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“Holding Forth The Word of Life”

Philippians 2:16

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You Can Help Us Have A Great Camp!

Our state camp is a great tool that God has provided us to use in ministering to all ages of people across our great state! Every reader of this publication can help us use the camp to bring Glory and Honor to God each year. We may not be able to attend, but we should if we can! But here are some things that we ALL CAN DO!

Pray - God will bless all involved in this ministry.

Give - See Chris' article on this page.

Encourage - A word of appreciation gives strength to leaders.

Help - Contact Chris and see what you can do.

For more information about
camp or to register go to:
bmamissouri.org

REMEMBER THIS????

It is a reminder to let Jesus fill our hearts as we join together at Camp Garwood



This picture was taken a few years ago using those attending camp to form a heart while inside the heart several campers formed the letters J-E-S-U-S.

From Our Camp Director.....

It's Camp Time! Are You Ready?

You only have a few days to complete the adult screening. Don't forget to go over the camp rules with your group. Double check your packing list. Bible, Clothes, Toiletries, Sheet, pillow, light jacket, flashlight, canteen money, ear plugs, muzzles, straight jackets. You know, all the essentials.

As of this writing the camp fund is around \$12,000.00. We should have just enough funds to cover camp week. However at this time we still owe \$15,000 on the loan from last year. I'd like to encourage you to bring special funds with you to camp to specifically help pay down that loan debt.

I've done some basic searches on what other camps are getting for registration fees.

- BMA camp at Budd Creek, AR - \$135.
- Daniel Springs BMA camp Gary TX - \$155.
- Charleston Baptist camp \$80 to cover camp week expenses. All maintenance, repairs and upgrades are paid by the SBC association.
- And then there's Eagle Sky Christian Camp in Piedmont MO. \$425 for food and bed, and activities cost extra.

Considering these options we are blessed to offer a “free” camp experience. We all know it's not free, but we don't require payment we only suggest campers help us with expenses. Most do but some can't. With our current setup no one is turned away. Will you ask your church and campers to help us catch up on our finances?

We are looking forward to seeing everyone! Camp is like a large family reunion. Be praying for us as we finish preparing for your arrival. Be praying for Bro. Brad Banderman and all the camp workers. Don't overlook praying for the kids you are bringing, that the Lord will begin now preparing their hearts to hear him speak.

Blessings, *Chris*

Matt Bolen • MMB 5-2019

Our Theme

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

At camp a few weeks ago 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 thinking about “Hills and Valleys” for our theme a couple of songs come to mind: “God on the Mountain” by Tracey Dart and “Hills and Valleys” by Tauren Wells.

Both songs serve well to remind us we are not alone. In the good times and bad, on the mountain or in the valley there is one who has promised to never leave or forsake us.

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.

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.

Camp Week July 29 - August 2, 2019

Theme: “Hills and Valleys”

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

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



NEWS BRIEFS



Summer greetings from **Bates Creek, Potosi!** We have had a busy few months but God has been so good to our congregation. A church clean up/work day was productive and helped get God's house back in order. We had several men show up to work on the cemetery too. Our VBS was a huge hit with lots of visitors and kids hearing the word, some for the very first time. Pray for those kids and their families that they may seek out a home church and all come to know God. A special thanks to Sis. Connie Evans, Sis. Fay Simpson, Sis. Beverly Bowen, and Sis. Gail Rasnic for all of their work on VBS. WMA enjoyed a pool party together with good food and good fellowship. God has been blessing us with regular visitors including a little family with some of the cutest kids. We know God is at work in our church. Please continue to pray that all is pleasing to Him and is for His honor and glory.

Bryan Buckley, Pastor • Sara Buckley, Reporter

Hi! to you all from **Stony Point, Mineral Point!** May 5th the church presented Bro. Claude and Sis. Bea with a quilt with the names of church members on quilt blocks in celebration of his 20th year pastoring Stony Point. We all know how blessed we are, and have been, to have a man that has been faithful to



The quilt presented to the Evans as it is held up for all to see.

his calling and a faithful wife always standing at his side. To say we love you to both of them is not enough, but it is the best we can do. Claude and Bea attended the national meeting in Rogers, Arkansas May 6th-8th. We were blessed by Bro. Tim Sohn from Wisconsin bringing the message May 12th. We were also blessed to have Bro. Michael Huddleston preach what God had placed on his heart on May 19th. The church held a fish fry May 26th in honor of our graduates from high school and college. We had our Vacation Bible School June 22nd with 19 youth and 13 adults attending. June 23rd saw the church receiving the Lord's Supper. June 30th Claude and Bea were working at Camp Garwood and Bro. Wayne Gibson delivered the message to the church.

Claude Evans, Pastor • David Hughes, Reporter

Ohlman, Bunker, asks for continued prayers as we have now entered into the search for a pastor phase. Bro. and Sis. Sharpe did get moved to Arkansas. They are surely missed. It has fallen on Bro. Larry May to contact and schedule men to fill the pulpit. We've enjoyed hearing Bro. Ron Fields, Bro. Joey Duckworth, Bro. Andy Lahman and Bro. James Hoffmann in the last few weeks. Church member, Bro. Sam Wisdom, has filled in during times when no one else was available as well as leading on Sunday nights. Due to other churches in the area hosting VBS, we have only had youth on a couple of the Wednesday nights. The attendance has been low but that's understandable with summer vacations. Also due to vacations, our monthly WMA and ladies Bible Study was cancelled. We hosted the 5th Sunday singing on June 30th. Members from Lower Doe Run and Mt. Olive attended and participated. Bro. and Sis. Claude Evans visited with us on the 30th as they were

at Camp Garwood working. Speaking of Camp Garwood, many are anticipating attending annual camp, Sis. Dottie Steelman is coordinating this. Janet Widger, Reporter

Greetings from **Bethel, Sikeston.** Last month Bro. Timothy Batts came forward requesting to join the church and Bro. John Seabaugh requested baptism. They were both baptized the following Sunday, and the hand of fellowship was given as they were gladly accepted as members! God is good all the time! June 2nd Troy Sisk and his wife Patty came forward requesting to join the church; Their daughter Heather and her son Resse professed salvation and requested to be baptized and join the church. They were all graciously and gladly accepted by the church. Heather & Resse were baptized the following Sunday... Praise God from whom all blessings flow!! That same Sunday afternoon we had our Vacation Bible School kickoff which turned out really well with lots of children attending. The following day started our VBS. We had a good group of children each night with lots of help from the adults. We are thankful for Sis. Donna, our pastor's wife for getting the VBS program together, as she did an excellent job! Our pastor Bro. Billy surprised us by entering all the children's names into a drawing to win a bicycle. On the last night of VBS he drew a boy's name and a girl's name. The children were so excited to see whose name would be drawn. Aiden won the boy's bike and Jackie Saucedá's name was drawn for the girl's; her mother spoke up and said, "we want you to draw another name because Jackie is too little for the bike and she has one anyway." Wow, how unselfish is that! God bless you, Sis. Darcee Saucedá! The second name drawn was Jordie. Needless to say everyone was happy!! Our youth had a safe and successful

mission trip to Texas to help clean up flooded areas. Father's day turned out with lots of fathers being present. They were honored with poems, singing, a gift, and, of course, a meal presented by the ladies of the church, with lots of good food and fellowship. Two of our members, Bro. John Seabaugh and Bro. Dannie Wood have joined the Gideons. This is a wonderful organization to be a part of; as they spread the Word of God by distributing Bibles as well as other outreach ministries. May God bless you both for making this decision! We are thankful for the faithful service of our members that reach out to others through prison and jail ministries, nursing homes and a lot of ministries that are done without recognition. But they do not go unnoticed by God, as he sees all! The 30th Little Miley Seabaugh came forward giving her profession of faith, requesting to be baptized. She was baptized that same morning and given the hand and hugs of fellowship welcoming her into our Bethel family! Praise God, what a blessing to see these little ones come to faith in Christ! The Lord's Supper was observed during the evening service June 30th. Praying for all of you to be blessed each day. Every day is a gift from God!! Billy Davis, Pastor • Joan Wood, Reporter

Greetings from **Lower Doe Run Baptist Church near Ellington.** It has been an unusual 2 months with an abundance of sickness but Sunday the 30th was the climax as we hosted the Morris Reunion on Saturday and had 9 visitors for Sunday services. It was so good to have Sis. Betty Rayfield, 2 of her daughters and 2 grandchildren present! We send her a CD of each of the Sunday Services and she passes them along to the residents and staff where she lives. She also takes the used Sunday School booklets and they use them in small groups at the home. The Holy Spirit was very evident throughout the Sunday School lesson centered on being right in our homes then through choir and special music "Constantly Abiding," and "He Did It All For Me." The message from John 2 was illustrated with a stone water jar from the Philippines similar to those used in Jesus' miracle in Cana of Galilee. Some of us guessed way off on the amount of water the jar could hold. As in John 2 the water pots filled to the brim so that nothing could be added measured right at 9 gallons! The message of salvation was clearly presented and ended with the song, "Wedding Music." We had a good representation at Ohlman for the 5th Sunday Singing. We really appreciate their willingness to host each time. Mt. Olive was well represented along with Ohlman and Lower Doe Run. We missed Bro. Sharpe and Gay and we pray God's blessings on their new venture in His will. We join

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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • June 2019

General Fund:

Checking Account:

Balance May 31, 2019		\$	26,893.19
June Receipts:			
Missions:	\$	<u>3,099.24</u>	
Total Income:	\$	3,099.24	\$ <u>3,099.24</u>
Total Available		\$	29,992.43
Disbursements:			
Director, Salary	\$	650.00	
BMAA (Matt Barker)	\$	200.00	
Domain Fee	\$	<u>78.68</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$	928.68	\$ <u>(928.68)</u>
Balance June 30, 2019:			\$ 29,063.75

Bank of America Savings Account:

Balance May 31, 2019		\$	1,100.96
Interest:	\$.02	\$ <u>.02</u>
Balance June 30, 2019:			\$ 1,100.98

Investment in BMA of Mississippi Revolving Loan Fund:

Balance May 31, 2019:	\$	103,976.73
Interest: June 30, 2019	\$	<u>583.27</u>
Balance June 30, 2019:	\$	104,560.00

Total of all Funds May 31, 2019: \$ **134,724.73**

10/40 Window

by Dr. Ralph Izard, M.D.

If you were going to partner with a gospel missions effort to reach as many with the gospel as possible, where would you begin? If you could locate a place on the map where millions and millions of people live in a very concentrated area, where two-thirds of the world's population live on just one-third of the earth's land mass, would that seem like a logical place to focus your efforts? There is a place that matches that description. It's called the 10/40 window.

The 10/40 Window (10 and 40 degrees north latitude) is where nearly 2/3 of the world's population, almost 4 billion people, is located. It represents the heart of the Islamic, Hindu, Buddhist, Animist and Atheist religions of the world. The people living there have very little or no access to any Chris-



tian resources. In fact, most of the governments residing in the 10/40 window are hostile to Christianity.

Baptist Medical Missions International (BMMI) has been led of the Lord to focus our ministry efforts working with BMA Missionaries to reach the people in the 10/40 Window. By taking much-needed medical care to the underserved people living in the 10/40 window, BMMI is opening doors for BMA Missionaries to plant new churches and make new disciples for Christ.

The average cost of caring for a patient in a BMMI Clinic is approximately \$20. That \$20 can change a person's eternal destiny. That \$20 makes it possible for a BMMI physician to care for a patient, pays for his/her airfare to the field, gives him a modest place to stay, allows for food expense, provides all of the medicines needed, pays for language translators, gives eyeglasses for patients who need them and provides for an evangelistic team to share the love of Jesus with each patient who comes to the clinic. On each BMMI trip there are over 1000 patients who are ministered to. That's 1000 people who are given medical care and introduced to the Good News of Jesus... all for only \$20 per patient.

How can you be a part of BMMI's effort to reach the 10/40 window?

First, please pray daily for the ministry of BMMI.

Second, volunteer to be part of a BMMI team! You don't have to be a medical professional to go on a BMMI Trip! There are many places where you could be a real blessing! Your greatest qualification is a desire to see people come to faith in Jesus.

Finally, help supply medicine, eyeglasses or support someone who has a desire to go on a trip by giving a generous offering to this ministry.

Help change the life of someone needing life-giving medicine and the life-giving message of Jesus by partnering with us financially at:

bmamissions.org/bmmi or
by mail at BMMI, 611 Locust Street, Conway, Arkansas 72034.

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From Our Director...

A busy month of June has quickly passed and July doesn't seem to be ready to slow down much. My wife and I attended the funeral of two family members this past month. Our brother-in-law and former member of Bethany Baptist Church in St. Louis, Earl Gillam, passed away and I conducted his funeral in Potosi June 15th. June 23rd, our 56th Anniversary we visited in the morning services at Landmark Baptist Church in DeSoto and enjoyed a good message by Bro. Crites and some sweet fellowship with the folks there as we were on our way to Searcy, Arkansas to attend the funeral of our daughter-in-law's dad, Gilbert Lay. The last Sunday of June I enjoyed preaching at Ohlman Baptist Church in Bunker as my wife and I attended their Fifth Sunday service and enjoyed a delicious meal at the Church and some more great fellowship with

our friends there.

Three of the four Sundays in July I have already accepted invitations to fill-in for churches that do not have pastors.

Annual association meetings will be starting soon in several local associations and I hope to be able to attend some of these in various parts of the state and get better acquainted with more of our brothers and sisters who are involved in the BMA of Missouri. I would be glad to come and share news about State Missions, the Missouri Missionary Baptist, and the Kenneth Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund if your local association would like me to do so and if I do not have conflicting appointments.

I received a call from Bro. Dustin Wisely asking for us to pray for his sponsoring church, First Baptist of Magnolia, Arkansas, as their pastor has resigned and they will

be searching for a new pastor in addition to continuing their search for someone to fill Dustin's position on their staff and getting things ready for Dustin to begin his church planting here in Missouri. Please pray for this church as they seek God's man to guide them.

Dustin assured me that this will not affect his plans to come to Missouri and we are proceeding to prepare for him to be working with the BMA of Missouri and the Meramec Association in the Columbia area.

Also pray for Pastor John Parker (pastor of First Baptist Church, Bourbon) and Sis. Joyce Parker and their family in the loss of their expected infant in nearly the 8th month of the pregnancy. If you wish to contribute a love offering to assist Bro. and Sis. Parker with this unexpected heart-breaking loss, you may do so through First Baptist Church, Bourbon, MO.

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Ohlman in prayer for just the right Man of God to be their pastor. We are looking forward to a great Camp meeting in Garwood. We were also reminded that Lower Doe Run will host the Logan Creek Association August 10.
Melvin Meade, Pastor • Carolyn Meade, Reporter

Happy, hot summer, from **Bethany Baptist, St. Louis!** We wish you all a nice summer and happy 4th of July. We thank God for all the freedoms we have and pray we continue to have them. We are still having a few visitors and hope they continue to come. Bro. and Sis. Boatright went on a vacation. Bro. Jeff Moorman filled the pulpit and had a inspiring message. We all learn something new from each new message. We still have some out from illnesses. Sis. Ella Beeler had a major surgery and is still in the hospital. We extend our prayers for all those who are in need of healing and we wish each a speedy recovery. We need to pray for our church, so, that it grows and can be a beacon in our community. Again, enjoy the 4th, and have a nice time enjoying all God has provided us with and continue to pray for the lost people that they will soon become one of God's children.

Tim Boatright, Interim Pastor • Betty Johnston, Reporter

Greetings once again from all of us at **Lindsey Lane, Florissant.** Summer has arrived and we are busy as usual. Our youth group along with sponsors and younger kiddos went to the zoo earlier and had a blast. No one was kept so we were thankful for that! We are so thankful for those who give of their time to help. Our new sound system is installed and I think most of the glitches have been ironed out. Bro. Mike has been working with the praise team and they are blessing us every Sunday. Last week was sports camp and we averaged 60 every night. The carnival was held Saturday and everyone had a great time. Offerings totaled over \$200.00 and will be used for the shoebox ministry. Continue praying not only for Lindsey Lane but for all of our sister churches everywhere as well as for our missionaries, up coming camps, our country but most important for souls to be won to the Lord. God bless.

Brian Meade, Pastor • Kathy Chapman, Reporter

Landmark, DeSoto. We are still rejoicing with young Cody (Dakota) Perry on his salvation and baptism into the membership of Landmark. He came forward for salvation June 1st and was baptized on the 9th. He is a great grandson of Bro. C.O. Thornhill and I'm sure he is rejoicing with us. It was the best way that I know to start a new month. Bro. Crites has been preaching some terrific messages on Elijah, the Tishbite from his first appearance in his message of no rain for three years, to Ahab, to his ride to heaven in that glorious chariot of fire. What a sight that must have been for his prophet replacement, Elisha. I'm anxious to see where the sermons will be coming from now! There were so many applications to our lives today through these messages. Bro. Earl Denby still covets your prayers, he has a myriad of problems both health and financial. Bro. Junior Hopple has been having some serious problems. Please include him in your prayers. We also need to beseech the Lord to send some Godly men to answer the call for pastors in our area, so many churches are in great need of them due to having no pastor. Until next month or the Lord's glorious return,...

David Crites, Interim pastor • Sharon Page, reporter

Greetings from **Ozark Heights Baptist Church, Potosi.** I hope you all have a blessed July 4th weekend! We had a excellent VBS! We had 28 kids in all they learned the hidden treasures in Egypt that we find in the scripture. We are currently going through the book of Acts on a Sunday morning looking at the early church and their passion for the gospel! We would

love to have you come visit us. We are looking and praying for men who feel lead to serve in the office of deacon, would you please pray with us that the Lord will provide for us. I hope y'all have a good month God Bless!
Brian Kingston, Pastor

Happy Summer from **Kewanee MBC, Kewanee.** June was a busy month for us. We started with Dewer Weekend and went straight into VBS. We had a great VBS this year. Our theme was ROAR!! Bro. Dan and Sis. Pam did a great job teaching the lessons as well as Lisa Pipkin in I-Station, Jamie Kimball doing music, recreation time and of course refreshment ladies. This year we chose Water for Christ as our Mission project. We raised over \$1000 for this project. The kids loved learning about building wells and how blessed they were to have clean drinking water because that is not the case for everyone. Lisa Payne went on her first VSM trip. We had one girl to attend GMA camp this year. In the spring we had a Fisher's of Men challenge with First Baptist Matthews. The loosing church had to feed the winning church a fish dinner. That dinner was June 22 with Kewanee cooking the fish and fixins and Matthews church brought the homemade ice cream and cobblers. Fun was had by all. We have a large group headed to Dallas for SOAR!! Prayers for those traveling and souls blessed. We are gearing up for Camp Garwood as I know many of you all are too. Looking forward to a great Camp and a great summer. Blessings to all,

Dan Wisely, Pastor
Terri Adams, Reporter

HELLO all from **Oak Hill, Alton!** It is hard to believe that this year is already half over with! It's like they always say time flies when you're having fun. June 8th Bro. Ed performed a beautiful wedding ceremony for Bro. Eric and Sis. Julia Keck. July 7th we will have the Elmore's sing then we will have a time of food and fellowship

CD Album Still Available

Pastor David Griggs still has copies of his recently released vocal album entitled **Garden Moments.** The following songs are included in this album:

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

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

He informs us that the last week of July he is going to record a Christmas Album that should be available in time for the Holidays. We will post when that album is available or you may contact him for more information.

Either or both of these albums would make great presents to give to your family and friends.

over in our fellowship hall. Also July 17th is our anniversary of 15 years of being in and worshiping the Lord in our new building. We dedicated our new building on July 17th, 2004, when we had some of our previous pastors there during this service. We hope everyone will have a safe, happy, and blessed Fourth of July. Until next month I hope I will have some good news to tell you but until then we will be praising and honoring our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

God Bless!!

Edward Casey, Pastor

Jennifer Williams, Reporter

Greetings sisters and brothers from **First Baptist Church, Potosi.** Celebrate Recovery Praise Band began the month of June with worship in song and Bro. Kevin Smith brought the message both Sundays while the pastor and family were on vacation. A lot of construction has been going on to make more Sunday School rooms in the life center. The stage is now classrooms with a large storage space below. It is wonderful to be growing out of room. It takes a lot of classrooms to meet the needs of everyone who comes so more changes may be coming. Our youth enjoyed Super Summer and were filled with the spirit when they returned. Vacation Bible School is July 8-11 while the youth are participating in Jesus Loves Potosi July 7-11. GMA state retreat is at Camp Garwood July 12-13. Teen Camp is July 24-27 and Kids Camp is July 31-August 3. The Mineral Area Women's Retreat is at Bates Creek Camp September 20-21. It is difficult to believe that summer will be passing so quickly. So far in our Christmas boxes we should have hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, socks, pajamas, underwear, soap & washcloth, toothbrush & toothpaste, coloring books & crayons, brush & comb. We have HOPE (Healing Our Past Experiences) classes taught by Angie Gillam, prayer groups, 12-step Celebrate Recovery classes,. We are a friendly, prayerful, active church. We have youth in training to be teachers, leaders, witnesses, and volunteers. Please pray for us as we pray for you.

Jim Ainley, pastor • Deborah Rauhut, reporter

3rd Quarter 2017-2018 Financial Report Kenneth Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund April 2019 - June 2019

Balance: April 1, 2019	\$	12,224.31
Receipts:	\$	0.00
Total Available:	\$	12,224.31
Disbursements:	\$	(63.00)
Balance: June 30, 2019	\$	12,161.31

Prayer Concerns

by Tom Smith

As you know, in the last couple of years there seems to have been an escalation of evil around the world. Attacks on Christians, including the burning of church buildings and mass murders of their members, have dramatically increased in places like Africa, India and the Middle East; yet, most of these go unnoticed and/or unreported by the main stream media.

Likewise, here in the United States we're seeing an all-out war against long-held Judeo-Christian beliefs. Although termed a "cultural war," in reality it is a spiritual war, led by the "god of this world" and those whom he has blinded (II Cor. 4:4). It's also further evidence that God has turned many over to "a reprobate (perverse/perverted) mind, which has no fear of Him or His coming Judgment, as it calls 'good' evil and 'evil' good--while also applauding those who join in with them" (Romans. 1:18-32).

None of this is more evident than the current sexual revolution and the support for the LGBTQIA (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex and asexual or allied) agenda. And, this belief-system says it's up to an individual to determine if he's "bisexual (attracted to both male and female). . . pansexual (attracted to all gender identities). . . asexual (no sexual attraction). . . demisexual (no sexual attraction unless there's a strong, emotional, romantic connection with someone). . . graysexual (occasional sexual attraction). . . cisgender (one whose gender identity matches the sex they were 'assigned' at birth). . . transgender (one whose gender identity differs from their biological gender at birth). . . gender nonconforming (GNC), nonbinary, genderqueer, intersex or gender fluid, which refuses to be termed masculine or feminine.

Sadly, in an attempt to be more inclusive (and not alienate their customers), many of the world's largest, most recognized corporations are supporting these. Their advertising lauds this "freedom of expression and, in fact, caters to it."

Such is also the case in numerous states where governments and schools are encouraging citizens and students to get on the bandwagon by walking in "Pride Parades." Some cities, like Seattle and Spokane, have even sponsored a drag show at some of their public libraries, which included an open mike, karaoke, presentations on "safer" sex, an "advice panel" and a "breast binder raffle," which helped transgender-identifying females to flatten their breasts so they'll appear more masculine.

And, if that weren't enough, Hollywood is also ramping up its support by pushing the agenda in its cartoons. Recently, the popular PBS program, "Arthur"--which has been a favorite of kids for over 20 years--had an episode, entitled "Mr. Ratburn

and the Special Someone," which depicts the marriage of elementary school teacher, Mr. Ratburn, to another man.

Another popular children's show, "My Little Pony," is set to air a new episode entitled "Friendship Is Magic," which introduces Aunt Holiday and Auntie Lofty, a lesbian couple and guardians of Scootaloo.

All of this follows the Cartoon Network's pushing of the sexual revolution agenda last year with a same-sex wedding proposal on its show, Steven's Universe. Another one of its series, "Adventure Time," aired a scene showing two female characters kissing each other. The network's website is also selling items like pillows, T-shirts, tote bags, shirts, etc., celebrating their characters' "liberation." We shouldn't be surprised that Nickelodeon is also doing the same in its programming and marketing.

Should we be alarmed by this? **Most certainly!**

Should parents forbid their children from watching these programs--especially when 75% of children aged eight-and-under are spending eight hours/day (or 56 hours/week) using electronic media such as laptops, tablets and smartphones? **Absolutely!**

Here's hoping the above information will help you better know how to **pray** and guide you as you seek to "train up your child (grandchild) in the way that he/she should go by raising them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Proverbs. 22:6; Ephesians. 6:4).

God bless you.

Master's Builders in Texas

June 17th, The Master's Builders arrived at First Baptist Church, New Caney, Texas, to help with replacing damaged sheetrock throughout their church plant. Flooding had occurred in the area and this resulted in damage to the lower 2 feet of sheetrock in all the rooms. The sanctuary, fellowship hall and all the rooms in the educational building had flood damage. Most of the damaged sheetrock had already been removed and The Master's Builders were asked to come and put up the new.

A smaller, but "mighty", crew of 6 began work on Monday and finished on Saturday. Thank you Lord for giving our men the strength to do your work!

The Builders want to thank everyone who had a part in providing the meals for them while they were there. A special thank you for the Fitzgerald family: Bro. Jonathan, Donna,

and their 6 children. They all helped with the meals but were also very involved with helping in the work. This is ALWAYS a blessing to our group!

This was our last job of the Spring and now we have time to rest and look forward to the Fall. Labor Day we plan to be in Smithville, Arkansas, at Stoneridge Camp to begin work. We look forward to being with Scott and Myrtie Small and their sweet family.

What Does The BIBLE Say... About Recreational Marijuana Use?

by Mike Harmon

In some parts of the USA, and in many other parts of the world, governments are decriminalizing/legalizing the use of marijuana, not just for medical use, but for recreational purposes as well. Christians' arguments against marijuana use have traditionally included a submit-to-the government angle, but, of course, where marijuana use is legalized, that aspect is removed from the equation. The question then arises, is it a sin to use marijuana in places where it is legal to do so?

In instances where recreational marijuana use is legal, there are still two primary issues that should keep people from using it. The first is the impact marijuana has on physical health. A recent study by the Journal of Neuroscience demonstrates that even casual marijuana use changes the brain and can lead to mental illness (see USA Today and Journal of Neuroscience). The fact that children are being hospitalized due to accidental marijuana exposure also demonstrates the health risks: MedicalDaily.com.

The health implications are by no means a secret. And the detailed scientific study demonstrating the effects of marijuana use on the brain was probably unheeded. Simple observation demonstrates that marijuana deadens the brain, resulting in laziness and an inability to concentrate or think clearly. The pain relief many receive from marijuana is a result of this brain-deadening effect. So, very similar to using tobacco and abusing alcohol, the recreational use of marijuana should be avoided due to its adverse effect of health. While the context of I Corinthians 6:12-20 is not specifically about harming the body, the clear implication is that we are not to intentionally do things that hurt our bodies.

The second reason to avoid recreational marijuana use is the fact that marijuana is addictive (see Psychology Today and Brown.edu). The Bible commands us not to allow our bodies to become "mastered" by anything. "Everything is permissible for me --- but not everything is beneficial. Everything is permissible for me --- but I will not be mastered by anything." (I Corinthians 6:12).

Beyond these two reasons, recreational marijuana use is not consistent with anything the Word of God tells us about the Christian life. We are to be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2), not by the deadening of our minds. We are to be sober-minded about the devil's schemes (I Peter 5:8-9), not so stoned that we don't even care. We are to be filled with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18), not baked/blasted/wasted by what is undeniably a harmful drug.

3rd Quarter 2018-2019 Financial Report

Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper

April 1, 2019 - June 30 2019

Balance: April 1, 2019	\$	3,936.20
Receipts:	\$	<u>3,355.96</u>
Total Available:	\$	7,292.16
Disbursements:	\$	<u>(4,574.42)</u>
Balance: June 30, 2019	\$	2,717.74

Please continue to pray for The Master's Builders as they travel and work for the Lord.

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

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Share the Vision

"Go ye therefore and
make disciples of all
the nations..."

"Therefore...I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance."
Acts 26:19-20

2019-2020 Theme

*Women's Missionary Auxiliary
of the*

Baptist Missionary Association of America **"SHARE THE VISION"**

Last year, I asked you to "Catch the Vision" and I hope each of you caught the vision and reached out to those around you. Our theme for the coming year will be "SHARE THE VISION." Once we have caught the vision, we don't need to keep it to ourselves. We need to "SHARE THE VISION" as Paul did in Acts 26:19-20.

What is the vision? It is sharing the good news of Jesus Christ to all people and nations. Jesus loves the little children—red and yellow, black and white. He loves not only the little children, but also the adults, even those we may consider unlovable because of their actions and positions in society. Jesus loves them and we need to share the gospel with them.

Max Lucado says that what God desires most is that we walk with Him humbly, quietly and obediently. In thinking about Peter's vision last year, we see that he immediately acted on that vision and shared the gospel with Cornelius' household. He was obedient. In Acts 26:19-20, we see Paul explaining how he was obedient to the vision God gave to him.

I believe that Jesus gives a vision to each of us who accept

Him as Lord and Savior—a vision of sharing what Christ has done for us. Let us "SHARE THE VISION" with the world!

At our Women's Ministry Conference at the National BMA meeting in April of 2020, our breakout sessions will be looking at "SHARE THE VISION" in several different ways:

- Share the Vision through Women's Ministries

- Share the Vision through Gospel Music

- Share the Vision through the Written Word

- Share the Vision through Community Outreach

I challenge each of you to "SHARE THE VISION" wherever God leads you. Let's all try to be obedient to the vision God has given us of sharing what Christ has done for us. Sabrina Clayton has agreed to be our keynote speaker for the 2020 Women's Ministry Conference and I look forward to seeing many of you in Waxahachie, Texas, April 27th and 28th of 2020. If you have never been to one of our conferences, I urge you to attend this one. We have had approximately 200 women at each of the last two conferences and the blessings have been tremendous.

Brenda Hornaday,
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National GMA Officers Want to Serve

by Lane Flynt, National GMA Promoter

Our project for 2019-2020 is the Freemans' BMA of the Philippines (BMAP) Ministry Building Renovation Project. We are raising money to help them renovate the building so it can be used as housing and meeting facilities for missionary training.

The national officers also want to do service projects when they have planning meetings. Our first service project will be helping to paint, decorate and renovate one or two rooms at the Mississippi Baptist Children's Home. If anyone would be willing to support us in these great works, that would be wonderful!

• See *GMA* Page 8 •

2019 Missouri Ladies Retreat September 6 & 7, 2019

Registration:
\$ 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

Registration starts at 3:00 p.m. Friday, September 6th

DON'T FORGET ITEMS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION!!

2019 MISSOURI LADIES' RETREAT REGISTRATION

\$ 30.00 BEFORE August 1, 2019
\$ 35.00 after August 1, 2019

Name(s):

Address:

Contact Phone:

Church Name:

SEND THIS FORM AND CHECK TO:

LaDonna Baker
5146 Darkmoor Ln.
Imperial, MO 63051

Total Included: \$
Check Payable to: Missouri Women's Missionary Auxiliary

Questions?? Call 314-856-3661

Registration starts at 3:00 p.m. Friday, September 6

Don't Forget your Items for the SILENT AUCTION

People Can Change

Guest article by C. R. Curtman
via That We May Know.com July 2, 2019

James A. Garfield (1831-1881) was one of the finest men ever elected President of the United States. His reputation for personal integrity, industry and Christian character was considered stellar and never seriously questioned. His Vice President, Chester A. Arthur was thrust upon him without his consent. Arthur was also the polar opposite of Garfield in terms of personal character and respectability.

Chester A. Arthur was the product of, and could have been a poster boy for, corruption in politics. For his lap-dog type loyalty to the political power brokers of his day, he was made collector of the New York Customs House until he was forced out of that office by charges of corruption. He had never been considered to be anything more than a puppet and henchman for a powerful New York Senator named Roscoe Conkling. Arthur was nothing but a toady to, and a tool of, Conkling's political machine. Before he became Vice President, Arthur did everything he could to help Conkling oppose Garfield's election, and after he became Vice President, he did everything he could to help Conkling obstruct Garfield's presidency.

By the time President Garfield was shot by an assassin, after only a few months in office, Chester A. Arthur, age 52, had a well earned national reputation as an unprincipled, untrustworthy, self-serving political weasel. So much so that he and the rotten political element he represented immediately began to be blamed to one degree or another for what had happened to Garfield. E. L. Godkin, the editor of *The Nation*, wrote in an editorial: "It is out of this mess of filth that Mr. Arthur will go to the Presidential chair in case of the President's death."

Chester A. Arthur was the kind of man, whom everyone, including himself, would have thought was past redemption and incapable of changing. But he did become, almost over night, a radically changed man. Immediately upon learning that Garfield had been shot, Chester broke down, wept like a child, and remained isolated and emotionally inconsolable during the three months that followed until Garfield died. He was tormented by the disloyalty he had shown the president and by a deep sense of the contrast between Garfield's goodness and his own badness.

Arthur, to everyone's surprise, courageously defied Conkling and the corrupt political machine that he had served so completely throughout his adult life heretofore. Upon Garfield's death, he assumed the presidency with such compassion and commitment that a citizenry that had once despised him would come to love and support him.

The great transformational change in Chester A. Arthur came about as the result of letters he began receiving from a young invalid named Julia Sand; a person unknown to him and living in a distant state. Here are some excerpts from her letters in the order in which they were received by him:

• "The hours of Garfield's life are numbered—before this meets your eye, you may be President. The day he was shot, the thought rose in a thousand minds that you might be the instigator of the foul act. Is not that a humiliation which cuts deeper than any bullet can pierce?"

• "It is not the proof of highest goodness, never to have done wrong, but it is a proof of it ... to recognize the evil, to turn resolutely against it. Once in a while there comes a crisis which renders miracles feasible. The great tidal wave of sorrow which has tolled over the country, has swept you loose from your old moorings, & set you on a mountaintop, alone."

• "Disappoint our fears. Force the nation to have faith in you. Show from the first that you have none but the purest of aims."

In one place noted above, Julia Sand wrote, "Once in a while there comes a crisis which renders miracles feasible." She wrote this against the backdrop of two crisis situations. One crisis involved the taking of Garfield's life, and the other crisis had to do with where Chester A. Arthur's life had taken him. In Arthur's case, a miracle became feasible, and through the intervention of Julia Sand's letters, a miracle took place in his life.

Are You An A.C.L.U. Member?

by Dr. John M. Adams • Executive Director • Moral Action Ministries

You may be a member of the American Civil Liberties Union as you joined 1,200,000 others to protect your voting and civil liberties. Every so often, Americans receive a business reply mail to join this nationwide organization. Moral Action urges you to consider this decision carefully in light of God's Word, the Bible and your defense of the Christian life.

I. Some A.C.L.U. good attributes are presented in their brochures and writings. The A.C.L.U. is non-profit, non-partisan, and they do not receive any government funding. Member dues and grants from private foundations pay for their work.

A.C.L.U. projects, state-wide and nationally, are issues with AIDS, prison punishments, lesbian and gay rights, immigrant rights, reproductive freedoms, voting, workplace issues, etc., etc.

This group has become liberal and anti-Christian in their views and helps. They have assisted controversial issues and unpopular stands, especially unpopular to Christian men and women that adhere to the scriptures.

They have gone to court for American Nazis, the Ku Klux Klan, the Nation of Islam and the N.A.A.C.P. In a recent A.C.L.U. 50 State Survey sent via mail, Americans and Christians were

asked 1) Are you concerned about President Donald Trump undermining the rule of law, 2) are you concerned about the American government's harsh treatment of immigrants and their due process, 3) are you concerned about efforts to undermine the Roe vs. Wade abortion law, and 4) are you concerned about President Donald Trump and conservative efforts to deny L.G.B.T.Q. (Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, Transgender, Queer) people their fundamental rights, and on and on with 14 detailed questions. They oppose the death penalty, they oppose government preference for religion over non-religion, and the right for L.G.B.T.Q. people to adopt children and babies. Since 1920 they have harshly promoted and sought to enforce separation of church versus state, have taken on court cases in behalf of the Communist Party, and they have a policy in favor of pornographic material about children.

II. God's Churches in this 21st Century now visualize the A.C.L.U. as "the Sometimes Civil Liberties Union", because they have formally reversed its support of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Basically this so-called liberties organization is no longer interested in mounting a consistent defense of all people of Christian faith...Robby Soave, 06-29-2015.

God's people have promoted and lived by "In God We Trust", "Under God", or "So Help Me God" over the years of our American history. A.C.L.U. wishes to radically remove any religious titles, comments, and inspiring mottos.

Churches of America, especially conservative churches that are Bible believers, have supported Christian businesses and Christian entrepreneurs like Hobby Lobby and Chick-Fil-A, that have fought against the liberal think-tanks and such anti-Christian groups.

Louise Melling, deputy legal director of the A.C.L.U. stated, "We (A.C.L.U.) can no longer support the federal "Religious Freedom" law. This Yale Law School graduate under her leadership since 2015 has led in the Supreme Court decisions to marry same-sex couples as a fundamental right, challenged anti-abortion groups, fought for Muslims to serve in Congress, and to specifically fight against government promotion of church. You can tweet her at Louise Melling@LibertyLouise to voice your objections as a born again Christian.

Churches must know that we are to stand for our Savior and to defend the faith, whoever the opposition may be. So where do committed, truly dedicated believers of Christ take their Christian stand? Christians are against liberalism; we are supporters of Christian teachings, Israel, and we support the church. Where in the Bible? God's Word states:

1) I Peter 3:15, a true defense,
2) II Corinthians 10:4-6, mighty champ of God,
3) Philippians 1:6-7, confident, and
4) I Kings 18:36-39, God's Elijah, and on and on!

Believers, we are commanded to use apologetics in as many or more places as we are told to preach the gospel. A powerful writing that enhances our younger church people with courage is "Apologetics Study Bible for Students, Trade Paper", Dr. Sean McDowell and "The Apologetics Study Bible" by Holman. May we take our faith - stand against such anti-God programs as "the A.C.L.U." Are you a member?

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Please send any financial support to National GMA, c/o Kristin Herring, 207 Hidden Valley Loop, Maumelle, Ark. 72113. We would love your support of both projects. We'd like for any money that is isn't needed for the service project to go to our national project. If this is also your desire, please include that information with your donation. Thanks so much for time and support!



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GMA Newsletter

Something Old, Something New

WHY not GMA?

Girls Missionary Auxiliary, or GMA, has been an established program for girls for many years. It has discipled and led numerous girls to Christ and on to lives of service in local churches as well as around the world. Discipleship is a lifelong process and this program is an excellent starting point.

GMA is experiencing a revival and would love for girls and ladies in the BMA to join in. The ministry is still one of the most exciting endeavors for girls in the fourth through twelfth grades in the BMA. The Women's Missionary Auxiliary, or WMA, has been the traditional sponsor of the GMA but many churches today continue GMA programs without a local WMA. GMA is a program that takes a girl step by step into a relationship with Jesus. It promotes growth in a relationship with Christ and develops a genuine love for God. Through the GMA Forward Steps girls learn how to be a positive Christian witness in their homes and communities and they learn all areas of missions. GMA introduces learning-by-doing experiences that involve the girls in a myriad of service opportunities, allowing them to help others by using their talents in special ways in their community and their local church. Not only are they learning how to show God's love, but they are learning how to be good citizens. (GMA Counselor's Guidebook)

WHY not GMA in your church?

There are no perfect programs and each one has their own strengths and weaknesses. GMA is a BMA program that has been proven to help in the training of our young ladies to be better mothers, minister's wives, church leaders, missionaries at home and abroad, and more. The GMA curriculum is continuing to be updated and is currently available online at www.nationalgma.org.

nationalgma.org. It has been revised in a way that young ladies are taught to study and apply the Bible, not just to memorize - even though GMA does believe that it is important to hide God's word in your heart. There is no other program available that adequately teaches our girls what we believe and why.

WHY not GMA for your church?

It takes a church that loves its girls to pursue GMA and ladies that are willing to follow God's will to become a GMA counselor. GMA groups may be large or small but each one involves girls with souls and lives that are important to God. Many times the world makes Christian girls feel alone but GMA gives our girls a network of Christian girls across many states and around the world. These girls make relationships with counselors and friends that last a lifetime. Our young ladies need direction, mentors and leadership. Let's do our best to keep the world from leading them down the wrong path.

Something old? Something new?

Yes, but most of all GMA involves ladies disciplining, teaching and training our girls to be FIT FOR THE KING!

If your church is considering reviving GMA or starting a new GMA don't hesitate to contact the National GMA. We have officers that would love to assist you:

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AVAILABLE PREACHERS

The following names are listed as a service to our churches in keeping you informed as to preachers that are available. The publishing of a preacher's availability for preaching appointments or pastoral work should not be considered as a recommendation by the *Missouri Missionary Baptist*. Names are published at the request of the individual and will be published until a request is received to remove it.

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

Caleb Houston, youth minister of Kewanee is available for weekend revivals, youth events, and pulpit supply. Contact him at 573-521-7826 or calebhouston@yahoo.com.

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

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

Brian Adams, a member of First Missionary Baptist Church of Matthews is available to preach or as the Lord leads. Contact him by e-mail at bkadams27@yahoo.com or by phone 217-779-9264

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

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

Pastor Searches

The following churches are seeking pastors. Contact information is listed for each church.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Galena, KS Parsonage is provided. To send a resume or for more information, e-mail Cliff McQuillen fbcgalea@gmail.com

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Bay Springs, MS, is looking and praying for an individual to be a dynamic youth and children's pastor while also serving as associate pastor. Duties will include teaching youth on Wednesday nights, organizing youth and children's events throughout the year, as well as taking the kids to camps for each age group in the summer and VBS oversight and involvement. The position also will include involvement in the kid's lives by attending extracurricular school activities and functions and extra-church activities in which the youth are involved. Associate Pastoral duties will include virtually any duty performed by the pastor as needed (i.e. hospital visits, giving sermon in pulpit, etc.). Please contact Gabe McNeil via phone, text message, or e-mail at 601-670-6374 or Gabe@mcneilcabinets.com.

OHLMAN BAPTIST CHURCH, BUNKER, MO Interested preachers should contact Bro. Larry May, 573-689-2713,

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BLACK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, POPLAR BLUFF, MO Interested preachers should contact Gale Guthrie by e-mail (galeguthrie@icloud.com) or by phone (573-776-0136). Please leave a message and he will return your call.

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Have you checked out our new website: baptistpublishinghouse.com?? It is designed to be user-friendly, simple, and efficient. **You will be able to learn more about the new Bible study curriculum and preview all the children's materials as well.** Our goal is to provide churches with a convenient way to order their Sunday School/Bible study resources.

We will begin taking orders for the fall curriculum beginning July 15, 2019.