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Philippians 2:16

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Feed My Sheep

John 21:15-17

One of my earliest memories of church life is sitting with other children in little chairs circled around our Sunday School teacher (my grandmother). Another memory is going down the hall from Sunday School to church every Sunday and seeing my mother teaching a class of children. A later memory is being in an upstairs classroom of junior high kids and listening to a faithful man (Carl) doing his best to get several 13-14 year-old boys to focus on a passage of scripture. Even later I recall my first Sunday School teaching experience. The tables had turned and I was the one trying to corral eight 5th and 6th grade boys for thirty minutes. The last year of teaching that class began with eight boys, half of whom had not been converted. I determined at the beginning of the school year to personally share the gospel with each one after class or at his home. By the end of the year, the Lord had blessed and all of them had made a profession of faith and been baptized. The last one was baptized on the last Sunday of the year.

I hope that little bit of reminiscing caused you to recall a fond memory of days gone by in Sunday School. A common thread of the memories I just mentioned is that they all occurred with a Sunday School book in hand as a student/teacher. Second only to preaching, teaching small groups with a printed guide in hand is the best method for helping others be converted and grow in the faith. Three times in John 21, Jesus commissioned Peter simply to feed the sheep. Feeding the sheep, big or small, is enhanced by having good resources.

The last several years after the Baptist Publishing House became DiscipleGuide, its efforts in providing trustworthy Sunday School and Bible Study literature were distracted by also directing conferences, camps, and other ministries. As of today, the focus is restored and singular. We will provide Bible study helps in one format. This

curriculum will provide student and teacher books suitable for adult and youth study. It will be designed not only to teach the Bible, but also to help the student begin studying the Bible independently. Additionally, the material will help the teacher hone study and teaching skills over time. Along with the singular format, these lessons will have a singular theological approach. It will be distinctively supportive of associational Baptist doctrine. This is the most biblical structure for churches to carry out the Great Commission. We cannot have a thriving associational work unless the preaching hour is reinforced in the classroom and small group studies. If we, the sheep, feed on food in Sunday School or Bible Study which has been written to support another association, convention, or philosophy of hyper-independency, the work of the pastor in the preaching hour can produce “indigestion” for all concerned!

The first edition of the new format will be available for classes in the fall. However, we plan to have samples ready

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Gospel Music's Russ Taff At BMA National Meeting

Winner of 6 Grammys, 18 GMA Dove Awards, and inducted into the Christian Music Hall of Fame, Russ Taff has been hailed by Billboard Magazine as, “The single most electrifying voice of Christian music.” His success stemmed from his stints with bands such as the Imperials, the Gaither Vocal Band, and many solo ventures.

Russ Taff will be sharing his music and his testimony at the BMA National Meeting on Wednesday, May 8 at 3:30 p.m.

A recent movie made about the life of Russ Taff, “I Still Believe,” traces his iconic four-decade career, as well as the childhood trauma he suffered at the hands of an alcoholic father and

abusive mother. Unable to overcome this shame for many years, Taff himself turned to alcohol, distancing his family, threatening his career and jeopardizing his life.

“I Still Believe” also shines an important spotlight on Taff’s wife of 42 years, Tori. Her tough love, fervent prayers and unfailing devotion helped her husband find freedom from his past through God’s mercy.

Come and be blessed by his great music and the story of a life redeemed by God’s grace.

Opportunities For Service.... Your Help is Vital to the Ministry Of Camp Garwood!!

We had such a great time at the recent Renewal Weekend. Thanks to the State and Meramec Associations for sponsoring and Bro. Ben Kingston for planning it!

We LOOK FORWARD to the upcoming Men’s retreat May 3rd - 4th. I’m sure details will be included in this edition (see page 8). We hope to see a good crowd. The Men’s retreat is always a lot of fun and a good time of fellowship.

Also just around the corner is our DEWr’s weekend. May 30-June 1st. If you’re a DEWr be sure to come and enjoy the weekend with us. We will start Thursday night sitting around the fire sharing stories. Friday after breakfast we’re going on an adventure and will return to camp Friday evening. Saturday we will be hanging around camp. All plans are not finalized. We may have a train ride or a trip to the movies. Maybe it’ll be warm enough for Jolly Cone. If you’re a DEWr be sure to mark your calendar, you don’t want to miss this weekend.

Not a DEWr? You can be for just over a Dollar Every Week. A Dewr is anyone who gives \$ 75. or more to camp annually. Be a Dewr not a hearer only!

Camp week is fast approaching, we have several smaller jobs but our primary focus is on the mini golf course. Now is a good time for your group to schedule a weekend to come help get the grounds ready. There are always things to clean, paint, repair, move, trim or mow. **We’re an equal opportunity camp ground. Every one has an equal opportunity to help!!!**

Can’t make it to help? That’s OK, be a “pray-er.” Pray for our Evangelist Bro. Brad Banderman, our musicians, teachers, cooks, recreation help, sponsors, workers, campers, and for me. I truly need your prayers. Going to camp every weekend usually hauling something involves a lot of risk. Juggling family, church, work, camp and all the side things that comes with them becomes pretty stressful and trying at times.

Our theme this year, “Hills and Valleys” reminds us that God made the beauty around us and that He is God of the Hills and Valleys in life. We need that reminder often lest we think, “I can do this alone.”

-See ya at Camp

Chris Polk • PO Box 271 • Matthews MO 63867

Revival at Bunker....

Ohlman Baptist Church

April 22nd through 26th, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Evangelist: **Bro. Scotty Rayburn**

Everyone Welcome!!

Don't Miss the Missions Symposium

May 17th • 6:30 p.m.

at Glenview Baptist Church, Springfield



NEWS BRIEFS



Greetings from **Black Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Poplar Bluff**. We had a great fellowship dinner at the end of February with a couple visitors from the big town of Wappapello, Missouri (Sis. Chitwood's daughter and her husband who are truck drivers and were on their way to Canada). Our pastor, Bro. Troy had a birthday in the later part of March. Some things had to be cancelled due to the weather. Some churches had to close services with the snow we had March 3rd. Praise God, it was a wet snow and didn't last long! Troy Sisk, Pastor • Joana Lipsey, Reporter

Greetings from **Briar Missionary Baptist Church, Doniphan**. What a great time to be a Christian! The last days before Jesus returns! The time of the year when we celebrate the Resurrection of our blessed Savior. Briar will be having a sunrise service on Easter, April 21st at 7:00. Breakfast will follow and then we will be having our regular service followed with the 3rd Sunday singing. We will also be hosting the Ladies Prayer Breakfast for the month of May on the 18th of May at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited! God has been blessing us with so many answered prayers: Healing of cancers, safe surgeries, and safe travels for others. There is so much power in prayer. Keep us mindful to be on our knees precious Lord! We were blessed to have Sis. Carol Burch back with us for 2 weeks during the month. Our pastor had a birthday this month and almost the entire congregation went out to lunch after the morning service to help him celebrate. Bro. David has been bringing some very powerful messages. He is also doing wonderful teaching on Wednesday evenings in Revelation. Our ladies meet Tuesdays to do crafts and to help our youth with their projects throughout the year. Some work on quilts for people in the community who have suffered from a loss of their home due to fires, some on knitting hats and others make little stuffed bears for the Christmas Shoe-boxes. It is a great blessing to see Sis. Lydia Blackshear work with our youth doing so many things with them. The youth made dinner for us in February and had games for us to play. They visit the shut-ins at least once a month. They collect food for gift baskets through the year to hand out during the holidays at the end of the year. Plus they collect items for the Christmas Shoe-boxes. This year the boxes will be going to Colorado for the Navajo Indians. Please keep praying for our churches without pastors, our government and our pastors. Until next month may God bless each and everyone. David Grubb, Pastor • Yvonne Hill, Reporter

Greetings once again from **Lindsay Lane, Florissant**. Thank God for the promise of springtime! God has been blessing and we are so thankful. He has blessed us with four additions since the first of the year and we are seeing visitors returning. We recently observed the Lord's Supper and that is always a special time. We recently had a group of 14 that traveled to the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter in northern Kentucky. What a sweet time of fellowship and lots of laughter, just a small glimpse of what we will enjoy in heaven! Thank you Sis. Amy for all your hard work and Bro. Brian for keeping it between the lines on the highway! We recently were blessed to have Bro. Jamie Haguewood with us as he shared his reaching and teaching ministry. We will be hosting a Passover dinner April 12th. At 6:30 p.m. Bro. Brian has been bringing a series of messages from the Book of Ruth. What a picture of God's mercy and grace! As we near the time of year where we celebrate Easter let's pause and remember that Jesus willingly went to the cross, died, yet rose again all for you and for me! Praise God, He is coming back for you and me! Are you ready? Brian Meade, Pastor • Kathy Chapman, Reporter.

Blessings, From **Bethel, Sikeston**. I start off with a Praise, 10 year-old Ty King was saved and baptized this month! What an awesome blessing this is! He is an amazing young man! We could all learn a lot from these little guys!! We have been working on an Easter program and want to thank Sis. Helen Beardsley for getting it together this year. We thank God for our members that are so willing to step up a volunteer for things that need to be done even though they have a lot of other things going on in their life! Our ladies prepared and sent deserts to the Kenny Rogers C. P. Telethon again this year. We are working on getting Life Warriors Ministry started here and are looking forward to prayerfully helping young women that are considering abortion to have a change of heart and decide to keep their precious little baby made in the image of God!!! If we can help just 1 person it will be worth it all. April 10th Michelle Terrell from Aspire Women's Center will be here in the evening service to talk to us about the Life Warriors ministry. We ordered 100 pro-life yard signs and bumper stickers and, Praise God, gave them all out and ordered another 100! We have people outside the church asking for a sign and sticker. Praise God, as we need to get the word out!!! Thanks to Sis. Betty Kinder with Kinder Signs & Designs, they made all the signs and stickers which are very attractive! March 31st, during the morning service, we had a surprise for Bro. Mike and Sis. Connie Bolen to honor them for 40 years of service in the Lord's work! They were very grateful and humbled by it. We then had a luncheon for them right after the services. We observed the Lord's Supper that evening. Just a reminder about our revival with Bro. Mike Poirier from Canada/Haiti April 22-26. May 5th we will be honoring our graduates. Our Vacation Bible School is June

2nd thru the 7th. Hope everyone has a blessed Easter! Billy Davis, Pastor • Joan Wood, Reporter

Greetings from **First Baptist Church, Potosi**. Our first Sunday service in March was held on Saturday night due to weather conditions coming in. Friends' Day was postponed to the second Sunday. Many friends visited and all enjoyed a wonderful lunch. It was nice to be able to just sit and visit. The song worship was powerful followed by Bro. Jim's message. The Shine Conference was held Saturday, March 9th, for middle school-age girls through adult and I was fortunate to be able to attend. The whole day was spirit-filled and we were fed the Word by worship in song, panel discussions, small group meetings, and two captivating speakers, Jackylyn Rowe and Jamey Dickens. Everyone signed up for a Tribe (prayer group) in their area of abode to continue connections with those from Shine. Thank you so much Jessica Ainley for all the preparations and the many volunteers who so willingly gave their time and effort to help empower and encourage these young ladies. The day truly was full of blessings. UPWARD basketball awards night was held Monday, March 11. Many volunteers are needed to make this program work from coaches to greeters. I was fortunate to assist three of my favorite couples in setting up the refreshments. These couples always volunteer to help in whatever way they can; Judy and Richard Heeter, Violet and Vernon Cooper, Elaine and Marvin Mercer. What examples and models they are for the youth and children! Brenda Wilson's Sunday School class prepared the meal of ham and beans for Celebrate Recovery March 8th. It was delicious and so much appreciated. We are beginning our third year of this program which also takes many volunteers. Fellowship Baptist served dinner one night and Pleasant Hill Christian Church served another. It is wonderful to be blessed with assistance and support from the community. GMA leaders Alisia Wright and Deborah Rauhut took 12 young ladies to Ohlman Missionary Baptist Church near Bunker, for the State meeting March 29th. It was a great meeting on faith; it was a blessing to see the girls bonding with each other from the different churches. There were 51 including adults present. Five from our group were elected officers: Trinity Hoffman, vice president; Ava Wright, song leader; Maya Porter, assistant song leader; Deborah Rauhut, pianist; and Michelle Knobloch, advisory council. The installation topic was PURPOSE. The first annual women's retreat of our church ladies was held at the Sunnen Lake, Trout Lodge YMCA camp just outside of Potosi. Nina Gillam organized this even with the help of Jaclyn Rowe. A lot of great things

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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • March 2019

General Fund:

Checking Account:

Balance February 28, 2019		\$	27,731.55
March Receipts:			
Missions:	\$	<u>2,987.95</u>	
Total Income:	\$	<u>2,987.95</u>	\$ <u>2,987.95</u>
Total Available		\$	30,719.50
Disbursements:			
Director, Salary	\$	650.00	
Director, Mileage	\$	374.88	
Spec. Miss. Com.	\$	626.22	
Renewal Retreat	\$	2,002.00	
BMAA (Matt Barker)	\$	<u>200.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$	3,853.10	\$ <u>(3,853.10)</u>
Balance March 31, 2019:			\$ 26,866.40

Bank of America Savings Account:

Balance February 28, 2019		\$	1,100.90
Interest:	\$.02	\$ <u>.02</u>
Balance March 31, 2019:			\$ 1,100.92

Investment in BMA of Mississippi Revolving Loan Fund:

Balance February 28, 2019:		\$	103,403.06
Interest:		\$	<u>573.67</u>
Balance March 31, 2019:			\$ 103,976.73

Total of all Funds March 31, 2019: \$ 131,944.05

BMAA Nominating Committee Report

BMA Foundation

Term to expire 2024
Van Widger (TX)

LifeWord

Term to expire 2020
Yalanda Merrell (AR) (Re-
placing Richard White)

International Revolving

Loan Fund

Term to expire 2021
Joe Owens (AR)

Term to expire 2024

Marvin Delk, Sr. (AR)
Michelle Corder (AR)
Winston Foster (AR)

North American Revolving

Loan Fund

Term to expire 2021
Lincoln Dial (CA)

Ministers Resource

Services

Term to expire 2022
David Watkins (AR)
(replacing Ray Holland)

BMA Seminary

Term to expire 2024
Gary Murph (TX)
Michael Battenfield (AR)
Jerry Stacy (TX)

Term to expire 2024

Eddie Ballard (TX)
David Ashby (AR)

Committee On

Arrangements

Term to expire 2022
Jerome Cooper (AR)

Moral Action

Term to expire 2021
Sara Tolleson (MS)
(replacing Cory McCaig)

DiscipleGuide Church Resources

Term to expire 2024
Bart Herrington (AR)
Devin Degulio (TX)
John Gradberg (TX)

Term to expire 2024

Randy Burk (CA)
Sidney Davis (MS)

These nominees will be vot-
ed upon during the national
meeting of the BMAA.

Proposed Amendments to the BMAA Statement of Principles of Cooperation

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.

Article X – Department of Church Ministries

Section 1. – No changes recommended.

Section 2

A. Providing a complete course of Sunday School and Christian Growth Ministry (insert) Bible Study literature, and such other literature and publications as the association may deem advisable.

B. No changes recommended.

C. Delete the following – “Developing and coordinating retreats, conferences, student ministries, and special events.”

D. Delete the following – Offering information services, including statistical data related to the association’s ministries.

From Our Director...

What a GREAT Renewal Retreat was enjoyed by approximately 40 pastors and other leaders in the BMA of Missouri! The speakers were well prepared and challenged us to understand: What it means to be an Association; What it means to be a Church; and What it means to us to be a Pastor.

Bro. Claude Evans expressed it well when he sent this note showing his reaction to what we heard at this meeting: “I was truly blessed at the renewal retreat this past Friday and Saturday. Dr. Charlie Holmes challenged me in our worship services. We desperately need to see the power of God in our church services and it must begin with pastors.”

Michael Hearst sent a note saying, “I enjoyed the fellowship with all the pastors.”

It was also a joy to hear

how God is leading a church in Arkansas and one of their staff members to start a work in Missouri and to hear how we can be a part of this ministry. (This will also be part of the focus of our Missions Symposium in May.)

What a joy to see the cooperation expressed in this meeting as the Meramec and State Associations worked together planning and supporting this effort.

I trust YOU are making plans to join us at Grandview Baptist Church in Springfield May 17-18 for the annual Missions Symposium and Semi-annual business meeting of the BMAMO!

The Friday evening Missions Symposium will start at 6:30 p.m. and the theme is “The Privilege of Missions.” Three speakers will inspire and challenge us in the area of missions.

The Saturday Business meeting will start at 9:00 a.m.

under the capable leadership of President Ben Kingston.

Every church in our state is encouraged to attend both meetings. Let’s strengthen our fellowship and encourage one another to do the work God has for us to do.

Pastor Gary Longstaff and Grandview Baptist Church are making great preparations to host these two meetings. He said, “The Grandview church family is looking forward to hosting the May missions event. We hope you can attend for the fellowship and be challenged for the cause of missions, the work of the church.”

Make plans to arrive early, rest peacefully, and attend expectantly and you will be blessed!

For more information call Bro. Longstaff (417-830-4803) or myself (314-277-8644). The church address is 3208 N. Barnes, Springfield, MO.

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were planned for this special weekend including meeting guest speaker Sis. Bobbie Schae. All the women became Soul Sisters. Bro. Jim and Bro. Kevin attended the ministers' retreat at Garwood the same weekend. Sunday morning messages have been from Colossians and Wednesday night class has been studying the book of Genesis. Please pray for us as we pray for you.

Jim Ainley, Pastor • Deborah Rauhut, reporter

Ohlman Baptist Church, Bunker, March was a busy month made more stressful as we had to deal with the unpredictable weather. The Wednesday night youth classes are beginning to see an increase in attendance after a little lull. It's a blessing to have to put the van and 2 buses in service to transport the teens, children and those who cannot drive to the services. We recently changed the starting time to 6:00 p.m. from 7:00 p.m. and that seems to work out well for several of the workers, even the kitchen workers. As reported last month, we had Angelynn McMurray, Director of We Are Free, speak on March 9th. Our attendance was small but there were some from sister churches as well as the community that did attend and hear her presentation. March 24th, Bro. Dalton and Sis. Allison Harper presented themselves for membership from First Baptist of Black, MO. Of course they were welcomed back "home" with lots of hugs. They have already been a blessing serving in the music ministry. We continue to pray for them in their daily lives as they serve the Lord. The MO GMA held their annual meeting and sleep over March 29 - 30. There were 51 girls and workers in attendance. From all reports, it sounds like they had a great meeting and a wonderful time of fellowship. The Logan Creek Fifth Sunday singing was held at Ohlman March 31st. There were several in attendance as well. April is gearing up to busy as well. Besides our regular Sunday and Wednesday services, April 5th under the coordination of Bro. Gary Morgeson, some of the members will be taking CPR/AED training. For some this will be a refresher course to maintain certification, for others it will be a new skill to learn. The Brotherhood will hold their monthly meeting on Sunday, April 7th at 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. April 8-10 Bro. Sharpe will be conducting revival services at a neighboring church, Sugar Tree Grove Baptist Church. Dalton and Allie Harper will be responsible for the music ministry portion of the revival as well. It's great that others in the community wish to use all of them in this way and that they are willing to allow the Lord to use them for His glory. Then April 12-13 we will have a "yard sale" in the fellowship hall. The proceeds will benefit the Girl's Missionary Auxiliary. This has become an annual event and a great way to support the GMA program. April 18th the Women's Missionary Auxiliary will have their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. We will be starting a new study book, "Made to Crave" (satisfying your deepest desire with God, not food.) It will be facilitated by Dottie Steelman and we invite any to attend. April 22 - 26, we will be having revival services with Bro. Scotty Rayburn from Wiggins, MS as the Evangelist. Services will start at 7:00 p.m. We invite everyone to attend. Finally, April 30th, the ladies and friends will meet for their monthly lunch out. This time they will meet at a location in Salem, MO and then Sis. Juanita May will give them a tour of Riverways Pregnancy and Family Resource Center where she serves as a volunteer. If you wish to meet with us, you are more than welcome. Just contact Sis. May to confirm the location.

Terry Sharpe, Pastor • Janet Widger, Reporter

Happy Spring to everyone from **Bethany Baptist Church, St. Louis**. Our new year did not get off to a good start as we had to close services five times due to snow and ice. Maybe that is all over, we sure hope so. We are still having visitors and they are

always welcome. Bro. Tim Boatright is preaching very good messages as he shows us how to help others. Sis. Tiny Blanchard is still doing better and Sis. Ella Beeler is having surgery this Tuesday, April 2. We pray things go very well for them. We pray others that need our prayers for whatever their needs are. May God bless each and may we always try to do God's will.

Tim Boatright, Interim Pastor
Betty Johnston, Reporter

Lower Doe Run Baptist Church in Ellington writes,

What a joy to hear from other churches in the association and learn how God is blessing His people. We would love to have the energy and drive to do all that we want to do for Him! We earnestly and diligently pray for those who say they know the Lord, to commit to serve Him in the church. We have had a wonderful month in our valley even though we missed having services on the 3rd due to a sudden snow storm. God has answered prayers for healing for our two deacons that they could be in most of the worship and preaching services. It was good to hear Bro. Albert teach the adult class and Bro. Nick give insights he had gleaned in his home bound time. Also it has been good to see visitors on most Sundays. Prayers are being answered for two grandmothers to see grandchildren back in church. The ladies are studying the Prayer Discipline in Discipleship. The fifth Sunday Singing at Ohlman was a blessing. It was good to see Bro. and Sis. Thurman and their congregation from Mt. Olive and Sis. Maudeline Burns from Antioch back from spending winter in Arkansas. Pray for these dear folks and especially Maudeline's daughter in Springfield who is not well. Pray for one another in Jesus name. We want to give special thanks to Marvin McMullin and his pastor from Grandview in Springfield who visited our nephew in ICU, prayed for him, witnessed Christ to him, and felt

his testimony that he was saved. It meant so much to us who have prayed for him for years.

Melvin Meade, Pastor • Carolyn Meade, Reporter

Hi there! from **Stony Point Baptist Church in Mineral Point**. Or "Snowy Point" as we like to call it! We had a "snow" service on Saturday March 2nd that was very well attended, in lieu of our Sunday service. Sadly, we have said "see you a little later" to Bro. Kenny Hamby who passed into the arms of his Saviour in March. Please join us in continued prayer for the Hamby family. March 8th Stony Point hosted the Washington county WMA and Brotherhood. March 9th we had 9 girls and 3 adult sponsors attend the teen girls Shine Conference. March 10th we witnessed the baptism of two young ladies, Lybie Morgan and Vivian Dontriech. The hand of church fellowship was extended, and we need to remember that once we extend that hand...we should never let go. Finally, March 29 - 30, Bro. Claude attended the Renewal Retreat at Camp Garwood.

Claude Evans, Pastor • David Hughes, Reporter

HELLO to all from **Oak Hill Baptist Church in Alton, MO!**

It is very hard to believe that three months have already past us and we are getting ready to start April, the fourth month of 2019. An Amazing event in April that we celebrate is our Lord's resurrection that defeated death, hell, and the grave. "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." 1 Corinthians 15:52. April 21st we are planning an Easter egg hunt during our Sunday School hour for kids between the ages of two and six years old. PRAISE THE LORD Bro. Don and Sis. Marianne are back attending Church services. We have been missing them and are very happy that they were able to attend. I'm sure they would like to Thank all of you for the prayers that have been said regarding Bro. Don's health and recovery. Until next month I hope I will have some more good news to tell you but until then we will be praising and honoring our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God Bless!!

Edward Casey, Pastor • Jennifer Williams, Reporter

Landmark Baptist Church, DeSoto, MO, is enjoying the service of Bro. David Crites who is serving as interim Pastor. They rejoice in gaining five new members, 2 of which are deacons. Several other visitors are coming regularly. We are blessed!!

David Crites, Interim Pastor • Sharon Page, Reporter

Temple Baptist Church, Belgrade, Missouri, has called Bro. Matt Baker of Fisk, MO, as pastor and he has accepted their call. His first Sunday on the field was March 17th.

2nd Quarter 2018-2019 Financial Report

Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper

January 1, 2019 - March 31, 2019

Balance: January 1, 2019	\$	4,265.41
Receipts:	\$	<u>4,365.87</u>
Total Available:	\$	8,631.28
Disbursements:	\$	<u>(4,695.08)</u>
Balance: March 31, 2019	\$	3,936.20

Thanks for your support of this ministry! A special thanks to the generosity of the State WMA for their annual offering and some ladies that contributed "extra" funds at their meeting in March. This made it possible for us to end the second quarter of this year with a more comfortable balance than expected!

EIM Sends Out Praise and Thanks!

by **Fonda Norris**, EIM Shepherd's Bag Ministry Coordinator

Over 15,000 Shepherd's Bags left EIM's storage warehouse last week! Will you say "AMEN!" with us? Bro. Tim Tyler, Director of Water For Christ Ministry came with his truck and they were loaded bound for Ghana, West Africa. EIM is partnering with WFC to combine our shipment with theirs in order to allow these bags to be sent to Bro. Moses Adjekwei, our EIM Director in Ghana. These bags will be used



EIM Director Rocky Goodwin, Ken Goodwin, Kurt Goodwin, WFC Director Tim Tyler and Luke Ryan

to open doors to allow the Gospel of Christ to be preached in many villages and schools.

We praise the Lord for allowing EIM to use the Shepherd Bags in preaching the Gospel around the world and pray He gets ALL the glory. Heaven will be richer! A very special thank you to WFC's Tim Tyler and Luke Ryan for driving to Warren to get the bags as well as help Bro. Rocky, and the workers to load the container. And we especially thank all the churches and individuals who support and give so faithfully that we can continue making Shepherd's Bags to bless children with a gift that contains the Plan of Salvation in their heart language. Many of these children have never received gifts. As a little girl in Ghana overcome with tears said to her father after receiving a Shepherd's Bag, "I have never received anything so nice." As we've said many times before, those who give, pray and help us in this wonderful children's ministry really are EIM's Partners in sharing the love of Jesus. YOU are dear to our heart!

Here is our latest 2019 Update: Since we assemble bags year around, we are already working on our next shipment of Shepherd's Bags. This shipment will be going the Philippines to be used in evangelism and ministry there. The total cost of making one unisex Shepherd's Bag and shipping it overseas is only \$7.00. That's \$6.00 for the supplies and \$1.00 to cover shipment costs. Each bag is identical and all children receive the same items. That's less than most fast food meals. Statistics say for each three bags given, one person comes to know Christ. I'd like to think it's the gift that keeps on giving and pray even more come to saving faith!

If you'd be interested in learning more about EIM's Shepherd's Bag Ministry™ we'd love to speak with you and answer any questions you may have at 870-226-3626, e-mail us at fnorris@eimworldwide.org or you can find more information online at our website at: www.eimworldwide.org "our ministries" link.

One Lost Sheep SOAR 2019

Get ready, because SOAR 2019 is almost here!

Registration for this year's youth conference is now open! Just visit gosoar.com/register, where you can also book your rooms at this year's venue: the Gaylord Texan.

The theme for this year is "One Lost Sheep." With a deep focus on missions, students will learn about the unconditional love of God and his relentless pursuit of the lost. "The thought of a shepherd leaving 99 sheep just to save one is pretty outrageous," says Conference Director, Donny Parrish. "Surely that one lost sheep can't be that precious to the Shepherd, right? SOAR '19 will explore the wonder of a God that so focused on reaching people who are lost - people like you and me - that he goes to incredible lengths to find us. And, once he finds us, he gives our lives meaning and purpose by allowing us to get in on his great mission."

Students will hear from the main speaker, Andy Comer, who is the lead pastor at Antioch Georgetown in Georgetown, Texas. Continuing in learning about God's heart for missions, students will also hear from BMA Missions Executive Director, Dr. John David Smith, about God's passion for the nations.

For SOAR 2019, the registration price has been lowered from previous years. Additionally, each registrant will receive a free pass to the Gaylord Texan's waterpark: Paradise Springs.

Make sure your group registers for SOAR by June 1 in order to receive the lower price, waterpark tickets, AND a free SOAR T-shirt.

For more information about this year's conference, visit gosoar.com. To register your group, visit gosoar.com/register. To keep up with the latest news about SOAR, make sure to like us on Facebook at facebook.com/SOARconference, and follow us on Instagram and Twitter at [@SOARconference](https://www.instagram.com/SOARconference).

LifeWord.....

Taping of "The Table" Has Begun

We've been talking about it for a while now, and it finally happened on March 28th...the taping of the pilot for an Instagram show called "The Table."

In 2017 Executive Director Donny Parrish began to formulate the idea for a way to speak into the lives of college students and millennials about absolute truth.

He says that, "Lifeworld is determined to follow God's leading. In America and most of the world, the people we want to reach are living on the Internet. For the majority of their day, they're looking at smartphone screens for information. For college-age kids, we want them to know that there IS absolute truth and the Bible is where they can find it. If they're on social media like Instagram, that's where Lifeworld wants to be."

Moral relativism, the belief that everyone's beliefs are acceptable despite the morality of them, has permeated modern society. Lifeworld's goal for this one-minute show is to let students know that the alternative, absolute truth, is valid and can be found in God's Word.

To tape the pilot, the table was set up in the middle of the Central Baptist College campus, and students were interviewed about their opinions on trending topics like abortion and living together before marriage. As BMA Productions got their equipment ready, curious students asked what was going on, then signed consent forms agreeing to answer questions from Director of Internet Broadcasting and Digital Strategy Jon Dodson.

Their answers were very interesting: Some students said that anything is permissible depending on one's own beliefs and opinions; others turned immediately to biblical truths.

Four groups of students were interviewed and taped, then the responses will be edited to one-minute videos with scripture passages explaining what God's Word says on the topic.

Jon said, "@ now has over 11,000 followers and growing on Instagram. Stats tell us that sixty percent of Instagram users are 18-24 years old. That means in 2018 there were roughly 63 million college-age users on Instagram in the United States alone.

"The average Instagram user spends an average of 53 minutes daily on their phone in this app. Lifeworld will soon be communicating the absolute truths of the Bible through relevant conversations at The Table with a huge new audience.

"We are asking people to pray with us for this new media venture. We are looking forward with great expectation to the ministry God has for Lifeworld on Instagram and beyond."

The Table will visit more college campuses throughout the spring and summer months with the show's debut in August or September. Please join us we pray for changed lives in this critical age group through this initiative.

Report of the Committee on Arrangements

Your BMAA Committee on Arrangements visited the following prospective sites for the 2022 annual meeting of the BMAA.

- BancorpSouth Conference Center/Hilton Garden Inn, Tupelo, MS
- Oasis Hotel and Convention Center, Springfield, MO
- University Plaza Hotel and Convention Center, Springfield, MO

The committee recommends that the 2022 meeting be held at the University Plaza Hotel and Convention Center, Springfield, MO, April 18-20, 2022.

Jerome Cooper, Bill Thornton, Daniel Williams

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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

GoodNews 4 Ukraine

Church Start Planned for October!

We are excited to announce our first church plant is scheduled to begin in October 2019. This is earlier than our original plan but God has made it evident the time is right. We have spent many hours building relationships with our English students, neighbors, business owners and patrons over the past eight months and God has blessed our efforts far beyond what we could have imagined. The pastor of Fimiam Baptist Church, where we attend and teach English, approached us in November and asked would we pray and consider starting a new church in the center of the city which is where we live. Fimiam is ready to assist and serve as the mother church and are committed to making this a successful mission effort.

We will be planting alongside our friend Sasha Hrebenyuk and his wife Julia. Sasha has served as a pastor with Fimiam for over ten years with his main responsibility of overseeing all of their home churches. Sasha loves to share the gospel and is a wonderful pastor, we are privileged to be co-laborers with he and Julia. We are currently in the process of putting together our core leadership team. We have spent the past months praying and seeking Gods guidance about our vision and mission. We have also asked him to reveal to us those who would partner with us and serve. We have not asked one person to consider being a part of the core leadership, God has brought every single one to us after speaking to their heart and

BMAA Recording Secretary's Financial Report

Baptist Missionary Association of America Minute Fund

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018

Balance 1/1/18, Iberia Bank, NLR, AR		\$	7,245.71
Receipts			
Churches by mail	\$	34,053.72	
Hotel Room Rebates	\$	4,910.00	
Vendors Rental	\$	5,450.00	
Departmental Reimbursement	\$	3,310.00	
BMAA LLC	\$	3,927.10	
WMA	\$	4,601.28	
Missions	\$	738.47	
Total Receipts:	\$	56,990.57	\$ 56,990.57
Total Funds:			\$ 64,236.29
Disbursements:			
Trumpet, Printing	\$	3,443.80	
Committee on Arrangements	\$	506.70	
Clerk's Salaries	\$	3,000.00	
Secretary's Salary	\$	517.50	
Recommendations Booklet	\$	8,839.17	
Postage & Supplies	\$	169.90	
Meeting Expenses	\$	38,956.45	
Yearbook (2017) Print & Mail	\$	2,097.15	
Coordinating Council	\$	573.76	
Missions	\$	738.47	
Vendor Refund	\$	35.00	
Total Disbursements	\$	58,877.90	\$ (58,877.90)
Balance Computer Fund	\$	3,274.02	
Balance Minute/Meeting Fund	\$	2,084.37	
Balance on Hand (12/31/18)			\$ 5,358.39

putting a burden and desire to work planting a new church.

We write this asking you to first of all pray! God has been faithful, as always, but I don't want you to get the impression this has been an easy process. We have an enemy who wants to keep the people of Ukraine enslaved to a Godless life of superstition and hopelessness. Satan has attacked more times than we can count and will continue to do so. Therefore we need your prayers above all else that, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we will withstand whatever attacks come at us, that we will not give in to discouragement, and that through it all God will be glorified.

Spring PES 2019

Our Spring semester of PES (Practical English School) for 2019 is in the second week and going strong! We are excited about the possibilities of this time with our returning students and first-

time students. Not only is it a time of learning English, but more importantly, it is a time of relationship building and beginning friendship evangelism. SOMETHING MORE is our theme for this next six-week semester. Larry started sharing about searching for something more in our lives in the first session last week. Easter is a great time to end this session with the reason we can have hope in the resurrection of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

We have approximately 90 students registered after this first session, so please join us in prayer as we will have more join us in the second session. There are 5 different levels being offered this semester for the students to be placed in just the right class to be able to learn the best English for them. This helps them to be placed in better job markets, better pay brackets, better communication with family and friends, and be able to travel and communicate with people in other English-speaking countries. All of this going on while we are building relationships with them in order to share Jesus with them.

We ask that you continue to pray with us for this time with our students! Blessings,

Larry and Tammy Woods • GoodNews 4 Ukraine

Important Dates for Missouri WMA's & GMA's

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

Commit Thy Way Unto The Lord

Psalm 37:1-7

by Dennis Baker, BMAMO Brotherhood President

Worry, anxiety, fear, and indecision are issues that everyone has had to deal with at some time in their life. Some are having to make decisions on the care of elderly parents. Others are having to deal with lingering health issues or troubling financial problems. Teenagers are having to make decisions about their future. Do they continue their education, or do they enter the job market, or enlist in the military? Young men and women are having to make decisions concerning their future relationships. Some are dealing with children who are running with the wrong crowd. You can't live life and not have to deal with worry, anxiety, fear and indecision, but we can learn to commit the issues of life to the Lord.

Psalm 37:1-7 provides five principles to help God's people commit their worry, anxiety, fear, and indecision to the Lord:

1. Trust in the Lord that your fretting may end.
2. Delight in the Lord so your gloom is dispelled.
3. Commit your way unto the Lord and your indecision is solved.
4. Rest in the Lord and fleshly striving terminates.
5. Wait on the Lord so frantic haste ends.

The progression of these principles are as follows:

1. Trust in the Lord.
2. One who trust God finds Him faithful and delights in Him.
3. Delight based upon all we have experienced teaches us to commit to the Lord all we have not experienced.

The word commit means to "roll over on another." It has the idea of transferring a heavy burden. Matthew 11:28-30, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

We need to commit ourselves unto the Lord because it is in our best interest. When we give our life to God, we understand that God can do more with it than we can. An uncommitted life produces anxiety, lack of success, and the feeling of envy toward others. A committed life is free of anxiety. Isaiah 41:10, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowl-

edge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Areas of our lives we need to commit to the Lord?

1. Commit yourself to God for salvation. II Timothy 1:12, "For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

2. Commit yourself to God for vindication. I Peter 2:23, "...when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously."

3. Commit yourself to God for preservation. I Peter 4:19, "Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator."

4. Commit your problems to the Lord. Psalms 55:22, "Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."

5. Commit yourself to the Lord in the time of death. Psalms 31:5, "Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth."

The invitation of Psalm 37:5 is "Commit thy way unto the Lord." Today is a good time to start committing our worry, anxiety, fear, and indecision to the Lord!

National Brotherhood Annual Meeting

The National Brotherhood will be meeting for their annual meeting at the National BMA meeting in Rogers, AR. The meeting will be at **9:00 a.m. Tuesday May 7, 2019**. We will be meeting in Grand Ball Room 7 at the John Q. Hammons Convention Center. The Speaker will be named later. We ask that all of our BMA Men attend this meeting to see how brotherhood is needed in all of our churches.

The Board of Trustees of the National Brotherhood will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday May 6, 2019 in Grand Ball Room 7.

May God Bless your travels and hope to see you there.

Richey Hester • Brotherhood Editor & Promoter

Master's Builders Still Working Hard Helping Various Ministries



March 4th, the Master's Builders began work at Daniel Springs Camp in Gary, Texas. Camp Director, Jason Prewitt, had several projects for the Builders to work on during our two weeks there. In the Daniel Dorm and Retreat Center, we were to: build privacy dressing areas for each shower and build larger stalls for restrooms in the sleeping areas, build stalls for the men's and women's restrooms in the large gathering area, run more wire so more outlets could be added in the kitchen counter area and an outlet for a new ice machine. In the Office/Bookstore area, they built a 20 X 20 addition onto the existing bookstore, put in a window and put tin up on it. They repaired the roofs on two cabins that trees fell on during a storm several months back. They put lavatories and counters in #9 cabin. We tried to do any odds and ends that Jason felt needed addressing.

A big Thank You to Jason for all his hard work at the camp.

Bethel Baptist, at Clayton, needed help with putting a cover over a side entry door to the auditorium and several of our men worked on this one day.

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

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Nelda Malone - reporter

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. Bring your friends who do not attend church. **All men 18 years old and up staying overnight on the campgrounds must complete the on-line screening form. Go to bمامissouri.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?

To provide fellowship and encouragement for men of all ages.

What to Bring?

Bring your, 22 rifles (young men), 12 or 20 gauge shotguns, personal items, bed sheets and blankets (or sleeping bag), and pillow. Beds, food, fun and ammunition are provided.

Questions??

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Claude Evans 573-562-7036, cbe34@hotmail.com

2nd Quarter 2018-2019 Financial Report

**Kenneth Gibson Seminary Grant Fund
January 1, 2019 - March 31, 2019**

Balance: January 1, 2019	\$	13,059.31
Receipts:	\$	0.00
Total Available:	\$	13,059.31
Disbursements:	\$	(835.00)
Balance: March 31, 2019	\$	12,224.31

“Religious Freedom”

II Corinthians 3:17

The Word of God abounds with words promoting freedom. We should feel comfortable talking about religion in our country. Our Founding Fathers prohibited a Federal establishment of religion, but there is not a single thread of evidence that they intended to set up a wall of separation between the state and religious belief. The first amendment of the U.S. Constitution was not written to protect the citizens from religion, but was penned to protect religion from governmental tyranny.

A strong word from God is given to our liberal-minded lawyers and judges of our day...Luke 11:52, when they try to take away the key of divine knowledge from our lands.

I. History Records the Loss of Religious Freedom.

Anti-God forces have steadily assaulted religious liberty and wicked landmark court decisions have greatly curtailed the spread of the Good News.

II. Present Day Issues Confront Religious Freedom.

If we do not start reaffirming our Judeo-Christian values at all levels of government and opposing those who strive to remove our religious freedoms, we may soon be a large country without freedoms. Russia and China are primary examples of freedoms being removed by alien-anti-Christian forces. We cite recent day attacks and changes:

A. Seven fathers were jailed in Nebraska for sending their children to a Christian private school.

B. Lower Lake, California teacher forbids her student to repeat the words “under God” during class recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. (A.P.)

C. A woman in Collinsville, Oklahoma was awarded \$390,000.00 by a jury because her church excluded her from the membership. (60 Minutes)

D. The ACLU through the courts has forced Kentucky schools to remove the Ten Commandments from school classroom walls. (NBC)

E. The courts have forced Gideons in Illinois and other states to end its practice of giving Bibles to public school children. (BNS)

F. The A.C.L.U. sought to establish the unconstitutionality of any Presidential proclamation about religion and church life.

The most aggressive organizations in America against religious freedom are the A.C.L.U. (American Civil Liberties Union), the A.H.A. (American Humanist Association), N.E.A. (National Education Association), NOW (National Organization of Women), and PAW (Norman Lear’s People for Freedoms.) The A.C.L.U. alone has thousands of active court cases pending, with a budget of \$24 million, and over 4000 liberal lawyers.

III. God’s Word Advocates Religious Freedom

The Bible declares in Psalms 2:1-3 that the heathen will rage and people will imagine vain things, as they set themselves against the Lord and his ways. We believe that freedom for all people flourishes when religion is vibrant and the rule of the law of God is acknowledged.

As King David of Israel was dying, his last kingly message was, “He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God”....II Samuel 23:3 and 6,7. Even King Nebuchadnezzar of the renounced Babylonian Empire recognized the need of serving God....Daniel 3:28, 29. Paul told the Roman Empire that “the creature (human beings) shall be delivered from bondage into the glorious liberty of God”....Romans 8:21.

Religious freedom is being assaulted. May we again raise the “Banner of the Lord” high!

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for the national associational meeting in Rogers, AR, May 6-8. We invite pastors, adult, and youth Bible Study leaders to visit our table in the exhibit hall to receive a free sample copy.

The new format is designed for use in four (4) settings: Sunday School, small groups, one-to-one discipleship, and family devotions. It can also be implemented in two ways. One way is for leaders and students or family members to read the passage being studied and trying to answer a few questions whose answers can be found in the passage and the lesson text before they meet together. Secondly, if leaders or group members have little to no time to prepare, they may simply read the Bible passage and lesson text together.

In the meantime, to avoid “indigestion” during the summer quarter, use our current literature. The summer quarterly will be the last reprint of older lessons. If your church has been using literature from another source, order enough of ours to use in your adult and youth classes. The youth will easily grasp the adult material in the new curriculum, perhaps even better than the adults! They are usually smarter than we give them credit for being. Ideally, we adults should be striving to prepare the youth for adulthood rather than contributing to or promoting being stuck in adolescence. Utilizing one Bible Study curriculum from youth through senior adults will unify the families and churches, as well as promote unity in the association. Our families and churches can begin a process of renewal as we use study guides (lesson books) to fortify who we are as associational Baptists rather than becoming what religious marketers want us to be. There will be some introductory material in the summer quarterly to help your church transition back to BMA study helps.

Use the DiscipleGuide telephone number (800-333-1442) to call in your order for the summer quarterlies now. You may also visit discipleguide.org to place an order online.

For answers to your questions about the transition, please call 800-259-5673 and ask for me.

Let’s begin making new memories for our children, youth, and adults growing in grace in Sunday School, Bible Study, and family devotions by feeding the sheep high-quality, biblically sound, easy-to-use literature that will unite our families and churches.

Dr. Charley Holmes
Executive Director, DiscipleGuide
President, BMA Seminary

P.S. As an added incentive, those churches who are returning to BMA curriculum after using another publisher’s literature will receive free UPS shipping with the fall curriculum order.

P.S.S. We are in the process of returning to the name Baptist Publishing House. Be watching for the change. We also have a children’s curriculum that could be in the works for later in the year.

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 email 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.

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.

40 Years and Counting

Russell Baptist Church, Russell, Arkansas honored their pastor, Randy Zinn, March 10, with a surprise celebration of his 40th anniversary of preaching the Gospel. Included among the activities of the day were: the presentation of a plaque commemorating this milestone, bulletin



dedication, his favorite congregational music, ‘dinner on the grounds’ (remember that phrase from the long, long past) and a gospel concert in the afternoon. Two of Bro. Zinn’s pastorates were in Missouri - Houston Baptist, Houston, and Lighthouse, Malden.

Bro. Zinn is married to the former Melissa McVay, who has a long family history at Kewanee Baptist Church.”