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Philippians 2:16

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## Camp Garwood 2019

Our camp theme this year, “Hills and Valleys” was suggested by Stuart during last year’s DIT (Disciples In Training) meetings.

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

At camp last week the creek was babbling, the birds were singing, the flowers were out, the trees were a dozen shades of green. Whether it’s the Hills and Valleys around Garwood or the Mountains in Colorado. Sometimes God’s creation demands us to stop and worship Him.

It’s a comforting thought, every hill, every valley, is created by God. And even more so when that thought is applied to the hills and valleys of life. We all have them. Rarely is life smooth and level.

When we were talking about using “Hills and Valleys” for our theme I thought of the old Tracy Dartt song. “God on the Mountain”

*Life is easy, when you’re up on the mountain And you’ve got  
peace of mind, like you’ve never known*

*But things change, when you’re down in the valley*

*Don’t lose faith, for your never alone*

*For the God on the mountain, is still God in the valley*

*When things go wrong, he’ll make them right*

*And the God of the good times, is still God in the bad times*

*The God of the day, is still God in the night...*

Of course the DIT’s, my kids and just about everyone else thought of the newer song “Hills and Valleys” by Tauren Wells

*I’ve walked among the  
shadows*

*You wiped my tears away  
And I’ve felt the pain of  
heartbreak*

*And I’ve seen the brighter  
days*

*And I’ve prayed prayers  
to heaven from my  
lowest place*

*And I have held the  
blessings God, you  
give and take away*

*No matter what I have,  
Your grace is enough*

*No matter where I am,  
I’m standing in Your  
love*

*On the mountains, I will  
bow my life To the one  
who set me there*

*In the valley, I will lift my  
eyes to the one who sees me there. When I’m standing on the  
mountain aft, didn’t get there on my own. When I’m walking  
through the valley end, no I am not alone!*

*You’re God of the hills and valleys! Hills and Valleys! God of  
the hills and valleys And I am not alone!*

Both songs serve well as reminders that we are not alone. In

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## Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri Missions Symposium & Mid-Year Meeting

### A Word From Our Host Pastor

As pastor of Grandview Baptist Church I speak for the members in expressing how pleased all of us are to host the BMA of Missouri meetings May 17-18, 2019. We look forward to welcoming you to Springfield want you to let us know if we can do anything to help make your visit pleasant. We plan to have a continental breakfast for those who want to come a little early on Saturday and lunch will be served at noon that day. Please join us for both the Friday night and Saturday meetings. There are several motels and restaurants nearby for your convenience.

Bro. Gary Longstaff

### A Word From Our President

My how time flies! It seems like just a few short months ago we were having our annual meeting and now here we are at the Missions Symposium and Mid-year meeting time. Well ready or not here we come!!

Special Thanks to Bro. Gary Longstaff and Grandview Baptist church for being our Hosts.

I so look forward to seeing all of you and hope that you will plan to be with us for **BOTH** the Missions Symposium Friday evening and the Saturday business meeting of the association.

Friday evening Bro. Dustin Wisely will present His vision for church planting in Missouri

and how God brought Him to this point in His ministry.

Saturday, along with normal business in which we need to hear from all our churches, we will take up the matter of whether to support Bro. Dustin and to what level. **Please make this a matter of prayer.**

A special thanks to Garwood Camp and Bro. Chris Polk and his team for their support of the Renewal Retreat we had at the end of March. It was well attended and well received.

If you have any questions about the Missions Symposium please feel free to contact Bro. Jim Hoffmann or myself.

We look forward to seeing you in Springfield!

Bro. Ben Kingston

## Missions Symposium Program for May 17, 2019

### 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

Dismissal

## A Very Special Meeting

The schedule in the box above this article is a simple schedule of a **special service** that every member of the BMA of Missouri should do their best to attend.

It is very important that we unite our efforts across our state to build soul-winning, God-honoring churches and missions and see a revival that will make a difference for the Lord’s Work.

There is no “magic” in this meeting of itself, but just imagine what might happen if on **May 17 - 18** we fill the sanctuary of **Grandview Baptist Church, 3208 N. Barnes, Springfield, MO** for this Mission Symposium and Mid-year business meeting

and unite our hearts in hearing about and getting excited about spreading the Gospel!

For this reason, this is a **Very Special Meeting** that all of us should make every effort possible to attend and support with our presence and prayers and with a determination to “get involved” as God leads us.

We need to **stop** making excuses for not attending associational meetings and **start** getting together and encouraging one another to do our best for God’s honor and glory.

We have been praying for renewal in our churches and associations and we need to put “feet on our prayers” by getting into action and getting excited about the opportunities God is giving us to work together in planting churches, winning lost souls, and discipling one another so we will have more workers gathering the Harvest before the Lord Returns! **Together** we can make a difference in Missouri.



# NEWS BRIEFS



Greetings from **Briar Baptist Church of Doniphan, MO.** April was a good month for our church. We enjoyed supporting the Cane Creek Youth in the Harvest, Friday, April 12th. There were 9 adults and 2 youths in attendance. Sis. Lydia Blackshear and Sis. Cheyenne Laramore were invited to speak at Friendship Baptist Church about the projects that the Briar youth are involved in this year. Friendship has decided to foster our youth and help them with their efforts. God bless you, Friendship! We had an Easter Sunrise service followed by a fellowship breakfast April 21st. Our Sis. Delcy Davis celebrated Easter in Heaven this year. She will be missed greatly by everyone here at Briar. We are looking forward to hosting the Cane Creek Ladies Prayer Breakfast Saturday, May 18th at 9:00 a.m. and everyone is invited to attend. Please continue to pray for all the churches without Pastors. Until next month, may God bless us all.

David Grubb, Pastor • Yvonne Hill, Reporter

**First Missionary Baptist, Matthews,** sends greetings to all of you! We finally have a church van!! We purchased a van from Emmanuel Baptist Church not too long ago, and we have already been able to use it on church outings. It's a great benefit to our ministries. We are gearing up for Vacation Bible School in June! Their theme this year is "In the Wild." VBS will be from June 23-27. Our program will be Friday, June 28th. Our Trail Life program is going strong. I personally love Trail Life. It's a fantastic program for boys to learn about Christ and the outdoors. We recently awarded Trail Life boys and the GMA



girls with the awards they have earned. All of our boys and girls work hard every week to advance in their steps for GMA and Trail Life. Our GMA girls are preparing

for National GMA camp in June. Our GMA's work hard every week to finish their lessons and memorize scripture. We look forward to taking a big group to camp this year. The WMA hosted the SEMO District WMA meeting in April. We had a great time. Lila Eckhart shared a devotional from Matthew 28:18-20 and encouraged us all to share the gospel. Those verses are also verses the girls memorize in GMA! We are going on a year of hosting the SEMO Food Bank once a month. This has been a great ministry for us to reach out into the community. Monsanto sponsored the program for a year, and we supplied the location and volunteers to serve. It's been so

much fun, and we hope to continue this ministry. In April, we started a Sunday school challenge competing with Kewanee Baptist to bring the most visitors! We love the competition and love competing with Kewanee for a fish fry! We know it's not about the numbers, but we have had a total of about 100 visitors in just three weeks. We have seen an amazing number of people who have been in church and heard God's Word who



wouldn't have if we hadn't started this challenge. Since the challenge started, we have a single mom with three kids who is showing more interest. Two of her kids come to Trail Life most of the time, but she has attended our ladies' study and been coming more often. Be in prayer for her and her family. We will report the winner and our final numbers next month!! I pray that we all have the boldness to share Christ with everyone. We pray that God will continue to bless each and every one of you. Give every day to Him, and you will be blessed!

Chris Polk, Pastor

Kari Hartlein, Reporter

**Grandview Baptist Church, Springfield, MO,** is excited about baptizing two adults recently as well as setting a new record attendance for the church Easter Sunday. Construction is nearing completion of a new 600 sq. ft. classroom for an adult Bible study class and approximately 1400 sq. ft. for our middle school and high school department. Expansion of the nursery and toddler's area has also been accomplished.

Gary Longstaff, Pastor

Greetings from **First Baptist Church, Potosi.** April began with giving donations and prayers for the Nebraska Flood Relief. We had sign-ups for the In-Home Sunday Evening Community Groups that will meet April 28th through June 2nd. Our building was open 24/7 through the week of April 14-21 for a Week of Prayer. People chose a few time slots to come and spend an hour alone with God. It is amazing the peace you have in closing everything down around you and just spending that hour in prayer. Several people came every day and some more than once a day. Our youth are preparing for Super Summer and they always have something going on with Bro. Kevin. Easter Sunday began with a 7:30 sunrise service and then

breakfast before classes began at 9:00. The #FBCKids Choir performed the songs they had been practicing and they blessed our hearts. Praise Band, with Bro. Jim, led the worship service with songs that prepared us for the message. The Kairos Prison Ministry Team were our guests April 25-28. Anyone is always welcome to stop in for a visit to help them or just get to know more about this ministry. GMA is hosting the annual Mothers' Day breakfast on Saturday this year as a brunch. We have had the breakfast on Sunday mornings for years and decided we needed a change. We want the girls to be able to sit down with their mothers, grandmothers, aunts, etc., instead of just serving them. We would love for all of the women in the church to be able to attend. It will be Saturday, May 11th, the day before Mothers' Day. We are excited for the new format. Wednesday night classes continue to study the book of Genesis with Bro. Jim. Bro. Leonard led the class one night and it is always interesting to see what lesson we have with him; it is always good. Celebrate Recovery continues to grow in number and in spirit. Last week I had twenty 5 to 11 year-old children in class; some regulars were absent. The Lord blessed us with a couple who is willing to help in Celebration Place. Melinda and David Williams now teach the 5 to 8 year-olds and I teach the 9 to 12 year-olds. I have two assistants who are training to become leaders who work with me so I can work with both groups. What a blessing from God that so many people are willing to use each Friday night to be at church working with those who have hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Sis. Brenda Wilson's Sunday School class always helps with the dinners at least once a month. Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church and Pleasant Hill Christian Church provided meals this month also. We are so thankful for these volunteers. It takes a lot of prayer to keep this ministry going. Sis. Angie Gillam continues classes in HOPE and in Surrender the Secret. Our Celebrate Recovery Praise Band will be providing the music at the Potosi Baccalaureate that will be held at the school in May. Our God is such an awesome God and I praise Him every day. Please pray for us as we pray for you.

Jim Ainley, Pastor • Deborah Rauhut, Reporter

Greetings from **Lindsay Lane Baptist Church, Florissant,** once again! Where does the time go! What a busy time! We were thrilled to host a young man from "Chosen People," an organization that ministers to non-believing Jews. He presented the Passover celebration to us. What a blessing! And what a beautiful picture of why Jesus came, lived, and died for mankind. On the 13th. A group from Lindsay lane went

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## FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • April 2019

### General Fund:

#### Checking Account:

Balance March 31, 2019		\$	26,866.40
April Receipts:			
Missions:	\$	<u>2,028.32</u>	
Total Income:	\$	<u>2,028.32</u>	\$ <u>2,028.32</u>
Total Available		\$	28,894.72
Disbursements:			
Director, Salary	\$	650.00	
Director, Mileage	\$	382.00	
BMAA (Matt Barker)	\$	<u>200.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$	1,232.00	\$ <u>(1,232.00)</u>
<b>Balance April 30, 2019:</b>		\$	<b>27,662.72</b>

#### Bank of America Savings Account:

Balance March 31, 2019		\$	1,100.92
Interest:	\$	.02	\$ <u>.02</u>
<b>Balance April 30, 2019:</b>		\$	<b>1,100.94</b>

#### Investment in BMA of Mississippi Revolving Loan Fund:

Balance March 31, 2019:	\$	103,976.73
Interest:	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Balance April 30, 2019:</b>	\$	<b>103,976.73</b>

**Total of all Funds April 30, 2019:** \$ **132,740.39**

## Missionary Needs Van

BMAA missionary-candidate Michael Strong, who is serving in Minnesota, is in need of a reliable, working 15-passenger van and/or enclosed trailer. Please prayerfully consider donating or providing one for the work of the ministry there. You can contact Bro. Mike at (501) 838-9673 or [brothermike@nearnorthcommunitychurch.com](mailto:brothermike@nearnorthcommunitychurch.com).

Thank you!

## Summer Service Opportunity in Siloam Springs, Arkansas

The **Launch Pad** is up and running in Siloam Springs. **Launch Pad** is a community effort to help aid homeless families to rebuild their life, teaching life skills, job skills and/or parenting skills. East Kenwood Baptist Church is leading out in this effort in Northwest Arkansas. They are now up and running, and people are already living on the church property.

Pastor Jeremy Wiginton has invited you to come serve with them this summer. He has planned a week-long camp for churches willing to come help them out with outreach in the community. This would include serving in the community, Back Yard Bible Clubs in targeted neighborhoods, and worship time with the Launch Pad program members.

According to Pastor Jeremy, "This is a great opportunity for church groups to have a mission field opportunity in the U.S., experience some 'on the field training' that they can utilize at their home church, and help a small sister church to revitalize in their home area."

We need to know if you are interested **BY MAY 15**. We have spaces available each week beginning June 22.

For more information, contact Angela Rice at the BMA Missions office by emailing [angela@bmamissions.org](mailto:angela@bmamissions.org) or calling 501-455-4977.

## From Our Director...

Since the main focus of my work this month centers around the Missions Symposium and Mid-year Meeting of the BMA of Missouri and these are featured on page 1, I will not take much room here.

It has been my privilege to preach at Temple, Belgrade; Bethlehem, Doniphan; Central Union; and Black Creek, Poplar Bluff in the month of April. I enjoyed being with these congregations that are faithfully carrying on the work even though three of them do not have a pastor and one of them just called a pastor.

It is so sad to see a congregation struggle without a leader, but it is encouraging to know God's people are determined to do the best they can while waiting to have a pastor work with them. God bless you for your faithfulness. Let's keep praying and working to help all our churches keep the "light" burning!

## Vacation Bible Schools

A great mission outreach for our churches is through Vacation Bible School each summer. Listed below are churches that have notified the editor, directly or through your Church News articles, of the dates of their VBS for this summer. Others are encouraged to have your VBS posted in the Missouri Missionary Baptist. If the information listed is not accurate please notify the editor.

### "OPERATION ARCTIC"

July 8 - July 12, 2019

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Charity Missionary Baptist Church  
1324 Spruce Street, Bismarck, MO  
Call 573-756-7498 for more information  
**ALL WELCOME!**

### "BUILDING BLOCKS -

Having a solid foundation in Christ"

June 3 - June 5, 2019

Faith Baptist Church, St. Charles, MO  
Call 636-940-8880 for more information

### "IN THE WILD"

June 23 - June 27, 2019

First Missionary Baptist, Matthews, MO  
Call 573-472-1038 for more information

*Please pray for these churches as they use this tool to reach their communities with the truth of God's Word!*

## Blessing In Dominican Republic



Jesse Hales & Pastor Ismael at the Falls

One of the biggest highlights for me in the last month was getting to encourage Pastor Ismael in his discipleship of several young men in his church. If you ever want to meet a pastor who knows what

it means to disciple young people like Christ, you need to come meet Pastor Ismael.

We had the opportunity to take 10 youth on a day trip up in the mountains to hike in to see some waterfalls. It's always fun (and entertaining) being around these guys, but it was especially thrilling to sit and listen to one young man lead all of us in a short but challenging message. What thrilled me the most was thinking back on where these guys were and where their focus was even just 2 years ago, and comparing that to the leaders most of them are now in their own church. God has been working and great things are happening.

God has blessed the efforts of my "Proverbs 31 wife" and she has sold almost everything we own as we get ready for the move in June to start planting a church in Round Rock, TX. Now we just have to keep the kids from breaking stuff before the owners come to claim it

Sincerely,

Jesse and Rebecca Hales

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to Bethel, Lonedell and took part in the Easter Walk. Praise God for those willing to give of their time and talent to present the gospel. At last report over 40 dear souls were won to the lord! Amen! The Secret Sisters were finally able to have their luncheon and reveal who's names they had. What a great time of fellowship and laughter and delicious food! We were encouraged to lift each other up in prayer and we know that a praying church is a force to be reckoned with! Resurrection Sunday greeted us with beautiful sunshine and as we gathered to worship the praise team, led by Bro. Mike led in joyful song and praise. We thank God for those willing to use their time and talents. On a very high note, we praise God for healing of one of our young friends. He had a double lung transplant and is doing excellent! He was able to go home and we know he covets our prayers. He still has a long road ahead of him. Others in our congregation have had health issues as well. We seek your prayers as we serve God in the Florissant area and beyond. Pray for those attending our national and state associations meetings. God bless and keep you.

Brian Meade, Pastor • Kathy Chapman, Reporter.

April was busy for **Ohlman Baptist Church, Bunker**, but not as busy as March. The Wednesday night attendance is still averaging around 50 to 60 youth, which calls for dedicated workers in the kitchen, most important though is the dedication of the teachers. For some of the youth attending, this is their only exposure to the Gospel. We continue to pray that the seeds sown will have a lasting and eternal impact on them. Eight "students" participated in CPR/AED certification April 5th. "Thank you," Bro. Gary Morgeson for coordinating this training. The annual GMA yard sale was April 12th and over \$300 was raised for the Youth Fund. "Thank you," Sis. Juanita May for your work on this. Easter Sunday, the auditorium was almost full for the morning service but not so full for the evening service. April ended on a spiritual high for many as we had a revival with Bro. Scotty Rayburn from Wiggins, MS as the evangelist. He spoke to the church about being workers like honey bees. He also encouraged everyone that no matter their position in life, they can be of great service for the Lord. Each night was well attended by others from the community churches and some former members of Ohlman. Our music team, consisting of Dalton Harper, Allison Harper and Jaelyn May assisted by Clay Harper, set the tone of the worship ser-



Ohlman's High School graduates, Jaelyn May and Justin Graham

vice with beautiful heartfelt singing. Thursday night the special music was provided by Katie Steelman of Salem, MO. Friday night it was reunion time for many as Gaylon Harper, Katrina Harper, Hannah Mendenhall sang and played instruments along with Dalton Harper and Clay Harper. Each night, we were taken to God's throne of worship through the music and the great soul-searching preaching of Bro. Scotty. Can-

not fail to mention the great fish fry dinner held on Friday evening before services hosted by the Brotherhood. While the men were responsible for the frying etc., the other delicious food items were provided by the women of the church. Sunday, April 28th we honored two high school graduates, Jaelyn May and Justin Graham with lunch. Jaelyn will be attending Springfield Academy of Hair Design in Springfield, MO later this summer and Justin is looking to join the U.S. Navy. We pray for both of these as they step into the next chapter of their lives. We were pleased to have Dillon Harper visiting us on the 28th while his family was out of state in Arkansas. He assisted with the music worship, which was a blessing. At the end of the school year, Bro. Terry Sharpe will no longer be driving a school bus for the Bunker School District. We know that through his friendship with the students he has had a great impact on many over the years. We ask that you continue to pray for Sis. Gay Sharpe's health as she is battling cancer and the effects of the treatments.

Terry Sharpe, Pastor • Janet Widger, Reporter

Hope you had a great Easter! We did here at **Ozark Heights Baptist Church, Potosi, MO!** Easter is a great reminder for all of us that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is something that we as Christians celebrate everyday! We have a busy month ahead with our homecoming on the 5th of May, followed by Mother's Day. If you live in Washington county and do not have a church home please come check us out at Ozark Heights! Have a great month and God Bless!

Brian Kingston, Pastor

Greetings from **Zion Baptist Church, St. Louis, MO!** It is so good to see Spring finally here. May will be a busy month. Some of the men at Zion are anticipating the Men's Spring Retreat. The BMAA meeting is just around the corner. Bro. and

Sis. Baker, Van Widger, Connie Reifsteck, Perry and I are planning on attending. Bro. Baker, Van and Perry will serve as messengers for Zion. After the BMAA in Rogers, AR, we will next have the State Missions Symposium and State semi-annual meeting in Springfield, MO with Grandview Baptist Church. Bro. Baker continues to bring good messages from the book of Acts on Sunday mornings. During the afternoon service, Bro. Baker has been teaching from Dr. Cobb's Church Manual. It is good to review what we believe and to remind us why we are Missionary Baptist. Wednesday evenings we've been studying in Joshua and are about ready for a new study. Zion has their monthly auxiliaries, WMA and Brotherhood, on the third Sunday. The WMA is currently studying from "Rebekah, The Chosen Bride". Our Bible teacher is Sis. Connie Reifsteck. If ever in our area, please come and visit. Pray for us as we remember to pray for you. To God Be the Glory!

Dennis Baker, Pastor • Norma Womble, Reporter

Hello to everyone, from **Stony Point Baptist Church, Mineral Point, MO!** We began our Easter celebration with a 6:00 a.m. sunrise service followed by breakfast and fellowship. We had a great worship service and the kids had an Easter egg hunt. Easter has always been the real Thanksgiving Day to me. Jesus conquered death for "us!" I can think of nothing for which to be more thankful. The 28th we were blessed to have Bro. Kevin and Sis. Kayla Smith from First Baptist in Potosi in our services to tell us about two ministries to which they have been called: Celebrate Recovery and the Pregnancy Resource Center. Our church was enlightened and inspired by hearing what God is doing in communities around us. During our afternoon Bible study, the GMA's auctioned their labor (to do work around the homes of church members) for a project they are working on for Camp Garwood. The Lord continues to bless and we are thankful for His faithfulness and His promises.

Claude Evans, Pastor • David Hughes, Reporter

Hello from your friends at **Faith Baptist Church, St. Charles, MO!** At the time of writing, Pastor Justin Arender is in Cuba on a mission trip with the BMA! We have heard that there was a baptism already, so we're excited that God's work is being done! In April, our youth group had a baked goods fund-raiser that raised just over \$900 for the youth department. We are thankful for our Associate/Youth Pastor, Clay Stevenson and his family for filling their new place in our church family so wonderfully. It's hard to believe that they haven't even been here for 6 months yet! The youth program is growing, and the parents have brought praises for the things their children have been absorbing. We hope everyone had a beautiful Resurrection Sunday as we did with our church! It is always good for us to remember not only what Christ did for us on the cross, but also that He rose again and we serve a living Savior! Two boys that had made a profession of faith the week before were baptized during our worship time, which only made the worship sweeter. Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for June 3rd through 5th. The lessons are focused around building blocks and having a solid foundation in Christ. We are looking forward to seeing what God will do in the younger children's hearts. We're thankful that we have the privilege of helping plant the seed of faith!

Justin Arender, Pastor • Annaliese Wagner, Reporter

We have certainly had a blessed month at **Landmark Baptist Church, DeSoto, MO!** We feel like greater things are yet to happen. We have had four new members this month, Three joined Easter Sunday and one the 28th. That's in addition to the 5 that joined last month. They have blessed us by joining with us and we pray that we can be a great blessing and en-

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## Unique Map Donated to Seminary



Dr. Charley Holmes, Bonnie and Don Brown in front of completed map

Monday, April 15, Don and Bonnie Brown drove from Laurel, MS, to Jacksonville, TX on a mission. Bro. Don is bringing to a close two terms (10 years) as a trustee for BMA Seminary. Bro. Don is a strong supporter of the worldwide mission of BMA Seminary and wanted to do something special for the administration, faculty, staff and students.

The Browns acquired a three-dimensional world map from Bro. Dennis and Sylvia Rankin (Mobile, AL). The Rankins built four of these maps which are handcrafted from vari-

ous woods and which measure approximately 8' x 12'. Each country is made from a different type of wood and many are represented by a particular wood indigenous to the country. Bro. Don and Bro. Robert Bishop (BMATS Maintenance Supervisor) spent Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday installing this impressive display.

Bro. Don and Mrs. Bonnie donated this piece in memory of their parents, Eugene and Elma Roberts and James M. "Billy" and Ruthie Brown.

BMA Seminary wishes to publicly thank Bro. and Mrs. Brown for this generous and beautiful gift. We anticipate that it will become something special in the memories of our faculty, administration, staff and students' lives for many years to come.

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couragement to them. We lost one of our members this month. Bro. Albert (Windy) Caine went home to be with the Lord whom he was anxious to meet face to face. He and his wife have been unable to come for some time. Bro. Les Fielder, a former member and someone we all loved, also met his maker this month. Please pray for these two widows who have lost their husbands of over 50 years. We've had a lot of sickness too. Sis. Jackie Couch is in rehab after suffering a stroke and her sister, Betty Harrison, is dealing with pneumonia again. Several of us have had bad coughs, not knowing what is causing them, and have had them for weeks. Seems like once you get it, you've had it! It just won't let go. We've started having home prayer meetings twice a month. We've had our 1st one and it was truly a blessing and our second one is this week and we're looking forward to it. We were blessed to be able to get new tires on the church van, so we'll be using it to take our people to the different homes. We are still praying for the bi-vocational pastor that God has already chosen for us. We just have to let Him guide us to that special one. We are truly, truly blessed at Landmark and thank God for every blessing He sends our way. Until next month or the Lord's Return David Crites, Interim Pastor • Sharon Page, Reporter

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

We are sorry to inform you that Bro. Don Hufstedler fell again and fractured two bones in his neck. He has been in the Hospital and is now staying in Brooke Haven Nursing Home in West Plains, where he is receiving Physical Therapy. April 27th Oak Hill ordained Bro. Roy Nix and Bro. Chad Casey as Deacons. Before the ordination services we ate lunch in our fellowship hall, the food was excellent and so were the deserts! Bro. Wayne Gibson was the Moderator. Our nominees set in chairs in front of the congregation and our older Deacons Bro. Donnie Cooley asked a few questions to our nominee's and they answered correctly. Bro. Tom Foster Sr. preached a good message on the requirements and duties of Deacons. Thank the Lord Bro. Don Hufstedler was able to attend the ordination services. We praise God that we now have five Deacons at Oak Hill: Bro. Don Hufstedler, Bro. Dale Williams, Bro. Donnie Cooley, Bro. Roy Nix, and Bro. Chad Casey. We do not have any Seniors graduating High School or College this

year. Until next month when I hope I will have some more good news to tell, we will be praising and honoring our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Edward Casey, Pastor Jennifer Williams, Reporter

### Lower Doe Run Baptist Church, Ellington, MO.

Our Report is not full of positive notes this month except this: *"And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us: and if we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have desired of Him."* I John 5:14-15. One dear deacon and his wife only attend once in awhile due to sickness, yet they remain to be faithful in encouraging others. Our other deacon had a mishap on the farm with a lawn mower and cut his thumb and hurt his head - yet he was faithfully following his duties the Sunday after. He, his wife and mother-in-law are moving into town. They are selling their farm, not too far from the Camp Garwood, due to health concerns. This pastor would like to see some good church members relocate to country living and join our church so he would not lose his deer hunting privilege!

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This month the pastor and wife were able to visit a member who now lives in Macon, MO. She blessed our hearts also. The church records the church services and sends CD's to six families now. We pray God will bless these efforts to His Glory. The pastor and wife were privileged to help his Aunt Evon Simmons' family, at her funeral services this month. Some may recall that she was wife of State Missionary Wayne Simmons who pastored several churches and missions in Missouri. She was a wonderful aunt, sister in Christ, pastor's wife, mother to Terry, Linda, and Angela, and grandmother to several grands, and greats! We were blessed to hold the family dinner at Mt. Olive in Salem where Wayne had pastored. We thank the Ohlman members and the members there who helped prepare and serve lunch. Several singers and musicians gathered at The Villas in Desoto to lift up our Savior and Lord one day, then many of that group and others in Potosi gathered to sing at Potosi Manor and Georgian Gardens another day. After lunch that day we were privileged to visit and sing with Ray and Dorothy Thurman. What a blessing! We are looking forward to attending the National meeting in Rogers and the State Mission Symposium in Springfield. God Bless! Melvin Meade, Pastor • Carolyn Meade, Reporter



Pictured above are four new deacons and their wives who were ordained at New Testament Baptist Church in Sullivan, April 27, 2019. From left to right: Bro. & Sis. Lawrence, Bro. & Sis. Pinnell, Bro. & Sis. Roehrs, Bro. & Sis. Scanton. Bro. Josh Wright is the Pastor of the Church.

(Photo and information submitted by Bro. Michael Hearst)

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### 2019 Missouri Ladies Retreat September 6 & 7, 2019

Registration Fee:  
\$ 30.00 BEFORE August 1, 2019  
\$ 35.00 after August 1, 2019

Speaker - Sabrina Clayton

Drury Inn & Suites  
Arnold, Missouri  
(636)287-3111

#### Reservation Information:

Group Name: Women's Missionary Auxiliary of MO

Group Number: 2357337

Room Rate: \$ 114.99 (plus tax)

2 Queen beds (up to 4 people)  
Rate guaranteed until August 1, 2019

Room Occupancy will include:  
"Kickback" Supper & "Quick-start" Breakfast

Note: Please make room reservations directly with the motel. Be sure to mention Group Name and Number.

Ladies Retreat Registration Form  
(Make additional copies as needed)

Make check payable to:  
Missouri Women's Missionary Auxiliary  
and send with this form to:

Ladonna Baker  
5146 Darkmoor Ln.  
Imperial, MO 63052

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration: (\$ 30.00 before August 1st) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Total Included: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Moral Action

Dr. John Adams, Executive Director

### Demonism

II Corinthians 2:11

by Dr. John Adams

Christians have taken a tongue-in-cheek approach to the issue of demonism. We should boldly and confidently recognize Satan's intimidation and his mastery of tricks.

#### Can Christian People Be Demon Possessed?

Evil forces are not discriminating with regard to which body they may inhabit. If the "gate is left open", the demon sees this as a walk through. We read II Cor. 2:10-11: "To whom ye forgive anything, I forgive also: for if I forgave anything, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ; lest Satan should get an advantage of us for we are not ignorant of his devices."; I Cor. 5:5: "To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus." and Luke 22:31, "And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat."

The believer has the Holy Spirit within him, so the demon force cannot claim ownership of the Christian. He is still a child of God. But the evil force can work havoc within the life and body, bringing evil and extreme thoughts. This explains why some believers fall into such horrible sins and how some even commit suicide.

#### What is it like to be Demon Possessed?

The demons of Satan can block out the true consciousness of man temporarily, and speak and act through the victim... Luke 8:26-28, "And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee. And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not." Often the person will possess incredible strength, a wild temperament, a blasphemous tongue, a vulgar character, and can carry out sadistic-brutal acts."

Some things to look for that might reveal demonism are:

1. Sudden and unreasonable changes of mood,
2. Aggressive expressions of hate and hostility,
3. Unnatural attachment to charms, fortune-telling and involvement in the occults,
4. Drugs and alcohol addiction, and
5. Extreme habits of sexual immorality, perversion, evil tongues, and mockery.

#### Can Demons Be Resisted?

Charles Swindoll, author, gives a simple biblical process to follow:

1. Vocally declare your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Openly acknowledge that He is your Master and Lord.
2. Deny any and all allegiance to the devil and his demonic host.
3. Claim the full armor of God, based on Ephesians 6:10-11: "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Read the passage orally with emphasis.
4. State firmly your resistance of demonic influence.

James 4:7-8 is a very practical instruction, with hocus pocus or secret code. "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God,

and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded." It means what it says. We are to not allow Satan's forces to stay in us. The blood of Christ drives these forces away.

#### Can I Win the War Over Satan?

There's an appropriate and victorious thought from Revelation 12:11. "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." There is no need to be afraid for we have overcoming power through Him who died that we might live. In the book "Satan is Alive and Well" it states, "Using Jesus' name reminds the believer that the conquest of Satan was Christ's victory, we are only conquerors because of Him. If we dare to step out from behind the cross of Christ and try to battle Satan in our own strength, we will lose!"

#### Writer Mark Bubeck gives some dos and don'ts.

1. Don't seek information or allow any wicked spirit to volunteer you information.

2. Don't assume that one victory is the end of the warfare.

3. Don't rely upon bold confrontation as the main way to victory, but apply daily prayer, scripture memorization, and a walk of praise toward God to help.

4. Do put on the whole armor of God.

5. Do take back all ground you may have given Satan by willful sins, and this is done by a simple prayer of faith.

6. Do force the wicked spirit to admit that because you are sealed with Christ, you and Christ have full authority over them.

Ephesians 1:21-22 "Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come. And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church."

## 2019 LifeWord Sunday

by Holly Meriweather, Director of Church Connections

This will be my sixth year at LifeWord and my sixth LifeWord Sunday to be a part of. The dedication of our church representatives (Team LifeWord) makes what I do at LifeWord a daily blessing. As Director of Church Connections, I'm honored to serve our churches and her members as they fulfill their Great Commission Calling through media.

Here are some important things to know as you plan 2019 LifeWord Sunday:

- Date: October 20
- (Central AR Area Walk: October 9)
- First day for registration and T-shirt sales on lifeword.org: May 17
- T-shirt prices: \$14 for S/S, \$20 for L/S
- Available sizes:
  - o S/S Youth: S, M, L
  - o S/S Adult: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL, XXXXL
  - o L/S Adult: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL
- T-shirts will be available at the national meeting, GMA Camp and SOAR.
- Call soon to schedule a LifeWord staff person to speak to your church, auxiliary, or group. Sunday dates are filling up quickly!
- A 2019 LifeWord Sunday packet will be sent to your church August 1, so be watching for it and get it to your Team LifeWord leader.

As we prepare for LifeWord Sunday on October 20, your LifeWord team is excited to celebrate what God is doing around the world. Last year, we were anticipating how the LifeWord Cloud would reach more people with the gospel; this year we can tell you how God is working through your media ministry to do just that.

On or around October 20, we hope your church will join BMA churches around the world in learning about, praying for and giving to LifeWord. For information, please go to LifeWord's Facebook to find shareable videos and blogs. Even more information can be found in our monthly newsletter. Sign up for it by sending me your e-mail address (holly@lifeword.org).

September 4, 2018, is the day that changed LifeWord's ministry forever! We want you to be just as excited as we are, so if you're not sure what I'm talking about, please contact me, and I'll get you started. The first step is to find a Team LifeWord leader in your church to coordinate your LifeWord Sunday celebration, then I'll help with the rest.

For more information, call (501-205-1127) or e-mail me (holly@lifeword.org).

### Broken Pieces

I was at the grocery store this morning and heard a loud crash and something shattering. Being nosy, I walked towards the sound and saw some people whispering and looking back to the end of the next aisle. When I walked down that aisle, I saw an older lady had hit a shelf containing dishes with her cart and many had fallen to the ground and broke. She was kneeling on the floor embarrassed, frantically picking up the shattered pieces, while her husband was peeling off the bar code from each broken dish saying "Now we will have to pay for all this!"

I felt so bad for her, and everyone was just standing there staring at her!! I went and knelt beside her and told her not to worry and started helping her pick up the broken pieces. After about a minute, the store manager came and knelt beside us and said, "Leave it, we will clean this up. Let's get your information so you can go to the hospital and have that cut on your hand looked at."

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the good times and bad, on the mountain or in the valley there is one who has promised to never leave or forsake.

"Nothing much grows on top of the mountains, most growth is in the valleys. However, the peaks in our lives allow us to refresh our vision of our destination."

-Matt Bolen

Whether you're thinking of our theme with a focus on God's Creation or encouragement for the valleys of life our prayer is that this year's camp will help you grow a little closer to Jesus.

### Retreat Reminders

#### DEWRs May 30 - June 1

We will be at camp THURSDAY night. Friday we are taking a day trip to the river. Bring lawn chairs, swim items, fishing stuff, whatever you might need to spend some time on the river in a remote location. There is a conservation block potty house but no running water. It's about 30 minutes from camp mostly traveling gravel roads. We'll be at camp Friday evening and Saturday. Some may opt for a trip to the drive-in but we don't know at this time what will be playing.

#### GMA retreat July 12-13

This is going to be an awesome retreat. We are working with Lisa to have some special things planned. It will be a lot of fun. Bring your girls even if you don't have an active GMA program.

#### Camp Week July 29 - August 2

Be there or be square! Our Speaker, Brad Banderman, will fire up your guys before we send them back to school.

We'll have camp packets ready for the mid-year meeting

The lady, totally embarrassed said, "I need to pay for all this first." The manager smiled, helped her to her feet and said, "No ma'am, we have insurance for this, you do not have to pay anything!"

For you who have read this so far, I would like you to give me a minute. Wherever you are, close your eyes, and imagine God doing the same for you!

Collect the pieces of your broken heart from all the blows life has thrown at you. God will heal all your wounds, and I assure you that your sins and mistakes will be forgiven.

You see, we all have the same insurance, and it's called Grace. When you accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior and ask for forgiveness, the Manager of the universe, GOD, will say to you "Everything has already been paid for, now go on your way, all is forgiven!"

As the Bible teaches and the old hymn says, "Jesus PAID it ALL, All to HIM I owe." John 8:11b says to the repentant, "Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more."

Praise God for His mercy and grace extended to believers!

## Camp Garwood

### Financial Report

October 1, 2018 - April 29, 2019

#### General Fund:

Beginning Balance	\$	3,757.77
Received		24,198.46
Disbursement		11,155.94
Total Fund		16,800.29

#### Food Fund:

Beginning Balance	\$	0.00
Received		200.00
Disbursement		-1,303.53
Total Fund		-1,103.53

#### Insurance Fund:

Beginning Balance	\$	0.00
Received		0.00
Disbursement		-4,051.50
Total Fund		-4,451.50

#### Concession:

Beginning Balance	\$	0.00
Received		0.00
Disbursement		0.00
Total Fund		0.00

#### Paintball Fund:

Beginning Balance	\$	0.00
Received		130.00
Disbursement		35.61
Total Fund		94.39

#### Mini Golf:

Beginning Balance	\$	9,400.00
Received		0.00
Disbursement		-1,779.00
Total Fund		7,621.00

**Total all funds: \$ 19,360.65**

in Springfield. The rest will be mailed out the following week.

Be sure to remind adults about the screening before coming to camp. Prayers for our churches!

See ya soon!

### Interested in Missionary visiting your church?

Danny and Rita Ballard, missionaries to the Philippines, will be home on furlough from August through mid October. Churches wishing them to come by and share their ministry while home may schedule a visit. You may contact them by email at [ballardsphilippines@gmail.com](mailto:ballardsphilippines@gmail.com).

Contact the BMA Missions office for information on others who would come. Call 501-455-4977.

## The Master's Builders Return to Hebron Hills



The Master's Builders returned to Hebron Hills (April 1-12) to continue work on the first resident housing building. The Builders completed the siding on the building and also worked on finishing the back porch in addition to installing shelving in several of the resident rooms. We had lots of rain and good ol' Arkansas red mud and clay to enjoy the first week but were able to work on the porch during the storms. As always, there was a lot of laughter and fellowship shared by the men during the work. We were joined in our efforts by Brother David McMurray (New Jersey), Gary Divens (New Jersey), "Mack" McMurray (New Mexico), and Mike and Sean McMurray (Texas). These men worked in the residence building on plumbing issues, hanging ceiling fans, and beginning to install the beautiful wood flooring. Mary Lou Herron was there each day to continue work on painting the inside of the building. Central Baptist College sent a wonderful group of students on Saturday to do general clean up and help where needed. The Master's Builders women enjoyed bible study and fellowship each day as well as helped where they could. Hebron Hills is such a beautiful, special place and we believe God will do Mighty things there! Please pray for "We Are Free" and support it in any way you can!

The Master's Builders are so grateful for all who supported and prayed for us while we worked. Also, to the churches and businesses who donated food, ice, and drinks... a big "Thank you and God Bless"!

This project was #159 for The Master's Builders in total and is the second job for 2019. We plan to return in May to continue the finishing work in the residence building and begin finishing work in the administration building. Pray for our us. Several of our men are in their 80's, most are in their 70's, and a few are in their upper 60's! We need workers! We love being together and are blessed in so many ways!

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

We hope you are able to stop by our table at the BMA National Meeting in May to visit with us and learn more about our ministry. Remember, you can keep up with our work on our Facebook page —The Master's Builders. "Like" our page for our job updates and photos during each job.

Rose Bittner - Reporter

***That is not sound faith, that does not issue in practical godliness. Nor is there any true morality, apart from "the principles of Christ."***  
Charles Bridges (1794-1869)

## Dynamic Personalities at SOAR 2019

SOAR 2019, to be held July 3-5, will be packed with loads of excitement and learning for your church's youth group! With a revamped SOAR Village, Prayer Teams, Church Time, and much more, your teens will grow closer to one another and to the Lord during the SOAR Conference week.

One of the most exciting parts about SOAR 2019 is all of the personalities that will be a part of this year's conference!

First, Andy Comer will serve as the keynote speaker for the conference, talking about the missions-focused topic of "One Lost Sheep." Andy is the lead pastor of Antioch Georgetown in Texas, and this will be his second time speaking at SOAR. His passion is to clearly communicate God's Word to people in a way that they can understand.

SOAR Collective will lead worship SOAR 2019. Every member of the band comes from various BMA churches, and they all attended or currently attend Central Baptist College. SOAR is excited to host this dynamic group!

The concert for this year's conference will be a band called CITIZEN WAY. They are known for songs such as "When I'm With You," "Bulletproof," and "How Sweet the Sound." The members of CITIZEN WAY consider themselves "musicianaries," or musicians with a missionary-like calling.

Yukon, a Christian rapper based out of Memphis, Tennessee, will host another concert in the SOAR Village. He is an active member at Central Church in Southaven, Mississippi, and is looking forward to performing at SOAR 2019!

Finally, DJ TruStorey will perform throughout the conference, bringing his excitement and music to energize students. DJ TruStorey lives in Conway, AR with his wife Blayne, serves at his local

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:calebhouston@yahoo.com).

**James Hoffmann**, is available for pulpit supply. Contact him at 314-277-8644 or by e-mail at [jmhoff@charter.net](mailto: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](mailto: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.*

## Pastor Searches

**Central Baptist Church, Union, MO** is in search of a pastor. Interested preachers should contact Tim Lomax, 2859 New Hope Church Rd., Sullivan, MO 63080 or call him: Home 636-629-8161 or Cell 314-779-5687.

**Black Creek Baptist Church, Poplar Bluff, MO** is in search of a pastor. Interested preachers should contact Gale Guthrie by e-mail ([galeguthrie@icloud.com](mailto:galeguthrie@icloud.com)) or by phone (573-776-0136). Please leave a message and he will return your call.

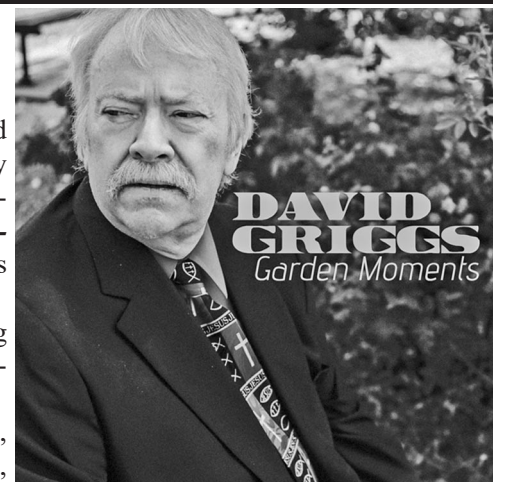
## Still Available

Pastor David Griggs' recently released vocal album entitled *Garden Moments* is still available.

The following songs are included in this album:

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

You may contact David by e-mail ([david92951@aol.com](mailto:david92951@aol.com)) or by calling 314-631-2213.



Front cover of *Garden Moments*

church, Oasis Conway, and daylights as a barista. His passions are music, Vine references, corgis, and his renovated church van.

If you and your group would like to register for SOAR and get the early bird rate, a free SOAR t-shirt, and a free Paradise Springs waterpark pass, visit [gosoar.com/register](http://gosoar.com/register). The discount and free t-shirt are available until June 1.