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Philippians 2:16

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## Annual Meeting of the BMA of America

April 25-27, 2016

at the

Gatlinburg Convention Center  
Gatlinburg, Tennessee

### From Our President...

Greetings to the churches of the BMA of America!

I hope 2016 has gotten off to a wonderful start and proves to



Gatlinburg Convention Center

be a year that overflows with God's abundant blessings on you and your church family. I wanted to remind you that on April 25 – 27 we will gather in beautiful Gatlinburg, Tennessee for the annual meeting of our national association. I hope you will make plans to be there for what I believe will be an enjoyable and exciting few days together.

As an added feature at last year's meeting some opportunities were offered to attend workshops on various topics. The hope was that this would provide attendees a time to receive practical instruction and help, allowing us all to return to our fields of ministry better equipped to serve and lead effectively. The response was overwhelmingly positive and we look forward to offering additional workshops at the upcoming meeting. Of course,

these are provided in addition to the times of conducting business and opportunities to gather for worship.

On page 8 of this publication is a preliminary schedule for the meeting in Gatlinburg. I trust this overview will be helpful to you in planning your schedule and travel.

If the Lord returns before April 25 I will see you in Heaven. Oth-

erwise, I look forward to seeing you in Gatlinburg!

Until Then,

Jason Aultman, President

From Our Committee on Arrangements...

IT'S TIME!

to make your reservations for the 2016 Meeting

The Committee on Arrangements has made its review and plans for the 2016 annual Association meeting. The facilities and hotels are looking forward to our meeting there. There is plenty of space for all of our meetings and lodging. We hope that you will make your reservations early. Most of the hotels can make your reservations either by phone or online, but you must identify that you are with the Baptist Missionary Association of America.

• **Glenstone** (Headquarters Hotel): \$85 (800-362-9522)

Group code: BMA 16; 2 block walk

• **Edgewater**: \$95 (800-423-9582); 2 1/2 block walk

• **Graystone**: \$95 (800-451-9202); 5 block walk

• **Gillette**: \$95 (865-436-5601); across from convention center

• **Bearskin**: \$90 (865-430-4330); 4 block walk

• **Old Creek**: \$90 (865-430-7200); 3 block walk

• **Clarion**: \$114 (865-436-5656); 2 block walk

• **CourtYard** (Marriott): \$129 & \$139

**Bro. Pastor, we need your help.** When the BMAA Committee on Arrangements contracts with a convention center to host our annual meeting, the rental fee is normally tied to the number of hotel rooms we expect our attendees to use during the meeting. The rental fee in Gatlinburg is contingent upon our use of rooms blocked at the designated hotels. The rental fee will increase by the daily cost of each room not used.

The Committee on Arrangements has negotiated terms in Gatlinburg that will allow the conference center space to be greatly reduced if we use the total number of rooms blocked at the designated hotels/

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## Camp Garwood Sunday

March 6, 2016

As most of you know, Camp Garwood has been needing more dormitory space for the past few years.

In an effort to jump start this project. The camp committee is requesting churches set aside March 6th as a special emphasis Sunday.

If it fits into your schedule, would you take time on that Sunday to say a special prayer for camp. Our upcoming camp season. The director. Committee. Speaker. Worship team. Teachers. Cooks. Ongoing camp preparations. And this dorm project.

Also, if you feel led, please take a special offering designated for new camp dorms.

If you need more information You can contact me at 573-380-1975. If you have the ability to show slides in your service you are welcome to pull pictures from the Camp Garwood group on Facebook.

We are looking forward to another great camp season!

Chris

## World Missions Day

February 28, 2016

[BMA MISSIONS.ORG/WORLDMISIONS](http://BMA MISSIONS.ORG/WORLDMISIONS)

motels. Please help us fill these first to cap the cost of the rental space.

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# +++ NEWS BRIEFS +++

**Briar, Doniphan**, reminds us that the first month of 2016 is behind us! Time keeps flying by and what I should do I don't and what I shouldn't do I do! That reminder, of course, brings Paul immediately to mind. If a great man of God thought himself the worst of sinners where does that leave us? It leaves us all sinners before God but praise be, Jesus' blood covers us up! I want to do more for the kingdom this year and with the help of our Lord I'll progress. Pray that all of us will do more--even a small amount is great in God's hands! We're still waiting and praying for the man God will send to pastor the flock here at Briar. As one member said Sunday, while we are waiting we're hearing lots of different messages and good ones at that. We are thankful for those men who are willing to fill the pulpit for us. We had a good 5th Sunday singing!! Lots of good food was consumed and the preaching was good because Bro. Billy Davis was our speaker. These 5th Sunday singings are special because they bring us closer as fellow Christians. Till next time--Keep Looking Up!  
Phyllis Williams, Reporter

Greetings from **Bethany, St. Louis**. Again we find ourselves asking, "Where did the month go?" We were blessed with good preaching from Bro. Dunn and are growing in the Word as God is blessing. We dismissed our evening service one Sunday night due to the extreme as we were concerned about our seniors getting out in the weather. God blessed and kept everyone safe. The 24th as the Dunn family was traveling to Bethany their son, Ezra, became very ill and they stopped at Potosi at the hospital to get medical care for him. He was treated and released later that day. That meant we were without a preacher that morning, but we had extra singing of praises and a good old fashioned testimony time. Our young people (and some not so young) had a movie and pizza night at Bro. and Sis. Johnston's home on the 30th. We watched the movie "Woodlawn" and all agreed that it was very good and would recommend it to folks of all ages. God is ALIVE and we need to tell people. We had our 5th Sunday evening "Talent Night" on the 31st and it was enjoyed by all. January appears to be going out "like a lamb," but only God knows what February will bring. He is COMING and VERY SOON! So let us all be busy about our Father's Business. God bless.  
Nick Dunn, Interim Pastor • Kathy Chapman, Reporter

**Bethesda, Park Hills**, has been really blessed these last few months as we have gained eight new members. Bro. Michael Marler and Bro. Shae and Sis. Hillary Marler joined in December. Anessa Walker, Karlee Jacobs, and Katrina Crocker joined the first part of January. Then, January 31st Bro. Eric Walker and Sis. Laney McFarland were baptized and given the hand of church fellowship. That evening we observed The Lord's Supper. That Sunday morning we had forty-one in morning worship service. It is so good to see that many in the Lord's house. We still have some members who are not able to attend due to chronic illnesses. In December the youth group used some of their funds to make grocery baskets for some of our church members and, of course, we had our usual bags of treats for everyone. We also had a nice Christmas program with a lot of special music. We have also done a little remodeling by replacing our kitchen floor and our kitchen cabinets. The ladies rest room also got a new floor. We have the material to replace the floor in the fellowship hall and the men's rest room. Our pastor and his family have done most of the work with some help from Bro. & Sis. Knight. We truly appreciate our pastor and all that he and his family do. I hope we will have another good report next time.  
Alan Dane, Jr, Pastor • Barbarasue Marler, Reporter

**Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston**, reports that during January our heat and AC units were set at our new property, all the rough-in wiring was run in our auditorium, and all the electrical was finished in our classroom section. We continue to have visitors from the neighborhood of our rented location.  
Rodney Dunlap, Pastor

Greetings from **First Baptist Church, Potosi**. We have definitely been on shouting ground these past two months. A Taste of Christmas was a huge success with attendance over 300. The tables were absolutely beautiful and the presentation by Jaclyn Rowe was very spirit filled. Our children who sang for the candlelight Christmas program did a fantastic job. Peyton Rowe, son of Nathan and Jaclyn Rowe, was baptized in December. UPWARD games began January 23rd and our **60th Annual Friends Day is March 6th**. Celebrate Recovery volunteers have been in training each Friday night and the Propel Women is launching January 28. Kayla Smith and her son, Alex; Casey Yount, son of Marty and Melissa Yount; Travis Young; McKenna Branham, daughter of Aaron and Brandy Branham; Kylie Blair and son, Brennon, and Carson Reary, son of Heather and the late Matt Reary, were baptized in January. Shannon Blair is joining by church letter. Our youth have been busy. Many attended Youth Alive and then once again many attended Winter Jam. In addition to our new outreach ministries, our men's fraternity group meets twice a month, GMA's on Mondays, COW on Wednesdays, Ladies' Bible Study on Tuesdays, and our Wednesday night Bible services. Please remember to pray for us as we play for you.  
James Ainley, Pastor  
Deborah Rauhut, reporter

**Stony Point, Mineral Point** continues to be greatly

blessed. We have added a puppet ministry along with the young musicians. We watched the movie "War Room" the last day of January making it a great way to end the month. We plan fun games and great fellowship on February 14th after morning Worship. March 5th Stony Point will be hosting the Missouri State WMA at 10 a. m. with Guest Speaker and meal and March 11th we host the District WMA & Brotherhood at 7:30 p.m. with a light meal of finger foods.  
Claude Evans, Pastor • Debrah Coleman, Reporter

Greetings from **Bethlehem of Doniphan!** What an awesome start to a new year! God has been blessing us tremendously here at Bethlehem. The mini revivals are continuing with each guest speaker that we are having. It is just amazing to each of us as to what these Godly men share with us. From putting on the whole armor of God and "stand," to the great commission of "Go." Both of these messages have a powerful meaning and they are both what God has told us as Christians to do. The Cane Creek Youth in the Harvest has voted to sponsor a LifeWord Community radio station, provided the funds can be raised. The amount to sponsor a station is \$1,500 and I am praying that we can have the funds raised in just a few months. This will take the gospel into a third world country area that has not heard the gospel before. Sometimes I personally think that we take it for granted here in our great country to believe that just because we have heard of the gospel of Jesus Christ since we were children so has everyone else in the world. But this just isn't so and it is our responsibility to take it to them or send it to them. This goes back to the messages we have been hearing about "Go and Stand" for Jesus. The Fifth Sunday Associational Meeting we had at Bethlehem on the 30th of January was well attended by several of the churches in our association. You didn't have to ask anyone attending if the Holy Spirit was there because we each one knew He was. The speakers were Bro. Don Adams, Bro. Les Cantrell, Bro. Brian Adams and Bro. Dennis Leonard. Praise the Lord for these men who have said, yes, to our Lord and Savior! Please remember to pray for all of our Pastors in the BMA of America. Until next month may the Lord bless and keep us all!  
Yvonne Hill, Asst. Reporter

God is so good to us, His people, at **Lower Doe Run, Ellington**. We just don't understand why He keeps on blessing in spite of our failures and weaknesses. The members are so faithful to gather for worship every Sunday and though we don't

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## FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • January 2016

### General Fund:

Balance December 31, 2016		\$	124,388.00
January Receipts:	\$	<u>2,424.89</u>	\$ <u>2,424.89</u>
Total Available		\$	126,812.89
Disbursements:			
Assistant Director's Salary	\$	<u>450.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$	<u>450.00</u>	\$ <u>450.00</u>
Balance January 31, 2016:		\$	126,362.89

## From Our Assistant Director

It was a joy to have the opportunity to preach at three churches in January.

Mary and I were with Lindsay Lane Baptist Church in Florissant January 3rd and enjoyed seeing their progress and strength even though they are without a pastor. I had preach there a couple of times last year and their numbers have not diminished, but grown because of the faithfulness and cooperation of many of their members who are working hard to keep their programs and services going well.

January 10th we enjoyed a sweet day with Berean Baptist Church in Festus. It had been a few years since we had attended services there and our hearts were saddened to see how their attendance has dropped, but it was a blessing to see the determination and spirit of love shown by the two couples and Sis. Robinson who are seeking God's will in finding a pastor and praying God will revive the work. We were surprised to get to see some friends we had not seen in several years. Bro. and Sis. Gordon Hill, whom we knew when they were part of the work at Westview in Jefferson City have moved to the area and happened to visit Berean that day. It was good to catch up on the news of their family. We were blessed to

spend the day with Bro. and Sis. Sohn and get acquainted with them. Bro. and Sis. Terry Compton had visited Bethany recently and I had lunch with Bro. Terry before our visit to Berean. This time with these folks certainly showed their desire to keep the church going in the growing area west of Festus.

Please pray for these two churches as well as all the others in the BMA of Missouri that are seeking leadership at this time.

January 17th we were with First Baptist Church of Matthews as I preached while Bro. Chris Polk was out of town. This is a good work that God is blessing and we enjoyed our time with them.

## Report From West Africa Speaker for LifeWord

It's hard to believe it was one year ago that the Ebola outbreak was causing worldwide hysteria. Beginning in December of 2013 when the first case was reported, Liberia was the hardest hit country in West Africa. There were 28,000 people diagnosed with the disease which eventually claimed more than 11,000 lives, mainly in Liberia (with 4,800 of those deaths), Guinea, and Sierra Leone.

BMA missionaries and pastors were on the front lines of the battle against the disease and its rapid spread. Abraham Cheyee was the pastor of Bible Baptist Church in Monrovia (capital of Liberia) and LifeWord's Western-Krahn speaker. His home and his church were across the road from the main treatment centers during the outbreak, so he and his congregation were greatly affected by the shutdown of stores, the pile-up of bodies, and the anguished cries of victims and family members.

Liberia was twice declared Ebola-free by the World Health Organization (WHO), on May 3rd and September 9th of 2015. During the aftermath of that declaration, Bro. Abraham Cheyee sent the following e-mail (with attached pictures) to the offices of the BMA:

"Dear Brethren,

The BMA of Africa Liberia, Inc. and the Bible Baptist

Church families in Liberia and the neighboring countries greet you in the blessed name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who redeemed us from the bondage of sin and united us in His Mutual service and fellowship.

We first thank the Almighty God for His protection and guidance upon our lives as we minister in post war and Ebola affected countries. We extend many thanks and appreciation for your prayers, care, concern and Mission's supports that enable us in fulfilling the command of Christ to reach the unreached cities, towns and villages in our places of ministries according to Acts 1:8 "But ye shall receive power; after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and that ye shall be witnesses

unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Thanks also for standing by us through prayers and support during the Ebola outbreak in our countries Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone. In Liberia there is no more new cases and we are now free to carry out our ministries and Church activities.

Pray for the many Ivorian refugees in various camps in Liberia. Their places are not safe for their return and due to their long stay in exile, the UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) is cutting down their rations. Pray for Andrew and Attila, the two Hungarians that I converted and baptized in 2011 and they are now our local missionaries working with our Churches in Liberia.

Thanks for the national Pastors and Church planter support. We pray that the Lord will open doors for us to have some help to acquire land to build churches in some cities where we presently have the Mission's works and also to get some revolving funds to help some of our needed Pastors, and Church planters that are carrying out evangelism. Many, many thanks to the Life-word family for supporting the Western Krahn broadcast (called Kahowulu) over the past years to reach the many native Krahn-speaking people in both Liberia and the Western Ivory Coast that speak the same language. Also for the establishment of the Community radio stations that will greatly fuel the promotion and expedition of the Gospel Message.

May the Lord richly bless you in your Worldwide ministries. In Christ's service,  
Pastor Abraham J. Cheyee"

Since Bro. Abraham's e-mail, God has called him to establish another church in the eastern part of Liberia near the border of Cote d'Ivoire where his ministry continues to West Africans (especially the refugees he mentioned in his letter) who are affected by war and disease, who are suspicious of government officials, and who are enduring unimaginable living conditions.

Although the WHO has declared the Ebola crisis over, West Africans continue in crisis situations. Please join us as we pray for the requests mentioned in Bro. Abraham's letter and the establishment of churches to reach them with the Good News of the gospel. To donate to the purchase of land, Community Radio and the revolving fund mentioned by Abraham Cheyee, please click on the following link: <http://lifeworld.org/donate/>



Pastor Abraham J. Cheyee in Center



Monrovia Bible Baptist Church Members

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meet in the church building on Wednesday, homes are open for prayer and Bible Study. We are visiting and praying for the lost, sick and needy. We believe sincerely that God will give the increase in His time. We had a good attendance and participation at the Logan Creek Association Singing at Antioch on January 24th. Lower Doe Run will host the next singing on May 22nd. There were 26 attendees at the Nursing Home Service on the 31st. What joy to see and listen to Sis. Irene and Bro. George, two siblings in their 90's as they sang "Amazing Grace." Sis. Irene sang "Won't It Be Wonderful There" with Sis. Dianna. We look forward to the Logan Creek Association mid-year meeting on the 13th and the local WMA on the 20th. We also look forward to the State WMA at Stony Point on March 5th. Until we meet, God bless.  
Melvin Meade, Pastor • Carolyn Meade, Reporter

**Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church in Kewanee** had a great January! We started with bringing in the year in the fellowship hall with food, games, devotional and prayer on New Year's Eve. A huge thank you to Debbie Nowell for doing such an awesome job of putting this all together. We are studying the Book of Revelation on Sunday evenings and we are enjoying this very much. Also our Easter Cantata practices started with Lisa Payne leading us. Thursday nights we are doing a 5 Lesson Study on the War Room led by Sis. Pam Wisely. The movie was wonderful but it sure made you think about your own prayer life and we are digging deeper into the Word with this study. January 16th the WMA ladies went to Patti's Settlement in Grand Rivers, Kentucky, for lunch and a little shopping. Everyone had a great time. David Beardsley and Heather Vaughn were married on the 30th and we are so happy for this couple. Pray for Bro. Joey Duckworth as he prepares to go on a mission trip to Nepal in a couple of months.  
Dan Wisely, Pastor • Terri Adams, Reporter

**Zion, St. Louis**, sends greetings to her sister churches. The Lord has been blessing in our services and our fellowship together. In our January business meeting, we were blessed to be able to increase our mission giving. We give all praise and thanks to God for this blessing. There have been several in our work recently that have gone home to be with the Lord. We send our sympathy and prayers to the families of Joe Wilkerson, Travis Plumlee, Billie Joe Barton and Nina Cain. Each one knew the Lord as their personal Savior. We will meet again. In our Sunday afternoon services, we had been studying "I AM A CHURCH MEMBER." This study is over and we are now anticipating a new study yet to be announced to begin soon. We continue to study our Baptist history on Wednesday evenings. The first Wednesday is always for the prayer needs of the church, associational work, bereaved, sick, and the lost. It is such a blessing when we can take something off our list. We covet your prayers as we pray for you.  
Dennis Baker, Pastor • Norma Womble, Reporter

**Faith, St. Charles**, says, "Hello and Blessings to all." We have been busy here in good ol' St. Charles Missouri! In the time since my last report, we have had five people receive salvation and two baptized: Listed are Bro. Bill, Sis. Laurie, Sis. Renee, Miss Paige and Miss Amanda. Praise Be To God! We have had a few who came forward claiming they had just been "going through the motions", if you will, but realized they hadn't really, truly accepted Christ for themselves. This is a slippery slope and we should all ask God to search our hearts and reveal His good and perfect will for us. Our Faith Baptist family is growing in number, but we are also growing in strength and bonds with each other. We have many things planned outside of corporate worship such as the Men's breakfast and Ladies night once a month. We have had a couple of bowling outings and a Valentine's Banquet! We have an Easter egg hunt complete with the telling of the Gospel scheduled for Saturday March 19. We serve such an awesome and amazing God and it is now, more than ever, that we need to band together as Believers and demonstrate the love of Christ in our lives. Let us be a shining light in this ever so dark world.  
Justin Arender, Pastor • Julie Hughes, Reporter

HELLO to ALL from **Oak Hill Baptist Church, Alton, MO!!**

PRAISE the Lord the family of God gained another brother, Eli Smith. Eli was saved and will be baptized and join Oak Hill February 7th. His mother Victoria Smith will also be baptized. February 14th Valentine's Day we are going to have refreshments and play some games directly after services in our fellowship hall. We are going to have games for our youth and our adults. January 31st we had our fifth Sunday dinner and it was great. We always have a great meal and always enjoy a good time of fellowship. Until next month I hope I will have some more good news to tell you but until then we will be praising and honoring our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
God Bless!!

Edward Casey, Pastor  
Jennifer Williams, Reporter

### **CBC Elects Four New Trustees**

The Baptist Missionary Association of Arkansas, in their November 2015 annual meeting, elected four new members to serve five year terms on Central Baptist College's Board of Trustees beginning in 2016. They are: Jake Cooper of Olive Branch, Miss.; Melba Keith of Magnolia, Ark.; Jenny Lindsey of Caldwell, Ark.; and Kirk Shelton of Fayetteville, Ark.

Jake Cooper is a Pastor at Covenant Life Church in Memphis, Tenn. (formerly Liberty Memorial Baptist Church) where he has served since 2004.. Cooper received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tenn. and a Master of Divinity from the Mid America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis. Jake and his wife, the former Jamie Aden, have two children. This will be Cooper's Second board term having served 2006-2010.

Melba Keith is a retired English Teacher from Magnolia High School in Magnolia, Ark. where she taught for 28 years. Keith received her Bachelor of Science in Education from Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Ark. She serves on the Columbia County Library Board and the Magnolia Regional Medical Center Foundation Board and has served on the Columbia County Foundation Board. Keith is a member of the First Baptist Church in Magnolia, Ark. She has two children and four grandchildren. Keith is returning to the board after a one year absence. She served 2009-2014.

Jenny Lindsey is the City Clerk, Treasurer, and Recorder for the City of Caldwell in Caldwell, Ark. Lindsey has served as Chairman of the Caldwell Cotton Picking Festival for the last 15 years. Lindsey is a member of the First Baptist Church of

## **SOAR 2016 Is On A Mission**

On July 6 more than 2,500 students will gather for three days at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas, Texas, for SOAR 2016. This year's conference theme, "Global," will focus on God's heart for the nations.

"We are praying for 100 students to give their lives to missions this summer," explains DiscipleGuide Director Scott Attebery. "Whether they become overseas missionaries, North American church planters, international student hosts, faithful prayer warriors, or lifelong supporters, we are praying that they embrace God's global heartbeat for the rest of their lives!"

Each session of SOAR 2016 will feature keynote speaker Cliff Johnson, pastor of Garrett Memorial Baptist Church in Hope, AR, while Aaron Williams and the SOAR band will return to lead students in praise and worship.

This year's SOAR Village will provide an opportunity for hands-on learning and mission work. Attebery explains, "Our goal is to provide students and youth groups with opportunities to get involved in God's mission while they are at the conference and give them ideas to take home for continued mission engagement."

Registration for this year's conference is \$110 per person, and hotel rooms at the Hilton Anatole are \$129 per night (4 person occupancy). For more information, visit [gosoar.com](http://gosoar.com).

"Who knows," states Attebery, "perhaps God would be so gracious as to start a missions revival in our churches through SOAR 2016!"

Churches and individuals are invited to begin praying now for God to raise up 100 students with a heart for missions at this year's SOAR conference. Let's all pray!

### **BMAA 2016 Prayer Calendars**

Missions Prayer Calendars for 2016 have arrived at the Global Ministry Center and are available to be shipped to you or your church. They feature sixty-eight BMA missionaries and their families and include contact information (except for those in closed access nations), prayer requests and praises.

Your global partnership is vital to our ministry, so we ask that you not only pray for our missionaries and indigenous pastors but also subscribe to mission:world magazine ([missionworldmag.com](http://missionworldmag.com)) for updates from them. In addition, visit our website ([bmamissions.org](http://bmamissions.org)) and Facebook page for videos and worldwide reports from missionaries. Personally corresponding with our missionaries will give you an even better insight into their ministries and can offer much needed encouragement.

Order calendars and the missions video at the following website: [www.bmamissions.org/worldmissions](http://www.bmamissions.org/worldmissions) This site also provides the opportunity to make a donation to world missions. You may also place your order by calling the missions office at 501-455-4977.

Thank you so much for your global partnership and don't forget about **World Missions Sunday on February 28!**

Caldwell and is married to Elmer "B" Lindsey. They have three children and one grandchild.

Kirk Shelton serves at the Lead Pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Fayetteville, Ark. He is also the owner and Founder of Hill City Popcorn Company in Fayetteville. Shelton attended Central Baptist College and obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Religion from Dallas Baptist University. Shelton and his wife, the former Toni Greer, have three children and three grandchildren.

## DiscipleGuide

Scott Attebery, Executive Director

Sunday, December 20, 2015, was set aside as DiscipleGuide's Kingdom Investment Sunday. Churches across the BMA took a special offering of which half went to a local ministry of their choice and half to DiscipleGuide. Thank you to the churches that invested in their communities and in DiscipleGuide. With your offering, DiscipleGuide will be able to continue investing in and helping churches as they maximize their Great Commission potential.

Your prayers and support help DiscipleGuide invest in churches through Conferences, Church Solutions, Curriculum, and Camps. Here is just a glimpse of what your support enables us to do:

### CONFERENCES:

Throughout the year, DiscipleGuide offers conferences to reach the variety of people and age groups in our churches. Each conference is designed with the Great Commission in mind. The Great Escape and Pastors Oasis provide leaders and pastors an opportunity to connect with other leaders and pastors. Students at SOAR connect with God in a high-energy atmosphere through teaching and worship. At the National Senior Adult Conference, senior adults have the opportunity to worship and learn with fellow believers. If you have never attended a DiscipleGuide conference, do not miss an opportunity in 2016:

**January** - Great Escape Children's Ministers and Youth Leaders Cruise (January 16-21)

**July** - SOAR Youth Conference (July 6-8) {see article on page 3}

**October** - Pastors Oasis (October 3-5)

**November** - Senior Adult Conference (November 7-9)

For more information on conferences, visit [www.disciple-guide.org](http://www.disciple-guide.org) or e-mail [conferences@discipleguide.org](mailto:conferences@discipleguide.org).

### CHURCH SOLUTIONS:

DiscipleGuide cares for our churches and our pastors, and we show this by offering the following solutions:

**Activate** is a church revitalization plan. Under the direction of Todd West, Activate helps declining churches with the regrowth process.

**Tuesday Talks** take place the second Tuesday of each month. Tuesday Talks is an online training session designed to help churches maximize their Great Commission potential. These webcast sessions are taught by experienced ministry personnel and target wide-ranging topics.

**Pastors Help Line** is an anonymous help line offered in cooperation with Focus on the Family. Pastors, staff members, and their spouses can call 1-844-877-4262 and speak with someone about any struggle they are going through.

For more information on Church Solutions, visit [www.discipleguide.org](http://www.discipleguide.org).

### CURRICULUM:

Even as more avenues to fulfill the Great Commission have been added to our ministry, the publication arm of DiscipleGuide is still a large and vital part of what DiscipleGuide does. DiscipleGuide offers curriculum for students in preschool through adulthood. If your church is not currently using any curriculum produced by DiscipleGuide, consider one of the following:

**DiscipleKids** is for preschool through 6th grade.

**SoarLit** and our latest product, **Launch Kit**, are designed to teach students in 7th-12th grades how to make an impact on their schools, families, friends and churches.

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### CAMPS:

**DANIEL SPRINGS:** located in Gary, Texas, in the heart of the piney woods of East Texas, offers summer camps starting in June and going through the first part of August. Daniel Springs has been under the direction of Jason Prewitt since January 2015. Jason has brought a fresh and energetic spirit to Daniel Springs.

## Travis Plumlee Called Home

William Travis Plumlee, 60, of Mountain View, died Jan. 28. He was born in Fort Worth, Texas, and was saved when he was eight years old. He surrendered to the ministry in 1993, and was ordained Feb. 7, 1993 at Antioch Baptist Church in Conway.

Dr. Plumlee attended Slidell Seminary, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and University of Texas at Arlington and received a doctorate in theology.

He received many awards over the years for his service, including: Dr. Frist Humanitarian Award; World Center for Health Studies Quality of Life Award; American Cancer Society Counselor of the Year; American Hospital Association Benson Award for Outstanding Advancement in Health Care Education; Agape Award, Houston AIDS Foundation; Ambassador's Award, Governor of Texas; Travis Plumlee Center for Women & Children, named for him; Tralee Crisis Center located in Pampa, Texas; and president of UCA Faculty Senate.

In December 1991, he began working with the BMA through LifeWord as a consultant provided by Rapha Hospital Treatment Centers. He helped start a program that centered on starting small group ministries in local BMA churches to which LifeWord telephone volunteers could refer callers for continuing ministry.

Bro. Plumlee went on to establish Family Ark Ministries, which he said was "designed to meet the needs of the local church" through several venues, including teen conferences and Biblical Manhood and Biblical Femininity Conferences.

He produced videos, audio tapes and CDs on family issues and authored two books: *Family*

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Our association has had to pay extra in the past years because many of the blocked hotel rooms were not used. Please help us avoid a situation like that this year.

We appreciate your help.

*Leon Carmical, Charles Attebery, Jackie Manasco*  
BMAA Committee on Arrangements

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### *From Our Recording Secretaries...*

#### *Information Packets In Mail with the Following Letter*

The 2016 Annual Session of the Baptist Missionary Association of America meets April 25-27, 2016 at the Gatlinburg Convention Center, Gatlinburg, Tennessee. **Your official registration form is enclosed.** Please complete and return this form in the enclosed self-addressed envelope provided. **Do not use the recently developed letter form/questionnaire. This form was developed for local associations and the Directory and Handbook. We do not need or use the statistics on this form.**

Work is being done on providing online registration, but this is not active for this year.

All letters should be mailed by April 15 to pre enroll your messengers. Upon arrival, they need only to report to the enrollment desk to be certified. Churches not representing by messenger, please return the completed letter to be listed in the official roster of churches in the yearbook. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

#### **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. Thanks to your response last year, we made it. However, our balance is dangerously low. We still need extra help.

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

*James Ray Raines, Recording Secretary, BMAA*

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Thousands of campers come to Daniel Springs each summer and encounter God in a unique way. Registration is now open for the 2016 camp season. Visit [www.danielspringscamp.com](http://www.danielspringscamp.com) to plan your camp experience.

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*Foundations* and *Practical Tips on Raising the King's Kids*. October 12, 1994, his first weekly Family Ark Ministries column ran in the *Baptist Trumpet*, and quickly became a favorite of our readers.

Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Sharon White Plumlee; a son, Austin (Ame- lia) Plumlee; a daughter Alison ( Josh) Stearns; a brother, Ronnie (Sherry) Plumlee; a sister, Sandra (Butch) Cersonsky; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Feb. 1 at Flatwoods Baptist Church in Mountain View, with Tim Smith, Eric Goble and Charles Hunt officiating. Interment was at Flatwoods Cemetery under the direction of Roller-Crouch Funeral Home in Mountain View.

*via Baptist Trumpet*

### **Note:**

Bro. Travis has served the readers of the Missouri Missionary Baptist as we have used his articles for several years and they have been a blessing to us. His illness over the last several months has resulted in huge medical expenses and I am sure his family could use some help. Let's show them our appreciation for the ministry of Bro. Travis with some special offerings. For more information or to make donations you may use the following information.

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## WMA & GMA NEWS

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### Missouri State WMA Meeting

**March 5, 2016**

**10:00 a.m.**

at

**Stony Point Baptist Church**  
 Mineral Point, MO

**Guest Speaker**

*A meal will be served*

### Washington County District WMA & Brotherhood Meeting

**March 11, 2016 • 7:30 p.m.**

at

**Stony Point Baptist Church**  
 Finger foods will be served

### Missouri State GMA Meeting & House Party

at

**First Baptist Church, Potosi, Missouri**

House Party - Friday Evening - April 1, 2016

GMA Meeting - 10:00 a.m. - Saturday - April 2, 2016

Theme: *“Dwell in the Realm of Faith”*  
 2 Timothy 2:22

*“Flee youthful passions:  
 Pursue Righteousness, Faith, Love, Peace....”*

### National WMA Project

I would like to take a few minutes to answer some inquiries that I have received and to clarify information about the 2015-2016 National WMA project.

Last April when the Project Promotion Committee met with Bro. Doug and Sis. Diane Lee, it was decided to call this project **“Making a Joyful Noise in the Philippines.”**

The funds received are to make needed repairs and renovations at the Bible College of the BMA of The Philippines.

A brochure was designed by Carolyn Colvert. The envelopes needed were donated by a generous lady from New Mexico and Committee Chairperson, Alice Smith, and helpers addressed and mailed out this brochure last summer.

I understand that several of these brochures were not delivered for various reasons such as bad mailing addresses, no mail box at address location, etc.

Further, to be good stewards of funds received, the Promotion Committee used FREE social media outlets. A short video was created by Carolyn Colvert and you can view this video by going to the National WMA web page [nationalwmaofbmaa.net](http://nationalwmaofbmaa.net) (I understand that the website has the wording “Asia Pacific” - it is the same project.)

This video can also be accessed via U-Tube. And, you can find information on our facebook page National WMA.

Another means of finding out information about the project and to get exciting updates on it is to send your e-mail address to Bro. Doug and Sis. Diane at [doug@musicervicesinc.com](mailto:doug@musicervicesinc.com). They

will send you a monthly news-letter.

To me, this has been exciting because as funds were received they have been forwarded and the work has begun and the Lees are posting pictures of the progress.

Last but certainly not least, **You still have time to contribute to this project if the Lord directs you to.** For auditing purposes, the books will close February 28, 2016. However, we will still collect for this project up till the 2016 WMA meeting on April 26th. Make your check payable to the National WMA and mail it to: National WMA % Pat Duncan, PO Box 30, Hardy, AR 72542

I know the Lord will bless you for contribution. Thank you. I hope to see many of you April 26, in Gatlinburg.

*Janet Widger, President*  
 WMA of BMAA

## GREAT NEWS!!

### Minister's Wives & Widows Lunch

I just finished talking with the catering manager at the Gatlinburg Convention Center and he has lowered the price of a lunch that I think we can work with!!

Just a little review - last year I stepped out on faith and planned this. We served 70 ladies and they all seemed to enjoy and appreciate the special recognition.

The National WMA is the host BUT at this time we can only budget \$500. The rest of the funding came from state auxiliaries, district auxiliaries, local auxiliaries and a few individuals.

The catering manager has agreed to a price of \$20 per person all inclusive!! This is \$5 less than I was anticipating - PRAISE THE LORD!!

Attached is a form that I would like to have on our website, as well as other websites and in our state papers. I purposely left the cost off of the form.

Continue to pray about this and if you or your church would like to honor a wife or widow of a minister, I know they would be honored and appreciative. I know you will be blessed as well.

If you are the wife of a minister, pass this on to a key person in your church.

Just to entice you - here is the planned meal. Chicken breast w/glazed pecans served with honey roasted sweet potatoes and seasonal vegetables. Green salad, fresh baked rolls, desert, water, tea and coffee. YUM YUM!!

*Janet Widger, President National WMA*

### Minister's Wives & Widows Lunch

Hosted By WMA Of BMAA  
 Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 12:15 p.m.  
 Gatlinburg Convention Center  
 Gatlinburg Room

Yes, I plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form before April 12, 2016 to:

**Janet Widger**  
 7409 Rupert Ave.  
 Richmond Heights, MO 63117  
 Or e-mail a response to:  
[jawidger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jawidger@sbcglobal.net)

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**I think it is a great gesture to honor our minister's wives & widows.**  
**I would like to make a contribution in honor of**

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 or in memory of  
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**Make checks payable to National WMA and send with this form**  
**To name and address above**

**Thank you for assisting the National WMA in honoring these women**

## No Rules, No Punishment Leads To Anarchy

by Dr. John Adams • Executive Director, Moral Action

Proverbs 29:2 *“When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.”* It seems today that the wicked are ruling. So many true Christian believers are disillusioned. So many watch as the streets are filled with violence and corruption. Anarchy is defined as “a state of disorder due to the absence or non-recognition of authority. Synonymous words are revolution, disorder, chaos, mayhem

and mobocracy. There seems to be a lack of punishment and a lack of obedience to the laws of the land.

Punishment for wrongdoing is operative in this world  
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**Brothers....** Dealing with men's issues  
and Promoting the Fellowship & Growth  
of Men in the BMA of Missouri

## Some Thoughts Concerning Prayer

by Dennis Baker, Brotherhood President

When considering the nature of God's providence and our role in prayer we are faced with the question of what prayer really accomplishes. If prayer has any effect on what happens, then it would seem that God's plan is not fixed in the first place. The other side is, if God's plan is established and He will do what He is going to do, does it really matter whether we pray?

As we try to analyze this issue there are two important facts that most be considered: 1) Scriptures teach that God has a plan and that plan is definite and fixed and is not subject to revision. 2) Scriptures command each of us to pray and that prayer has value. James 5:16, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

When we examine Scripture it appears that in many cases God works in sort of a partnership with us. Jesus did not perform any major miracles in Nazareth. He only healed a few sick people and stated that He "marvelled because of their unbelief," Mark 6:6. Therefore, it appears that Jesus did not heal because of the lack of faith. On the other hand, the centurion bringing his request for the healing of a servant and the woman with the hemorrhage, clinging to the garment of Jesus, are examples of faith that resulted in God working. When God wills the end (in these cases, healing), He also wills the means (which includes a request to be healed). Thus, prayer does not change what He has purposed to accomplish. It is the means by which He accomplishes His will.

Prayer is more that a method of creating a positive mental attitude, so that we are able to do what we have asked God to

do. Prayer is a matter of creating a right attitude with respect to God's will. Jesus taught His disciples to pray "Your kingdom come, your will be done," before "give us our daily bread." Prayer is not so much about getting God to do our will as it is demonstrating that we are as concerned as God is about getting His will done.

Jesus also taught us to be persistent in prayer. It takes little faith, commitment, and effort to pray only once for something. When we are persistent in prayer it shows that our petition is as important to us as it is to God.

We do not always receive what we ask for. Jesus prayed three times for the removal of the cup (death by crucifixion). Paul prayed three times for the removal of the thorn in his flesh, but in each case something more needful was granted. We can pray confidently, knowing that our wise and good God will give us, not necessarily what we ask for; but what is best. Psalms 84:11, "For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

operation of natural law. Violation of these laws have their results. To jump off a cliff, expecting a reversal of the law of gravity, in no way stays off a broken body. Punishment is also manifest when one tampers with the animal kingdom. To antagonize the "king of the jungle" would be to receive a recompense of reward.

### It is Observed in the Societies of the World

As societies develop, they include regulations and punishments. Even those which fall under the caption of being freedom fighters, a term which implies deep concern for the common man, have punishment – severe punishment – for all who do not conform to the rules. It is difficult to conceive of a society continuing which does not incorporate into its life a system of punishment for offenders.

It is interesting to note that before the Pilgrims landed on the shores of the new world, they covenanted to be ruled by a document which would control each member of the company.

### • **It is Observed in the Scriptures**

Believing that God has spoken and that the Bible is that message, we shouldn't be surprised to find many passages dealing with the subject of punishment.

### Punishment Inflicted Directly by God.

Consider the following as examples: Cain (Genesis 4:11-16). When God made His pronouncement, Cain responded, "My punishment is greater than I can bear."

The Flood (Genesis 6:1-8:22). Rejection of God's warning resulted in the removal of that society. When the door of the ark was shut, there was no change in the announced punishment.

Sarai (Genesis 12:17). In protecting His "chosen," God inflicted punishment on Pharaoh's house although his offense was in ignorance!

Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11). As a definite and shocking example of God's righteous indignation toward lying, and that to God, these two met immediate physical death.

### Punishment Administered by Man.

(Genesis 9:1-7) Disrespect and destruction of human life were the first offenses to be placed under man's jurisdiction. Capital punishment was to be the consequence of murder. This principle continues throughout Scripture, being affirmed in the New Testament by Christ and the Apostle Paul (Matthew 22:21; Romans 13:1-14).

Exodus-Deuteronomy. "If we knew, we would do," sums up Israel's appeal to Moses (Deuteronomy 5:27). This prompted God to give the Law, coupled with specific punishments for those who failed to comply. A careful analysis of Scripture will reveal the severity of punishment accompanying the Law.

### • **Responsibility in Punishment**

Man's responsibility in punishment is divided between the family, the church and the state. When each is diligent in the task, the entire society functions with a measure of peace and prosperity.

### The Family

Being ordained of God, the family stands as a very important part of God's plan for mankind. Although some sociologists don't accept the family as an absolute, God does. He calls for a man to leave his parents, cleave to his wife and, living together, rear their children according to God's rules (Gen. 24; Matt. 19:6)

### Children Need To Be Trained.

No child comes into this world programmed to do that which is right (Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:23). Right actions are the result of right training, beginning the first day and including God's plan of salvation. Life must be directed if it is to develop the kind of character acceptable to God and one that will function in society. In order to accomplish this task there must be a penalty for disobedience (Proverbs 22:15; Ephesians 6:1-4).

### Children Need to Understand Punishment.

Abraham must have been an example of this kind of parent (Genesis 18:19). Having made clear to the child the difference between right and wrong, the rewards and penalties must also be clearly presented (Proverbs 22:6).

### Parents Must Carry Through in Punishment.

Consider Proverbs 13:24 and 23:13, 14. When rules are estab-

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## National Brotherhood Project

"Time Is Running Out!"

The following update on the BMA National Brotherhood Project and Scholarship Fund donations was recently received from Secretary/Treasurer Robert M. Bynum:

- Galilean Scholarship Fund, \$2,309.11
- Galileans, \$540.00
- Project 2016 (Sam Freeman, Philippines Printing Ministry), \$550.00
- General Fund (over a three-year period), \$1,023.35

"We will close books February 29th to get a report for the

Gatlinburg 2016 meeting," said Bro. Bynum. "Offerings received after February 29th will be sent at a later date."

Time is running out, Men! Let's get behind our project — 50% Philippines Printing Ministry, 40% National Galileans and 10% General Fund. Offerings may be sent to Robert Bynum, 43 Bear Pen Creek Rd., Laurel, Miss. 39440.

Pat Spriggs, Editor/Promoter

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although man has not faced his responsibility in performing it. Paul the Apostle has summed up the principle in the words of Galatians 6:7; "For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." This axiom of truth is far-reaching, invading all creation.

### • **The Basis for Punishment**

Historically the basis for punishment in our society has been man's belief in God – the God Who is Sovereign over the universe, the God Who has revealed Himself as moral, having a standard of right and wrong with punishment for the wrongdoer. This punishment is not based particularly on its being a deterrent to wrongdoing, but rather as the wage for wrongdoing. Romans 6:23 bears witness in these words, "For the wages of sin is death."

Today the philosophy of unbelief with its rejection of the living and moral God and the exaltation of man to a supremacy that is subject to no higher power than himself is demanding a hearing in our land. Such a belief is not new, having always been present; but our intellectual climate and our growing freedom of expression have provided man with liberty to accept or reject the declarations of Scripture.

Our concept of right and wrong and the punishment of wrongdoers will be determined on the basis of our belief or unbelief in the living God. Humanism does not believe in God.

Believing that God is and that He alone is the Director of this universe, we must submit to His dictates; and in the realm of punishment we must obey His commands. God rules according to His standard of right and wrong. This includes punishment for wrongdoers!

### • **Manifestations of Punishment**

### It is Observed in Creation

Punishment is seen in the

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Initial Schedule (subject to revision)

### 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 General Session  
3:30 Elective Session  
4:30 Dinner

### Tuesday Evening, April 21

7:00 Worship Service  
Annual Message  
(Jeff Swart)

### Wednesday Morning, April 22

9:00 General Session  
11:00 Elective Session

Noon: Lunch

### Wednesday Afternoon, April 22

2:00 General Session  
5:00 Dinner

### Wednesday Evening April 22

7:00 General Session  
(Mission's Report)  
Commissioning Service

## AVAILABLE PREACHERS

The publishing of a preacher's availability for preaching appointments or pastoral work should not be considered as a recommendation by the *Missouri Missionary Baptist*. **Names are published at the request of the individual and will be published until a request is received to remove it.**

**Joseph Duckworth**, a member of Kewanee missionary baptist church is available for Preaching or however the Lord leads. Contact him at 573-521-8039.

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

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The older generation, observing the moral breakdown, blames the younger generation; and the younger generation, beholding the hypocrisy of the day, blames the older generation. Yet all the while there is a philosophy which is sapping the very heart of our great nation.

### Why Such Softness Against Crime

God and His Word are excluded. Once God's Word controlled the decisions of our government and courts. Punishment was meted out as the just penalty for crimes committed.

Walter Lippmann saw this change coming in his day. In his book, *The Preface to Morals* (1929), he showed that a switch from the living and true God to the created god of the liberal mind would change the moral standards and stamina of America. His conclusion is apparent today!

To teach that man is the product of evolution without responsibility to the supreme God and that there is no destiny beyond the few days of this life which is destined to annihilation, is to foster an attitude of "eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die."

Once again to the Scriptures we find that when "the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn" (Proverbs 29:2). The designation "wicked" in this text is used in the Old Testament of those who walk apart from God's Word and His authority! Without question the answer to our plight in regard to honest punishment for crimes committed will be realized only through a spiritual revival which enthrones God and His moral standard of right and wrong!

## Joe Wilkerson Called Home

**Joseph Irl Wilkerson** of Potosi, Missouri, and a member of Stony Point Baptist Church, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Monday, January 25, 2016 at his home surrounded by his family having reached the age of eighty four years, three months and twenty six days. He was born September 30, 1931, in St. Louis, Missouri, a son to the late John Wilkerson and the late Artie (Roy) Wilkerson.

February 9, 1951, Joe was united in marriage to Opal Britton and they have shared nearly sixty five years together.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife Opal of Potosi; two daughters Nancy Eisenbeis and husband John of Potosi; Connie Boatwright and husband Tim of St. Charles, Missouri; one brother Jack Wilkerson; five grandchildren Amy Eisenbeis and Lisa Eisenbeis of Potosi; April Hill and husband Noah of Moore, Oklahoma; Andrew Boatwright and wife LeAllison of Atlanta, Georgia; Christopher Boatwright of Austin, Texas; three great grandchildren Britton, Karson and Max Hill; and nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.



In addition to his father and mother, Joe was preceded in death by one brother Wm. "Bill" Wilkerson and one sister Alice Sago.

His funeral was Thursday, January 28, 2016 at the DeClue Memorial Chapel with Rev. Tim Boatwright officiating, assisted by Rev. Claude Evans.

Interment was at the Redbud Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Potosi, Missouri, where Joe received full military honors consisting of flag folding and presentation, gun salute and Taps.

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structure of our government.

According to Scripture, governmental officers are just as responsible to God as are gospel ministers. They are commissioned by God to "carry the sword." They are guardians of human life and are to use all means available to maintain decency and order including capital punishment of those who commit deliberately planned murder.

### • Growing Softness in Punishment

Today's softness in punishment reigns from the home to the church to the state. It appears that all too frequently the offender received greater protection than does the offended!

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lished and broken, it is the parents' responsibility to administer the punishment. If children don't learn this lesson at home, will they learn it in society? If we neglect our responsibility as parents, can we rightfully criticize state officials who have become soft in administering punishment?

### • The Church

It is an established principle in Scripture that all who are born-again believers are to be identified with a local church. In this communion there are certain rules laid down by God, including the discipline of the offenders.

The Guiding Principle (Matthew 18:15-17; I Timothy 3:1-16). A church congregation is responsible to maintain a good testimony in the community. This is possible only when each individual member keeps the rules. If sin is allowed to reign and situations are overlooked which scream for correction, the church is failing in its responsibility.

### • The State

The state with its rule is ordained of God. It has been authorized to administer punishment on wrongdoers to protect society (Matthew 22:21; Romans 13:1-14). This is a basic principle in the