Worship

So often we view this as a religious “service” where believers gather together at a set time in a certain place with a prescribed “order” to follow (e.g., bulletin). And, sadly, so often all we do is have just another meeting, with songs, announcements, Scripture readings and a sermon (so often directed toward the listeners).

But, is that true worship? Do we really worship “in Spirit and in Truth,” which Jesus described as the right (only) way to worship God the Father? When we meet is He the real Recipient of our praise and adoration or are we simply going through the motions and leaving the same way we came?

IF we would truly worship He--the Lord God, Creator, Sustainer and Preserver of all that is--must be our Focus. Like the 24 elders and four, six-winged creatures around the Heavenly Throne, we must bow down before Him, crying and singing (Revelation 4:4-11; 5:8-14).

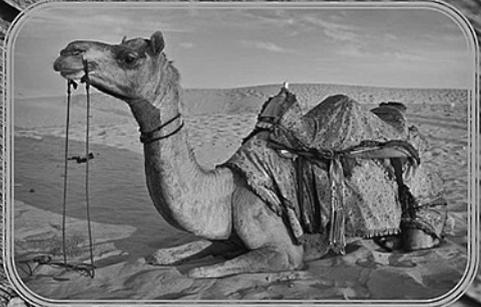
Yes, He alone is worthy of worship. And, we worship Him best when we acknowledge He Lordship (Ownership) by surrendering our lives to Him “as living sacrifices and vessels fit for His use: (Rom. 12:1-2; II Tim. 2:20-21). Therefore, worship Him today “in the beauty of Holiness” (Psalm 29:2; 96:9).

Tom Smith



NEW! 2019 Easter Walk FREE EVENT

- **NEW sights & animals!**
- **Over 100 Actors!**
- **Over 25 Animals.....**
- Including a CAMEL!**
- **Complimentary snacks!**



SHOWTIMES

**Friday, April 12 thru
Sunday, April 14, 2019**
6:00 - 8:30 PM
Tours every 15 minutes!

Handicap Accessible 

 **BethelEasterWalk**

LOCATION

Bethel Baptist Church
569 Bethel Church Road
Lonedell, MO 63060

Directions: From I-44 take exit 239 to Hwy 30E (8 miles). Turn left onto Bethel Church Road. 1/4 mile to Bethel on the left.



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

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