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2015 Camp Garwood Dates

Bro. Chris reminds us of the camp dates that have been set so far this year are:

April 10-11 - Spring Paintball Retreat

July 27-31 - Camp Week

October 30-31 - Fall Paintball Retreat

Other dates will be posted as they are confirmed.

Please note the Camp Quarterly Financial Report on page 6

BMA of America Association Information Packets to be Mailed Soon

The 2015 Annual Session of the Baptist Missionary Association of America meets **April 20-22, 2015** at the University Plaza Hotel & Convention Center, in Springfield, Missouri.

Packets containing Hotel Information, Meeting Schedule, and **Your official form for use in registration** are going to be sent to each church in the BMA of America.

Please complete and return the registration form in the enclosed self-addressed envelope provided. **Do not use the recently developed BMAA Letter form. This form was developed primarily for local associations and the Directory and Handbook.** We do not need or use the statistics on this form.

All letters should be mailed by April 10 to pre-enroll your messengers. Upon arrival, the pre-enrolled messengers need only to report to the enrollment desk to be certified. Churches not representing by messenger, please return the completed letters to be listed in the official roster of churches in the yearbook. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

NOTE: Churches that have not returned letters for three (3) consecutive years will be dropped from the roster.

Please remit funds for meeting and minute expenses.

All expenses for facilities, equipment and supplies for the annual meeting plus travel expenses for several committees and the printing of the yearbooks are paid from this fund. The total cost is \$35,000-\$40,000 each year. It is imperative that we increase contributions to this fund. Some unexpected expenses last year depleted the fund. Thanks to your response last year, we made it. However, our balance is dangerously low. We still need extra help.

DEW 1st Quarter Report

Our first quarter for the DEW fund brought over \$1,000. Thank you so much to all who contributed with donations and prayers. For anyone that doesn't know what the DEW fund is, or what it does, I'll explain.

D-E-W stands for a Dollar Every WEEK and it's just that; a donation of a one dollar every week for the year. One dollar a week doesn't seem like much to us but it is changing a lot of things around Camp Garwood. We gather the donations quarterly, through each individual Church, so it can be used on projects throughout the year. The next quarter will be collected January 30th. If you have any questions feel free to contact me through a message on facebook, text, or call. My cell number is 573-380-9502. Thank you again!

**Cathy Beardsley,
DEW Promoter**

Thank you for your cooperation. May the Lord continue His blessings upon your church.

Sincerely

James Ray Raines

Recording Secretary

BMAA

P.S. Please tell us if this is a new name/or address for your church.

**Hotel Reservation
Information
and a
Program Overview
for the
66th Session of the
BMAA
are on page 8 of this
issue.**

President's Letter...

66th Annual Meeting of the BMA of America

Greetings to the churches of the Baptist Missionary Association of America!

I hope this letter finds you doing well and enjoying a wonderful beginning to 2015. I wanted to make you aware that we will be gathering in Springfield, Missouri on April 20-22 for the 66th Annual Meeting of the BMA of America. I hope that you and/or some representatives from your church will be able to attend. The meeting will be held at the University Plaza Hotel and Convention Center.

This year we will be making what I believe are some exciting adjustments to our meeting. In addition to providing time to conduct the business of the association, attendees will also have opportunity to receive some practical instruction and equipping. It is our hope that this will serve to encourage and sharpen us all as we return to our places of ministry. In order to provide time for these elective sessions we will abbreviate departmental reports. (The various department and agency directors have voiced unanimous support of this change.)

We do want to make sure that messengers have every opportunity to receive any information needed and desired from our directors. So, in addition to the abbreviated reports, extended reports will be available by way of:

1. The printed material in the Reports & Recommendation Booklet.
2. Video reports that can be accessed before, during, and after the meeting at www.bmalife.com.
3. Special breakout sessions during which directors will be available for more personal discussion.

It is our hope that these plans will provide even better access to information than was previously available to our messengers and churches.

Included is a preliminary schedule of the meeting. This does not include specific details, but rather a broad overview to help in your planning.

I hope to see you in Springfield as we gather to conduct business, worship the Lord, and prepare to serve Him even more effectively.

Until Then,

Jason Aultman • BMAA President

Mark your calendar...

**YOU are invited to a retirement party
for**

Bro. Jim Ford

March 28, 2015 at 1:00 p.m

at

Charity Baptist Church

1401 Ballenger Lane • Columbia, Missouri

(See Charity's News Article on page 2 for more information)



CHURCH NEWS



Charity Baptist, Columbia invites everyone to a retirement party for Jim Ford, **March 28th at 1 p.m.** at the church in Columbia. The address of the church is 1401 Ballenger Lane. Please **RSVP by March 1st** as we are having it catered and need to give the caterer an estimate. You may RSVP to Neil.Bowers@centurylink.net or 573 474-1030. We waited to have the party due to Sis. Ford passing away and Bro. Ford having surgery. We also did not want to have it in the middle of winter in case of bad weather. Hopefully the weather will be good at that time. Bro. Ford is doing well after his surgery and has been traveling to other churches to visit. We are searching for a new pastor. If anyone is interested or knows of someone who is interested in pastoring Charity please use the contact information above. Neil Bowers and Joe Ginter have been rotating Sundays to fill the pulpit. Please pray for us as we try to determine God's will for our future.
Judy Bowers, Reporter

Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston, rejoices in the addition of Zee Dunlap by baptism in December. We welcomed an attendance of 59 for our Christmas program Dec. 21st ... but then sickness hit and we ended up having to cancel our Wednesday night service Christmas Eve and also morning worship on the 27th.
Rodney Dunlap, Pastor

Wishing everyone a blessed and happy New Year from **Ozark Heights, Potosi**. As Bro. Brian said on Sunday "it is a new year and maybe the year of our Lord's return." December was a wonderful month for us with many exciting things happening. As always, there are many things going on that time of the year. We were blessed to have Sis. Elisha in our services with Natalie the newest addition to the Meade family. Bro. Brian and Sis. Dawn seem to be quite excited showing off their newest granddaughter and everyone just had to see that cute baby. Our wonderful ladies of the church had their Christmas dinner December 11th, at the Abbey in Ironton where they enjoyed a nice meal along with fun and fellowship. December 21st we enjoyed an adorable Christmas narration with the young children providing a nativity program followed by the choir singing their annual Christmas cantata praising the birth of the King of all Kings and Lord of all Lords. We enjoyed the presentations and programs. We thank all those who put in so much time and effort to provide a Christmas program. The WMA ladies provided gift bags of fruit and candy for all who attended; as well as, Christmas baskets delivered to all of our church family unable to attend. That same afternoon we had several members provide Christmas services at Georgian Gardens; singing the beautiful songs of Christmas and making the eyes of many of the residents light up with the sweet spirit of Christmas. Bro. Brian provided a reading of the first Christmas and encouragement for all who were in the service. December 24th we had a very special Christmas eve service with readings of the blessed birth of our Lord and specials provided by many of our members. It was a beautiful program and we are so blessed to have so many talented and willing members who give so much of their time and talent. Our teens enjoyed a great time with exciting results as one of our group was saved at Youth Alive. This is such a perfect way to end the year, getting saved, rejuvenated and rededicated in the will of God. As wonderful as this month has been we have had several with the flu and other health issues. We ask you to keep our church and its members in your prayers as we enter the new year. May each enjoy a wonderful and blessed new year. We send each of you love and prayers.
Brian Meade, Pastor • Georgie Brokaw, Reporter

Greetings to All from **Bethel, Sikeston**, as we are looking forward to another blessed year, with even more expectations of God's people to serve Him and to spread His word. Stand strong brothers and sisters, God will hear our prayers and bless in a way that glorifies Him. The month of December is always a busy time for everyone. Here at Bethel it has been a busy one for sickness too, as flu season has hit. Praying all will be on the

mend for the new year. We had our Christmas play. There was a lot of effort put into it by adults and children, but it paid off in the end, God was glorified thru it all. We also had the Lewis family visit here at Bethel and enjoyed the music that they brought to us along with sharing the Word of God. Bro. Seth Hickman has made it back from his second deployment to Afghanistan, we are thankful for God's protection. And also glad to see him while home on leave. Our teenagers went to Youth Alive in St. Louis. They, and the sponsors enjoyed the fellowship together and the event. We are so thankful for those sponsors, without them, it would not have been possible for the teens to go. We have some families that can use your prayers here at Bethel...Sis. Kathy Grigsby has cancer and hospice has come in to help her and the family... Sis. Joyce Goehri's son Jason Holt passed away...one of our teen girls, Sierra has cancer and is still making trips back and forth to St. Jude's in Memphis...and Bro. Jerry's wife Sis. Suzan. We will appreciate all the prayers for these, and always pray for one another. May God bless each and every sister church this year and may many souls be touched by His Word.

Jerry Adams, Pastor
Marcia Nimmo, Reporter

Bethany, St. Louis, wishes everyone a joyous and blessed new year. December was a very busy month for us as we were anxiously awaiting the blessings of the seasons. Our Christmas dinner was held December 14th with good food and great fellowship. December 20th we had a group of ladies meet to put together fruit baskets for our shut-ins and December 21st, after a quick lunch we delivered those baskets and sang carols to all of those folks and what a blessing it was to do so. Sunday evening December 21st our youth and some young at heart preformed Charlie Brown's Christmas to the delight of those who were there. We thank God for our young folks and their dedication to learning more about our wonderful God. Six of our young folks along with two

sponsors were able to attend Youth Alive this year and what a time they all had. It was a special joy to witness the salvation of Sis. Ann Toliias following the morning service December 14th. We extend our sympathy to Sis. Evon Dailey in the death of a dear niece during the month. Pray for Bethany as we, along with many other churches, are experiencing flu, colds and other things that the devil is putting in our way. We want to especially pray for the family of Cathy Fox and her church Mt. Zion in Poplar Bluff as this dear Christian was called home to Heaven recently. We pray that God will comfort and give strength to those left behind.
James Hoffmann, Pastor • Kathy Chapman Reporter

Happy New Year! **Bates Creek, Potosi**, had a busy but good finish to 2014. The WMA ladies wrapped up their service project and were able to deliver boxes of blessings to about 9 families. The group had a good time delivering them and spreading God's love and kindness in our community. Our youth group rented the Roller Zone and enjoyed an evening of fellowship with the youth group from Bethesda. It was a great time with our sister church. The WMA ladies had their Secret Sister revelation and Christmas party at the home of Sis. Sara Buckley. The group had lots of food and a lot of fun. It was reported that a plate of good food even made it down to the basement to feed Bro. Bryan who graciously hung out with the kiddos in attendance. Sis. Jessica Wright directed the Christmas story play with her smallest actors being about 2 years old. As usual, it was a great play and we appreciate Sis. Jessica and all of the kids that worked hard to make this happen. Our hearts are heavy here on Earth due to the passing of Bro. David's wife, Sis. Kathy Evans. While we know where she is now, it is still hard on family and friends here on Earth. Please remember Bro. David and his whole family in prayer. We finished off the year by attending Youth Alive with our youth group. Youth Alive is such a neat experience and it is fantastic to see God at work in the lives of so many young people. We would like to thank Bates Creek for sending us and those that work so hard on this event each year. May 2015 be just as busy and may many souls be led to God this year.
J.C. Huddleston, Pastor • Sara Buckley, Reporter

Happy New Year from **Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church!** We had a great fall Revival with Bro. Dustin Wisely. Bro. Dustin brought great messages each night and we truly enjoyed him and his lovely family. We had a great time with Relay for Life at New Madrid and also Walk for the World at the church. We thank everyone that contributed either monetarily or with their hard work. We showed our Pastor and his wife our appreciation for their service here at Kewanee with a fellowship time in October. We truly love Bro. Dan and Sis. Pam and are very blessed to have them

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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • December 2014

General Fund:

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|---------------------------|----|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Balance November 30, 2014 | | \$ | 20,495.43 | |
| December Receipts: | \$ | <u>3,476.76</u> | \$ | <u>3,476.76</u> |
| Total Available | | \$ | 23,972.19 | |

Disbursements:

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|--------------------------------|----|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Director's Salary | \$ | 900.00 | | |
| Office Supplies | \$ | 39.29 | | |
| Bank Fees | \$ | 3.00 | | |
| Director's Expenses | \$ | 336.00 | | |
| Director's Christmas Love Off. | \$ | 900.00 | | |
| Advisory Committee Expenses | \$ | 300.86 | | |
| Director's 401-K Plan | \$ | 130.00 | | |
| Web Master Annual Stipend | \$ | 1,400.00 | | |
| NorthLake Building Fund | \$ | <u>1,000.00</u> | | |
| Total Disbursements | \$ | 5,009.15 | \$ | <u>5,009.15</u> |
| Balance December 31, 2014 | | \$ | 18,963.04 | |

Savings:

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|------------------------|----|------------------|--|
| Certificate of Deposit | \$ | 67,217.55 | |
| Certificate of Deposit | \$ | 22,993.90 | |
| ING Direct Savings | \$ | <u>21,149.01</u> | |
| Total in CD's: | \$ | 111,360.46 | |

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?" After a time of reflection, 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. A honest appraisal and a devoted heart can make 2015 our best year yet for spiritual growth!

"Do You Care For Me?"

by Danny Kirk

In my core skill training as a coach, I remember well two questions about listening skills that still resonate with me:

- 1) How do you know when someone is not listening to you?
- 2) How does it make you feel?

We all know what it looks like when someone is having a one-sided conversation with us and we also know the disappointment and discouragement we feel when we have not been heard. It's hard to believe that they care about us deeply if they are not listening. One of my favorite quotes about the importance of listening is the following:

"The most basic and powerful way to connect to another person is to listen. Just listen. Perhaps the most important thing we give each other is our attention...A loving silence often has far more power to heal and to connect than the most well-intentioned words." -Rachel

First Quarter Financial Report Missouri Missionary Baptist October 2014 – December 2014

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|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Balance: October 1, 2014 | \$ 1,611.44 |
| Receipts: | \$ <u>3,061.38</u> |
| Total Available: | \$ 4,672.82 |
| Disbursements | \$ <u>(4,628.06)</u> |
| Balance: December 31, 2014 | \$ 44.76 |

A Word From the Editor

We are one-fourth of the way through the associational year and as you can see in the financial report above we are dangerously low in funds for this publication. If we do not receive some significant extra offerings in the month of January we will be trying to operate with a negative balance.

In my annual report I noted that our average monthly income was \$ 1,445 per month for the last few months of the 2013-14 year and our average monthly expenses were \$ 1,622 per month for the same period.

I do not know what has happened, but for the first three months of this year our income has averaged \$1,020 per month and expenses averaged \$ 1,543. per month.

We cannot continue to operate unless our support increases by at least \$500 a month. Several churches have increase their monthly offerings in this last quarter and a few who were not supporting regularly have started sending monthly offerings. For this we are very grateful. Some churches have ceased supporting the paper and that is hurting us significantly.

I will be meeting with the Publication Committee soon to discuss this situation and see what they recommend.

Please pray for this committee and do what you can to help with this urgent need.

Naomi Remem

The above two questions remind me that as a coach, I must take the time to listen...to care about my client. One of my weaknesses as a coach is the tendency to move my client quickly to the goal and the action plans that will insure success. It is true that a good coach will assist you in moving forward, but a better coach will do so while caring for you as well.

Tom Nebel and Gary Rohrmayer in their great book, "Church Planting Landmines" describe the coaching relationship like this...

"What does the coaching relationship look like? It is relationship-intensive, filled with listening, caring, celebrating, and consistent encouraging. It is strategically challenging, asking good questions, thinking through critical issues, providing resources and ideas to go to the next level."

There are many key words in that definition, but focus on the words "relationship-intensive." Coaching is all about developing a good, caring, and close relationship. I want the coachee to know that follow up, that progress toward the goal, that insight and learning are all important. But first, and most importantly, I want to know what is going on in their life as a person. Before the coaching agenda begins, I must take time to connect with them and just listen. I will ask questions about their family, their spiritual life, and what's God is doing in their life. I will celebrate their joys and I will pray for their challenges before the call is ended. It's my way of patting them on the back and giving them a hug over the internet or phone line.

How can you let the person you are coaching know that you care about both them and their goals?

A better coach will attempt to do both!

If you would like to know more about Christian coaching, please visit my website at www.youneedcoaching.com

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with us. The children presented a great Christmas program and the church house was full. We thank those that take the time and effort with our children. The adults presented the birth of Christ through song December 21st in the morning service. We saw additions to the church by letter, statement and baptism. The church continues to grow. We also grew with the addition of John Luke Tanner born on Christmas Eve to Jason and Christina Taylor with big brother Noah. Our prayer for 2015 is to reach more lost souls! Dan Wisely, Pastor • Terri Adams, Reporter

Landmark, DeSoto, has been studying II Thessalonians and these Wednesday night Bible studies have been so good. Paul's encouragement to the Thessalonian church hits us where we are now. We just need to pay attention and apply to our lives what is relevant. Now we start I Timothy and are looking forward to that study. Landmark participated in the DeSoto Christmas Parade. It was a cold night and our youth and a few adults rode on the float. They were very chilled by the time they got back to the church. Refreshments were served along with hot chocolate to warm everyone up on the inside while they thawed out on the outside. We had quite a few youth come and participate, when we had heard that most of them wouldn't be able to be there. It was a good time for all. Denver was called to preach at Friendship, Caseyville the morning of December 7th. We enjoy those times when we get to visit other churches. We had very good messages on the birth of our Savior in messages brought by Bro. Gibson. We were reminded that His name is Emmanuel which means "God with us." But, the best part is the reminder that He didn't remain a baby in that manger, but grew up to be our Savior, dying on the cross and rising the third day. Praise the Lord! Sis. Carol Oswald joined Landmark the Sunday before Christmas and we are so glad to have her as a part of our church family. We have all learned to love and appreciate her. A candlelight service on Christmas Eve was pretty well attended. Our new member brought four visitors with her to that service. We should all be that diligent. As I am writing this, on January 5th, there are several that stand in great need of your prayers. Sis. Jean Haderlien is in the hospital. Sis. Mildred Hawkins is back at the Villas after spending several days in the hospital. Bro. Clifton Cooper has been moved to Crystal Oaks nursing home. Two of our men are facing surgery this month, one quite serious. Seems it is never ending, doesn't it? I know that each church has some of the same problems. We are still having visitors most services. I'm glad the new year has started and the holiday season is over, maybe more people won't have so many other places to be instead of at church. We do understand being with family for Christmas and we are glad when we can do this, but it is time to buckle down again and be faithful to God's house. We do want our pastor and his wife to know how much the church appreciates them and we hope they will be able to serve at Landmark for many years to come.

Wayne Gibson, pastor • Sharon Page, reporter

Emmanuel, Sikeston, would like wish everyone a Happy New Year. We hope that you each had a very blessed Christmas. We started the month with our Christmas Play. We then enjoyed a nice candlelight service for Christmas. We cancelled our services on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve for our congregation to enjoy the holidays with their families. Bro. Jason had to leave for California and we were happy to have Bro. Don Adams fill in while he was away. We are continually blessed to be welcoming visitors weekly. We are excited to see what the Lord has in store for us in 2015 and pray that His will be done. We hope that each of you have a blessed month and that the Lord continues to receive all the glory.

Jason Redden, Pastor • Heather Hays, Reporter

Greetings from **Lighthouse, Malden**. Happy New Year! In Philippians 3:13-14, Paul said, "...*this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*" I always enjoy the beginning

of a new year and look forward to seeing what God is going to do with us, in us, for us and through us! We had a great December as we worshiped and celebrated the birth of our Lord. Sunday night, December 7, Leon Thomas came during the invitation and said, "Pastor I need to get saved," and he gave his heart to Christ and got saved! Hallelujah to God!! He is the dad of the girls who got saved earlier, four in that one family in the last few months. Praise God! December 14, after the morning service, we had our Christmas dinner and it was very delicious, nutritious (?) and down right good. We, not surprisingly, tied for high attendance in the service since we have been here. I began a series of messages on the seven churches in the book of Revelation entitled "Love Letters from Jesus." It is powerful, insightful and very convicting. Sunday evening, January 4, we had a Message in Music service. Afterwards we all joined hands and prayed for God's blessings in the new year. We were so saddened to hear of the passing of Sis. Cathy Fox of Mt. Zion in Poplar Bluff. She has blessed so many of us and I'm thankful we shall meet her again on the other side in glory, praise the Lord, because of Calvary.

Randy Zinn, Pastor • Reporter

Lower Doe Run, Ellington, watched the New Year come in with 25 present. Everyone seemed to enjoy a movie "The Fourth Wise Man" while our pastor gave time for questions and answers. The young couples presented us with a delicious country breakfast on the 4th. The youth choir presented a song in worship service. They also presented our Christmas Program in December. We begin a winter schedule on the 11th. After morning worship we will enjoy a brown bag lunch, then we will go into our p.m. service. We have noticed other country churches similarly trying this schedule. Many of our congregation drive several miles each way. This hopefully will increase attendance and interest. We have a new roof on the sanctuary and hope to improve the rest of the building soon. Our sympathy goes out to the Cathy Fox family. She was an encourage-

ment to many of us. Other dear ones are suffering sickness. Pray for them. Many dear ones are carelessly treading the path of sin, even as they proclaim to be saved. Two of us experienced the Alive Conference 2014 with Ozark Heights and were revived and were reminded of the patience and grace of God.

Melvin Meade, Pastor • Carolyn Meade, Reporter

Greetings from **Bethlehem, Doniphan**! December was actually a quiet month for the church, a time for reflection of what our year has been like. December 12th we held the Youth In The Harvest program and as the program we also put on our Christmas program for the month. We used Christmas lights of all colors showing how jumbled up and tangled up our lives are without Jesus help and saving grace. Then with white lights we showed how relying upon Jesus Christ our lives are so much less jumbled and tangled up. Saturday, December 13th, we did things a little differently with the older folks of the church delivering fruit and candy bags to the youth of the church, letting them know we care about them and we miss the ones who have been missing from some of our services. Then on the 14th we had our Christmas Dinner. What a blessing it is spending a few extra hours with our church family and reminiscing over what the Lord has brought us through over the past year and wondering what is in store for the year of 2015. For the 3rd Sunday Singing on the 21st of December most of our members including myself were just too tired or busy or something to go. We only had one member, Sis. Dian Colburn, who was faithful to go and receive a blessing by attending. We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year! I pray everyone resolves to get closer to Jesus and learn more about Him in 2015! Russell Chitwood, Pastor • Yvonne Hill, Reporter

HELLO to all from **Oak Hill, Alton**! I apologize I did not get an article wrote about Oak Hill for December. December 21st we did not present a play portraying Jesus's birth or a Cantata celebrating Jesus's birth and life instead we sang Christmas songs then we had finger foods and snacks in our Fellowship Hall. We also gave out our Treat bags that morning which consisted of an apple, orange, tangerine, KitKat, Snickers, a sucker, & some loose candy. We do not have any events planned for January other than our assistant Sunday which is January 18th and then our talent night for our evening service. Hopefully we will have some more news and events for February.

God Bless!!

Edward Casey, Pastor • Jennifer Williams, Reporter

Information about the Letter Forms for BMAA Directory and Handbook

Pastors and church clerks are reminded that the deadline for submitting completed annual church letter forms for the BMAA Directory and Handbook is February 15, 2015. If your church has not submitted your 2014-15 DiscipleGuide Church Letter form and offering between July 1, 2014, and the present, please do so quickly. If you already have sent your report and offering, we are most grateful.

You may complete and submit the form online at www.BMALife.org/ChurchLetter until February 15. The church letter form also can be found in the back of the 2014-15 BMAA Directory and Handbook.

The church letter form must be submitted to Information Services to be included in the next BMAA Directory and Handbook. (As in the past, the national association clerk will mail the one-page Letter of Representation form to churches prior to the BMAA annual meeting in April.)

This annual church letter form is our principal source of information to keep your church listing correct and accurate in the Directory and Handbook. If you need to contact information Services, you may reach Linda Cary, Assistant Editor at lcary@discipleguide.org, Office: 501.358.4007 or Toll Free: 800.333.1442 Thank you for supporting this ministry of the BMA of America.

The Antichrist and the Muslim Mahdi

by Michael Youssef via *The Mississippi Baptist*

Editor Don Brown's Note: *I ran across these two articles a few weeks ago and found them quite interesting. While we do not endorse all of the beliefs of Michael Youssef, his comments concerning the Muslim belief and vision for their "Mahdi" or end time ruler, are very illuminating. God's people need to understand the views of Muslims in order to understand the efforts they are now making concerning world domination. I pray these two articles interest you as a child of God and I encourage our readers to educate themselves in the beliefs and objectives of those who seek to dominate our world.*

Many people—religious and non-religious—are asking questions about a word they hear the media use when referring to ISIS and other Islamist jihadists. That word is apocalyptic, which is used when specifically referring to the fatalism of Islamists.

People wonder, why do so many Muslims (both Sunni and Shi'ite) operate with such an "apocalyptic," end-of-world mindset?

Our secular society, however, coupled with the media's carelessness, is bandying about words like apocalyptic without using them properly and without explanation. That creates a great deal of confusion for some, many of whom just throw up their hands in resignation and say, "I don't understand this."

But for those who want to understand, I am offering this two-part column, taking excerpts from my newest book, *Jesus, Jihad, and Peace*. I hope this will put things into perspective, so when the media says that an Islamist entity (such as ISIS, al-Qaeda, Iran, etc.) operate with an apocalyptic vision, you can make sense of it.

The word apocalypse does not, in fact, refer to a disastrous, catastrophic, end-of-world event. It's a Greek word, the root of which means revelation, or revealing things that are hidden. For instance, we know the last book of the Bible as Revelation, but in the original Greek language, it is Apokalupsae. It reveals what is happening in the heavenly realm, as well as events in the future.

Part 1

The Concept of the Antichrist

Both the Old Testament and New Testament spoke of an end-times figure, the Antichrist, some 600 years or more before Islam came on the scene. That timing will be important when I explain Islam's "end of time" coming of a Mahdi in my next column.

The Antichrist is known by various names. Paul calls him "the lawless one," "the man of lawlessness," and "the man doomed to destruction" who "will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshipped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God" (2 Thess. 2:1-12). The most detailed description of the Antichrist is in Revelation 13, where the Apostle John refers to the Antichrist as "the beast." The Old Testament prophet Daniel describes the abominable works of the Antichrist, but gives him no name or title (Dan. 9:27).

Who, then, is the Antichrist, whose brief but terrible reign is predicted in both the Old and New Testaments? He will be a world leader of unparalleled political, military and religious power. He will be charming, persuasive and popular beyond measure. The world will not know him as the "Antichrist," but by some attractive name and appealing title. But just as the word "Antichrist" suggests, he will be the opposite of the Lord Jesus Christ in every way. Everything Christ is, the Antichrist is not; everything Christ is not, the Antichrist is.

Jesus came from heaven (John 6:38); the Antichrist comes from the Abyss, the spiritual domain of evil (Rev. 11:7). Jesus came in the Name of the Father; the Antichrist comes in his own name (John 5:43). Jesus was despised by the world (Is. 53:3); the Antichrist will be worshipped by the world (Rev. 13:3-4). Jesus came in humility as a servant (Phil. 2:7-8); the Antichrist comes in pride, claiming to be God (2 Thess. 2:4; Dan. 11:36). Jesus is

the truth (John 14:6); the Antichrist is the lie (2 Thess. 2:9-11). Jesus is the Son of God (Mark 1:1; Luke 1:35); the Antichrist is the son of perdition (2 Thess. 2:3, KJV).

The Apostle Paul tells us that the mystery (or secret) of godliness is that God Himself has appeared to us in human flesh (1 Tim. 3:16)—and that the mystery (or secret) of lawlessness is that Satan has produced a counterfeit Christ, the Antichrist, Satan wrapped in human flesh (2 Thess. 2:6-8). Jesus is the true Shepherd; Satan will have his evil shepherd, the Antichrist. Jesus is the Holy One of God; the Antichrist will be the lawless one of Satan. Jesus is the Man of Sorrows; the Antichrist will be the man of sin.

One Antichrist and many antichrists

First of all, the Antichrist is coming—a lawless man who will come in Satan's power, demanding to be worshipped as God, destroying all those who love God. But John tells us that there are many other antichrists, lesser deceivers who are also self-exalting, evil and destructive. They are antichrists, but they are not the Antichrist.

Jesus tells us that, shortly before His return, the Antichrist will arise during a time of global chaos and confusion, when the world is in political, social, financial and ecological upheaval. The terrified people of the world, desperate for a strong leader, will turn to this man and give him control of the governments of the world.

Daniel tells us that the Antichrist will speak "boastfully" (Dan. 7:8), yet it is clear that these will not be empty boasts. The Antichrist will appear to possess superhuman brilliance. He'll be the ultimate smooth talker, the greatest con man who ever lived, and he'll unite the nations under his rule. At first, he'll seem to be a wise and benevolent dictator, bringing peace, prosperity and hope. But once he is firmly in control of the gears and levers of power, he'll reveal his true intentions.

The way has been paved for such a leader. Atheists, humanists, New Age mystics, Hindus, Buddhists and Islamists have little in common with each other—but they all share in the

Faithful Workers Called Home

Naomi Ruth (Asberry) Schroeer was born March 27, 1928 near Ellington, MO and departed this life November 25, 2014 in St. Louis, MO. She was the daughter of William H. and Blanche Asberry.

Ruth married Walter Schroeer February 18, 1951. Four children were born to this union.

Ruth made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as her Savior as a young woman and had been a faithful member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in South

St. Louis where she served as clerk until her health failed. She was loved and respected by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sisters; three brothers; and one grandson. She is survived by their four children: Georgia Hart, R.W. Schroeer, Terry Fieseler, and Shelly Fildemann; by 9 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, and 8 great-great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.



Naomi Ruth Schroeer



Cathy Jane Fox

Cathy Jane Fox, 59, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., passed away Friday, Jan. 2, 2015 at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

Ms. Fox was born April 11, 1955 in Wynnewood, Okla. She was a member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, where she served as church pianist and Sunday School teacher for many years and had worked for 40 years at US Bank as operations manager for the South East Missouri District, Vice President. Ms. Fox was active at the North-

side Nutrition Center; worked with girls at Sears Youth Center; served on the Board of Directors for the Missouri Baptist Revolving Loan Fund; and was a member of the Altrusa Club for many years. She loved spending time with her family, being active in the community, helping others and playing the piano.

Survivors include her brother, Dennis Fox and wife, Sue; a niece, Nicole Conover and husband, Jeremy and their children, Katelyn and Brayden; and a nephew, Andrew Fox and wife, Ashley and their children, Jeffrey and Kynder.

Her parents, Pastor Glenn and Wilma (Parkin) Fox preceded Ms. Fox in death.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Cotrell Funeral Chapel in Poplar Bluff. The funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Poplar Bluff with Pastor Matt Johnson officiating. Burial will follow at the City Cemetery in Poplar Bluff.

Memorial donations may be made to Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 1600 So. 11th St., Poplar Bluff, MO 63901.

belief that Jesus is not the only way to salvation. There are even many self-styled "Christians" who deny the Lord's claim to be the only way to God. So it will be easy for the Antichrist to establish himself to many as an acceptable alternative.

In these days of muddled and confused worldviews, it is vitally important to know the truth. After all, Jesus said, "The truth will set you free." As events unfold, we need to see them not only through the camera's lens, but also through the lens of biblical revelation.

That the Antichrist is coming is known—only the timing is

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WMA & GMA NEWS

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DEAR LADIES OF MISSOURI

Just a reminder that the Missouri WMA will be hosting the National WMA meeting in Springfield, Mo. April 2015. We are collecting items for the welcome bags. We are preparing 300 bags. To give you an idea of things we need, this is what we have so far: Kleenex packets, bottled water, gum, bookmarks, devotional books, snack packs, and some anti-depression kits.

We need pens, pencils, make up samples, note pads, etc. Advertise your church or business with some sort of token. You have all received a bag like this before so you know what to do.

If you or your group would like to donate contact Juanita May on facebook, e-mail jlmaylog@hotmail.com, or phone 573-689-2713.

If you are coming to the State WMA in March bring your items and I will pick them up. Hoping to see you at the State and National meetings.

Serving Him, *Juanita May*

Dates for our Ladies & Girls to Remember

State WMA Meeting

Saturday, March 7, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.
Zion Baptist Church - St. Louis, MO

Washington County District WMA Meeting

Friday, March 13, 2015 - 7:30 p.m.
Bethesda Baptist Church - Park Hills, MO

State GMA Meeting

Saturday, March 28, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.
Ohlman Baptist Church - Bunker, MO
(there will be a House Party Friday evening, March 27, 2015 starting around 7:00 p.m.)

National WMA Meeting

Tuesday, April 21, 2015 - 8:30 a.m.
Springfield, MO

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Find Your "Round Tuit" In 2015

We all have one. What? A round tuit. That is a common expression by most folks who are procrastinating on something they know they should do- but don't. They say, "I am going to do it when I GET AROUND TO IT." Why don't we all just go ahead and get around to it. It is a new year. You can make a new you in this new year and there is no better time than 2015. Besides, we might as well get ourselves doing better and doing more for His glory. It won't be long before God gets around to it- and sends Jesus back to get us. Yeah!!

Not every idea has to be carried out. Not every thought needs to be put into action. So, the first step is praying. If you list some things you would like to do in your life to make things better; it doesn't mean they are necessarily all what God would have you do. Or maybe it isn't the right time. So, how do you know what things you need to put on your Goals for 2015 list? Write them out. They could be personal physical goals for your body. They could be goals for improving your relationships. Improving communication with others. Maybe your goal is to be more thoughtful towards others, or to share more affection with your family members. It might be mental improvement. Take an on-line course. But formal academics are not the only way to make your brain stronger. Read something that you wouldn't normally like to read. Try memorizing a verse a week of scripture. That not only does your brain good, but it does your soul well.

We have to shock our system if we want to grow. So, if you exercise- change up what you do. If you don't exercise, start small with a short walk and go from there. Maybe you exercise your mind with crossword puzzles. Try reading something about an event in history. Start to play an instrument. If you play one, try a different one. Of course spiritually speaking; we must always be growing. Set some definite goals in 2015 to grow into a deeper, purer more abiding faith. None of us will ever have a great big faith. We don't even have faith the size of a mustard seed. A greater faith is a purer faith. A faith where you totally trust God in all walks of life. You abide under His shadow. That is living the good life.

Most Christians would want that. But many will never experience that because they just can't get around to it. And don't just sit back and wait for God to give you a deeper faith. The Bible clearly states in James 4:8 "Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands ye sinners; and purify your hearts ye double minded." Who does the drawing first? You move towards God, and He will move towards you. Get close to God and He will get close to you. Great goal for 2015, but many will never get around to it. See, it requires action. We can't just hope to lose weight. We can't just hope to grow in our faith. We shouldn't just hope we don't grow weak in our mind as we get older. Do something about it. Get a "round tuit."

Here's how we do this. I have already said you have to list out some things that you think would accomplish growth and change in your life for the better. Then you pray over it.

You may not have the answer instantly. God may have you start growing deeper in 2015 by having you seek him for days on these matters. Seeking God's direction in prayer is a good thing. You may even want to do a sunrise to sunset fast and prayer time to seek guidance from God.

Once you have your list of goals; then it requires you to develop an action plan for each one. You can't just say you want to grow deeper in your faith. Faith comes from hearing the Word. Set aside a time, a place and ask God to give you a desire to study His word. Tell others so you won't be disturbed. Pick a quiet spot. Pick a time that is good for you. Don't force early morning devotions if you know you won't stick to it long term. Pick another time. If you want to exercise; then be reasonable. Start out slowly, and build over the year. What we all have to remember is that God will give us His strength to accomplish this. We are not going to have to do this alone. When you get exasperated and think you can't go on - call out to Him and He will come to you. Jer. 33:3. If you are just too tired to get off the couch; ask God for strength through Christ. Phil.s 4:13. If you need an attitude adjustment; then ask God to give you a new desire from on High to accomplish this goal. Prov. 37:4.

God is for you. God is your Father and He wants all of his kids to be successful for His glory. He is pulling for you. The Lord is your helper. Heb. 13:6. God is for you. Rom. 8:31. So get up off the couch. Push away from the table. Get out of bed and live life to the fullest for God's glory. It's a new year. You can do this! You can get around to it this year! May God empower you on your journey.

Camp Garwood Financial Report October 1, 2014 - January 7, 2015

| | General | Food | Insurance | Canteen | Shed | Paintball | Total |
|-----------------|-----------|---------|------------|---------|----------|------------|-----------|
| Balance Forward | 9,043.14 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,650.00 | 0.00 | 10,693.14 |
| Total Received | 17,292.18 | 322.80 | 0.00 | 50.00 | 0.00 | 35.00 | 17,699.98 |
| Total Available | 26,335.32 | 322.80 | 0.00 | 50.00 | 1,650.00 | 35.00 | 28,393.12 |
| Disbursements | 4,863.43 | 410.62 | 4,503.20 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,520.60 | 11,297.85 |
| Total On Hand | 21,471.89 | (87.82) | (4,530.20) | 50.00 | 1,650.00 | (1,485.60) | 17,095.27 |

Brothers.... *Dealing with men's issues
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The Lost Art of Disciple Making

People Helping People

Ezekiel 22:30

by **Dennis Baker, Brotherhood President**

"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none."

In the midst of evil in the nation, the Lord advised Ezekiel that he had looked for a man that would stand up for the truth and be a witness, but he found none. The Lord wanted to extend mercy, but He could not find a man that was willing to step up and help other people.

The truth that we can learn from Ezekiel's experience is that God uses people to help other people. Scriptures such as Matthew 28:19-20 and II Timothy 2:2 show that God still uses people to help people. Matthew 28:19-20, *"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."* II Timothy 2:2, *"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."*

In every church there is a wide range of interest in things of the Lord. There are those that are spectators, they just come to watch and listen, and then there are those who are participators and play a valuable role in the church. Programs have been used to motivate people to get involved, but the principle of Scripture is that making disciples involves "people helping people."

Motivation for making disciples begins inwardly with a desire to have fellowship with Jesus Christ and ends outwardly by becoming a witness for Jesus Christ. Disciple making is motivated by a spiritual desire to maintain a strong personal fellowship with the Lord by feeding on His Word and helping others do the same. The end goal is to become a personal witness for Jesus Christ and to help others to the same.

Making disciples, "people helping people," must be approached with much prayer and planning and those who are willing to participate are trained mature and dedicated disciples.

The Tanzanian Call..

Barnabas Touch Ministry of Evangelistic International Ministries

Last February I wrote the "Tanzanian Call" on the way home from that country. The response from our pastors and churches has been great. Mike Goodwin and I have already led three teams of nine preachers back to teach several subjects along with the Old and New Testament surveys.

When I was there in November, Rensus Kanunu appealed to me on behalf of the 24+ preachers to please bring someone back with me each time to teach the men English. He had mentioned that when we were first there last February, but Mike and I dismissed that since our desire was to teach the men the Bible and how to better pastor their churches. We felt that teaching English would just be a distraction for us.

However, when he mentioned this again, I asked him why they were so concerned about learning English. Was it just a novelty for them? He then explained that the men would like to be able to study Bible commentaries and reference books, but most of them are in English. I then understood their desire for our language. It is to help them better understand the Bible and be better pastors and teachers.

I am wondering if there are some who might be qualified to

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Part 2

In **Part 1**, I explained the Judeo-Christian understanding of the Antichrist and that he will somehow be intertwined with Israel—and more specifically, Jerusalem.

Because Islam borrowed a great deal from Judaism and Christianity, it is not surprising that they too have a figure with a messianic complex—the Mahdi, or the Guided One.

Muslims see the Mahdi as a savior who will lead a global revolution and establish a worldwide Islamic empire. The Mahdi will rule the Earth as the final Caliph of Islam (a caliph is both a political ruler and a spiritual representative of Allah on Earth).

Muslims revere Jesus (whom they call Isa) as the Masih or Messiah. In Islamic eschatology, the Mahdi will arrive at the same time that Isa returns. Isa will descend to Earth in Syria, east of Damascus, dressed in yellow robes, and will assist the Mahdi, who will rule over the world for seven years (or, in some Islamic traditions, nine or 19 years). At the end of the Mahdi's rule, there will be a Day of Judgment for the entire human race.

The parallels between the biblical Antichrist and the Mahdi of Islam are chilling. Both are associated with the End Times and the Judgment. Both are said to possess political, military and religious power, and head up a oneworld religion. The Mahdi will force all non-Muslim people to convert to Islam. Like the Antichrist, the Mahdi will establish Jerusalem as his capital, from which he will rule the Earth.

teach English as a second language who might be willing to go to Tanzania with us three times annually through 2017 to fill this need.

You would have 15-20 hours Monday-Saturday to cover the material each time we go. Maybe you can tell me whether or not this is even feasible with adult men who would be at various levels of English proficiency.

So far God has been putting

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Islamic scholars Muhammad ibn Izzat and Muhammad Arif write, in *Al Mahdi and the End of Time*: "The Mahdi will be victorious and eradicate those pigs and dogs and the idols of this time so that there will once more be a caliphate based on prophet-hood as the hadith states. ... Jerusalem will be the location of the rightly guided caliphate and the center of Islamic rule, which will be headed by Imam al-Mahdi. ... That will abolish the leadership of the Jews ... and put an end to the domination of the Satan who spit evil into people and cause corruption in the earth, making them slaves of false idols and ruling the world by laws other than the Sharia [Islamic law] of the Lord of the worlds."

Though Muslims revere Jesus as a prophet, they deny that Jesus is the Son of God. Jews and Christians are, to Muslim fundamentalists, "pigs and dogs" who must either convert to Islam or be eliminated. Bible prophecy makes it clear that the Antichrist will target Jews and Christians for destruction, just as Islamic prophecy states that the Mahdi will wage war against Jews and Christians. Those who oppose the Antichrist's worldwide religion will be executed.

Muslim scholar Imam Muhammad Baqir states clearly how the Mahdi will establish his one-world religion: "There must be bloodshed and jihad to establish Imam Mahdi's rule." And Ayatollah Ibrahim al Amini of the Religious Learning Center in Qom, agrees: "The Mahdi will offer the religion of Islam to the Jews and Christians; if they accept it, they will be spared. Otherwise they will be killed."

Daniel tells us (and Jesus affirms in the Olivet Discourse) that the Antichrist will establish "the abomination that causes desolation" in the Temple in Jerusalem. The apostle Paul adds that the Antichrist "will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God" (2 Thess. 2:4). Since the Temple was destroyed in 70 A.D., as Jesus predicted, this has led some (not all Christians) to suggest that the Jewish Temple must be rebuilt on Temple Mount before the Antichrist can be revealed to the world.

Yet the golden-topped Dome of the Rock shrine and the Al-Aqsa mosque stand on Temple Mount today. One of the Islamic Hadiths (traditions) records that their Prophet Muhammad said, "[Armies carrying] black flags will come from Khurasan [Iran and Afghanistan], no power will be able to stop them, and they will finally reach Eela [the Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem] where they will erect their flags." In Islamic tradition, black banners symbolize violent conquest, and Muslims await the Mahdi's conquest of Jerusalem, when he establishes his reign from the Temple site.

Daniel 9:27 tells us the Antichrist will establish a seven-year covenant with Israel—but he will break the covenant after three-and-a-half years, defiling the Temple with "an abomination that causes desolation." The Hadiths of Islam also speak of a seven-year covenant that the Mahdi makes with Israel: "The Prophet said: There will be four peace agreements between you and the Romans. The fourth will be mediated through a person who will be from the progeny of Hadrat Aaron [Honorable Aaron, the brother of Moses] and will be upheld for seven years."

There can be no doubt: Muslims are preparing to accept the Mahdi as their leader—and the Mahdi is indistinguishable from the world leader we know as the Antichrist.

I bring all of this to your attention so we can have a knowledgeable perspective when viewing current events unfolding in the Middle East.

But Christians should not fear.

Regardless of whether the Antichrist comes in this generation or a hundred years from now, those who have placed their faith in God's Messiah, Jesus the Christ, fear no one nor even death. Their eternity is secure in the One who is the only One to defeat death and rise from the grave.

Michael Youssef, Ph.D., is the founder and president of Leading the Way with Dr. Michael Youssef, a worldwide ministry that leads the way for people living in spiritual darkness to discover the light of Christ through the creative use of media and on-the-ground ministry. Youssef was born in Egypt.

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Monday Evening, April 20

7:00 Worship Service
President's Message
(Dr. Jason Aultman)

Tuesday Morning, April 21

8:00 WMA Meeting
Brotherhood Meeting
9:30 Committee Meetings
11:00 Elective Session
Noon Lunch

Tuesday Afternoon, April 21

12:15 Minister Wives & Widows Lunch
(Hosted by WMA)
2:00 Elective Session
3:00 General Session
4:30 Dinner

Tuesday Evening, April 21

7:00 Worship Service
Annual Message
(Dr. Mark Livingston)

Wednesday Morning, April 22

8:30 General Session
11:00 Elective Session
Noon Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon, April 22

2:00 General Session
3:30 Guest Speaker (Tentative)
5:00 Dinner

Wednesday Evening April 22

7:00 General Session
(Mission's Report)
Commissioning Serve --
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6:00 - 7:00 p.m. and
30 minutes after session

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

8:00- 8:30 a.m.

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The following names are listed as a service to our churches. 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 otherwise instructed.

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Reservation Information

Baptist Missionary Association of America

The Committee On Arrangements has negotiated the rate and has blocked rooms at the University Plaza Hotel and at Holiday Inn. Please make reservations in these rooms. By using these rooms, you help with the meeting expenses.

When we fail to use these rooms, the association must pay pro-rated costs for the meeting space to make up the difference. Please use the code BMAA to identify your reservations.

University Plaza Hotel

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Kings & Doubles = \$99 per night (up to 4 people room)

Reservation Information

By phone: (417) 862-0070

Use Group Code: **BMAA**

Between now and February when the Holiday Inn is undergoing renovation, it is easier to book reservations by emailing Sandy Harrell. Please e-mail hotel rep at sandy.harrell@jqh.com if you have any difficulty during the Holiday Inn's renovation.

Cut-off date for reservations

We are going to grant you an extension to April 1st for both hotels.

We checked with our accounting person regarding tax exemption certificate. The federal tax exemption only exempts you from federal taxes. Unfortunately, it doesn't exempt you from state or city taxes.

We look forward to seeing you in Springfield, April 20-22, 2015. If you have any questions or Difficulties with registration, you may contact Leon Carmical at (601) 268-9406, Jackie Manasco at (501) 268-2998 or James Ray Raines at (501) 945-2640.

James Ray Raines, Clerk,
BMAA Committee on Arrangements

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everything together for this ministry in East Africa. Maybe He has been burdening some to want to have a part, but you know you are not a Bible teacher and had no idea how to get involved. Would this be your opportunity to use your gifts and expertise?

Contact me at 870-904-5032 or danbull0550@gmail.com if you would like to discuss this. I am leaving again February 20th to return and do not know if it is possible to work this out quickly enough for this trip, but I will be going back again in July.

For HIS Glory,
Danny Bullock
Barnabus Touch coordinator