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“Holding Forth The Word of Life” *Philippians 2:16*

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World Missions Sunday February 24, 2013

by *Dr. John David Smith,*
Executive Director BMAA Missions

World Missions Sunday is February 24th. This day is intended to draw our focus toward a missionary God and our role as an association of churches in His global mission.

This day is also a day to express our gratitude to our awesome God for his faithfulness in and through BMAA international and North American missions. God has indeed blessed us to be able to expand to 78 countries in the world where we have hundreds of humble servants who are proclaiming the message of Jesus Christ.

We stand poised to send as many as ten new missionary families this coming year. If this indeed takes place, it will represent the highest number of American missionaries that our association has ever had on the mission field (around 60). Combine these American missionaries with the hundreds of

national missionaries we partner with around the globe, and you see both the opportunity and responsibility we steward.

We continue to cry out to God to allow us to see a church multiplication movement here in the U.S. We pray that our churches are becoming convinced of their need to reproduce. The BMAA missions department is ready to come alongside your church with orientation, assessment, training, coaching, and partnerships in planting churches here in the U.S.

Our Perpetual Prayer Calendar will be mailed

the first of February with the intention that our people will begin praying through the calendar on World Missions Sunday. These calendars are provided by the department of missions for your use in praying for our missionaries throughout the year. You may order your calendars now by calling our office: 501-455-4977 ext. 29 or by sending an e-mail to kboyd@bmaam.com.

It Is Time!

By BMAA Committee
On Arrangements

It is time to make your reservations for the 2013 BMAA meeting in Norman, OK. The 2013 session of the BMA of America will meet April 22-24 at the beautiful Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Norman. The hotel and conference center are under one roof and are conveniently located just off of I-35 with shopping areas nearby.

There is plenty of free parking for our attendees and a complimentary shuttle service is offered to local area attractions within a five-mile radius of the hotel. All suites have separate living and bedroom areas, a complimentary cooked-to order breakfast will be served to hotel guests each morning and both noon and evening meals can be purchased within the hotel.

When the BMAA Committee on Arrangements contracts with a convention center to host our annual meeting, the rental fee is normally tied to the number of hotel rooms we expect our attendees to use during the meeting. The rental fee in Norman is \$5,000 contingent upon our use of 200 rooms blocked at the Embassy Suites Hotel. The rental fee will increase by the daily cost of each room not used.

Terms have been negotiated in Norman that will allow the conference center space to be rent-free if we use the total number of rooms blocked at the Embassy Suites and four overflow hotels. Please help us fill the Embassy Suites rooms first to cap the cost of the rental space, then the overflow rooms will help us

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President's Letter...

64th Annual Meeting of the BMA of America

by President *Ed Stephenson*

Greetings,

Mark these date, April 22-24, 2013 for our national meeting which will take place in the Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center, Norman, Oklahoma. This is a very beautiful, and comfortable venue located within driving distance of many restaurants and shopping areas for your enjoyment between sessions.

Our desire is to make the national meeting an inspirational, and motivational time for all who attend. We realize that the churches have business to take care of but we also want to make the national meeting a time of worship, fellowship and information. Your officers have committed themselves to making the national meeting an event that will be looked forward to rather than an event to endure.

Your presence is a key component to having a successful national meeting! Over the past few years we have watched our attendance spiral downward and we are asking you to help reverse this trend. The work of the BMAA is a work for the Lord and it deserves our attention and our attendance.

Two areas for your consideration

1. If possible, please consider making your reservations with the Embassy Suites to help us fill the block of rooms that have been set aside for the messengers. Last year we failed to fill the rooms at the host hotel and it cost our association \$12,000.00 for the rooms that had been reserved but were not used.

2. It is important that our churches consider an increase in their offerings for the "Minute Fund" which is used to pay for the national meetings expenses. Over the past few years this fund has become more, and more, depleted and it is at a dangerously low level.

Our theme for the upcoming year will be "WE MUST" and it will be introduced during the president's message on Monday night. The local churches of the BMA of America "MUST" recognize that there are areas of our work which "MUST" be given special focus if we are to be successful for the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the strength of His local churches that make up this cooperative work.

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+++ NEWS BRIEFS +++

Emmanuel, Sikeston, is sending wishes for a Happy New Year. Friday, December 7th, some of the WMA and the Adult Ladies Sunday School Class enjoyed an evening meal at the Hickory Log Restaurant in Dexter, Missouri. The restaurant is famous for its BBQ ribs and extraordinary

candles. It was truly a blessing. We were dismissed in prayer. As we departed for our homes we wished our pastor and his family a wonderful time as they left for a week of vacation. We are looking forward to a new year of blessings and opportunities to serve the Lord. May God bless ALL of His

them along with some beautiful Christmas carols. We had our "fifth Sunday Talent Time" with many participating and using their God-given talents to praise Him. Our ladies have been challenged to a chili cook off by the ladies of Zion Baptist Church January 26th. We look forward to the opportunity to meet these ladies and fellowship with them.

James Hoffmann, Pastor
Carol McDonald, Reporter

Naylor, Naylor, reports that Sis. Roma Warren went to her heavenly home on 12/6/12. She was a longtime member of Naylor Missionary Baptist Church and will be greatly missed. We ask that everyone keep her family in their prayers.

James Mills, Pastor
Rita Mills, Reporter

Ozark Heights, Potosi, sends New Year Greetings to all our sister churches at the beginning of 2013. We have enjoyed a busy but wonderful Christmas season. We started December by observing the Lord's Supper in our evening service December 2nd with a nice turnout of our members partaking in the ordinance that Christ established and commanded of the church while with his disciples. Our WMA enjoyed a night out for dinner December 6th. We enjoyed a wonderful evening of gifts, games, food and fellowship. The men found a meal together at the local diner, as the ladies took the night off from the kitchen. The men didn't have gifts or games but there was plenty of gab as they told many a story about hunting, fishing and the likes. Ozark Heights provided a Christmas program to both our local elder care centers, Potosi Manor and Georgian Gardens on the 9th and the 12th. Many of our members turned out and

put on the Christmas Story with Shepherd's, Angels, Joseph and Mary, while the story was told, songs were presented throughout the program. Afterwards the children handed out handmade Christmas cards to the residents who all were very gracious and appreciative for the program and the gifts. We observed the second ordinance; Baptism on the morning of the 23rd baptizing Sis Jamie Courtway upon her profession of faith and commitment to the covenant and doctrine of our church. Praise God as his Holy Spirit continues to move in people's lives today. Our Christmas Program followed the baptism as the church again provided the Christmas Story of Christ. We were very appreciative of all those who worked to provide the program. Everyone received a gift of love from the church as they left. We enjoyed Talent night that evening with sharing of talents followed by Christmas Trivia program. We then went into the fellowship hall and enjoyed a fun gift exchange. We enjoy and love to fellowship with one another. The month ended with a bang with Youth Alive, as our youth group went to St. Louis and enjoyed prayer, singing and praise that came from every corner of the

fellowship hall. They enjoyed great times with other Christian youth and came home excited in the Lord. Some of our members lost precious loved ones this month. Remember the families of Amelia Sutton, Jamie Bramer, Gerald Dean Shipp, Officer Chris Parsons, Martha Downs, David Achers, and Eric Boyer. Until next month please keep our church and its members in your prayers.

Brian Meade - Pastor
Georgie Brokaw - Reporter

Bates Creek, Potosi, reports that December was a busy but blessed month. We started out the month with a surprise baby shower for the Jacobs family. The WMA had their annual Christmas party complete with the Secret Pal revelation. Sis. "Bertha Better Than You" not only made an appearance which made us all laugh but she also gave the devotional. All of the ladies really enjoyed the evening. Sis. Jessica Wright presented another great Christmas program which involved young and old alike. She does a great job as our program coordinator and we appreciate all of the hard work she does for our church. At the end of our Christmas program, Bro.

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The Emmanuel Group at Hickory Log Restaurant

Christmas decorations and lighting. Pastor Jason Redden accompanied them and was the chauffeur for the church van. A good time was had by all. The next afternoon, a wedding shower was given in the church Fellowship Hall for Heather Ross and Jackie Hays. They will be married Saturday, January 19th. We wish them many happy and blessed years together. The church enjoyed a Thanksgiving/Christmas Fellowship Dinner, Wednesday evening, December 19th. Several attended and also enjoyed the Bible Study. During Christmas week the family that we adopted was given their gifts. The two children will have a blessed Christmas along with their Mother. It is more blessed to give than to receive. Sunday evening December 23rd, a beautiful candlelight service was observed and we sat in heavenly places. The service began with the singing of Christmas Carols followed by Bro. Jason reading the Christmas story. The sanctuary was filled with the light of many glowing

churches in the new year!!!
Jason Redden, Pastor
Vi Maclin, Reporter

Bethany, St. Louis, reports that God has been blessing us this December. Our Pastor has been recovering from hip surgery and other health concerns, and God has returned him to our pulpit. God has also blessed the Tom Brenner family with a new addition. Matthew Thomas was born December 7th. Congratulations to Michael and Kylie Beatty on the arrival of Karter. Proud grandparents are John and Darlene Kennedy and proud Great grandparents are Dale and Brenda Schwaderer. Our Children's Christmas Program was a blessing to all who attended as well as to those who participated. Our ladies revealed their "secret sisters" at their December meeting. The annual Christmas Dinner was held and several enjoyed delicious food and Christian fellowship. Fruit baskets were prepared for our widows, widowers and shut-ins. The baskets for our shut-ins were delivered to

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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • October 2012

General Fund:

Balance November 30, 2012		\$	42,211.81	
December Receipts:	\$	<u>2,294.93</u>	\$	<u>2,294.93</u>
Total Available		\$	44,506.74	
Disbursements:				
Director's Salary	\$	900.00		
Partnership support J. Jones	\$	1,500.00		
Director's Travel Exp.	\$	310.92		
Office Supplies	\$	156.77		
Christmas Bonus (Kirk & Jones)	\$	1,500.00		
Director's 401-K (2011 & 2012)	\$	1,040.00		
Brad Miller - Webb Master	\$	<u>1,200.00</u>		
Total Expenses	\$	6,607.69	\$	<u>6,607.69</u>
Balance December 31, 2012		\$	37,899.05	

Savings:

Certificate of Deposit	\$	67,122.63
Certificate of Deposit	\$	22,993.90
ING Direct Savings	\$	<u>11,149.01</u>
Total in CD's:	\$	101,265.54

From Our Director...

I hope you had a great Christmas celebrating the birth of our Savior and I hope you are looking forward to growth in your spiritual life in this new year.

This time of the year is always a time of reflection for me. I reflect on the past and wonder, "Did I represent the Savior well?" And of course, when I think about a new year, I have a great desire to doing a better job in the days and months to come.

My friend, Dave Devries, wrote a blog about reflecting on the old year and in his blog he asked some powerful questions to help anyone take an inventory of their life and to help move them forward to greater awareness of their life before God. I found them challenging, convicting, and helpful! Take a look at the questions below and give an honest answer:

1. What did I do well?
2. What habits have I maintained?
3. Who have I influenced to follow Jesus?
4. Where do I need to improve?
5. How have I experienced...
 - Victory over sin and true repentance?
 - God's presence and peace?
 - Hope for the future?
 - True friendship?
 - Growth in character and integrity?
 - Grace and forgiveness
6. What sins do I need to confess?
7. Whom do I need to forgive?
8. What difference did I make this past year?
9. What would be worth repeating in the new year?
10. How did my life bring God glory?

I challenge you to take the next 10 days and journal your answer to one of these 10 questions. In your journaling, look for scriptures that speak to the question and write them down. Ask yourself, "What do I need to do to obey this passage of Scripture?" And then write out a prayer committing yourself to action with God's help. An honest appraisal and a devoted heart can make 2013 our best year yet for spiritual growth!

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get the meeting space rent free.

Our association had to pay \$12,000 extra in Jackson, MS last year because so many of the blocked hotel rooms were not used. Please help us avoid a situation like that this year.

The Embassy Suites is accepting reservations now. Please use the following link to make your reservations online www.visitnorman.com

And He Died in Haran

Genesis 11:32

via jstmcleaver@embarqmail.com

"And he died in Haran." These are some of the saddest words in the Old Testament. Perhaps these are some of the most poignant words in the Bible. Here is a man of great promise. Here is a man of Godly character who died in Haran. Here is a man who had great love, compassion, and care for his family; yet he died in Haran.

Terah was a man who had a sense of the call of God in his life; he was going to follow the Lord to go to Canaan, yet he died in Haran. I'm sure Haran was a nice place to live with all the amenities of a modern city and attendant benefits. It had convenient shopping and new homes with good schools. It had a great economy. Yet it was not the place to which God had called Terah. Even though he had set out from Ur to go to Canaan, he died in Haran.

There are so many like Terah. They have a sense of the call of God in their lives. They start out on the path of faith. They move from where they are to a place where God can begin to use them. Yet they settle in Haran. They get involved in the activities of Haran. They die in Haran. They never fulfill the full calling of God in their lives. They never get to Canaan. They die in Haran.

Jesus tells us the farmer planted the seed that is the word of God. Some seed fell among thorns and was choked out. The cares of Haran can choke out the fulfilling of the Word of God in our lives. Some young ladies and men walk the aisle of the church to profess Christ. They are baptized. Yet they settle in Haran and never make the journey to the abundant Christian life; and they die in Haran.

Some surrender to the ministry, mission field, Christian service, or other church ministry. There is great fanfare at their point of decision, and well it must be for one to hear the call of Christ in life to serve Him in a special way. Some of these go on to seminary or Bible school training to prepare for service. They move to Haran. But they stay there. They die in Haran, never to fulfill the call of God in their lives.

Many each day commit to a marriage they feel that is made in heaven. They gather the family members to give the news of pledged love and plans that are set for a bright future. God blesses the union with children and the joy of the home increases. The couple finds success in work and is fulfilled in community achievement. Soon the living in Haran becomes the goal and focus of life. The family begins to deteriorate, and there is sign of abuse and neglect

— spiritual, physical, emotional, and other excesses — so that the family name comes to divorce court or even worse. The family is ripped asunder. The family with so much promise and so much to look forward to in life dies in Haran.

The church that has such an impact in the community during its early years has the hand of the Risen Christ displayed in powerful ways.

We appreciate your help.
— BMAA Committee on Arrangements: Charles Attebery, Leon Carmical and James Ray Raines

The church moves through some generational processes, establishes some traditions,
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Bryan Buckley addressed the church to let them know he is surrendering to the ministry. He feels led to work with youth. Please join our church in lifting Bro. Bryan up in prayer as he starts his ministry. We finished out the month by taking the teens of the youth group to Youth Alive. It was a great trip enjoyed by both the sponsors and teens. January is always full of hope for the world. It is our job to help them to see that they can have hope each day of the year through Jesus Christ.

J.C. Huddleston, pastor
Sara Buckley, Reporter

First, Matthews, wishes everyone a Happy New Year! It's been awhile since I sent in a report. We have been very busy. Quite a few ladies attended the State WMA Retreat in Arnold. We loved spending time with our sisters in Christ and look forward to next year! Hearing Jaclyn Rowe speak was such a blessing! Our WMA is trying to schedule Jaclyn to speak to the teens in February. We do not have all the details worked out but will contact everyone as soon as we do. I will also post details on our WMA Facebook page. Our WMA's annual Christmas dinner was December 3rd. We enjoyed a delicious dinner catered by Sis. Cheryl Franks from Kewanee. She did a wonderful job. The food was delicious. We enjoyed a great night of fel-

lowship with a devotional from Sis. Diane Thompson. The ladies also exchanged their Christmas gifts and secret pals were revealed. Bro. Chris came up with a great idea for our Christmas program this year. We didn't get a video of us performing, but if you go online, google 'silent monks singing hallelujah.' You will see what we did. It turned out great. The children performed the Nativity scene and did a wonderful job. We had 13 attend the ALIVE conference in St. Louis this year. They all enjoyed the conference and hope to go back next year. For New Year's Eve, we had a great night at church with devotionals from Bro. Chris and Bro. Lucas Polk. We also watched shows from the Duck Dynasty reality series of a family that loves Christ and knows the importance of family. We had a look-alike contest where you could come dressed as your favorite person from the show. Bro. Lucas and Bro. Rick Garza won the look-alike contest. Bro. Chris looked great, but he wouldn't let us vote for him. I've included a picture for you to see their costumes. In the picture, from left is Bro. Rick, Bro. Chris, and Bro. Lucas. We also had door prizes, good food, and great fellowship. We ended the night gathered around the table as a family and prayed in the New Year. Please say a prayer for Bro. Howard Atwell who is having some health issues. Please continue to be in prayer for all the



from left: Bro. Rick, Bro. Chris, and Bro. Lucas.

VISION 2020 Campaign Top 10 Million Mark Plans Announced for New Library



Central Baptist College is pleased to announce that commitments to **Vision 2020: A Miracle in the Making** have topped the \$10 million mark. Vision 2020 is a plan to complete ten major construction projects over ten years to accommodate a student enrollment of 2020 students. In mid-November, CBC received a \$1.3 million gift which put the Vision 2020 total at \$10,078,865.

A major benefit of the \$1.3 million pledge is the opportunity for the College to construct a new Library facility instead of renovating the existing structure. From the beginning of the library project, CBC library staff had the benefit of their own research, of other libraries throughout the country, as well as the advice of a recognized expert in the field. Several key elements were identified to create a facility that would meet the needs of students for years to come.

According to CBC President Terry Kimbrow, "The construction of a new facil-

ity enables more of these identified benefits to be incorporated. The consensus from every standpoint was new construction, if possible, was clearly a preferable approach and the most efficient use of our resources."

A new, two-story building will be built on the current site of the Administration/Library Building once demolition of the current building takes place, and will be just over 16,000 square feet. Construction is set to begin early in 2013. Features that were to be included in the renovation and expansion will be included in the new building, but the configuration of the space will allow a more efficient use of the building. Preliminary layout includes the following: library staff offices, learning commons, 30+ computer workstations, multimedia classroom, café and café seating area, Ronald V. Mitchell Archives, science resource center, music listening lab, media curriculum center, conference rooms, group and private study rooms, and book

stacks. Floor plans, outside elevation, and naming opportunities are being developed and will be available in the coming weeks.

The mission statement of Central Baptist College calls for the integration of Christian faith and academic excellence . . . in a Christ-focused environment. "That, I believe, can only be accomplished as we continue to improve the campus learning environment," Kimbrow stated. "We are here to facilitate 'life change' in both the minds and hearts of our students. Vision 2020 is simply a plan to help us accomplish our mission."

CBC launched Phase 1 of Vision 2020 in February 2011 with a \$12 million goal to fund the three construction projects. The first project in Vision 2020 was the construction of the David T. Watkins Academic Building which was completed earlier this year. The Library Project, which is currently underway, is the second project, followed by the construction of a new residence hall.

children who attend Awana and their parents that they will accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. 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

Lower Doe Run, Ellington,

says, December is always a busy month for every church, I guess. Ours is no different. Our good friend and neighbor, Bro. Eugene Bowerman spent a night or so in the hospital and seems to be doing better now. Also, Bro. George Rayfield spent a couple nights in the hospital. Denver and I visited the doctor's office too,

sinus infections, it seems. So after a round or two of antibiotics, we are doing a lot better. We missed one Wednesday night service because of it. Sis. Ethel Kuntz also spent some time in the hospital this month. She was blessed with another great-grand baby this month. Also, a young man

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that comes to church when he's up to it, has been put on hospice. Please remember him, George Meyers, and his family in your prayers. Bro. Don and Sis. Thelma Hoffmann have also been under the weather. Bro. Roy Williams fell on the ice in his driveway on the 29th, but doesn't seem to be having any long term problems from it. It would have taken less room to tell you about those at church that have stayed well this month. The 23rd, we had our regular morning services, then had our regular monthly fellowship dinner, then our Christmas program. We had between 55-60 to attend. Then our evening service was dismissed as well as our Wed. Night service that week. On the 30th, we hosted the 5th Sunday singing. Mt. Zion was the only church attending other than ours, but we had a great time and good singing. Bro. Emory Shelton brought a short, but very good devotional, then we dismissed services for that evening and everyone went home. Now, we are ready to see what 2013 has in store for us. Happy New Year everyone.

Denver Page, Pastor
Sharon Page, Reporter

Zion, St. Louis, sends Happy New Year Greetings to our Sister Churches. The Lord has been good to Zion and blessed in many ways in 2012. We look forward to see how the Lord will bless and use Zion in 2013. We are thankful for our pastor and his family. Bro. Baker continues to lead and teach God's truths. We start out with prayer on the first Wednesday of each month. Several items and people have come off our list because of answered prayers. We have had sicknesses and death in different families but the Lord is faithful and seen us through each trial and situation. The Lord answered our need when Zion

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Program

<p style="text-align: center;">Monday Morning, April 22</p> <p>8:30 Display/Exhibit Set-up 2:30 Registration Set-up (Enrollment and Finance Committee)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday Evening, April 22</p> <p>7:00 First General Session Patriotic introduction to session Welcome/Introductions Introduction of President for the presidential message Special Music President's Message and Introduction of Theme "We Must" Introduction of Missionaries Prayer — Meet your missionaries reception/exhibit hall</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday Morning, April 23</p> <p>8:00 Registration 8:30 WMA Brotherhood 10:00 Pastors' and Laymen's Conference</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday Afternoon, April 23 (Called Meetings)</p> <p>1:30 Committee Meetings Missions Department Baptist Music Fellowship Lifeword Media Ministries DiscipleGuide Church Resources BMA Seminary Nominating Committee Ministers Resource Services Moral Action</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday Afternoon, April 23</p> <p>3:00 Second General Session Video, Music, Missionary Speaks and Prayer 3:20 Enrollment Committee (Initial Report) Petitioning Churches & Seating Their Messengers 3:30 Proposed Changes to the Constitution 3:45 Nominees for Nominating Committee 3:50 Clerk's Report 4:00 DiscipleGuide Church Resources 4:30 Special Music 4:40 Miscellaneous Business 5:00 Prayer/Adjourn 5:30 Seminary Dinner</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday Evening, April 23</p> <p>7:00 Third General Session Video, Opening music and Prayer Special music requested by annual speaker Introduction of Annual Speaker Scott Attebery Ken Riley, Alternate Prayer/Adjourn</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday Morning, April 24</p> <p>8:30 Fourth General Session Video, Music and Missionary Speaks 8:50 Nominating Committee 9:05 Brotherhood Report 9:20 WMA Report 9:40 Moral Action 10:10 Coordinating Council Special Music 10:30 Baptist Music Fellowship 10:45 Master's Builders 11:00 Vote on Constitutional Changes Miscellaneous Business Prayer/Adjourn</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday Afternoon, April 24</p> <p>2:00 Fifth General Session Video, Music and Prayer 2:10 Final Nominating Committee Report 2:20 Minute and Clerk Hire 2:30 Election of Officers/Annual Speaker 2:40 Lifeword Media Ministries 3:10 Committee On Arrangements 3:20 Ministers Resource Services 3:50 BMA Seminary 4:20 Revolving Loan Fund 4:30 Election of Missions Advisory Committee Members 4:40 Final Enrollment Committee Report 4:45 Miscellaneous Business 5:00 Prayer/Adjourn</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday Evening, April 24</p> <p>7:00 Sixth General Session Video, Music and Prayer 7:20 Missions Department Closing of the 64th Annual Association Meeting via the sounding of the gavel and prayer Missions Commissioning Service 9:00 Closing Prayer</p>
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Enrollment Committee Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
2:00-4:00 p.m. 6:00-7:00 p.m. and 30 minutes after session	8:30-9:00 a.m., 2:00-3:00 p.m. 6:30-7:00 p.m. and 30 minutes after session	8:00-8:30 a.m.

Nursery provided

needed a new roof. Showers of Blessings is a good old song, but showers in the fellowship hall is something you don't want. We also have a new church sign and landscaping after a couple cars collided and one ran up

the embankment and into the sign. The Zion ladies are looking forward to a "cook off" with the Bethany ladies on January 26. This will be a fund raiser for The Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper. Come and join in the fun. There will be good food and good fellowship, plus you will be helping to support our state paper. Pray for us at Zion that the Lord will greatly use her in 2013. Dennis Baker, Pastor
Norma Womble, Reporter

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2012-13 Theme

REACHING OUT...BEYOND CHURCH WALLS

Proverb 31:20

"...she reacheth out her hand to the needy."

Fellowship, Food, Fun!!

What started as a casual comment between two pastors has developed into the first annual cook-off between two churches.

Mark your calendars for

**Saturday, January 26, 2013
at 2:00 p.m.**

(in case of bad weather - February 9, 2013)

Location:

**Bethany Missionary Baptist Church
11211 Midland Blvd.
Overland, MO 63114
Phone 314-429-2195**

Cost:

Donations to benefit the Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper

**The ladies of Bethany Baptist Church
and Zion Baptist Church will be
competing with the following:**

**Chili, corn bread, potato casserole,
Cole slaw, cheese cake and peach cobbler**

***If this has got your mouth watering,
then Plan on coming and enjoying
a time of Fellowship, Food and
Fun as well as making a generous
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A Wish or A Reality??

I know that since it is the beginning of a new year, many of you are thinking about how you would like to make some self-improvements for the new year. Many people are making New Year's resolutions on how much weight they want to gain, and how they simply must stop exercising so much! Ha! Well, there are some of us that would be able to achieve that goal real quickly. If I set a new year's resolution to gain 10 pounds; I just know I could achieve success in probably one weekend.

Setting goals is critical to self-improvement. I think assessing where you are in life at least once a year is a good idea. Trying to pray and think of ways to be better in the new year is a positive step in the right direction. I applaud those of you who do, and exhort those of you who don't to consider the possibilities. However, I have a word of caution. Many people never achieve their new year's resolutions for failure to complete the tasks.

Why does this happen to so many year after year? I think it is failure to plan.

We can think of lots of ways to get better. We can have lots of ideas. But a goal without a plan is simply a wish. I am going to repeat that phrase so that it soaks in. Here it is again: "A goal without a plan is simply a wish." You can set goals for the New Year, but achieving them is very doubtful if you don't have an action plan. You have to take dreams, wishes and ideas and lay out a concrete plan of action. Human behavior finds most people fail on the follow-through of an action. The easiest part of self-improvement is the ideas. But they will just stay in your head if you don't come up with a very specific way to achieve them. If you really do want something bad enough, you will make the time. Dream boldly!

Now you have to take those dreams and put them down on paper. You have to think through a process of how you will actually achieve it. You can gather friends or family around and have a planning session. Open with prayer first. All things should begin and end with prayer. Then, go around the room and decide what each of you would like to accomplish for the betterment of self in areas such as physical, emotional/relational, spiritual, intellectual and financial. It is great if you come up with the same ones, because you already have your built in accountability partners. Having someone come over, or call or prod you into getting up and going, is very beneficial to achievement.

After you have written out your list, then comes the action plan. It has to be very specific on paper if you hope to maintain any sense of direction. Goals should be reasonable. They should push you beyond your comfort zone, but not to excess. You don't say you want to lose 1 pound of weight in the coming year. That doesn't push you. You don't want to say you want to lose 30 pounds by Valentine's Day. That is excess, not to mention, an unhealthy time table for weight loss. Set a goal that you would like to lose a pound a week on average. Your overall goal is to lose 20 pounds by July 4th. That allows for weeks when you have some setbacks because you had too many church dinners.

That goal is pushing you to do something, but is not overwhelming or impossible. It is reasonable. You must attach a date line to your goals. Without it you are just going to drift through your year. Who will hold you accountable? It is very helpful to success if you have a friend or family

member who will not constantly nag you, or put you down, but encourage and prod you to get going. Be nice, but be bold in this area with a friend.

What are the potential road blocks? Planning ahead for potential problems will also help you come up with ways to offset those problems. What are some other avenues you can pursue if you have a problem?

When will you do this? What days? Every day? Three days a week? What time will you do it? It is very helpful to stick to the same time on a regular basis because it becomes a routine in your life. But be sure you can do it. If you are not a morning person, then do it in the evening. If you are not a night owl, don't have an accountability partner who is. They will irritate you. Put up some positive statements and scripture verses to help you every morning. You will have those weeks where you are unsuccessful for various reasons. Satan will try and get you to give up. He will say "quit!" But read your verses on the bathroom mirror and get back up and keep going. This is the mental challenge and it is also very critical to your success. Okay, so you had a setback. Go back and start again. Don't give up. None of us is perfect. Maybe you had a lazy week. That's okay. Don't beat yourself up, but get back up and keep going.

If it is really something you desire, you will make the time. Otherwise, we just make excuses. Sometimes, we know what we should do. Deep down there is a desire to transform ourselves into a better person. But the discipline and dedication to do it is missing. I have showed you how to turn a wish into a reality. Now pray and ask God for help and get going. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.!" Philippians 4:13.

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

For He Is Profitable to Me

II Timothy 4:11

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Two factors led to the basis for this article. First, Bro. Dennis Baker asked for an article for the Brothers.... column, and second, on the same day, Bro. Earl Johnston was recognized for his 19 years of faithful service to the BMA of Missouri Loan Committee. These two things led to thinking about our need for commitment and acceptance of responsibility in the furtherance of the Lord's work. Next came thoughts about these seven men as examples from the Bible: Joshua, Nehemiah, Jesus Christ, Barnabas, Paul, Timothy, and John Mark, who are just a few of the many individuals in the Bible. They may not be the most important examples that we might consider, but except for one, Jesus Christ, they were ordinary individuals who demonstrated commitment and acceptance of responsibility.

Joshua the son of Nun (Numbers 13:8,16) is the subject of study in the COMPASS Adult Sunday School for the Winter 2012-2013 quarter. Dr. Allen Tilley in the first lesson (page 3) said: "Joshua is the story of a humble servant who assumed overwhelming responsibility and led God's people in claiming the promises of God, ..." As we consider Joshua for his commitment and acceptance of responsibility, we see a man who was willing to serve as an assistant to Moses, but also accepted responsibility to give a fair evaluation of their ability to enter the land of Canaan, then forty years later accepted responsibility to lead the Children of Israel into the land of Canaan. Near the end of his life he expressed his commitment and acceptance of responsibility with this statement: "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." (Joshua 24:15)

Next as we consider Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah, for his commitment and acceptance of responsibility. We see a Hebrew man who had a respected position as cupbearer to the King of Persia after the Babylonian exile. However, after hearing the condition of his brethren in Jerusalem, he became burdened with a commitment to return to his homeland. (Nehemiah 1-2) One of the several examples of his commitment and acceptance of responsibility is found when his enemies tried to discourage him from rebuilding the wall of the city. "Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem." (Nehemiah 2:20) Then again when they wanted him to leave the work to meet with them, his reply was: "And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?" (Nehemiah 6:3) As proof of his commitment and acceptance of responsibility, Nehemiah 6:15 tells us that the wall was completed in fifty and two days. After rebuilding the wall of the city, Nehemiah also demonstrated his commitment and acceptance of responsibility in working with Ezra and other leaders to rebuild the nation morally and spiritually. (Nehemiah 7-13)

Now consider Jesus Christ, who was present in creation. "And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness:..." (Genesis 1:26). Then he demonstrated his commitment and acceptance of responsibility in coming to earth to be our redeemer. At the age of twelve, Luke 2:49 reports: "And he said unto them, (his parents) 'How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?'" In John 5:43 Jesus told the Jews: "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: If another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive". In John 6:39-40 he said to the people: "And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day." Space does not permit giving all of the examples of the Son of God, who took on the form of an ordinary individual that he could demonstrate his commitment and acceptance of responsibility in coming to earth to be our redeemer.

Acts 4:36-37 tells of another ordinary individual who demonstrated commitment and acceptance of responsibility. "And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus, Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles feet." In addition to setting this example of giving, he also stood up for Saul (Paul) when he first came to Jerusalem after his salvation. Later, Barnabas stood up for John Mark when Paul was disappointed by him.

In Paul we find a man, who as a Pharisee, showing

his commitment and acceptance of responsibility for the wrong reasons. Then, after his conversion on the road to Damascus, he demonstrated an even greater commitment and acceptance of responsibility for the cause of Christ, so that he was able to say: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:14) Paul was also committed to mentor others in the work, one of whom was Timothy, who he called his son in the faith. In Philippians 2:20 Paul described Timothy's commitment and acceptance of responsibility this way: "For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state" (welfare).

Last in the list of seven, is John Mark, who was a disappointment to Paul, but Barnabas saw fit to encourage him. Then later it appears that Mark had also demonstrated his commitment and acceptance of responsibility, because Paul wrote in II Timothy 4:11: "Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me."

Today there is still the need for men, who are ordinary individuals who will show their commitment and acceptance of responsibility just like these examples from the Bible, and Bro. Johnston, plus many others who have faithfully served. Will the day come, when someone can say of you: "For he is profitable to me?"

[All Scriptures KJV]

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tions, acquires some history, sets some precedents, and finds itself living in Haran. Soon the church has lost its power with God and is satisfied with the status quo of Haran. The members are at odds; finances aren't right; prayers are forgotten; and all is not well. The church dies in Haran, for the Lord removes its light.

**Nearing the
Half-way
Point**

Are You

**DEWing
it?**

**Give a Dollar
Every Week
to Camp Gawood**

By the time you read this we will be at the half-way point in our DEW campaign to raise special funds for Camp Garwood.

Remember, Bro. Claude Evans challenged us to set aside a "Dollar Every Week this year to build up the finances of Camp Garwood to avoid requesting special offerings in order to have a "Free" camp this summer and to have funds to finish the rest room upgrades in all the dorms.

Some have already given the whole \$50 and others are putting aside a dollar each week so they will have the \$50 by the time camp takes place the last Monday of July 2013.

Some are giving an offering in memory of a loved one who worked at the Camp or who was saved at the Camp or for some other reason had a special place in their life for Camp Garwood.

Perhaps you would like to honor your parents or a pastor and his wife who were part of those who worked hard to make the camp what it is today, but who are no longer able to

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Terah moved from Ur to Haran, all along thinking he would go on to Canaan. He never made it. He died in Haran. I don't know what kept him there. Whatever kept him there, whatever job, choice, concern, or other life involvement, it doesn't matter. He died in Haran. Lord, God Most High, save me from dying in Haran!

A law expresses an absolute, and an absolute establishes authority. If there is one thing liberals hate, it is an absolute authority. Where does authority begin? It must have a source. There are basically two views that contradict one another: 1) Authority is derived from man, as groups collectively bestow power upon government or magistrates to govern the people, and 2) Authority is derived from God – then man organizes government, based upon the commandments and principles of God. If authority comes from man, then there are no absolutes. What man deems to be wrong, is indeed wrong, as long as man declares it to be wrong. But if man decides to change the law, then what was wrong is no longer wrong. However, if God declares something to be wrong, then an absolute is established, which is immutable.

Thomas Hobbes, 1588-1679, was a British philosopher and infidel, who advocated the idea that authority is derived from man under the common consent of the governed. But if authority comes from man, then nothing is moral or immoral, but amoral. According to English philosopher John Locke, who was diametrically opposed to the philosophy of Thomas Hobbes, fundamental rights were the right to “life, liberty and estate,” estate being the right to own property. Thankfully, our Founding Fathers subscribed to the philosophy of John Locke, as reflected in some of the founding documents. The phrase “unalienable rights” from the Declaration of Independence speaks of authority that transcends man. Unalienable rights are sometimes called natural rights. Unalienable means they are fixed and not contingent on or awarded by human power. The right to life is an unalienable power.

All three of these rights, life, liberty and property, are being challenged increasingly in America. The right to life was challenged and blown away years ago, when the right to murder innocent, unborn children in the womb was legalized. Our liberties are under fire as an ever-growing government continues to encroach on “we the people” with insane rulings by agenda-driven judges, from the right to own firearms, to the right to disagree with and voice an opinion against that which is perverse and abnormal, in the realm of what defines marriage and family. And certainly, the right to own property is challenged through eminent domain cases, with an increase in abuse, as a philosophy of socialism continues to grow among elected officials. By its own admission, the federal government owns more than 600,000,000 acres of land with this amount increasing every year. Woven into the fabric of the founding of this nation was the right to own property.

Ultimately, the recognition of an ultimate authority points to The Ultimate Authority, the God of the universe, Jehovah God of the Bible. And this is why people kick against the idea of absolutes and authority so vehemently. If there is a God, then we must all face Him one day, and standing before Him means accountability to authority. A prevailing theme throughout the Bible is the theme of authority. Whether the story is the Garden of Eden, Israel in Egypt or the Promised Land, the saga of the united and divided kingdoms, Jesus in the Gospels or the presentation of the King of Kings in the book of Revelation, authority is the final issue. Will man rebel against God, or will man submit to God? That is always the final issue. Either God is the absolute authority of the universe, to which all men are accountable, or He is not. If He is not the final authority, then nothing matters, man can live as he chooses and die, with

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attend or support the camp themselves.

There are many who for one reason or another are not able to attend Camp any more in Missouri. You are encouraged to show your appreciation for the experiences you had while attending Camp at Garwood. Think of all the good times you had, the friends you met, and the blessings of God you experienced as a result of your “Garwood” experience. Wouldn’t you like to have a part in helping others have those kinds of experiences? You can with a special offering during the next few months.

Remember, anyone who gives a \$50 offering can receive a free “DEW” T-shirt by simply requesting one when you send your offering. Make sure to give the size you need. The T-shirts will be delivered at Camp 2013 and there will be a special day when we will see how many participated in DEW as we all wear our T-shirts the same day. That will be a great sight to see!

You can give your offering through your church. Just make sure someone sends the order for T-shirts with the offering. Or you can send your offering and T-shirt requests directly to Chris Polk, Camp Treasurer, P.O. Box 271, Matthew, MO 63867.

It will simplify the process if each church would collect the offerings from your church and send them and the T-shirt order at the same time.

no reward or punishment. Or man can submit to God, through repentance and faith in the blood of Jesus, live for Him, keep His commandments and enter into the joy of his Lord at death.

You know, if I’m wrong and atheists are right, then no one has to give account to a higher power. But If I’m right ... you tell me the best common-sense choice.

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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 in three consecutive issues unless the editor is otherwise instructed.

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The Ten-Dollar Cure For Fear!

Stanley went to a psychiatrist. “Doc,” he said, “I’ve got trouble. Every time I get into bed, I think there’s somebody under it. I get under the bed, I think there’s somebody on top of it. Top, under, top, under ... you gotta help me, I’m going crazy!”

“Just put yourself in my hands for two years,” said the doctor. “Come to me three times a week, and I’ll cure your fears.”

“How much do you charge?”

“A hundred dollars per visit.”

“I’ll think about it,” said Stanley.

Six months later the doctor met Stanley on the street. “Why didn’t you ever come to see me again?” asked the psychiatrist.

“For a hundred bucks a visit? A friend cured me for ten dollars.”

“Is that so! How?”

“He told me to cut the legs off the bed!”

Most of us, though, have fears which are much more difficult to overcome -- fear of failure, fear of dying, fear of letting others down, fear of living alone, just to name a few. And, as you read through the Bible, you see that fear is not unique to those of us in the 21st century. One phrase that reappears over and over throughout the Bible is the phrase, “Do not be afraid.”

The Lord has promised to never leave us nor forsake us. Trust Him each day to handle all your fears.