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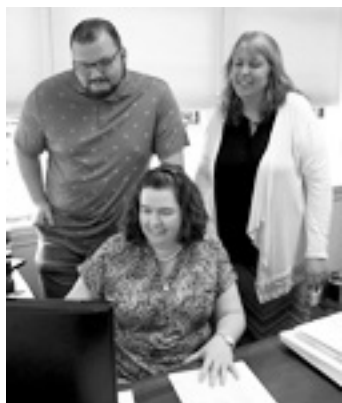
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BPH Shares “Exciting News”



BPH Staff (L-R) Jordan Tew, Keri Southern and Carrie Klapper

Baptist Publishing House is excited to share some great news with you! We have had a very strong start and are already seeing orders for the fall quarterly come in via our new, easy-to-use website (baptistpublishinghouse.com). We have been encouraged to see some churches who have not ordered BMA material in several years return to us. We have also seen many churches increase their orders. This is very encouraging and we would like to thank

our churches for their overwhelming support.

We are looking forward to shipping out our new Bible study quarterly, the “Baptist Expositor,” this fall. This curriculum is going to provide our churches a great deal of flexibility. In addition to the traditional lesson format, students and teachers alike will have Bible study helps within the books to help them prepare throughout the week leading up to class time. The “Baptist Expositor” is designed to be used for all age groups, from seventh grade to senior adult.

Another exciting thing to share is that printed children’s materials are back! We are offering curriculum for ages two through sixth grade. Teacher books will help leaders prepare and teach the weekly lessons, while the student books will be full-color and include activities to help children learn God’s Word.

If you would like to ensure that your church is using BMA curriculum, give us a call at 1-800-333-1442 or visit our website: baptistpublishinghouse.com.

BMAMO Annual Association
October 12, 2019
Bethel, Sikeston

Ordination
First Baptist Church of Potosi, MO
announces the Ordination of their Youth and Celebrate Recovery Pastor
Kevin Smith
August 18, 2019
at
2:00 p.m.
All are welcome to attend!
A Reception will follow the Ordination Service

Revival

Stony Point Baptist Church, Mineral Point, MO
September 23-25, 2019

Dustin Wisely, Evangelist • Dalton Harper Trio, Music

Another Camp Completed • Another Summer Gone!!

Very Important Statistics

Professions of Faith	15
Registered Campers	308
Daily Visitors (not registered)	70 - 80

Classroom attendance:

Under 5 years old	9 students
6-7 years old	10 students
8-9 years old	25 students
10-12 year old girls	38 students
10-12 year old boys	22 students
High school girls	64 students
High school boys	48 students

Total: **216**

they also took the reigns and made the transitions as smooth as possible. They were very helpful in many areas and willing to do whatever we needed.

Bro. Brad Banderman was such a blessing! Through him the Lord has opened many eyes. He certainly stirred my heart all week.

Even the weather was amazing! It wasn’t too hot and only a small rain on Monday night. Monday night started off a little rough with a drain issue but after that we had no major issues.

I can’t properly express how blessed we have been this year through camp.

Imagine With Me!

On the last night of camp I wanted to recognize some folks by having them come up front with me, but that was not possible. Imagine with me, if you will, these folks as I would have called them to the stage:

First would be my family. They give up summer after summer to help serve in this ministry. Laura does nearly all the paper work, deals with everything from T-shirt orders to Adult Screening, and answers most of your questions throughout the year. My kids each help in various levels. My Mom and Dad. Shelia Polk mans the check-in station. It’s not as easy as you think and she’s denied the opportunity to roam camp and see what’s going on. Lonnie Polk has been here with me nearly every weekend for the last 20 years. He’s as much a part of this ministry as I am, he just doesn’t like anyone to mention it.

Next would be Matt Bolen who has become my right hand these past couple years. For reasons we can discuss at a later date I have really leaned hard on him and I appreciate his help

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One of the Many Highlights of Camp Week

The picture above shows the May family standing at the entrance of the newly constructed “Lanny’s Logyard,” a nine hole miniature golf course, complete with Lanny’s Logging Tractor, which was opened and dedicated in memory of their son, husband, father, brother and loved one. The family members got to play the first round, but this new attraction was enjoyed by many campers throughout the week.

From Our **HARDWORKING** Camp Director....

I’m sure many will have camp reports in this month’s edition. Personally I’m still finding it hard to believe it’s time for camp. The whole summer is a blur.

But the truth is, **Camp 2019 has come and gone.** And WOW what a great camp week! Oh sure, there were some issues, some will even carry over to next year. But let’s focus on what God has done rather than what Satan tried to do.

We had **15 professions of faith.** Absolutely **great worship services.** The worship team not only prepared us to hear the word

Homecoming....

Landmark Baptist Church, DeSoto, MO
October 6, 2019 • Morning Message - Wayne Gibson

Lunch will be served

Please bring a song or something to share with us in the afternoon service!



NEWS BRIEFS



It's been a good month at **Landmark, DeSoto!** I hope that everyone has been receiving the blessings that I have. God has been so good to us. It has been pretty hot, but now, its cooled off and I'm totally enjoying that too. Services were dismissed on the 21st and the 24th so we could attend Jesus Camp at Meramec Retreat Center. I loved the way that the Escape Room theme was carried out throughout the week. The best part of all was that there were some saved and that's what it is all about. The Pages went to Garwood Camp on Monday night the 29th. It rained and thundered during the evening service, but not before or afterwards. On the way home, God provided for us a beautiful light show with lightning showing up behind the clouds and I just oohed and ahed as long as it lasted. Remember that the first Sunday in October is Landmark's homecoming. Plan to attend now and bring a song as many as can and will.

David Crites, Interim pastor • Sharon Page, Reporter

Bates Creek, Potosi, is rejoicing! We have been praying for our visitors and God has blessed our congregation. We welcomed Sis. Andrea Evans and her sweet family into our church family. Join us in praying for another visiting father and son. We had a great time of fellowship, food, and fireworks on the 4th of July. Later in the month, the campout was a huge success. It was a blessing to see all of the adults come together and help put on such a fun activity for our youth group. There was swimming, homemade ice cream, and Bro. Bryan brought a devotional around the camp fire. The church surprised Bro. Bryan on his birthday with cards from each Sunday School class in the morning and then again that evening with a beautiful cake. Some of us loaded up to go to the camp services at the Meramec retreat center. The services were a blessing to all who attended. You could feel the presence of the Lord. Continue to pray for the work at our church.

Bryan Buckley, Pastor • Sara Buckley, Reporter

Blessings to all from **Bethel, Baptist Church, Sikeston!** July 14th Jordie Graham came forward and gave her testimony that she was saved a good while back but never followed the Lord in baptism. She requested to be baptized and join the church and she was baptized during the evening service. She was welcomed into full fellowship with many hugs and handshakes. Please pray for Jordie as we know that young people are easily influenced by the world and that Satan walks about seeking whom he may devour. He especially seeks those that are new converts! We had our regular quarterly business meeting the evening of the 14th. Bro. Jeff Reynolds reported that the Trail Life Ministry is going great with each boy earning his first badges. Praise God! Prayers are being answered! Bro. Gary Lindsey had tests run on the 22nd of this month no cancer found! God is good all the time! Sis. Marcia Nimmo who has been battling cancer for a few years had tests run and the results were also good!! We just can't give God enough praise for all these good reports! Wednesday night, the 31st, Bro. Billy was ready to stay with our study of Psalm 103, but he felt the Lord leading him in another direction and that was to have a praise service with everyone giving their testimony and thanking God. It was a wonderful spirit-filled service! Our youth went to camp again this year and had a great time. Many thanks to Bro. Polk and others that took part in making this year a great blessing to all who attended. Praise God for all the youth who were saved! Sis. Carolyn Altom came forward on the 28th to give her testimony and requested to join the church, She was baptized the following Sunday and also was welcomed into our fellowship with hugs and handshakes! Billy Davis, Pastor • Joan Wood, Reporter

Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston. Spring and summer have been a time of transition for us. Over the course of a couple of months in late winter and into spring we lost all of an extended family, representing a loss of a quarter of our workforce and half our income, as well as a good chunk of our attendance. Thankfully, people stepped into positions they had never held before and so the same level of ministry has continued. Because we're debt-free we have remained financially stable. God has even brought in some new people so that our attendance is now only marginally lower than it was before. Work is always continuing on our building. Our kitchen is now 99% finished and we have begun doing some of the final work on our auditorium such as trimming around the windows, finishing the altars, and getting some of the flooring installed on our platform. A lot of this progress can be seen on our Facebook page. God blessed us with another successful VBS. We praise Him that during it Cooper and Keniya made professions of faith.

Rodney Dunlap, Pastor

Greetings from **Black Creek Baptist Church, Poplar Bluff.** We are thankful to announce Bro. Russell Chitwood has accepted the call to become our pastor. We welcome everyone to come and worship with us.

Mildred Alford, Reporter

Greetings once again from all of us at **Lindsay Lane Baptist Church, 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 Jenkins 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. and will be used for the shoebox ministry Continue praying not only for Lindsay 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.

Hello to everyone from all of us at **Stony Point, Mineral Point!** We sent 5 girls to GMA camp in July. The church has 4 candidates for baptism and church membership. The Lord is adding to His kingdom and we are blessed to see Him work in mighty ways. Stony Point took 15 youth along with 3 adults to Camp Garwood this year and saw two of our young people saved. We are thankful for the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of our children and are overjoyed with the news of their salvation! Just as an early announcement, Stony Point will be in Revival September 23rd, 24th & 25th with Bro. Dustin Wisely as evangelist and music by the Dalton Harper Trio. Please come join us as God's people draw closer to Him in praise and worship.

Claude Evans, Pastor • David Hughes, Reporter

Greetings from **First Baptist Church, Potosi.** July was a very busy month for the youth and the adult volunteers. Vacation Bible School was a great success directed by Sis. Raven Porter. Alisia Wright, Michelle Knobloch, and Deborah Rauhut took our GMAs to the annual Garwood meeting. The theme was "Dwell in a realm of Prayer." Several students from seventh grade on up attended teen camp and then Jesus Camp was next. Around 130 attended with 85 being children. I know the children I sent came back singing "camp" songs from both camps. Attendance has been down some in Celebrate Recovery due to vacations and church camps; however, we still have newcomers each week. We are thankful for the help and support from Fellowship Baptist Church. It means so much to us that other churches in the community and our association are willing to assist us. Anything that anyone can help with (like meals) helps us to be able to place our focus where it belongs. We are gearing up for our Community Bible Study groups to begin again. Bro. Kevin Smith, our Youth and Celebrate Recovery Pastor, will be ordained Sunday, August 18 at 2:00 p.m. You are invited to attend; a reception will follow the Ordination ceremony. We are planning a "Make a Difference

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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • July 2019

General Fund:

Checking Account:

Balance June 30, 2019		\$	29,063.75
July Receipts:			
Missions:	\$	<u>1,355.85</u>	
Total Income:	\$	<u>1,355.85</u>	\$ <u>1,355.85</u>
Total Available		\$	30,419.60
Disbursements:			
Director, Salary	\$	650.00	
Supplies	\$	125.65	
BMAA (Matt Barker)	\$	<u>200.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$	<u>975.65</u>	\$ <u>(975.65)</u>
Balance July 31, 2019:		\$	29,443.95

Bank of America Savings Account:

Balance June 30, 2019		\$	1,100.98
Interest:	\$.02	\$ <u>.02</u>
Balance July 31 2019:		\$	1,101.00

Investment in BMA of Mississippi Revolving Loan Fund:

Balance June 30, 2019:		\$	104,560.00
Interest: July 31, 2019		\$	<u>0.00</u>
Balance June 30, 2019:		\$	104,560.00

Total of all Funds July 31, 2019:		\$	135,104.95
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Editor's Note.... Our mission Director has foregone his report this month to help us have more room for pictures from Camp Garwood. We hope you enjoy the glimpses of camp 2019!



Meramec Landmark Baptist Association Missionary Committee Meeting Minutes • July 26, 2019

The Missionary Committee of the Meramec Landmark Baptist Association met July 26, 2019 during teen camp at the Meramec Retreat Center in Richwoods, MO.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Bro. Brian Meade, and Bro. Mike Jarvis led in prayer.

Bro. Meade recognized the following new pastors to our associated work in attendance: Bro. Josh Wright (New Testament Baptist Church-Sullivan, MO) and Bro. Eddie Paul Oats (Berean Baptist Church-Festus, MO).

The roll call of churches showed that 8 churches were represented by a missionary committeeman.

Minutes from the previous missionary committee meeting of March 2, 2019 were read by the clerk, Bro. Michael Hearst. Motion and second to approve the minutes. Motion approved.

The treasurer's report was given by Bro. Ben Kingston who had been provided with the financial information by treasurer Bro. Johnny Dover. The financial report showed that there was \$184,775.88 in the mission fund and \$58,933.66 in the revolving fund for a total available of \$243,709.54. Motion and second to approve the financial report. Motion approved.

Bro. Mike Jarvis then read the report from the Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee made the following recommendations to the Missionary Committee:

1. Recommend that Bro. Johnny Dover be re-elected as treasurer of the Meramec missionary committee/revolving loan fund.

2. Recommend that Bro. Mike Jarvis be elected as assistant treasurer.

3. Recommend that the Meramec association's support of Bro. Jamie Haguewood's participation in the Reaching and Teaching International Ministry (RTIM) be continued for another year with the Meramec association matching up to \$4,800. of offerings made by Meramec churches.

4. Recommend that the Meramec Association institute a school of prophets for pastoral and discipleship training for young, new, and current pastors. Bro. Jamie Haguewood is to be the coordinator and the Meramec Association will budget up to \$ 200. for each training event. (Note: If a church would like to host a training event, they are to contact Bro. Haguewood.)

5. Recommend that Bro. Ben Kingston be given authority to make arrangements for a renewal retreat.

There was a motion and second to adopt these 5 recommendations from the Advisory Committee and send them to the Meramec association churches for consideration at the annual meeting at White Oak Grove Baptist Church September 20, 2019. Motion approved.

Bro. Ben Kingston gave an update on the status of the Meramec Association's partnership with First Baptist Church, Magnolia, Arkansas and Bro. Dustin Wisely's new church planting efforts in Columbia, MO. With the resignation of the senior pastor from First Baptist Church, Magnolia, Arkansas, the timeline to begin this new church planting effort in Missouri may be pushed back.

Bro. Kingston also gave a report from the camp committee. Motion and second to approve the camp report. Motion approved.

Motion and second to adjourn. Motion approved.

Missionary committee was dismissed in prayer lead by Bro. Brian Kingston.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Meade, Moderator
Michael Hearst, Clerk

• **NEWS From Page 2** •

Sunday Ministry Fair August 25. Information will be given on all of our programs that are offered through our church. Once school begins, there are several groups that will start up again: GMA, FBC Kids, Wednesday night Bible Study. Christmas boxes are getting pretty full and the August gift is a "small Bible." GMA members are planning on making several boxes and some have already begun. We have had many illnesses, losses, and heartbreak in our church as I am sure many of you have also experienced. However, through it all, God is there holding us up and getting us through the storm. Please pray for us as we pray for you.

Jim Ainley, Pastor • Deborah Rauhut, Reporter

HELLO to All from **Oak Hill Baptist Church, Alton**. I'm extremely THANKFUL for all the prayers lifted up for me because my sore is Healed! Now I can look forward to going back to substitute teaching at our local Schools. July 7th we had an awesome service as Marty and Patty Elmore came and sang. They did a wonderful job of praising and uplifting our Lord and Savior. Praise the Lord we gained two members at Oak Hill! Bro. Tom and Sis. Evelyn Foster moved back. They joined Oak Hill on the 14th of July. On the 31st of July Bro. Don and Sis. Marianne celebrated 65 years of marriage! We helped them celebrate with cake and ice cream in our Fellowship Hall. Bro. Don and Sis. Marianne are a great blessing to us. I know the kids are not looking forward to what happens in the month of August, going back to school! That is usually associated with the month of August. We hope everyone has a blessed and safe year of school. 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

First Missionary Baptist, Matthews, sends greetings to all! Most of our Matthews bunch recently got back from Camp Garwood! This was one of my favorite weeks of camp! I loved the messages from Bro. Brad, and the music by the band from Central in Conway was phenomenal. It was great seeing Deekota up there singing and serving the Lord and Calhan playing the cowbell. We had an amazing Vacation Bible School earlier this summer! Sis. Diane Thompson does such a great job leading our VBS. We had an awesome week working with the kids. Our GMA girls and Trail Life boys are still meeting on Wednesday evenings. We have classes for all ages on Wednesdays. Our WMA ladies met and elected new officers for the year. They are: President - Laura Polk • Vice President - Sue Nation • Secretary - Grace Brown • Asst. Secretary - Maggie Barnett • Treasurer - Ethel Adams • Asst. Treasurer - Diane Thompson • Flowers - Shelia Polk and Judith Sullivan • Sunshine - Diane Thompson, • Reporter - Ethel Adams. Some ladies plan to attend the WMA retreat in Arnold in September. Our kids are getting ready to go back to school. Please pray for them and all those working in education. We are collecting school supplies for our local schools and also getting ready to get our shoeboxes ready for the Christmas shoebox ministry. 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

Greetings from **Briar Missionary Baptist Church, Doniphan**. What a busy month July has been! We held VBS during the week of July 15th through the 20th. We had somewhere between 17 to 20 students each night. This year we let each teacher decide what to teach their class and it was such a blessing to see that some of the groups use the same stories and close to the same scripture. We had one little girl, Josie Taylor, who has had perfect attendance for 5 years straight. Josie is the grand-daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Elaine Holloman and the daughter of Brandon and Christina Taylor. I was extremely blessed to have 3 of my grand-children present with me during VBS, plus they were in my class Christian Naler, Tristan Green and Kaira Green. They are the children of David and Denise Green of Clarksville, TN. We were blessed even more this month when we had 2 young ladies who wanted to attend camp at Camp Garwood. I volunteered to be their sponsor so Lexa Larmore and Kenzie Roberts could attend. Lexa is the grand-daughter of Sis. Rebecca Larmore and Kenzie is the daughter of Greg and Christie Wheeler. Kenzie also represented Briar as our DIT this year. We are very proud of all of our young folks and everything they do for us. We have also had our newest member, Bro. Matthew Green accept the call into the ministry. Bro. Matthew and wife, Sis. Laura joined Briar by letter from Black Creek M.B.C. Bro. Matthew is going to be taking some classes online with the BMA Theological Seminary. This is something that is available for all our churches. There are also some free classes that are offered online. You can check it out online at www.bmats.edu/free/free-course-registration. A study of the major prophet's will be starting soon. May God continue to bless us all! Continue to pray for our country, our leaders, our Pastor's and the churches without Pastor's.

David Grubb, Pastor • Yvonne Hill, Reporter

Zion Baptist Church, St. Louis, sends greetings to her sister churches. After almost two months of having Baumgartner flooded and having to go around, the road is now open. A week at Camp Garwood is now over. Bro. Baker, Ladonna and Brent were there all week. Tracy Goede was there a couple days with her grandkids, Hannah and Kyle Sherwood. Perry and I went down for Wednesday. It was good hearing the report of 15 souls being saved. Bro. Brad Banderman did a great job preaching the Word. Sis. Ladonna said she felt the Thursday evening message was the best of all. Camp Garwood is such a great ministry and we are blessed to have such a wonderful camp here in Missouri. Last month, Zion lost her last charter member. Sis. Wanda Flowers was a faithful member and dear friend to all at Zion. She will be dearly missed. Our sympathies to her family. Hannah and Kyle Sherwood have returned home to Charlotte, NC after visiting grandma Tracy Goede and family here in Missouri. They were here about seven weeks. Zion is always glad to see the Sherwood kids come and visit the

Widger relatives. The Baker's two granddaughters from Kentucky, Ana and Grace, were here for a brief visit. We were glad to see them at a Wednesday evening service. In June, Bro. Baker and Ladonna traveled to the Chicago area for granddaughter Marissa's graduation from Northwestern. During their absence, Bro. Don Adams

preached for us. It was good having Bro. Don, Terri and Marshall with us in service. We send our sympathy to Bro. Terry Sharpe and his family in the passing of Sis. Gay. We pray the Lord will bless and comfort the family and the church family at Ohlman. Pray for us at Zion and we will remember you in our prayers.

Dennis Baker, Pastor

Norma Womble, Reporter

Lower Doe Run Baptist Church, Ellington, praises God for the salvation of fifteen precious souls at Camp Garwood and those that will be saved through the testimony of others that attended. Praise God for the 38 or so Junior girls at Camp and their teacher, Ladonna Baker. Several girls gave their testimony in class and I believe God will use those to bring others to Him in the days to come. Thank you, to all those who made Camp so precious. Thank you, Bro. Chris and dear family, Bro. Matt Bolen and all who prepared the buildings and grounds. Thank you, evangelist, praise band and technicians. Thank you, cooks and church workers that served and cleaned up after us. Thank you, all counselors and teachers. Thank you, all who led recreation time. Thank you, nurse and registration team.

Last, but **Most important of all Thank God for the presence of the Holy Spirit in our Camp**. Lower Doe Run Baptist Church will host the Logan Creek Association August 10th at 10:00 a.m. Within the program we will be presenting a flag retirement ceremony. We send our heartfelt condolences to the Terry Sharpe Family in the passing of Sis. Gay. She will be greatly missed. School starts soon. We pray for our principals, teachers, students bus drivers and custodians. There are many physically sick within our congregation and many more spiritually sick outside the church walls. Pray and diligently seek the lost.

In Christ,

Melvin Meade, Pastor

Carolyn Meade, Reporter

Faithful Pastor's Wife Resting In The Lord

Patricia Gay Sharpe, daughter of the late Ora Mae and Don Brewer, was born in Black Oak, Arkansas, on April 28, 1953. She departed this life at her residence in Conway, Arkansas, on July 31, 2019 at the age of 66.

On March 17, 1972 in Marked Tree, Arkansas, Gay was united in marriage to Terry Sharpe and to this union three children were born. Gay was a member of the Ohlman Missionary Baptist Church. She enjoyed gardening, planting flowers, riding four-wheelers and going to flea markets. Gay's greatest joy was spending time with her grandkids.

Gay was preceded in death by her parents, and two sisters, Leona Gray and Donna Kay Brewer.

Gay is survived by her husband, Terry Sharpe of Bunker, Missouri, two sons, Donny Sharpe and wife Melissa of Viburnum, Missouri, and Matt Sharpe and wife Xandra of Greenbrier, Arkansas, one daughter, Crystal Sayers and husband Chad of Conway, Arkansas, two brothers, Randy Brewer and wife Barbara of Marked Tree, Arkansas, and Michael Brewer and wife Shannon of Truman, Arkansas, one sister, Anita Osborn of Oregon, seven grandchildren, Hunter, Jared, Lillian, Arrin, Cooper, Xaiden and Levi, 2 great-grandchildren, Adalee and Miela, and a host of nieces and nephews. Gay will be missed by her loving family and many friends who will mourn her passing.

Funeral services were August 7th at McSpadden Funeral Home in Bunker with Pastor Dennis Burns officiating. Burial was at Polk Memorial Cemetery

Pallbearers: Chad Sayers, Donny Sharpe, Hunter Sharpe, Jared Sharpe, Gary Morgeson and Jake May

Honorary Pallbearers: Larry May Sr. and Kenny Lawrence

Donations can be made to Road to Recovery in Bunker, Missouri, or Hope Lodge in St. Louis, Missouri.



Patricia Gay Sharpe

2019 LifeWord Sunday Season

by Lauren Crawley

LifeWord Sunday season is upon us! We pray your church family will plan to join the LifeWord team in a day of informing, praying and giving. **October 20th** (or whichever date your church may choose) is LifeWord Sunday and our desire is for your church members to understand how LifeWord helps them fulfill their Great Commission calling.

Here's how you can participate in 2019 LifeWord Sunday

- Register your church at lifeworld.org/lifeworldsunday or call LifeWord to register at (501) 205-1127. (You'll be entered to win an Apple watch!)

- Be on the lookout for your church packet in the mail. Enclosed in it are two posters and a bulletin insert sample you can use to highlight the day. A short video will be available for you to download at lifeworld.org or e-mail lauren@lifeworld.org for a DVD. This will help your church understand what LifeWord is

My Tribute To An Exemplary Lady

Wanda Flowers 1933 - 2019

So many memories went through my head when I learned of the passing of Sis. Wanda Flowers this week. Almost all of them were connected to Zion and activities associated with Zion. I remembered her driving our family's car, an International Travelall (big green ugly thing!) to church camp with at least 20 kids in it. Well, not really 20, but you can fit a lot more small people (kids) in a vehicle than you can large people, and it seemed like 20! She had a chauffeur's license because she was a school bus driver. So she was equipped not only to drive, but to handle a vehicle full of boisterous kids. And she did it well. I remembered Wanda as one of our kitchen chiefs. As long as we went to Zion, three ladies primarily directed all the meals served for various meetings:

July 4 - Independence Day July 12 - 13 - Missouri GMA Retreat at Camp Garwood July 29 - Aug. 2 - Missouri State Encampment - Camp Garwood

Wanda Flowers, Wilma Finley, and my Mom Lucy Widger. These three ladies were a team that recognized the strengths of each other and they worked very well together for years. It is hard to think of one of them in the church kitchen without thinking of all three of them. They made sure there was plenty for everyone, and nobody ever left a meeting hungry. I know each of them always prepared more than they thought would be needed, because it was unheard of for us to run out of food! In directing this service by our church, they taught observers (the younger women) how to organize and prepare for large crowds. I remembered two particular dishes Wanda prepared which were my favorites; Cole slaw and peach cobbler. I asked for her recipe for Cole slaw and the copy she made attributed the recipe to Elvira Flowers. I used that recipe in a chili supper competition between Zion and Bethany, and I WON for best Cole slaw. I still use it, and I would bet the Flowers family does as well. I wish I had asked for the peach cobbler recipe as well. I remembered her as my GMA (Girls' Missionary Auxiliary) counselor, a position she held for years. She encouraged our young girls to memorize scripture, learn how to study our Bibles, prepare youth programs, and find some kind of service work to participate in. We learned about missionaries and how we could help, no matter how much or how little that help was. She was always prepared to lead us in a lesson that was founded on Biblical principles, which we could use in our daily lives. Wanda had great patience with a bunch of active, giggly

The family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to: Zion Baptist Church, 3485 Baumgartner Rd., St. Louis, MO, 63129. Funeral Services were held July 6, with Pastor Dennis Baker, officiating. Interment was in the Valhalla Gardens Of Memory, Belleville, IL.



Wanda Flowers

Last Charter Member of Zion Baptist Church Called Home

Wanda Flowers Wanda L. Flowers, 86 years, of Millstadt, IL, passed away on July 1, 2019 at Memorial Hospital, Belleville, IL. She was born February 24, 1933, in Ellington, MO, daughter of the late Allen E. and Stella, nee Rodermann, Dace. She was married to the late Marion Leroy Flowers. They were married June 14, 1952, in Piggot, AR. He had passed away October 3, 2017. Wanda was a charter member of Zion Baptist Church, St. Louis, MO. She was involved and supported her church's outreach and missions throughout the state. Her hobbies included camping, fishing, gardening, and researching the family genealogy. Wanda's family time, especially with her great-grandchildren was a joy. Surviving are four sons, Don (Diane) Flowers of Millstadt, IL, David (Sue) Flowers of Oceanside, CA, Steve (Yvonne) Flowers of Millstadt, IL, and Michael Flowers of Dupon, IL; grandchildren, Dan (Megan), Jarred (Shannon), Josh (Carmen), Jacob (Julie), and Justin (Abby) Flowers, Jenna (Kevin) Christopher, Linda (Paul) Haisty, B.J. (Allison) Hutchinson, Nathan (Mike) Flowers, Dawn Menke, and David (Shanelle) Huffmann; 19 great-grandchildren, two brothers, George 'Pete' (Dorothy) Dace of Millstadt, IL, and Honace (Arbie) Dace of Excelsior Springs, MO, along with other relatives and friends. She was also preceded in death by her son, Larry Flowers; daughters-in-law, Teresa Flowers and Joni Flowers; grandchild, Dean Hutchinson Flowers, and two brothers, Amos and Robert Dace.

all about.

- Order LifeWord T-shirts at lifeworld.org/lifeworld-sunday. This year our t-shirt company will be shipping shirt orders every 2 weeks, so we encourage you to place your shirt orders at least 3 weeks before your LifeWord Sunday event to ensure they arrive on time!

- Pray for the millions who need to hear the gospel on October 20th and take a special offering for LifeWord.

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historical site, or see something fun. One trip that stood out and we laughed about a lot was when we took her pickup with the camper and my parents' car. We intended to stop overnight and sleep in the camper. We were going to stop at Hot Springs, Arkansas to see, of course, the hot springs. Somewhere along the trip our time got away from us and we were traveling through Ouachita National Forest in Arkansas as it started to get dark. We were miles from our intended overnight camping stop. I followed the camper, and observed that Wanda could haul out of there when necessary. I watched the back side of that camper sway and bounce and move on down the road. We practically flew through that area to get to I think Texarkana to camp for the night. I didn't know a pickup with a big camper could go so fast! (And we never did see the hot springs, either!) When I think of the word "lady," Wanda is one of the pictures that come to my mind. That and pink. I don't know if pink was her favorite color, but she wore it a lot, and looked very nice in pink! Wanda came from a generation where certain behavior was expected of ladylike women. Courteous, friendly, modest, kind, are all adjectives I think of when I think of Wanda, because this is how she was with people. Being a good hostess was something that was important to Wanda. Around Christmas 2018 Van, Janet and I visited Wanda to take something to her from our ladies group. We had planned not to stay too long, you know - a half-hour or so, as she had

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2019 Missouri Ladies' Retreat

September 6 & 7, 2019

Registration:

The deadline passed August 1st so the price is \$35 and the room rate is not guaranteed but you can contact LaDonna Baker for further instructions.

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

2019 Missouri Ladies' Retreat Registration

\$ 35.00 after August 1, 2019

Name(s):

Address:

Contact Phone:

Church Name:

SEND THIS FORM AND CHECK TO:

LaDonna Baker

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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 to bring Items for the Silent Auction

Special Silent Auction Items

Pictured in the net column are two quilts that will be included in the silent auction at the 2019 Ladies' Retreat. They are made from Camp Garwood T-Shirts and are very colorful. You can see them in color by going to the Missouri WMA Facebook site. Sealed bids are now being accepted and are open to all who are interested! Contact Juanita May (573-689-2713) for more information and instructions about how to place a sealed bid between now and the Retreat.

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recently been ill and we didn't want to tire her out. But after settling in, and with the required offering of refreshments, we ended up visiting and talking for a couple hours! I hope she enjoyed the visit; I know we did. I understand the weekly reading club at Wanda's home was great fun for the ladies who participated. I didn't have the opportunity join this group, but I heard about their meetings, and how Wanda always desired to be the best hostess. Wanda was one of the best examples to me of being steadfast in her commitment to Christ and to the work of His church. As a young child, I remember Wanda bringing her boys to church

every time there was a service. We saw them often, because my parents were the same way. Church was first. She was dedicated to seeing that her boys were taught the love of God and Jesus Christ. In the last few years, we were having a conversation about the difficulties of bringing up kids in church, and standing firm in your beliefs about what was important in the face of peer and school competition for your kids. She said people probably had no idea how hard that was for her to do. Leroy wasn't a "church-goer" although I'm sure he believed in God, so he didn't come to church with Wanda and the boys when they were youngsters. Wanda said it would have been so much easier to just stay home, but she persevered. In later years, we did see a lot of Leroy coming to church with Wanda. I suspect her steadfastness and patience had a lot to do with that. I know Wanda had some health issues. I first heard the word "reflexology" from her. But for the most part, whatever health issues she had did not keep her from doing what was important to her. I think any illness had to be fierce before she allowed it to dictate what she could or could not do. She dealt with arthritis, throat problems, and cancer. She dealt with Leroy's Parkinson disease. I'm sure she had a lot of help from her boys and their families, but she shouldered her burdens as well, dealing with them with dignity. I always felt Wanda exhibited a presence. Not in the way you might think of as "a force to be reckoned with," but someone whom you knew because of certain qualities, such as being steadfast, reliable, dependable, always caring, always willing to help in any way she could. I saw Wanda as being a very supportive person. If she had a life experience that she thought might help you, you received the benefit of that experience.

I will miss her caring, loving presence in my life. I am grateful that she was a part of my life for around 58 years. I am grateful that God placed us in such a time and place that she could be an influence to me and I was given such a gracious lady to love and respect.

by Connie Reifstec



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

Ehud Turned Disability into Victory

Judges 3:12-30

by Dennis Baker • BMAMO Brotherhood President

Ehud, the second judge of Israel, is a great encouragement to people with disabilities who have the erroneous idea that God can't use them in His service. Verse fifteen states that Ehud was a Benjamite and that he was left-handed. Left-handedness seems to have been relatively common among Benjamite's (Judges 20:16). However, references found in the Holman Christian Standard Bible and The Wiesbe Bible Commentary suggest that the meaning may be translated, "hindered in the right hand." This suggest that Ehud's left-handedness may have been a defect or disability.

Because the Children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, Eglon and his allies made life miserable for the Jews for 18 years. When the children cried out to the Lord, God honored His covenant and provided a deliverer. The deliverer, called by God, appears to be a man with a disability, named Ehud. How could God use a man with a disability to conquer Elgon the King of Moab?

The narrative reflects a literary masterpiece of strategy. There is little available information concerning Ehud's background or training. With God's help, Ehud had several problems to solve before King Elgon's overthrow could be accomplished. How could he gain access to King Elgon without arousing suspicion? How could he secure a private audience with the king without alerting the distrust of the king's attendants or guards? How could he escape without being caught? Finally, how could he rally the troops and attack the enemy?

Ehud was appointed by the people to deliver the annual tribute to the king. The paying of the tribute added to be king's wealth, and also acknowledged the king's authority over Israel. After Ehud paid the tribute, he and his men left the king's presence only to return alone as through he had an urgent message from the Lord. A solitary man with a lame right hand couldn't be much of a threat to a powerful king. King Elgon may have felt proud that the God of Israel had a message for him, and he dismissed his guards and attendants to give Ehud an audience in his private chambers. Since Ehud had to kill Eglon in a way that was quick and quiet, and that would catch the king by surprise he might have made use of his disability. Ehud made a very sharp dagger and hid it under his clothing on his right thigh. Even if the guards did frisk him, they most likely would have examined the left side where most men carried their weapon. The guards may not have examined him at all because of his disability.

As the king stood up to receive the message from the Lord, Ehud reached for the dagger on his right thigh with his left hand and plunged it into the king's belly, killing King Elgon instantly. Ehud escaped by locking the doors of the private chamber which delayed the recovery of the body. As the King's men and attendants observed that the interview was over, they went to see if the king wanted anything. To their surprise the doors were locked. Thinking the king was probably attending to his needs they delayed their entrance to the king's chambers. All this took time allowing Ehud to escape.

After escaping, Ehud gathered the men of Israel together by the fords of the Jordan and assured them that God had delivered the Moabites into their hands. Ehud had excellent soldiers to command and after killing 10,000 of the best Moab soldiers, the control of land was returned to Israel.

If the Jews were given the opportunity to choose a leader, Ehud would have been the last one chosen. However, as God's



Going clockwise, starting at 12:00: Kenneth Colvert, National Galilean Director; Cameron Burroughs, President; Dan Williams, Assistant Director; Will Sellers, Music Director; Lawson Townsend, Historian; Andrew Krissel, Mr. Galilean Senior; Neil Aga, Secretary, Hayden Leonard, 2nd Vice President, Maddox Hendricks, 1st Vice President, and Charlie Martin, Mr. Galilean Jr.

Highlights from National Galilean Officers' Planning Meeting

by Kenneth Colvert • National Galilean Director

The National Galilean Officers met Saturday morning, July 19, 2019 to make plans for National Galilean Camp 2020. The meeting was held in a cabin high in the beautiful Ozark Mountain Wilderness near Compton, Arkansas.

National Galilean Camp 2020 will be held June 19 – 22 at StoneRidge Baptist Camp in Smithville, Arkansas. Father's Day falls on Sunday so this will be a Father/Son Camp. We encourage all father's or substitute fathers to attend camp with their sons. Bro. Tony Crocker will serve as our Camp Pastor.

The theme for 2020 is "Obsessed," with Deuteronomy 6:5 serving as the theme Scripture. Emphasis will be given to teach each believer to act out his faith. Action words chosen for our sub-themes are: Surrender, Pray, Go, Do, Fight, and Persevere. Our prayer is that every camper will leave camp obsessed with the Lord, living for the Lord, working for the

Lord and leading others to the Lord. Emphasis will also be placed on the word "all" in Deuteronomy 6:5. We want to give our all to the Lord.

I hope you will make plans now for the boys and men of your church to attend National Galilean Camp 2020. For further information about camp or the Galilean Ministry e-mail Kenneth Colvert at krcolovert@cox.net or you may text or call me at 479-629-3258.

Men's Fall Retreat

The 9th Annual BMA of Missouri Men's Fall Retreat

Location: Camp Garwood

Friday October 4 and Saturday October 5, 2019

Please make plans to attend and bring a friend.....

Program

Friday Evening 7:30 p.m.

Supper
Devotion

Saturday 7:30 a.m.

Breakfast
Archery Competition
Dismissal

Who Can Attend?

Men and young men. We encourage you to bring your friends who do not attend church.

What is the Cost?

There is no cost for those attending, but an offering will be taken to help with expenses.

What is the Purpose?

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

What to Bring?

Personal items, sheets, blankets, sleeping bag, and pillow. Also, please bring your archery equipment. Beds, food, and fun are provided.

Questions: Contact the following for more information:

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choice, he was used to set the nation free. Ehud turned a disability into a possibility because he depended on the Lord. The narrative provides evidences that Ehud, in spite of his disability, was a man of faith willing to trust and follow the Lord. **Ehud turned disability into victory.**

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more than he knows.

The camp Committee consisting of Joe McElroy who has headed up the golf course this year and helps on a lot of the projects. Has also been busy making repairs and serving in the canteen along with his wife Sis. Stephanie this week.

Dan Wisely serves on the committee. He and his wife Sis. Pam made the pedestals for the mini golf and the score cards. Two weeks before camp he was saying how he hadn't helped much this summer. But he certainly made up for any lost time since. We set the benches and moved a lot of rocks in few days.

Jason Taylor is one of your committeeman. He and his wife Sis. Christina go through life just trying to be a blessing.

Brian Whitlock and Matt Baker round out the committeemen, both of which serve and add input whenever they can.

Next I'd call up DiT's. These guys didn't get to meet much this week. But they were a blessing to me as I watched them step up and help around camp. They guys have represented their churches well. Chloe/Mathews, Tristan/Bethel, Sikeston, Kaitie/Kewanee, Noah/Kewanee, Easton/Ohlman, Kenzie/Briar, Valerie/Loyalty, Owen/Faith, St. Charles, Anthony/Stony Point, Carrison/Bethel, Lonedell, Brian/Bates Creek, Hunter/1st Baptist, Cody/Black River

Next I would ask our camp DEWRs to come on stage. If you give \$75 a year to camp you are a DEWR. It doesn't matter if you give 7\$ a month or 75\$ on Wednesday night of camp. We are a free camp not requiring payment to attend. But camp is far from free. Being a DEWR helps us with our expenses. And is just a small way we can recognize those who support camp.

Brad Banderman, get up here brother. You have blessed us so much this week. Thank You!

I'd also have the band come up. Blake, TJ, Aaron, Gavon, Caleb, Deekota, Rusty and Annaliese Wagner. Thank You guys for leading us this week.

Our Teachers: Robin Elsey/Juanita May, Mattie Bolen, Lisa Payne, Sharon Laurance, Ladonna Baker, Don Burke, Joey Duckworth, Deitra Gillam and Claude Evans

Our Cooks: Rick/Tina Garza, Jeff Reynolds, Bea Evans.

Other workers: Shane Pipkin from Kewanee has come to mow nearly every week this summer. I have only mown in the rough areas where Shane was afraid to take mower. That has been such a blessing. Claude/Bea Evans came to camp on a couple occasions to work on various tasks. Becky Cate gets our playground ready and keeps some level of discipline in that area during recreation every year. Trash guys Keith Hartlein, Eugene Adams without being asked each year they just start collecting your trash. Our camp Nurse Karen Magee also stays at the check point/nurses' hut all day every day so you can be safe at camp. We have various Games every year because Sis. Deiatre and crew prepares and brings games during rec time. Sis. Lisa for bringing, setting up and watching the Bounce house during rec time. Lucus Polk working on and running the Paintball games. Jason Taylor for bringing, caring for and letting you ride Blue the horse. Dan Wolf and Rob Asher for maintaining order at the train depot each night. Tanya Hutton, Joe and Stephanie McElroy and the Bethel youth group. For working the canteen. Our Color guards for the week Caleb, Adam, Brennon, Triston, Lucas, Matthew and Jeff Reynolds Representing the Bethel and Matthews Trail Life troops. Thanks guys you did a great job each day raising and lowering the flags. Sponsors from all churches, Without which we couldn't get you to camp, couldn't have you in the dorms and more importantly we couldn't get you home.

I imagine by this point the stage would be full and the pews noticeably thinned. Without these folks camp wouldn't happen. I thank the Lord for you guys and pray He blesses you for your time and effort.

Now that camp is over I want to also mention those who

hung around after camp to Clean up: Joe, Keith, Matt, Dan, Pam, Lonnie, Jason and Christina. We knocked out a lot of work in a sort time.

We have some businesses worth mentioning: Bolen Bros. Landscaping has allowed us the use of their skid-steer on multiple weekends. McElroy Construction has used their tractor on multiple weekends and Wesco Trailer has left both their trencher and tractor here all summer. This alone has saved camp thousands in rental fees.

I had not realized this was the 50th anniversary for camp at Garwood. Bro. Claude and Sis. Bea had some benches and plaques made to recognize the past and present camp directors. I'm not big on that type recognition but it was an honor to set those benches to recognize the other men.

We are already working on camp 2020 which will be July 27-31. There are 51 Saturdays from camp to camp. Six are set aside for retreats. 3-4 for various associational meetings. That leaves around 40 to do whatever you want. Will you commit one for helping get camp ready next year? Sure camp is over. But Spring will be here before you know it. Mark your calendar now so you aren't too busy to help next Spring. Chris Polk
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