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“Holding Forth The Word of Life”

Philippians 2:16

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## Greetings From Camp Garwood

Wow!! The February paper means Spring is nearly here and with it the season of camp preparation.

We'll begin early in March by doing more work around the slide and in the paintball area. As always there's a never ending "ToDo" list around camp. Repair lights and leaks. Clean up leaves, limbs and pine needles. Finish up small jobs here and there.

Thanks to the support we've had all winter, repair work on the tabernacle should begin this year. I will be meeting with the camp committee soon to determine if and what we will do first.

I should have more details about the paintball retreat for next month's paper. Be sure to mark these dates and bring a friend.

**Paintball** • April 10-11

**Men's Retreat** • May 1-2

**GMA Retreat** • July 10-11

**Camp Week** • July 27-Aug 1

As always thanks for the financial support and for spiritual support through prayer and words of encouragement.

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**YOU are invited to a  
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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 4 for contact information to **RSVP** & more information)

## BMA of Missouri Meetings

The Missions Symposium will be Friday evening, May 15, 2015 and the Mid-year Meeting will be Saturday morning May 16, 2015 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Poplar Bluff. Watch for the program and other details to be printed.

## Let Us Love

by Michael Tollett

### A Good Theme For February

The word "love" is mentioned in Scripture well over 300 times. Dr. Charles Stanley, senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga. writes in one of his devotional messages that love was one of the main motivations for God creating the universe and for creating each of us. (Paraphrased from "30 Life Principles" by Dr. Charles Stanley, Thomas Nelson Inc. 2008)

Love is the driving theme in the story of redemption in the Bible. Arguably, the most popular verse in the entirety of Scripture (John 3:16) is centered on the fact that God loves you.

As we roll into the month of the year that is dubbed "the month of love," let us make a point to focus our attention on God's love — how we should accept it, how we should share it and how we should, in turn, love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength (Mark 12:30).

Let us focus our attention on Jesus Christ and His love for us, a love so deep that He gave His life so we can be set free from the bondage of sin through repentance and faith in Christ.

Let us allow God's love flow through us to our spouses, our children, our family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and anyone else we come in contact with.

Let us love our local church and churches around the world. Let us plug into the ministries that are available at our local churches — not out of duty, but out of love.

Let us desire to be salt and light, shining the name and showing the love of Jesus Christ.

## World Missions Sunday

Dr. John David Smith,  
Executive Director • BMA Missions

**February 22, 2015**

is

**World Missions Sunday!**

**February 22, 2015 is World Missions Sunday!** This day is all about Declaring His Glory! The 2015 Prayer Calendars and Missions DVDs are now available. We ask that you order these in preparation for World Missions Sunday at your church. For the past three years we have not utilized a 50 Days of Prayer theme in order to emphasize praying for our missionaries the entire year. We ask that you pray through the calendar from World Missions Sunday until next World Missions Sunday.

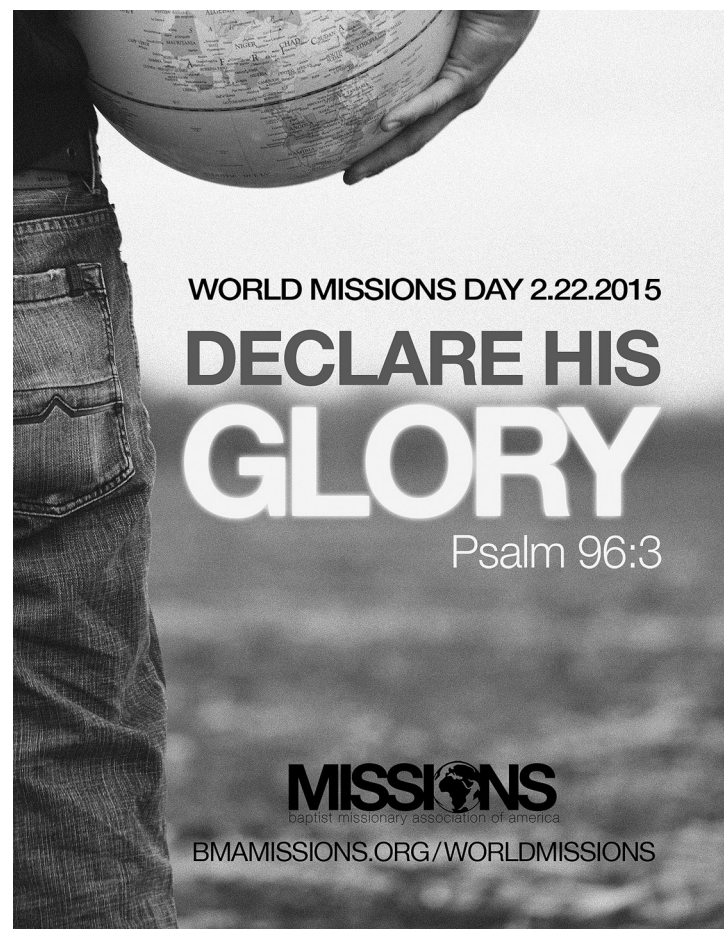
We encourage you and your church to participate in the World Missions Sunday special offering for global missions. This offering is vital for ongoing ministry in seventy-six different countries and for church planting efforts here in the United States. We pray that missions is not merely a line item in your church budget. May it be the very heartbeat of your local congregation as you make God's name known near and far. Declare His Glory!

You may place your order for the 2015 Missions Prayer Calendar and the Missions DVD by:

Phone: 501-455-4977 (speak to Tasha)

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# +++ NEWS BRIEFS +++

Greetings from **Mt. Zion, Poplar Bluff**. We are still enjoying church services with our Pastor Bro. Matt Johnson bringing interesting messages. Our Wednesday nights he summarizes a book of the New Testament, bringing highlights and explaining it. We have been hindered with sickness and weather, but Spring is on the way. We had wonderful participation in the Third Sunday Singing at Mr. Zion, and especially enjoyed the little ones with their action songs. They also had a short Christmas program with Sis. Tamera Johnson and Sis. Nancy Kimbrow as leaders. Sis. Louse Dailey has moved near here son in Little Rock, Arkansas. Nathan and Bree Goldschmidt recently joined the church with their two little ones, Elliott and Lela. One of our faithful members, Cathy Fox was called Home January 2, 2015. We will **truly miss her** as she so freely gave of her talents, playing the piano, singing and teaching, and leading the little ones in singing and memorizing scriptures. She also had a special feeling for the older people and for her church. She was a great Christian example to everyone. No one can fill her place.

Matt Johnson, Pastor • Dorothy Goldschmidt, Reporter

**Briar, Doniphan**, I have been elected to share our news with our brothers and sisters in Christ and ask for prayers from all who read. We have some great news this month---Bro. John Carpenter has followed the Lord's guidance and agreed to become our pastor. He's a young guy, 22, but definitely called of God. We're expecting great things to come. He and his wife, Hannah, are sure to be an asset for our church and community. Another blessing our church has received are visits from the boys who attend Masters Ranch School. Bro. John brings them and what a testimony they can give. Makes our lives seem so calm, but they get in touch with God and get their lives straight. Masters Ranch is a Christian organization that helps young boys who have problems but also leads them to God. In other news, there is a quilting group that meets to work and share fellowship. We have produced several lap quilts for the nursing home and some for baby gifts. Everyone is invited to come and join us. It meets on Saturdays and I'll have a schedule next month. This weather and illness has reeked havoc on our meetings these passed few months. Till next time---God bless and Keep looking up!

John Carpenter, Pastor • Williams, Reporter

**Bethany, St. Louis**, writes that January 2015 has come and gone. We cancelled our evening services early in the month due to snow. But God has kept blessing us. We have been blessed by God's truth being preached and taught by our pastor and our S.S. teachers. We are so thankful for those who are willing to do what needs to be done. We look forward to World Missions Sunday as our pastor shares "reasons to celebrate missions" in the bulletin and from the pulpit each week to prepare us to get involved and to support missions each day. Our pastor and wife took a week off recently and Bro. Tim Boatright and wife were with us in both services. Continue to pray for Bethany and all of our sister churches as we search for a pastor in the coming months. We know God has someone out there. Also please pray for the Hoffmann's as they seek God's will. Please keep Sis. Brenda Schwaderer in prayer as she is recovering from a recent fall. There are many others that need our prayers also. We are so glad that we can call on our Father at anytime on behalf of others. God bless.

James Hoffmann, Pastor • Kathy Chapman, Reporter

**Ozark Heights, Potosi**, sends greetings to all our brothers and sisters in Christ. I don't know about you but it seems I just wrote the December report last week; how time seems to fly!

Life truly is as the scripture states "*like a vapor*" here then gone. We didn't have a lot of activities planned for January but we did enjoy some great services. Bro. Brian continues to preach spirit filled messages which inspires and encourages our membership. We realize how blessed we are to have such a loving and dedicated young pastor. We had a very nice turnout from several of our members who provided music for the services at Potosi Manor Senior Care center January 25th which is always such a blessing to those who go and help with the services. We go thinking we are going to be a blessing to the residents but always leave feeling not only blessed but blessed abundantly! Talent night was also on the evening of the 25th and we had a crowd turn out and participate in talent night, providing songs, praises, and poems; followed as always with food and fellowship. Bro. Bob Dement has been going through some health issues and we ask you to pray for our beloved deacon and his wife Sis. Mary. They are such great examples of what a Christlike walk should be; such a help to those who allow them to be mentors. We hope that you and our sister churches are doing well. We have had so many sick among our number and I am sure you may be going through the same. We ask for your prayers while sending our best wishes and prayers for you all! God Bless.

Brian Meade, Pastor  
Georgie Brokaw, Reporter

Greetings from **Bethesda Park Hills**. We have exciting news to report as Bro. Zach Dane, the fifteen year old son of our pastor Alan and his wife Dana has surrendered to preach. He is also the grandson of Bro. Bob and Sis. Barbarasue Marler. Our fellowship directors have done a good job the past few months planning a fellowship dinner or get together each month. It is good to spend time with

our brothers and sisters in Christ. Along that line, we are looking forward to hosting the WMA meeting in March. Bro. Bob Marler spent six days in the hospital the end of December with an infection and is now recovering at home. Sis. Gladys Black also has recently recovered from an illness that lasted several weeks. Keep them in your prayers.

Alan Dane, Jr., Pastor • Barbarasue Marler, Reporter

**Oak Hill, Alton**, says, "HELLO to all!" We are still praising the Lord along with the Angels in Heaven over another sinner being saved. Randy Hollis was saved on January 18th. We like making the Devil MAD by taking another soul away from him. We would like for you to join us in praying for one of our faithful church members Roy Nix. He has a long road ahead of him in battling cancer. He is looking at having radiation treatments along with chemo therapy, and will need prayers for strength and endurance through the next weeks or months. We would like to ask that you would remember our church members that have been out struggling with sickness and flu that is affecting a lot of our surrounding churches. Everyone is getting excited as the due date of Bro. Edward's first grandchild is getting closer. Abby Casey, Bro. Edward's daughter-in-law, is due the first of April. Chad and Abby are in the process of building a house and are hoping to be in it before the baby comes. We are planning on having a baby shower for their little girl February 21st. Until next month we will be praising the Lord in hoping for more sinners to be saved and added to the Lord's family. God Bless!!

Edward Casey, Pastor • Jennifer Williams, Reporter

**First Baptist, Potosi**, sends greetings to our brothers and sisters in Christ and pray that all is well with you. We were blessed with two baptisms: December 21, Nathan Lawson was baptized and then January 18, his daughter was baptized. Nathan is the great-grandson of the late Frank Akers who was a deacon in our church many years ago. We observed the Lord's Supper December 14, and then on the 21st during the morning service we held a candlelight service. Many of our youth attended the ALIVE CONFERENCE the last three days of December. Little Miss Lyla Gayle blessed her parents, Matt and Lindsay (Mcoy) Reed, with her presence December 19. Jesse and Erika Rowe were blessed by the birth of their son, Eli John, January 26. We have enjoyed sermons from several preachers on Sunday evenings. They are: Kyle Davis, Danny Kirk, Norman Forbes, Allan Joe Wilkerson, and Roger Silvey.

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## FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • January 2015

### General Fund:

Balance December 31, 2014		\$	18,963.04	
December Receipts:	\$	<u>2,147.50</u>	\$	<u>2,147.50</u>
Total Available		\$	21,110.54	

### Disbursements:

Director's Salary	\$	900.00		
Office Supplies	\$	14.99		
Bank Fees	\$	3.00		
Director's Expenses	\$	631.73		
Church Health Expenses	\$	<u>71.10</u>		
Total Disbursements	\$	1,620.82	\$	<u>1,620.82</u>
Balance January 31, 2015:		\$	19,489.72	

### Savings:

Certificate of Deposit	\$	67,217.55
Certificate of Deposit	\$	22,993.90
ING Direct Savings	\$	<u>21,149.01</u>
Total in CD's:	\$	101,360.46

## Mission Director's Report

February 2015

In the past few weeks, it has been my joy to preach at First Baptist of Potosi, MO, Friendship Baptist at Caseyville, IL, Berean Baptist in Fetus, MO, Friendship Baptist in St. Clair, MO and my home church of Bethany, St. Louis. With the exception of Friendship in St. Clair, all these churches are seeking God's will in finding a new pastor. Please be in prayer for these congregations as they continue their search.

Our **Mid Year Meeting and Mission Symposium**

will be held at **Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Popular Bluff on May 15-16, 2015.**

Pastor Matt Johnson and I have been working on the Mission Symposium program and I believe that it will be an excellent investment of your time. Scott Attebery, Director of DiscipleGuide and Pastor Todd West are going to be our speakers on Friday evening. I hope you are making plans to attend.

Please check out our BMA of Missouri website at [www.bmamissouri.org](http://www.bmamissouri.org). Bro.

Brad Miller has done an excellent job in organizing the site and keeping it current.

There you can keep up with the upcoming events and organizations in our association such as the WMA, Camp, and Brotherhood. If you have misplaced your copy of the Missouri Baptist, you will find past issues of the paper for downloading. If you have something that you would like to see on the calendar, please contact Bro. Brad at: [cheops123@sbc-global.net](mailto:cheops123@sbc-global.net)

## Who Needs Coaching???

by Danny Kirk

"Everyone needs a coach"...that's a bold statement! Everyone? Well, if you are someone who believes that God has created you for His purpose and your desire is to move forward and complete God's plan and goals for your life, then a Christian coach can help you get there. Why is a coaching relationship so important to achievement?

The term "coach" comes from the transportation era of stagecoaches and rail coaches in which the "coach" literally transported a person from one place to another. In today's context, a coach is a person who initiates an ongoing conversation that benefits the other person and moves them forward through discovery, learning, and creating a doable action plan.

I like Robert E. Logan's definition of coaching: "Coaching is the process of coming alongside a person or team to help them discover God's agenda for their life and ministry, and then cooperating with the Holy Spirit to see that agenda

become a reality." Logan's definition of coaching not only reflects the core values of a good coach but also the intrinsic value of having a coach:

1. A coach comes alongside you...not behind to push nor ahead to lead...and is an encouraging and supportive partner.

2. A coach will ask powerful questions to evoke insight, discovery, and understanding into what God is doing in your life.

3. A coach's concern is for your welfare, your mission, your agenda, and your goals.

## Compass Spring Quarter to Focus on Christ

The spring quarter of Compass adult Sunday school literature will be entitled What We Believe: Jesus. Written by the late Dr. E. Harold Henderson, these lessons on the doctrine of Christ will challenge and inspire participants throughout March, April, and May of 2015.

After Christ's resurrection from the dead, two apostles traveled along the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13). As they walked, Jesus drew near and walked alongside them. Interestingly, the two apostles did not recognize Christ (v. 16).

In the midst of their conversation, Jesus revealed His identity to the apostles through scriptures. Luke 24:27 states, "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself."

All Scripture points to Christ! Jesus is the focal point of the entire Bible from beginning to end.

Following Christ's example on the road to Emmaus, this quarter's lessons intend to expound the Scriptures in order to reveal a biblical understanding of Christ.

The lessons begin in Genesis, weave through the Psalms and Prophets, navigate the Gospels, and investigate the writings of the apostles to present a full picture of Christ from the beginning to the end of Scripture.

For more information or to order Compass, visit [disciple-guide.org](http://disciple-guide.org) or call 1-800-333-1442. Ordering for the spring quarter began February 1.

## Spring DiscipleKids Topics Announced

The two units of the spring quarter of DiscipleKids will focus on the life of Christ and our responsibility to be a friend to all people we come in contact with.

In "Like No Other: The Life of Christ", kids will discover Jesus, the name above all names, and hear God's purpose for sending His Son to the world. They will trace Jesus' last days on earth through His triumphal entry, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension to heaven.

In "Being a Friend", children will examine individuals in the Old and New Testaments who extended love and friendship to those around them, especially in difficult circumstances.

To order DiscipleKids, or to learn more, go to [disciple-guide.org](http://disciple-guide.org) or call 1-800-333-1442.

4. A coach will prompt you to enlist the help of the Holy Spirit to reveal, direct, and empower His plan for your life.

5. A coach can assist you in turning your dreams and possibilities into reality with a step by step action plan designed by you.

6. A coach will help you to address three questions: Where am I? Where do I want to go? How will I get there?

The goal of coaching is to help someone succeed and true success is to discover what God wants you to do and then do it. Coaches aid that process, but they don't direct it. Coaching is not about telling others what to

do; it's about helping them explore and discover it for themselves.

If you would like to know more about Christian coaching, please visit my website at [www.youneedcoaching.com](http://www.youneedcoaching.com)

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**for CHRIST!**

The Lord called home Johnnie Wilkerson, son of Jack and Norma Jane Wilkerson, and Lemuel Wilson husband of Brenda Burbank Wilson. The UPWARD program is in full swing. This is such a great ministry. While the players are receiving their devotional during half time, a devotional is also given to the parents. The Upward Celebration is tentatively planned for Tuesday, March 3. Our youth traveled to Winter Jam at Scottrade Center on January 24 and it was enjoyed by all. We will be blessed next Sunday, February 8, with the preaching of our past pastor and now missionary to the Philippines, Bro. Don Newsome for morning and evening services. Some of our upcoming events include our 59th Annual Friends Day March 1, with music by Evidence Sings; DJ Edwards Master Magician will perform February 11 at 7:00 p.m., and the AWANA Grand Prix will be held March 13. God continues to bless us while we strive to share Jesus across the county and beyond.

Jim Ainley, Associate Pastor • Deborah Rauhut, Reporter

**Charity, Columbia,** invites everyone to a retirement party for Bro. Jim Ford, March 28th at 1 p.m. at the church. The address is 1401 Ballenger Lane. Please RSVP by March 14 as we are having it catered and need to get an accurate count for the caterer. RSVP to Neil.Bowers@centurylink.net or 573-474-1030. We are searching for a senior pastor. Anyone interested please contact us at the same information or by mail to 1803 North Charleston Cir. Columbia, MO 65202. Please continue to pray for guidance for us as we wait for God to reveal His will to us. We keep meeting every Sunday even though our group is small and wondering if the Lord wants us to go on waiting for the right leader or move on in another direction. God bless.

Judy Bowers, Reporter

Praises to the Lord from **Kewanee, Kewanee.** We have enjoyed this first month of 2015 with wonderful messages from the Lord delivered by our pastor Bro. Dan. We have had two to present themselves for baptism this month and we are rejoicing! We have had many sick this winter but everyone is getting back in the groove. We have also been blessed with many visitors and pray they have received a blessing by attending and will be back. Kewanee hosted the SEMO District WMA and we had a very good attendance. The ladies all love to get together for fellowship and studying God's Word. We are looking forward to our Spring Revival with Bro. Scotty Rayburn in March.

Dan Wisely, Pastor • Terri Adams, Reporter

**Lower Doe Run, Ellington,** sends greetings to fellow churches as Paul greeted the Corinthians, "*Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank our God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ.*" January brought the death of our dear Bro. Jackie Hampton. The family chose to have the burial on Sunday. The church chose to serve a lunch for about 75 family members and friends. The church gathered in City Hall for Sunday School for the children and Devotional for the adults. We had our worship service at the funeral home. The weather being so bad with freezing rain, we all went home after the burial. Our church is so blessed with faithful mature members always willing to serve sacrificially. Praise the Lord. Our church has begun individual brown bag lunches on Sunday noon, then we have our PM service at one o'clock, and go on home. All agree it is a great program. We met at Riverways Manor in Van Buren for services on Sunday afternoon, January 25. There was a great congregation invited by resident, Sis. Irene Thomason. What a blessing! We look forward to seeing you and worship with you in association capacity on February 7 with the Logan Creek Semi-annual meeting at Mt.

## Gay Marriage - Deviant Selfishness

Dr. John M. Adams • Executive Director Moral Action

Homosexuals possess U.S. Constitutional rights identical to those that everyone else in America enjoys. They are free to be gay. Gays mistakenly believe that basic human rights and our U.S. societal-norms guarantee them the right to marry as in a traditional marriage of man and woman. Yet centuries of human rights' definitions have never included same-sex marriage.

There is no way to sugarcoat the reality of the core of immoral, selfish homosexuality, especially the male sexual relations, it is as ugly as anything can get. God's relevant Word states in Romans 1:24 "God gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves."

Many of this day attempt cover-ups such as "they are nice people," or "they have loyal commitments," but gays are tearing apart the moral fabric of our American nation, and they are attempting to rid our society of allegiance to God's Word and His marriage precepts. Paul said in Romans 1:28..."they did not like to retain God in their knowledge..." So how do Christian moralists consider the "gay world" selfish?

1. Gay and Abortionists believe in a Zero Population position. Surprisingly, very few have spoken of or written of the selfish intent of these to never increase the population. In Genesis 1:28 God told Adam and Eve "Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth..." Gays, lesbians, and avowed abortionists in living their way would never populate the world as God in-

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Olive, Salem, the State WMA and Brotherhood on March 7, at Zion, St. Louis, Washington Co. District WMA and Brotherhood on March 13 at Bethesda, Park Hills and the State GMA Houseparty and meeting on March 27-28 at Ohlman, Bunker.

Melvin Meade, Pastor  
Carolyn Meade, Reporter

tended it to be. There would never be another child born! It is truly the highest form of selfishness.

2. Gays' selfishness leads others astray as they assess those who oppose homosexuality. They want all to believe it is just "old-timers" and fanatical Christians who hate their lifestyle. But the people of many states have voted against gay marriage. In spite of the U.S. Justice courts overruling these states and outlawing the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) does not mean that the American people are in favor of perversion in marriage. Of the 313,914,000 Americans that populate our nation, only 1.7% are gay and only 1.8% are bisexual, according to Wikipedia and the 2010 census. In the first large-scale government survey measuring Americans sexual orientation, the N.H.I.S. (National Health Interview Survey) reported in July 2014 that 1.6 percent of Americans identify themselves as gay or lesbian.

3. Gays' selfishness closes their eyes to the overall health of American society. Again in Paul's admonition of Romans 1:27..."men leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust....working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet." Historically, civilizations like Babylon, the Mayans, Greece, and Rome crumbled from within their own culture via sexual perversion. Many in our nation seemingly have no regard for what gay life will ultimately cost their soul or what corrosion it will inflict upon society around them. Gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgender are selling their health and their soul for short moments of deviant physical pleasure.

4. Gays' selfishness continually and viciously disparages any references in the Bible that condemns their open sin. L.B.G.T. shamelessly discounts the concept

that the Bible is the moral standard of living, or if they do accept the Bible verses, they misconstrue them to fit their lifestyle of sin. They prefer no moral standards, which is so dangerous for any society. They argue that Jesus Christ is all about love and complete acceptance. Romans 1:22 says..."Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools." Jesus does love all people, including gays, but He notes the sin and offers forgiveness and healing if it is desired.

In conclusion, this deviant selfishness springs from an immoral mind and heart that leads to an erroneous conviction that the gay life is OK. Lesbianism produces a gross picture of a woman on woman and two gay males engaging in sex is a quantum leap from anything beautiful or moral in marriage.

Homosexuality has been classified as deviate and criminal by the majority of the world's population for thousands of years, but now in the last 40-50 years, powerful people are attempting to reverse that standard with brainwashing techniques via our children, the media, and by liberal judges and liberal churches.

To love and be loved with the warmth and intimacy of a Godly marriage is a beautiful thing. But to accept the gay concept of marriage is a serious distortion of acceptable conduct. Romans 1:32 "who knowing the judgment of God..." as you read God's Word may it speak clearly: - Leviticus 18:22, Leviticus 20:13, Mark 10:6-9, I Corinthians 6:9-12, and Jude 7-8.

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### Thank You!!

Last month I pointed out that our operating funds were almost depleted and that we needed some special offerings or increased monthly giving. Thanks to a few churches who have already responded, but we must have more long-term response soon.

Bro. Hoffmann



# A Challenge to the Meramec Association

by Pastor Ben Kingston, Bethel Baptist Church • Lonedell, MO

I'm sitting here on Wednesday night at one of the most beautiful evenings that I've ever seen at Jesus Camp at the Meramec Retreat Center. We had a good crowd; however it is small. I'm sitting here wondering aloud that out of 20 churches why is this tabernacle not full on Wednesday night? This campus is within 20 to 40 minutes of most of our churches.

About 5 years ago I had the idea to challenge our churches to have a Camp attendance sign-up by March, challenging each member and attendee to pick a night to attend. If you want to pick all the same night for your church, that's great. Or, if you have folks that want to come different nights whatever the case may be.

As the Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church and the Chairman of the Camp Committee, I'm asking every church to participate in the Meramec Association Jesus Camp and by March that you put a sign-up sheet. I'm challenging the Pastors to challenge your members and attendees to pick a night and come. The goal is to get as many folks of your membership here that you can.

So now, a test question: "Do I have to convince anyone in this association that America needs revival? If so, then I'll love you enough to tell you that you have your head firmly in the sand. We are a broken nation. We are a dying nation, and as a result, we are a suffering nation. I don't believe our kids are the problem. I believe Christians refusing to sell out to the Great Commission is.

I know that our churches are full of people that are sold out today to the Commission, so I'm asking you to be the change that you want to see in our youth and here is an opportunity to do just that.

One of the things that is wrong with Christianity in America is a refusal to join in where you see God working. We had 13 saved at Kid Camp. God is working! Please come. Bring your kids and grand kids, or send them and then come in the evening and see what God has done on that day.

This association has somewhere in the neighborhood of \$500,000 invested. We should not only support because of finances. We should support this Camp because of the commitment to Christ. Our goal is to reach lost men, women, boys, and girls.

I was told as a young lad that the reason that we are part of an association is because we can do together more than what we can do alone, so I'm asking you to come together and let's do more.

Those words were spoken into my phone over 6 months ago. You may notice it is not the most eloquent letter you have ever heard, but I hope you hear the passion and desperation that we all should feel about the condition of our nation.

In those 6 months we have seen a government cast off the Constitution in her dealings. Many of our states that voted to uphold the scriptural definition of marriage as being between a man and a woman have seen that vote overturned. Ferguson has happened. A minister has been told that if he does not solemnize marriages between homosexuals he will face jail time. The Houston Mayor subpoenaed the sermons of Houston Churches because of their stand against a policy she was supporting that furthered the LBGT agenda (she has since dropped it). And now, the Mayor of Atlanta, GA has fired the Fire Chief for a Christian book that he wrote that has 1-2 pages addressing homosexuality as a sin. We are in trouble.

I am submitting this challenge now to get involved in any way and everywhere you can. Specifically, come to Camp.

Following is a letter from Makayla Sanders encouraging you not to just come and worship, but come and participate.

Have you got your steel-toed boots on?

There is one main area that is physically noticeable wherein most Baptist Churches are in disobedience and that is our eating habits. What would happen in our Churches if we got in line with scripture and treated the body that He gave us as His temple and did not defile it with too much sugar, fat, etc.? I believe we would see an outpouring of God's power that would surprise us and most likely revive us. So please hear Makayla:

*Hello, my name is Makayla Sanders. Bro. Ben asked me to write this letter to you. We were talking during 'The Beast' challenge at camp last year about how many people in our association could and should run 'The Beast.' Then we got onto health, so I just want to share these thoughts with you in light of that conversation.*

*Do you think it is a sin to be overweight? Why would it be? "It is not hurting anyone" is what most people think. Well, you are hurting someone, more than one person – you're hurting yourself and God. Being overweight is a sin. Proverbs 23:1-3 says 'when you sit down to eat with a ruler consider carefully what is in front of you and put a knife to your throat if you are a man given to your appetite. Do not desire his delicacies for they are deceptive food.'" The Bible does not really mean to put a knife to your throat, it is just saying to curb your appetite; control it. As Christians, we look at people that drink and think, "I can't believe they are doing that" or "drinking is not the answer to your problems." Well, when we look down on them for doing that, we should look at what we do wrong. Proverbs 23:20 "Do not mix with wine bibbers or with gluttonous eaters of meat." This is saying that overeating is just as bad*

as drinking.

*God wants us to live a healthy, joyful life. I'm almost 100% sure that you want to live a healthy, joyful life as well, so why not take a stand? Do what you're called to do and be a good example for people; for the kids growing up behind you.*

*I am 16 years old and one of my biggest fears is becoming overweight so what I need to do is eat healthy. A website that I have used to see if I can find a type of healthy snack is Pinterest. Pinterest has a ton of great ideas for eating healthy. If you and your family are always on the go, then you can look up quick and easy healthy dinners or you could prepare a meal, freeze it, and pop it in the oven when you are ready to have that meal.*

*Another thing I need to do is to stay active. We are always busy running around, some of us taking our kids to places that we need to go. Well, that doesn't always leave time to be active so we say, "Okay, I can't workout today, I'll do it tomorrow," or "I cannot fit it in my schedule, I cannot do it today." Then the cycle repeats itself everyday. We need to make it a habit and make it a part of our schedule. Being active doesn't always mean to go on a run, lift weights or see how many sit ups or push ups we can do. Being active can mean to play outside with our families or go on a bike ride – something enjoyable. You could even start a group and work out together and use each other as motivation. When you start falling behind you can ask someone else to help you. I know it is very hard to keep going and stay in that routine, but if you use each other for motivation and ask God for the strength, you will be able to do it if it is something you truly want for yourself and your family.*

*I'm writing this paper because I want to be able to help people out with their struggles. I am wanting to become a personal trainer after high school. God has blessed me with an opportunity to become a personal trainer. At the age right now, I think I would be able to use this job as a mission field. If I get this job it would be such a blessing. If I do not get the job then it's OK, I will still try to stay active and eat healthy.*

*Please join us at Jesus Camp this year. Accept Bro. Ben's challenge and let's attend the worship services. Accept the challenge to get in shape and run 'The Beast'!*

Did you hear her passion? This is just one of many of our young people that attend our church not once a week, not twice a week, but three times a week and they love us. They want us to live as long as God wants us to. They want us to be healthy. They want us to set the example for them. They want us to be around long enough to see their VBS closing program, to see their Awana closing program, to see their baptism, to see their graduation, to see their wedding, to see their children.

Adults, I hear it all the time from quite honestly, I believe, preachers that are tired of talking to disinterested adults. Those preachers say that they believe the next revival is going to come from the youth and that most, if not all great revivals have come from the youth. I'm not trying to argue against history as much as tell you that I don't believe that is God's design. According to Scripture, it's the adults that are to set the example. It's the adults that are to lead.

**So, I'm challenging myself and the Meramec Association to:** #1 Pick at least one night to come to camp worship and be there by 6:30 p.m. #2 If you're overweight, accept the challenge and let's get in shape. #3 If you are able, take the challenge of the obstacle course that we call 'The Beast' and let's have some fun. #4 and greatest of all, let's individually daily pray for revival in America and please end your prayer with "Lord, start with me."

**Meramec Camp is July 19-25, 2015 - See YOU There!!**

**Editor's Note:** Even though this article is addressed to the churches of the Meramec Association it is a challenge to all us. I hope everyone will read it and Pray for REVIVAL. "Let it begin in ME!"

## WMA & GMA NEWS

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### Ladies,

We would like to have more of your devotionals for the booklet that we are putting together to place in the welcome bags at the 2015 BMA of America WMA meeting.

You can contribute more than one.

If you want, bring them to or send them to Janet Widger or Connie Reifsteck at the:

**MO WMA meeting on  
March 7th at Zion.**

Or you can e-mail to Janet Widger at [jawidger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jawidger@sbcglobal.net) or to Connie Reifsteck at [connierents@gmail.com](mailto:connierents@gmail.com)

Remember these must be something that you have written, not copied from another source.

Thank you

### Attention All Girls

**MO STATE GMA HOUSE PARTY**

**March 27, 2015**

and

**MO STATE GMA 2015 MEETING**

**March 28, 2015 at 10 a.m.**

**Ohlman - Bunker MO**

*Dwell in realm of prayer • Watch and pray*

**Matt. 26:41**

**MO STATE GMA RETREAT**

**July 10&11**

**Camp Garwood**

*Dwell in realm of Bible study*

**Valerie Fish • Speaker**

### 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](mailto: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*

## National WMA News

### Time to start getting ready for the 2015 meeting!!

#### Ladies and Pastors:

This is a portion of what I have sent to our National WMA Officers. I want to include all of you and hope that you pass on the information to others.

Thank you.

"I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year celebration. Now it is time to focus on our up-coming meeting in April. It will be here very soon!

1) Please promote the project in your churches and areas. To be reported accurately in the report book, the money needs to be in to Pat Duncan by **FEBRUARY 28, 2015**. We will collect up to the meeting but after February 28th, it will not be in the printed book.

2) Inquire in your areas as to how many ladies we can anticipate at the Minister Wives and Widows lunch. I need some kind of number to give to the hotel in order to be adequately prepared. Also talk up this lunch to all of the minister wives and widows in your area. We want to honor the ladies who stand beside their husbands in the ministry, as well as the ones who are still faithfully serving after their minister husbands have passed on.

3) We will be placing a Memorial Page in the report booklet this year. This is something that has "slipped through the cracks" in recent years. I am asking for you and others in your areas to provide the names, date of death and church of ladies who have gone on to Heaven in the last 5 years.

Send this information to Sis. Shirleen Smith at 730 Hwy 533, Laurel, MS 39443 or e-mail to her at [arthursmith@bay-springstel.net](mailto:arthursmith@bay-springstel.net) or you can send it to me and I will forward on to her. She has graciously agreed to compile the names and word a tribute in the report book. I will be looking for another lady to read this at the meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact me. We are at the point where I will need assistance and input from each of you.

Our Missouri ladies are preparing to make this one of the best meetings ever.

Thank you each one for everything that you do for the Lord.  
Janet

### Family Ark Ministries

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### Stop Stacking Marbles

Have you ever tried to stack marbles? If you don't use any assistance but only use your hands; and just try and put one on top of another – you can't do it. It is impossible. Yet, there are so many people who try and live their life out by the same process -stacking marbles. In other words, you try and be perfect. You try and do something so that it looks perfect. You are not satisfied unless it is done "exactly right". Things have to be done just "right". Now, you may think you are not this way, but think about all the various aspects of your life. Do you try and have your kids look a certain way? Does your house have to be perfectly clean? Does everything at your desk at work, or everything in your home have to be in its place? You may say to yourself, "I don't think it has to be perfect, but it does have to be a certain way." Then, this article does pertain to you.

People waste a lot of time, energy and effort trying to do something or be something that they never can attain. Perfection. In this life on earth, you will never be able to attain perfection. Jesus was the Son of God. He is the only person to

### Reminder for Washington County District WMA Ladies

District Auxiliaries meet  
with Bethesda Baptist  
Church of Park Hill, MO  
Friday, March 13, 2015  
at 7:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker - Missouri  
State WMA President,  
Sharon Lourance

walk the earth in perfection. We will someday be perfectly transformed into His likeness. But not down here. All humans make mistakes. There is no perfect way to do your job. Your house can never be perfect. If you get right down to it; there are no perfect families, no perfect marriages, no perfect children, no perfect parents and no perfect jobs.

There isn't anything wrong with wanting to do things well. You can work and do a great job on cleaning the house. You can work hard at studying so that you can make the best grades possible. All well and good. But it becomes a problem when you set a standard of perfection or something having to be done just a certain way. This is generally done as a method of feeling good about yourself. I have to keep clarifying my thoughts here. There is nothing wrong with doing a great job and working hard at something. Then, when it is finished; you can step back and feel good about what was done. But with certain people, it is a driven obsession. It wasn't feeling good about a job well done; rather it was a means of propping up feelings of inadequacy and a sagging self-worth. Still with some people, even after they step back and see a success and job well done; it still isn't good enough. You know, it will never be good enough for you. Why?

Perhaps you are suffering from a lack of true understanding when it comes

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

**Our Pastor Never Stops**

submitted by **Dennis Baker**, Brotherhood President

*Recently while going through some of my files I found this article. I can't remember where it came from and there is no reference as to who the author is, but it reminded me of one of the many reasons why we need to pray for the pastors of our churches.*

**Our Pastor Never Stops**

Occasionally someone will say, "Our pastor never stops to visit in our home." If the pastor never stops at your home, you probably should thank God. It means death has not struck, that no serious illness has laid you low, that the surgeon's knife has not been necessary, that you have no serious family problem, or that you are not a spiritually delinquent member.

Your pastor can't do all he must do and still make a lot of social calls. It is not that he would enjoy doing so; it is simply a matter of priorities-putting first things first. Your pastor does not have time to do everything he would like to do.

However, you may be sure of this: your pastor is willing to come to the hospital or your home, the jail, the street corner, or anywhere at any hour of the day or night when he is needed. Call him if you need him. Otherwise, he will not know of your need until it is too late.

For the moment, thank God you have not needed him. One day you will need him, and he will be there when you call. Now he is visiting someone else who does need him.

--Copied.

**Announcement**

**4th Annual Men's Spring Retreat**

**Camp Garwood**

Located between  
Piedmont and Ellington MO-Piedmont and Van Buren, MO.

**Friday, May 1 & Saturday May 2, 2015**

**Make plans to attend and enjoy a time of  
Fellowship, spiritual encouragement,  
and Christian fun.**

**Fathers are encouraged to bring their sons  
and all are encouraged to bring a friend.**

*Call Dennis Baker for more information  
314-471-8665*

Attention ALL Men...

**Time Is Almost Up!**

The books will close Feb. 28 on the **2014-15 National Brotherhood Project** — 65% Bolivian Riverboat, 25% National Galileans and 10% General Fund. Treasurer Robert Bynum reports that only \$2,320 has been collected for Bolivia's "River of Blessings," \$700 for Galileans and \$814.53 for the General Fund. Another on-going project, the Arthur Smith Scholarship Fund, has received \$1,658.83.

Offerings should be sent as soon as possible to Robert Bynum, 43 Bear Pen Creek Rd., Laurel, Miss. 39440.

Come on, Men... we can do this! (Pat Spriggs, national project promoter)

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to our biblical self-esteem. I don't just say self-esteem. That is flesh driven and human centered glorification. I say biblical self-esteem because all humans have to view themselves and reflect on who they are. As followers of Christ, we get our self-worth from God and Christ. We are His children. We are sons and daughters of the Most High God. II Corinthians 6:18. Romans 8:17. Our work is not the basis of our self-esteem. Christ is. Who we are in Christ, and because of Christ alone; determines who we are as people. I don't have to perform in any way to gain more favor from God. I can't have a greater love and acceptance of myself by works. As Christians, we are loved and accepted at 100% forever. Not because of what we do. But because of what Jesus did! Now we are loved and accepted. Forever. Romans 8:38,39.

Yet, knowing this in your head; you still push yourself to be something you can't be. Perfect. You drive other people around you crazy. You actually hurt your relationships. Some parents can't even enjoy life with their children because they are obsessed with having them look a certain way. Your actions are dictated by what others will think of you or your family if this happens. You fly into a frenzy to get the house clean when relatives or fellow church members are coming over. Why? Are you trying to gain their acceptance and approval? Some of you may be thinking right now — no I just want the house to be clean for company. Why? Because you don't want them to think you are a slob? You are still doing things to try and gain acceptance by others. If your friends or family can't accept you and love you because you have a cluttered house, then they are the ones with the problem. Stop pushing your kids so much. You are making them depressed or anxious. They should do their best at school, but they don't have to make certain grades for approval. They don't have

**LifeWord Turns Fifty**

"Surely, we have only to read the front pages of our newspaper or hear the newscasts to know that our nation is in crisis times, and we feel that the greatest help that we could give our own America is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Until men know Jesus in an intimate way by receiving Him as Personal Saviour and being transformed by His grace, we cannot expect to see civil justice. Truly, America is one of the greatest and most needy mission fields of the hour, and I am persuaded that unless we give our best to make Jesus known to our own country that the liberty, peace and prosperity we know today will not endure long."

Although this sounds like a call to action for today's Christians, it was actually written fifty years ago by Harold Morris, a promotional worker for the association and missionary to Brazil until his health forced him stateside. In September of 1965 Bro. Morris began a Saturday afternoon radio broadcast, "to make Jesus known to the multitudes of our own land."

The thirty-minute broadcast was over radio station KSTL 630 "on the dial in St. Louis, Missouri," and within a month, a Kansas City broadcast had begun. In a letter to the Gleaner, Bro Morris thanked Trinity Baptist Church in Florissant, Missouri; their pastor Ashford Conrad; the Cane Creek Association; and W.H. Newman of Chambers Park Baptist Church in St. Louis "for their liberal support for this program." In November of 1965 Bro. Morris named his program The Harvest Gleaner Gospel Hour.

From two radio broadcasts in English to forty-eight different formats, thirty-four languages and 110 countries, Lifeword has continued to obey that Great Commission calling. We are celebrating this anniversary by also thanking churches and individuals who have made this unique media ministry possible.

In our new electronic newsletter, we will continue the story of Harvest Gleaner Hour/Lifeword and try to mention some of the other significant supporters throughout fifty years. If you would like to read more of how God has continued to bless us and to be informed about Lifeword Sunday/WalkfortheWorld, current project initiatives, prayer requests, praises, and changed lives, please send an email to [holly@lifeword.org](mailto:holly@lifeword.org) and we'll add you to our list of subscribers.

We would love for you to partner with us as an active social media missionary and support partner. Our free, one-page newsletter also helps you understand more about how you can do just that. Christians do not want to be the "frozen chosen" (Brandon Cox Rewired).

to look perfect. I would see a lot of future therapy bills for children who are always immaculately dressed and every hair in place. They are kids for crying out loud. Relax. Enjoy them before they leave home and are gone.

Put all that energy into loving others and enjoying life. Stop being something you can never be — perfect! Pray to Jesus, the perfect One; and ask Him to help you overcome your misplaced need to achieve some standard of performance you placed upon yourself. Work hard. Do well. But it doesn't have to be- it can't be — just exactly right. Stop stacking marbles!

**Spring Edition of  
SOAR:Lit Entitled,  
"Lost and Found"**

SOAR:Lit, Disciple-Guide's literature for Junior High and High School students, will focus on issues and encouragements given to churches throughout the New Testament.

Topics such as priorities, leadership, zeal, boldness, and morality will be discussed. Each lesson has been carefully crafted by author Valerie Fish to stimulate meaningful conversation between students and leaders. SOAR:lit is downloadable-material and can be ordered from [discipleguide.org](http://discipleguide.org) for only \$11 per student per year.



## 2015 Master's Builders Retreat

The annual Master's Builders retreat was held at the Springlake Baptist Assembly in Lonsdale, Arkansas, on January 6-9 with 23 builders in attendance. This is always such a wonderful time of rest and relaxation. We look forward to seeing our "Master's Builders" family and spending some time together just visiting and catching up.

During the 3 days of retreat, we eat, we play games, we eat, we laugh, we eat.... This year Rose Bittner asked everyone to bring a baby picture and a wedding picture and it was so much fun trying to decide just who was who! Wow, some folks have really changed!! It was such fun! I've heard a rumor of us playing "The Newlywed Game" next year! Our accommodations are just like "church camp", boys and girls

## Franklin Graham: Quran Teaches Acts Of Islamic Terrorism

(OneNewsNow.com) - Christian evangelist Rev. Franklin Graham has explained why he blasted Duke University's recent accommodation of Islam and marginalization of Christianity.

Graham was pleased that Duke reversed its decision permitting a Muslim prayer event in the campus' Christian chapel, but said that he is fed up with there being more support in the U.S. for a minority religion whose majority of adherents seek to destroy the very faith upon which America was founded. Even though Duke ended up deciding to cease its policy that set up an Islamic call to prayer at the Christian chapel located on campus, Graham called out university officials and other government entities for going out of their way to accommodate Islam while pushing Christianity to the wayside.

"I agree with diversity, but what's happening with this country is all these religions are getting front row and Christians are being pushed — and we're the majority — are being pushed back to the back of the room," Billy Graham Evangelistic Association President and CEO Franklin Graham declared in a recent interview on WNCN News.

Just over a week ago, Graham unloaded his sentiments aimed at Duke officials after they announced the university would be holding a Muslim call to prayer inside the school's Christian house of worship. After receiving much heat over the decision, school officials announced that they reversed their decision so that the chapel will no longer be used to host the Islamic event.

U.S. abandoning its Christian roots to embrace Islam? Graham says he simply doesn't understand how a nation can turn its back on the religious backbone of its society and bend over backwards to honor and make concessions for the very religion that declares it the Great Satan and its mortal enemy.

"This country was built with Christian principles — it was men and women who believed in God and believed in His Son, Jesus Christ, who built this country," Graham articulated. "We're the greatest nation in the history of the world. It wasn't built by Islam, and it wasn't built by any other group; it

dorms off the center meeting room with a large kitchen and a large fireplace (which we kept roaring).

There were several of The Master's Builders who had made plans to come but because of health concerns were not able to attend. Eddie Sikes and his wife Carol, spent this time in the hospital in Tyler, Texas. Eddie is recovering from heart bypass surgery and at this time may be going to rehab for a few days. Also, John Mangum, our Office Coordinator, had a heart cath a few days before and was not able to make the trip. Max Adams, our most mature member and his wife Wilma, were not able to come for a visit due to his health. Please pray for these men. While we were gathered together there was discussion of possible jobs for 2015. Please pray for the needs here.

was those who supported and believed in the Lord Jesus Christ."

Graham, the son of the iconic world evangelist Billy Graham, insists that religions other than Christianity are getting preferential treatment in the name of tolerance or multiculturalism. He went on to express that the previous policy instituted by Duke officials ushering a call for Muslims to pray in a Christian chapel is inconceivable. The reverend insists that America needs to embrace the biblical principles established by God and its Christian forefathers, implying that America's fate as a nation will suffer if it keeps administering its anti-Christian and pro-Muslim policies.

Conceding that not every practice instituted by the founders of the United States was commendable, Graham argues that this is no reason to abandon the underlying Christian tenets upon which the U.S. Constitution and modern legal system was based. He says that America's traditions, history and governing principles must be fought for and protected so that they don't succumb to politically correct policies and pressures from activists

## AVAILABLE PREACHERS

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

**Jerry Cain**, Park Hills, is available as the Lord leads. Contact him at 573-760-6813. -11-

**Don Adams**, Kewanee, is available to preach. Contact him by calling 573-380-9215 or by e-mail at TLAdams\_hotmail.com. -11-

**Allen Casey**, Springdale Baptist Church, is available for preaching appointments. Contact him at 636-349-5524. -11-

**Denver Page**, Landmark, DeSoto is available as the Lord leads. Contact him at home 636-942-3503 or by cell 314-283-7243 -11-

**Brian Buckley**, Bates Creek Missionary Baptist Church in Potosi, is available for pulpit supply. Contact him for appointments at 573-439-9319 or (cell) 573-854-2251. -11-

**John W. Beardsley**, is available. His mailing address is 49 West St., Sikeston, MO 63801-7111. Phone 573-703-3860. -11-

**Billy Davis**, a member of Bethel, Sikeston is available as the Lord leads. Cell (573)521-8028 or home (573)748-9652. -11-

**Cory Mathews**, of Central Baptist Church in Union is available as God leads. Contact him at 817 Melinda Drive, Union, MO 63084; or phone 636-259-0405; or e-mail corymathews@gmail.com. -11-

**Leonard Knight**, Bethesda, Park Hills, is available for pulpit supply as God leads. His phone number is 870-932-2966. -11-

**Caleb Houston**, Kewanee Baptist Church is available for weekend youth events, pulpit supply, and preaching appointments. Contact him at 573-521-7826 or [calebhouston@yahoo.com](mailto:calebhouston@yahoo.com). -11-

**Ron Beardsley** of Sikeston, is available to be used as the Lord leads. Contact him at 573-380-3842, -11-

**Please Note: This is the fourth month for the preachers listed above to appear in this column. You MUST let the editor know if you want to have your name listed for three more months or it will be dropped from the list.** Notify the editor by the first Tuesday in March to be included in the March issue. E-mail the editor at [mmbpaper@charter.net](mailto:mmbpaper@charter.net) to keep your information current.

## Pastor Search

**Bethany Baptist Church, St. Louis**, in preparing for Pastor Hoffmann's retirement May 17, 2015, is still searching for prospects for pastor. Interested preachers may contact the pulpit committee chairman Earl Johnston at 314-426-3780 or [johnstonle@att.net](mailto:johnstonle@att.net).

of other religions.

"We're the greatest nation in the history of the Earth, and we have people today that want to destroy what we believe and what we stand for," Graham contends. "I think the university needs to understand that in the world in which we live today. We've been at war now 10 years against terrorists and the terrorists we've been fighting are people who support and believe in the Islamic faith