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“Holding Forth The Word of Life”

Philippians 2:16

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“The Norman Invasion”

A great way to prepare for God’s blessing upon the annual meeting of the BMA of America!

Everyone can be involved

The directors of the BMAA national departments will be leading in an evangelistic outreach in conjunction with the Annual BMAA Meeting in Norman, Oklahoma in April. Scott Attebery, Steve Crawley, Charley Holmes, and John David Smith invite interested pastors, messengers, and visitors to the association to join them in door-to-door and street witnessing in the neighborhoods near a new BMA church plant. Bro. Steve Puckett is the missionary pastor of New Generation Baptist Church in Norman, which is about a ten-minute drive from the Embassy Suites Convention Center, the headquarters for our 2013 meeting.

Those who will help our directors “do the work of an evangelist” should meet with them for instructions and supplies near the entrance of the Convention Center at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2013. Teams will be formed and sent from there to witness near the mission until about 4:00 p.m. This timetable will allow messengers time to return to their rooms and freshen up before the first session at 7:00 p.m. Teams will report back to the directors with their blessings after the Monday evening session near the Departments’ display area in the Exhibit Hall.

Survey forms and tracts will be supplied to the participants. All you need to bring is your New Testament and an expectant, prayed-up heart.

For those unable to be a part of the door-to-door effort, but who want to be an important part of the team, sign up to join a prayer group that will be praying for the evangelistic teams as they are going.

If you would like to participate in either group, send your name, address, cell phone number, and in which group you want to participate to carol.shine@bmaps.edu, ASAP. If you do not have e-mail you may call 1-800-259-5673. We need to know quickly so that we can begin preparing supplies for the proper number of teams.

Your Department Directors are looking forward to joining you in invading Norman with the gospel.

Revival

Ohlman Baptist Church • Bunker, MO

May 15-17 • 7:00 p.m.

Evangelist • Leon Harvey

Special Music each evening

Preparing for Camp...

“Heroes of the Faith”

Last month Camp Director Chris Polk shared the theme of this year’s camp and challenged us to send a note by e-mail, face book, or mail about your hero. It can be a Bible character or someone you have known that has meant a lot to you and has shown you how to be a “real Christian.” These notes will be shared at camp.

Bro. Claude Evans has submitted the following article to help you know what you can send to share your Hero with us.

Heroes of the Faith... we all have those that have encouraged us, inspired us and gave direction to our lives when we were going thru the valleys of life.

Modern day heroes tend to be flawed. I have admired and respected Tiger Woods for what he does on the golf course. His infidelity caused me to lose some respect for him. He is still a great golfer, but....

Mike Tyson could have been the greatest boxer of all times. I followed his early career and must admit that I missed some of his fights because I was getting potato chips when the bell sounded and the fight was over in seconds after starting. He would give Jesus credit for his victories, but then he converted to Islam and Allah was praised. Then the fight with Holifield and he bit off his ear. Another hero falls.

But my real hero is Jeremiah. First, I identify with Jeremiah the man. At his call he felt unworthy, “*I am a child*” Jeremiah 1:6. But God said, “*You go where I send you and you say what I tell you to say.*”

At least on two occasions, Jeremiah faced discouragement.

In Chapter 12 Jeremiah questioned God as to why the wicked prospered. God encouraged him by stating, “If the footman have wearied you, how will you do with the horses.” In other words God said Jeremiah it is going to get worse. In Chapter 20, Jeremiah is boldly honest with God when he said Lord you have deceived me and I quit! But the Word of God was like a fire in his bones and he could not quit. I like Jeremiah’s faithfulness, honesty with God and his tenacity.

Finally Jeremiah reminds me that we win! When Nebuchadrezzar sent his army back to Judah for the third time, he told the leader of his army not to harm Jeremiah. With slaughter thru out Jerusalem, fires burning, the Temple being dismantled,

Jeremiah is freed from prison and given a choice to go to Babylon or remain in Jerusalem. God vindicates Jeremiah.

Jeremiah started well. Jeremiah ran well. Most important of all, Jeremiah finished well. What a hero for all of us!

Spring Paintball Retreat

Friday & Saturday

March 22nd - 23rd, 2013

Cost is \$10 to play with your own equipment, \$45 with rental equipment. Some paint and supplies will be available. Limited supply of rental equipment available.

See more details on face book.

Revival

***Kewanee Baptist Church
March 11-15 • 6:30 p.m.***

***Featuring S. E. M. O.
Association Ministers***

***Monday - Jerry Adams
Tuesday - Jason Redden
Wednesday - Billy Davis
Thursday - Rodney Dunlap
Friday - Chris Polk***

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***Just four more
months till Camp!***

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it?***

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

Ordination

***Bates Creek Missionary Baptist Church
Potosi, Missouri,***

Invites

***Ordained Preachers and Deacons
to assist in ordaining***

***Bro. Bryan Buckley
to the Ministry***

(He will be serving as youth pastor at Bates Creek)

***Saturday, March 30, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.
a reception will follow the ordination***

+++ NEWS BRIEFS +++

Bates Creek, Potosi, notes that it has been rather cold outside but the WMA ladies of Bates Creek have had their hearts warmed. The annual silent auction was held after church one Sunday in February and it was the best one yet. A fellowship dinner was held on the same day. A great time was had by all and some good, clean fun by some of the guys bidding against each other for their favorite dish. Our youth continue to bless us with specials and show us their talents and love for God through their music. We wish to invite you to the ordination of Bro. Bryan Buckley Saturday, March 30 at 2 p.m. Bro. Bryan will be serving as our youth pastor. A dinner will follow the ordination. Bro. JW Moses will be baptized Sunday, April 7th at 2 p.m. We welcome you to both of the special services. Please be in prayer for both of these services.

J.C. Huddleston, pastor
Sara Buckley, church reporter

Ozark Heights, Potosi, wishes one and all a very happy greeting! God has been good and we are so thankful for all the blessings He has placed upon the church this month. As this is World Missions month; Bro. Brian presented us BMAA Missions Calendars, so we can lift each missionary and their family in prayer throughout the month. We are so thankful for the work they do. We were glad to welcome Bro. John Michael Poulin our missionary from Peru; along with his lovely wife and three handsome sons! He spoke so well of the work being carried on in a place so far away. He filled us with joy and made us all aware of the wonderful work our missionaries are doing throughout the world. Bro. Danny Kirk; state director of missions, will be with us March 3rd. We will also have the Harper Family singing for us March 3rd in the evening service. We hope to have a good crowd. We were blessed to have another bap-

tism this month; Sis. Kasidy Buckley was baptized and we welcomed her into our church with open arms and lots of love. February 15th we had our Valentines Banquet with fun, games and lots of Cajun Food. What a special time with Bro. Gary hosting a game called "Let's Make a Deal." We all cheered and laughed so hard; you should have been there to experience the wonderful time we had with all the fun and antics. We are so thankful for all the members and all they do. Plan to be at our pie auction for more fun and great time March 24th after Talent Night. Sis. Gerri Lawson has returned after a cruise she took with family; a good time was had by all. Sickness and Flu has been all over! We are praying for all who have had or still have the bug! Bro. Floyd Lawson is now in the hospital. We love you Bro. Floyd. You are in our prayers and we wish you a speedy recovery. Also our prayers and love goes out to Sis. Delores Owens in the loss of a loved one. Until next month.

Brian Meade, Pastor
Georgie Brokaw, Reporter

Lower Doe Run, Ellington, reports February is always a short month, but it seemed even shorter this year. Several of us attended the Logan Creek semi-annual meeting the 9th at Antioch, Ellington. The meeting was well attended and a good meeting. We covet your prayers as we fight off whatever is going around and keeps us from doing what we want in the Lord's service. We would like very much to get well, have our energy level back to where it should be. We had ice at Ellington while farther north had snow. We went out in the afternoon the day of the ice and took pictures of the beauty that God sent our way. It was so beautiful, looked like Crystals and Diamonds on the trees, bushes and whatever. We were just in awe of the beauty. God is so good. We lost our old-

est church member who was also a charter member. Sis. Opal Scaggs went home to be with the Lord February 23rd. She had been a resident of the nursing home here in Ellington for several years and had not been able to attend church for quite some time. She always had a beautiful smile to share with you when you visited. Pray for her daughter, Sis. Kathleen Yates, and the rest of the family. Our ladies had been planning for the state WMA meeting March 2nd. It is now history and it was all good. Please remember Lower Doe Run in your prayers. We want to carry out the plans that God has for us. And, of course, Satan has other plans. Pray that we will remain strong in the Lord, and that Satan will be banned from our services. Until next month, or the Lord's Return Denver Page, pastor
Sharon Page, reporter

Bethlehem, Doniphan sends Greetings to all! February has been a quiet month for the church. We have had good services all month and have been visited by some of the families of the young people who have recently joined the church. That says so much for our young converts, praise God! We also had a good turnout for Youth in the Harvest at Black River in Qulin, MO as we won two of the banners for the month. It is so exciting to see God working in our sister churches! The past two times that Youth in the Harvest was held at Black River there was a soul saved and that is such a blessing to witness and be a part of. If you have been missing the meetings, you have no idea what you are missing besides the great fellowship with other Christian families. The third Sunday singing was held at Zalma Missionary Baptist Church. Even though the crowd was small it was still such a blessing to be a part of it. We have been working on an Easter program and the younger ones have been very excited

by this and are bringing in more young people to help. The Easter program is set for the first Friday night in April (April 5th). If your church does not have anything happening that night please come join us. The program will start at 7:00 p.m. We lost one of our families this month as they have moved away from Doniphan and we sure do miss them! Until next month, God bless everyone in the Missionary Baptist Association.

Russell Chitwood, Pastor
Yvonne Hill, Reporter

Bethany, St. Louis, looks forward to the start of Daylight Savings Time. It will be good to have more daylight hours. February has been a trying month for us with our Pastor and others dealing with health issues. Thanks be to God for His healing hand. We continue to pray for those in need. We have given our offering for Worldwide Missions and thank all who were able to give to this wonderful program. We also look ahead to Easter to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Our GMAs are having their Coronation in the evening service March 10th, and a Spaghetti lunch and Cake Walk March 24th. Their Spring Garage Sale will be held May 4th. We will shower Dawn Bowdish and Jake Eye with gifts looking forward to their upcoming wedding. The

shower will be held March 16th.
James Hoffmann, Pastor
Carol McDonald, Reporter

Emmanuel, Sikeston, sends Springtime Greetings. Spring is almost here and Winter is almost past. Our hope is renewed in what God's will is for each of His true churches. Two new members were recently added to our church roll. We welcome Bro. Bill and Sis. Angie Ross into our fellowship. They have been attending regularly and have been blessed with talents that will bring glory to the Lord. Sis. Anna Lou Freeman has been recovering from surgery on both ears and Sis. Pat Ross from neck surgery. Prayers are being answered for their good recovery. The Youth are practicing diligently on their Black Lite Presentations. A glowing report was given about the recent State WMA and Brotherhood Meeting at Lower Doe Run Missionary Baptist Church, Ellington. The attendance, program, food, and fellowship had the blue ribbon rating of Excellence. It was as invigorating as the weather. The last Wednesday evening of the month continues to be a blessing as we have a fellowship meal and a spiritual meal too. Bro. Jason is feeding us abundantly with scriptural teachings. He and his family have been with us over a year

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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • February 2013

General Fund:

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| Balance January 31, 2013 | | \$ | 39,177.76 | |
| February Receipts: | \$ | <u>2,405.75</u> | \$ | <u>2,405.75</u> |
| Total Available | | \$ | 41,583.51 | |
| Disbursements: | | | | |
| Director's Salary | \$ | 900.00 | | |
| Partnership support J. Jones | \$ | 1,500.00 | | |
| Director's Expenses | \$ | 655.40 | | |
| Office Supplies | \$ | <u>14.99</u> | | |
| Total Disbursements | \$ | <u>3,070.39</u> | \$ | <u>3,070.39</u> |
| Balance February 28, 2013: | | \$ | 38,513.12 | |

Savings:

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

Alive Youth Conference 2012

by **Jim Ainley** • Youth Pastor, First Baptist, Potosi
and Alive Committee Member
via *First Baptist, Potosi Report*

With nearly 300 students and sponsors attending, the stage was set for an entertaining and most importantly God-focused weekend. The theme this year was "Truth" based on John 14:6.

Our main session speaker was Dr. Alvin Reid. He has spoken at a variety of conferences in almost every state and continent, and in over 2,000 churches, colleges, conferences and events across the United States and globally. Being the author of many books, Alvin has a passion to equip leaders for the coming generation who will change the world for the glory of God and the sake of the gospel. He did a great job challenging us to do so.

For the second year we welcomed Broken Vessels to set the tone for the worship. The band leader, Tory Dardar, brought his family of six kids (age 15 and under) with him, and it was a blessing to see five of them get up as a band and lead us at one point in the conference. Broken Vessels' humble approach to leading combined with their immense talent made for a quality Christ-centered conference.

We welcomed back 321 Improv for entertainment. It is difficult to describe what these three guys do. By taking suggestions from the audience, they set certain scenarios and act them out in hilarious, sometimes very random ways. No matter how many times I have seen them, I still laugh. What I really appreciate about 321 Improv is the message they send to students that God can use whatever talents He has given them for His glory.

Our break-out-sessions speakers were a special blessing. For the girls, Jaelyn Rowe used King Hezekiah as the backdrop for the message about the lies that Satan would have these young ladies to believe. Jaelyn always delivers a very well spoken message that points back to Christ. For the guys, we welcomed Andy McCullum, former lineman for the St. Louis Rams. Andy encouraged us to make Jesus number one in our lives because the hype that all this world has to offer will always leave us wanting more, but Jesus always satisfies. They were able to ask questions about football and about being a Christian in the real world. They got to hold his Super Bowl ring.

Our desire is that God will use the seeds planted at this year's conference to turn this generation to the truth that Jesus really is the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except by Him, and they will passionately pursue a deeper relationship with Him.

From Our Director...

In February I was blessed to be invited to two churches to speak about World Mission Sunday and to preach God's word. My wife and I enjoyed the worship service at North Lake Church in Smithville, MO. The mission at Smithville is celebrating the good news that Jared and Nikki Kathcart are being sent as an

associate missionary to assist Jamie Jones. Jared and Nikki have already been hard at work since last fall working with the youth. This couple is excited with what God is doing in their lives. They are expecting their first child in May and have purchased their first home.

The following week, I was with the Ozark Heights

Baptist Church and Pastor Brian Meade to represent missions as they celebrated World Mission Sunday. Bro. Meade allowed me the privilege of preaching as well to this wonderful congregation.

Please mark your calendars for our annual Mission Symposium to be held May 17th with the Bethel Baptist Church in Sikeston, MO.

BMA Theological Seminary

Kellar Award Winner

BMA Seminary Friends Dinner

Norman, Oklahoma

The BMA Seminary will hold its annual Seminary Friends Dinner on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the sixty-fourth annual meeting of the BMA of America. The 2013 Kellar Award will be presented to Bro. Aubrey "Buddy" Johnson. Bro. Johnson is the tenth Kellar Award recipient.

This award, named in honor of the late Dr. Gerald Kellar, the founding president of BMA Seminary, recognizes a seminary alumnus for outstanding contributions in ministry typifying the legacy of Dr. Kellar.

The 2013 dinner will be in University Ballrooms A and B of the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Nor-



Bro. Aubrey 'Buddy' Johnson

man, Oklahoma. Once again, thanks to the gifts of generous friends, the cost of the dinner will only be \$25 per person.

The Kellar Award honoree, Aubrey 'Buddy' Johnson, surrendered to the ministry at the age of 21, while a student at Jacksonville College in Jacksonville, Texas. He later earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas and a Master of Arts in Religion from BMA Seminary.

Johnson pastored BMA churches in Etoile, Jacksonville, and Texarkana, Texas before becoming a BMAA missionary to Mexico in 1973. While on the field, he led in the planting of

53 churches and missions, founded a Bible institute (the current Instituto Bíblico Asociacional) and was instrumental in the opening/operation of a bilingual elementary school, known as the Martha Johnson Elementary School.

In 1999, he moved back to the United States and pastored in Texarkana, Texas until the Lord called him to his current ministry as Hispanic Coordinator and Church Planting Trainer for the Baptist Missionary Association (BMA) of America. In this capacity, he has lived in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and

Colorado.

He is also active as a trainer (Senior Master Trainer) for DCPI (Dynamic Church Planting International) and frequently travels to Spanish-speaking countries for both the BMA and DCPI. Buddy and Taffy have 6 married children and 12 grandchildren (plus one on the way!).

Come and show your love and support for this faithful servant of the Lord.

Special note: Instead of the Annual Dr. Charley Holmes Golf Invitational held on Monday before the

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Family Ark Ministries

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10 Commandments of Communication

Healthy communication is like water for relationships. It doesn't matter what problems face a couple in marriage, or the issues that surround a parent-child relationship. Even conflicts between extended family, or within the church family; can all be resolved with open, loving, honest communication. Of course, for any lasting change, for any good to come of the communication, folks have to bring God into the conversation. He can do anything. Jesus can provide healing to the home. Therefore, prayer is the foundation to build upon all communication between people. If you don't continue on in prayer, it is vain and futile to try and solve your relationship problems.

Words are so powerful. They can be like a healing ointment applied to a wounded heart. Encouraging words to someone can be as wonderful as a rain in the midst of a drought. Refreshing! Words can also be like an ice pick that chips away at your loved one's self-esteem. You can have the actions of a saint, but you also, at times, have the mouth of a jackal. You act nice, but your words devour entire relationships in a destructive way.

We must repent of our sinful ways of communicating with others. Here is a quick bible study you can do on communication. Matthew 12:34-37. James 3:5-10. Ephesians 4:29-32. How we talk to others is a serious thing to God. Ask God to help you have self-control, and discipline of your conversation.

The 10 Commandments of Communication are:

1) Speak to others with Affirmation and Respect. Affirmation is encouragement. These are words you say to someone that lets them know you love them, and appreciate them. It lifts people up rather than tear them down. We must always respect others as a child of God. Even our own little children, while being corrected by a parent, must be respected as a person of worth and value.

2) Take a "time out" when you reach the boiling point. Out of control anger is sinful. You will say the wrong things when you are too emotional. Say, "I need a minute to think. Let me get back with you." Or implement a "time out" routine in your home when anyone gets out of control. Take a break for just a few minutes, and then return and sit down and discuss the issue. Problems are not solved by yelling and runaway emotions.

3) Avoid blaming and shaming. These two attributes focus on attacking the person rather than attacking the problem. It may be someone's fault, but going on about it doesn't solve a thing. Shaming others never achieves the change desired in behavior. Shame only makes the person feel bad. Long-term it destroys the heart of a person.

4) Eliminate gasoline words. These are words that only ignite an argument. It puts people on the defensive attack mode. Avoid them as much as possible. These are words like: always- never- must-should- and overuse of the word "you". You this- you that.

three baptisms since last report. Donnie, Michelle & Michael Turner were baptized on 3/3/13. James Mills, Pastor
Rita Mills, Reporter

5) Never name-call, label or belittle. These are egregious acts of communication. It drives me crazy when parents come up to me at a parenting conference with their

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now and we are richly blessed and they are all greatly loved. Visitors are coming our way and former members are in attendance. PTL. We are looking forward to a GREAT YEAR in the LORD. Jason Redden, Pastor
Vi Maclin, Reporter

Bethesda, Park Hills, rejoices over the addition of Bro. Jerry Cain, Jr and his wife Tina Cain. Bro. Jerry has joined by letter from Charity in Bismarck and his wife Tina will be baptized March 17th. Just when we think we might have to wait a while to receive more of God's blessings, he surprises us. Our four GMA girls have passed their maiden steps and we will be having a recognition ceremony for them March 6th. We also have one Sunbeam who has passed his Ray steps and will be recognized. The girls are excited about the District meeting as they will be recognized there also. Sickness has kept some of our members from attending services recently. We pray they will all be well soon. One of our elderly members, Bro. Larry Black spent a lot of time in the hospital recently with heart problems, but finally seems to be doing better after having a pacemaker put in. We had a Valentine's pizza party in February and plans are in the making for Easter. Bro. Alan's college load has slowed down a little, but he is still attending, so continue to pray for him and his family and our church.

Alan Dane, Jr., Pastor
Barbarasue Marler, Reporter

First, Potosi, sends greetings to all. Bro. Ainley, our Youth Pastor, reports that once again, we had a wonderful time at the ALIVE student conference this year (see his report on page 3). Our Friend's Day was also used to honor Bro. James Simpson for his over 60 years leading our singing (and he included Imogene Smith Silvey Pittman who has been his pianist and organist through those years also). We welcomed the visitors and remembered to pray for the ill and family

of Sis. Jerry Rieffer. We were encouraged to have Sis. Jane Noto present because she had found a large amount of money in St. Louis and turned it in. The money belonged to a newscaster, and when he asked her why she turned it in she said, "Because I am a Christian." God Bless and glory to His name.

Jamie Haguewood, pastor
Beverly Simpson, reporter

Stony Point, Mineral Point, sends a hearty hello to you! We have been blessed with many first time visitors in the past few months. Our prayer is that they left our midst with the Holy Spirit at their side and in their hearts. He will produce the fruit. Morgan Jackson was saved and will be baptized in the near future. I can think of nothing "in this world" that is "not of this world" that brings such joy and strength than to witness God's saving Grace. God is with you and in you, Morgan and we stand beside you always. We love you! This is a little bit late, but joyous news: Bro. Gary and Sis. Debby Coleman have reunited with Stony Point and it is such a sweet homecoming. We all cherish their fellowship and love for the Lord. The church will host the gospel quartet "Tribute" at 6:00 p.m. March 24th. If you are in the area please drop in for some serious praise. The shepherd bag ministry continues to grow as we prepare to send another 300 bags to the children of Honduras. The Lord has truly been in this effort.

Claude Evans, Pastor
David Hughes, Reporter

Kewanee, Kewanee, reports that the youth started off the month with a lock-in February 1st, with a night filled with games, food, preaching, and worship music. Bro. Daniel Sexton did a great job singing and playing his guitar for the praise and worship time. They had a wonderful time with a good turnout of around 75 youth. We have a great bunch of young people that are reaching out to their friends and bringing them to the youth events. God is

working in and through our youth. Our tot's-n-Tweens made the cutest valentine boxes and they were placed in the foyer, so whoever would like to could put a valentine in each box. They enjoyed a valentine party in their Wednesday night class February 13th. Our bulletin board for the month of February was to bring your ideas to the board, for posting local mission projects in which we could be active. Thanks to Sis. Debbie Houston for this great idea. This is a great way to see what kind of mission work we can do in our community, and to reach out to others in need and show the love of Christ. Levi Sutton went forward and made a profession of faith. Pray for this little guy as he starts his new life in the Lord. Bro. Steve Crawley from Lifeword was with us Sunday morning February 10th. He spoke about the work of Lifeword and presented Kewanee with a plaque of recognition for being the #1 church in the nation that donated the most funds in 2012 to Lifeword Ministries. We give all the honor and glory to the Lord. We praise Him for what He can do through us if we will just be faithful to Him. Thanks to Sis. Lisa Faulkner, our coordinator, for a great job. The musical group "Blend" was with us February 17th, in our evening service. If you have never heard them, you should. They are a very talented acapella group of young men. We have been working hard on our Easter Cantata/play, "It is Finished" that will be performed Friday night March 29th at 6:00 p.m. and again Easter Sunday morning, March 31st at 10:45. Come join us as we lift up the name of the Lord in song and present a little bit of what the Disciples went through as followers of Jesus. Everyone is welcome to our spring revival with S.E.M.O. associational ministers. Monday thru Friday, March 11th- 15th at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see you there. You will be blessed.

Dan Wisely, Pastor
Rhonda Bickerstaff, Reporter

Naylor, Naylor, rejoices with

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kid standing right beside them, and they pat the kid on the head and say, "This is my difficult child." Wow. That is labeling. That child will now do everything they can to live up to that label. Calling someone a name in an argument serves no purpose but to wound and destroy. Belittling is putting someone down.

6) Be specific. Tell the other person in specific words or terms what the problem is. Avoid saying things like, "You make me so angry." Be specific and state, "You make me angry when you..." That is connecting behavior to your response. I can't deal with "mad" "angry" "hurt" etc... Give me something I can work on. Example: It makes me angry when you leave your clothes strung all over the room when I have asked you to put them in the hamper. Or, "It hurts me when you ignore me all night while you are on facebook or your cell phone. I need some time with you."

7) Demands and threats. These are used out of hurt and pain. You want to hurt back with words. "If you don't stop it, I am going to..." What? What are you going to do? Your threat is useless if you aren't going to back it up and follow through with an action. And if you are going to take that drastic action, then you have an anger problem. Avoid all demands. Sit down and explain how you feel, and ask for something to change. If the other person doesn't stop, then it is probably time to seek outside help.

8) Don't withdraw, isolate or pout.

9) Don't interrupt anyone ever, or be abrupt and dismissive with them.

10) Listen completely to the other person. Listening is hard.

Remember this rule: Don't Shout! Don't Pout! Talk it Out!

"HAPPY CHILDREN – HAPPY FACES"



This is what "Making Everlasting Smiles" is all about!

These excited children in Micronesia have just received their Christmas shoeboxes and are showing their excitement and gratitude by the smiles on their faces and the sign they are holding.

We really have no idea how much joy these crayons, coloring books, pencils, note pads, small cars, stuffed animals, a Bible, and other similar small items bring to the hearts of these children.

Begin now to plan to be a part of this exciting project this year. Your church should receive information in May about "Making Everlasting Smiles."

The children in Micronesia thank you and Baptist Medical Missions International (BMMI) appreciates every effort made to ensure that the children in underdeveloped countries have something to smile about!

If you have questions or need more information about the Shoebox Project, please contact Doris Dickey at 501 455 4977 or by e-mail: ddickey@bmaam.com.

Hotel Reservations Update for BMAA Meeting in Norman, Oklahoma

As of February 20, eighty-seven percent of the rooms blocked for our annual meeting April 22-24 at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Norman had been reserved. Others wishing to stay at the headquarters hotel are encouraged to make reservations immediately. Please call the Embassy Suites at 405-364-8040 and tell them you will attend the Baptist Missionary Association of America meeting to receive the discounted rate.

The committee on arrangements has also contracted for overflow rooms at the following hotels.

| <u>Hotel</u> | <u>Room Rate</u> | <u>Reservation Deadline for Group Rate</u> |
|--|--|--|
| Hilton Garden Inn 700 Copperfield Drive 405-579-0100 | Single & Double- \$119 Triple & Quad- \$129 | March 31, 2013 |
| Courtyard by Marriott 770 Copperfield Drive 405-701-8900 | \$89 | April 7, 2013 |
| Holiday Inn 1000 North Interstate Dr. 405-364-2882 | \$89 | March 31, 2013 |
| Comfort Inn & Suites 840 Copperfield Drive 405-701-5200 | \$79 | April 1, 2013 |

Filling our room block at the Embassy Suites will cap the fee for meeting space at \$5,000 and filling all the other blocked rooms will result in no charge for the meeting space. Please help us make wise use of our resources by doing so.

Online Option for Norman Hotel Reservations

The Norman Convention and Visitors Bureau has provided an online option for making hotel reservations for the upcoming Baptist Missionary Association of America meeting. Please use the following link to take advantage of that option: <http://www.visitnorman.com/baptist-missionaries/>.

BMAA Committee on Arrangements,
Charles Attebery, Leon Carmical, James Ray Raines

Moral Action News

Dr. John M. Adams • Executive Director

Moral Action Video

Great news! Be on the lookout for the new Moral Action five minute promotional video. We are making plans to have it distributed per US mail to our 1300 BMA churches on March 1, 2013. We would like to encourage you to share this video with your congregations, auxiliaries and organizations. It is a great introduction to the Moral Action Ministry.

National Day of Prayer

The National Day of prayer is fast approaching. The date is May 2, 2013. It is time for your church to select a leader/director to lead out in the prayer efforts. We desperately need intercessory prayer for our nation and its leaders.

Suggested places of prayers are church auditoriums, flag poles, local courthouses, or town/City Hall. It is vital that our BMA Baptist family actively participate in this yearly national event. Need more info, go to www.NDP.org or use a computer search engine for National Day of Prayer. You may also telephone: 719-559-9560 for information.

Moral Action Booth

I would like to encourage all pastors, messengers and church laity to visit the Moral Action Booth at the National Associational Meeting, April 22-24, 2013 in Norman, OK. There will be plenty of materials for you. Included will be

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meeting, BMAA Department Directors have planned a Norman (Oklahoma) Invasion. Those who will help our directors "do the work of an evangelist" should meet at 1:00 p.m. Monday, April 22, near the entrance of the Convention Center to receive material and instructions. Teams will be formed and sent from there to witness near the New Generation Baptist Church, a BMA of Oklahoma mission project, until about 4:00 p.m. Just bring your New Testament and an expectant, prayed-up heart. There is no admission fee for this event.

• To make reservations for the Seminary Dinner, join the Norman (Oklahoma) Invasion, or volunteer for a support prayer group, contact Carol Shine at 800-259-5673 or carol.shine@bmat.edu.

WMA & GMA NEWS

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State GMA Meeting & Houseparty

"Dwell In The Realm Of Bible Study"

2 Timothy 2:15

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth."

April 5-6, 2013

Charity Baptist Church, Bismarck, MO

Houseparty Friday night • Meeting 10:00 a.m. Saturday

We are looking forward to see all the Missouri GMA's and Counselors at Charity April 5-6.

Directions are as follows: Drive on Highway 32 from Hwy 67 to Bismarck. At the 4 way stop turn right. After four blocks, turn right on Olive St.. Charity is one block at the corner of Olive and Spruce. Those coming from Hwy 21, turn left at the 4 way stop and follow the directions.

Carolyn Meade

44th Annual Meeting

Women's Missionary Auxiliary of Missouri

March 2, 2013 • 10:00 a.m.

Lower Doe Run Missionary Baptist Church
Ellington, MO

A special visitor, Miss Minnie Pearl (Sharon Page) welcomed 29 messengers and 24 visitors representing 12 churches to Lower Doe Run Missionary Baptist Church for the annual meeting of the Missouri State WMA meeting.

Guest speaker, Sis. Katrina Harper, and her daughter, Hannah, sang a song before Sis. Katrina spoke about the man being helped by his friends in Luke 5:16-26. She asked what kind of a friend are we? She then sang a song she wrote about the sick man and his friends.

Our Bible and Tract distributor, Sis. Vi Maclin, presented a Bible as she does each year to a special lady the Lord has laid on her heart. This year's recipient was Sis. Terri Adams, our President.

The following WMA's were presented certificates for reaching the \$200 goal for the State WMA project: Abundant Life in Church Mission, Charleston; Emmanuel, Sikeston; First Baptist Bourbon; First Baptist, Matthews; Mount Zion, Poplar Bluff; Zion, St. Louis; and the Cane Creek District WMA.

The Brotherhood joined the ladies for the morning message. Following the song, "How Great Thou Art" by Sis. Sharon Page, Bro. Denver Page brought the message from John 15:1-5 entitled "Abiding in Him."

The afternoon session was opened with a congregational song and a devotional entitled "Serving an Awesome God" given by Sis. Deiatre Gillam.

Assistant Treasurer, Sis. Connie Reifsteck presented the following checks from the State WMA Project: \$1,031.63 for Abundant Life in Christ Mission; \$412.65 for the State Youth (GMA); and \$412.65 for the Missouri Missionary Baptist

Standard of Excellence

In my employment of emergency services, our departments strive for excellence and receive special accreditation for accomplishing certain goals and performing on certain levels. They have pages and pages of written guidelines to operate by. Granted most of this documentation is to protect the agency from law suits in case an employee acts in a non-professional manner but it is also good to have in writing what is expected of an employee as well as the department.

While we as WMA ladies may not need to have such extensive guidelines for our performance, we do have a STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE to strive to obtain.

The following suggestions are given as criteria for each local Women's Missionary Auxiliary to attain as a Standard of

Paper. Appreciation was expressed by Bro. Dunlap and Bro. Hoffmann from the Mission and the paper respectively.

The following were either elected or retained to serve for the 2013-2014 year:

Officers:

President: Terri Adams • Abundant Life, Charleston
1st Vice Pres: Sharon Laurence • Black River, Qulin
2nd Vice Pres: Barbara Williams • Emmanuel, St. Louis
Secretary: Norma Womble • Zion, St. Louis
Asst. Secretary: Becky Cate • Friendship, Harviell
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Youth Promoter: Shelia Polk • First, Matthews
Asst. Youth Promoter: Karen Magee • First, Matthews

Retreat Committee:

Paula Eftink • Term expires 2015
Bea Evans • Term expires 2017
Chris Griggs • Term expires 2019

Advisory Committee:

Bro. Terry Sharpe
Bro. Dennis Baker
Bro. Claude Evans

The 2014 Annual Meeting will meet at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Lemay, MO, March 1, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Bro. David Griggs was elected to bring the annual message with Bro. James Hoffmann serving as the alternate.

The 2013-2014 Project is:

40% Abundant Life in Christ Mission
20% Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper
20% Youth
10% General Fund
10% Expenses toward 2015 Annual National WMA meeting in Springfield, MO.

President Terri Adams appointed the following six ladies from different locations in Missouri to serve on a Planning Committee for the 2015 National WMA meeting.

Donna McMullin • Grandview, Springfield
Shelia Polk • First Baptist, Matthews
Becky Cate • Friendship, Harviell
Juanita May • Ohlman, Bunker
Janet Widger • Zion, St. Louis
Mary Hoffmann • Bethany, St. Louis

A goal of \$200 was set for each WMA to strive to achieve for the State Project.

Sis. Juanita May led the installation of officers which was followed by a prayer for the officers worded by Sis. Janet Widger.

Appreciation was expressed to Lower Doe Run by a rising vote of those present.

*Terri Adams, President
Norma Womble, Secretary*

Excellence.

1) That a local WMA hold at least 75 % of the total meetings scheduled each quarter.

2) That the average attendance be at least 75 % of the enrollment each quarter.

3) That at least 75% of the enrollment be Daily Bible Readers each quarter.

4) Financial reports: prepare four copies per quarter (local records, district secretary-treasurer, stated corresponding secretary and national corresponding secretary.)

5) That the auxiliary be represented in at least four associational meetings each

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National GMA Camp 2013

The 2012-2013 Girls missionary auxiliary national officers met at the home of Peggy Lee February 8-9. After this planning meeting, the National GMA officers have some news for you! GMA camp will be **June 18-21** at Daniel Spring Baptist Camp. The theme of this year's camp is **"We are the Light of the World"** from Matthew 5:14-16. The theme song is "We Are" by Kari Jobe. The 2012-13 project is 90% Laura Kanaykina, 10% General Fund. This year, decorate a coke bottle or milk jug like your favorite light source, for example, a flashlight, or a candle. Fill it up with change for the project, and bring it to camp! We will have a competition and decide who makes the best light source! We will also have our silent auction, candy grams, buttons, grab bags, and more to raise money for the project. Our project goal is \$25,000! The attendance goal for this year's camp is 400 girls, so make sure to bring your friends! We also found out some big news, Wade Allen will be our camp pastor! Wade, Joanna, and their children are BMAA missionaries in the Philipines and are excited to be visiting GMA camp again. Don't forget to mark your calendars for GMA camp 2013!

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

Lessons From The Horsegate

by Danny Kirk, Missions Director BMA of MO

I remember a day when I was a young boy that my father had taken my brother and me to a farm where he did some work. On the farm was a fenced-in area that contained a few cows and a couple of horses. My father went into this enclosed area and quickly put out some food for the livestock. Not wanting to close the gate behind him, he had instructed my brother and I to simply stand in the opening and if the horses approached they would not go past us if we stood our ground. Now we had no experience with horses and it sounded like a frightful task. Soon the horses came near and to us these huge and scary beasts were sending a clear message of "Get out of the way... We want out." When the horses got within 15 feet of us, we panicked and stepped aside. Of course, the horses accepted our invitation and ran through the opening. We watched our father run after those horses for the next couple of hours before he got them corralled behind the fence. It was a long ride home with Dad!



To this day, I have always wondered would the horses have stopped and not pushed past us if we had stayed put in that opening? If we had taken our father at his word, would we have found his instructions to be true? Had we been obedient to our Dad's instructions, would we have spared him hours of aggravation and unwanted exercise? That experience in my youth, has caused me to think about my relationship with my Heavenly Father as well. How many times have I received instructions from God and then disobeyed? How many times have I missed out on seeing God in action because I was afraid and did not trust Him?

I have always been impressed with God's invitation in Malachi 3:10: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

God is addressing the Israelites regarding their neglect in tithing and in giving offerings. God invites them to obey, but He also invites them to prove Him, to test Him, that with their obedience, they would see that He would be faithful to provide for them in abundance. In this instance the scripture text is speaking of giving, but I believe that God's invitation to "prove" or "test" Him applies to us in every area of obedience. That if we will be obedient to His instructions, to His Word, we will find Him faithful and true. In this life, we will be challenged everyday in our obedience to God's word and His plan for our life. Will we trust Him and stand upon His word despite our fears and the opposition of others?

The following are some of the lessons that I have slowly learned over the years:

1. It is wise to give prayerful consideration to those who have experience. My Dad knew far more about horses than I did...and I have met many older Christians who have made

2012 Regional Walk for the World Winners

Diane Ward • National Walk Coordinator

In addition to the 2012 Overall and Per Capita Walk winners, we would like to recognize the leading churches in each particular region. A special thanks to each of these churches as well as all other churches who contributed to the annual event.

LIFEWORD 2012 WALK FOR THE WORLD • REGIONAL WINNERS

| Region | Church | Location | Contribution Amount |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Missouri | *Kewanee | Kewanee, MO | \$ 20,100.00 |
| Louisiana | *Hall Summit | Hall Summit, LA | \$ 18,680.63 |
| North Central Arkansas | Spring Creek | Springdale, AR | \$ 11,930.00 |
| Northeast Texas | Rosewood | Gilmer, TX | \$ 10,054.00 |
| Oklahoma | Southgate | Moore, OK | \$ 5,032.60 |
| South Mississippi | Evergreen | Seminary, MS | \$ 4,870.00 |
| Metroplex | South Park | Fort Worth, TX | \$ 4,287.00 |
| South Arkansas | Spring Lake | Texarkana, TX | \$ 3,563.00 |
| Central West Texas | Beacon Hill | Waco, TX | \$ 3,249.30 |
| North Mississippi | Skyway Hills | Pearl, MS | \$ 3,096.00 |
| Southeast Texas | Mahl | Nacogdoches, TX | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Southeastern US | Helton Road | Theodore, AL | \$ 2,320.00 |
| West Coast | Memorial | Fremont, CA | \$ 1,501.00 |
| At Large | Grace | Post Falls, ID | \$ 1,063.00 |

*Kewanee, Kewanee, MO, 2012 Overall Walk for the World winner.

*Hall Summit, Hall Summit, LA, 2012 Per Capita Walk for the World winner.

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pens, note pads, videos, and promotional literature. Please stop by and visit. Remember, we represent each of you in this ministry.

Moral Action Freedom Offering

Please make plans to pray and give financial gifts to this department for the July 4th Freedom Celebration. Since July 4, 2013 will be on a Thursday this year, we are suggesting that you consider my life easier with their wise counsel.

2. Although the task of obedience can be scary and filled with unknowns, I have a faithful God who goes with me. The will of God will never take us where the grace of God cannot sustain us.

3. I can experience God's blessings and best for me because of my obedience or I can accept something very sub-standard because of my disobedience and stubborn willfulness. I think the choice is clear.

4. God loves being put to the test for He loves showing Himself faithful on our behalf. "...and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing..."

giving your offerings on June 30 or July 7. We need your gift, whether large or small.

Moral Action on the Web

Visit our site at www.macbma.net. You will find much information related to this ministry. Some of the topics included are our purpose, current trustees, and morality action alerts. You may visit the Moral Action archives for past and present articles of interest. There are available links to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and U.S. Supreme Court. You will find access to Focus on the Family, American Family

Association and the Family Research Council. Contacts are also listed for myself and this ministry whether by e-mail, telephone or written communication. We would be honored to hear from each of you.

"God and Country Rallies"

I had the honor recently to participate in "God and Country" rallies in Laurel, MS and Waxahachie, TX. Feel free to contact me if you are interested in scheduling an area wide or association wide event. These are one-night patriotic events. Plans are being made at this time

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8) That the auxiliary follow the WMA Plan of Work, and/or the suggested Alternate Study in the Women's Missionary Auxiliary Manual and Guidebook, or a plan of activities and study appropriate to your local group.

Ladies, if your group has met the above standards over the past twelve months, please send your name and address in order to receive a certificate at the 2013 meeting of the WMA of the BMAA, no later than April 1, 2013 to:

Janet Widger, 1st Vice President
7409 Rupert Ave.
Richmond Heights, MO 63117

Food For Thought...

Please Note: "Food For Thought" articles have been submitted by the author for print, but do not necessarily express the opinion of the editor or the BMA of Missouri. Reasonable replies or rebuttals of articles in this section will be considered for future publication when submitted with the writer's name and the name of the church to which they belong and will be printed with the article.

Committed to One

By Don Burke, Pastor
Breton Creek Baptist Church
Potosi, MO

"Pastor, I have committed my life to one thing: pursuing the material things of this world. I earned my first million dollars before I turned thirty. My wife and I live in a multi-million dollar house in a gated community in the nicest area of the city. I buy a brand new sports car each year to add to my collection. Anything that can be bought, you can bet that I've owned one of them. I've chosen my course, I've pursued my goals..., and I have never looked back."

If you were witnessing to his man as he told about his life and his choices, what would you do? Would you walk away, feeling that he is beyond salvation because of his choice to pursue material things? After all, didn't Jesus say that we can only serve one – either wealth, or God (Matthew 6:24)? And there is no doubt that this man has chosen the first one. So would you think that his choosing wealth prevents him from legitimately turning to God?

Well, Jesus certainly didn't think so. He met people that had chosen wealth (the rich young ruler, probably Zacchaeus), and yet He still gave them the chance to leave their first choice behind and choose God. How could He do that when He said that a person could only choose or serve one? It's obviously because Jesus meant that a person can only serve one of these at a time. And if, like Zacchaeus, the man mentioned above leaves his earlier choice and chooses another

option (God and His salvation) he will still be only serving one – a different "one," but still only one. I'll get back to this in a moment.

Not long ago I was in a discussion about the qualifications of a certain minister for a lead position in a new ministry. Some of my friends and fellow pastors in this discussion – men that I genuinely love and respect – thought that this minister was unqualified for such a position because he had been divorced. When asked to explain, their objections revolved around only one thing: The Bible's requirement outline by Paul that the overseer (pastor) be "the husband of one wife" (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:6). These objecting brethren believed that the intentions behind this phrase disqualified all divorced men from having a lead position in a church.

After hearing the reaction from these beloved brethren, I went home and researched this Bible phrase. "The husband of one wife" is the English translation of the Greek words *mias gunaikos andra*. *Andra* is a very common word (over 200 occurrences) in the Greek New Testament, and pretty much speaks of a person that is male. Over 150 times it is translated as a form of "man/men;" and some 50 times it is translated as a form of "husband" (as here). Whether it is translated as "man" or "husband" is solely determined by the context.

Gunaikos also has over 200 occurrences, and it is basically the feminine counterpart of *andra*. It is a basic word that simply means "woman" or "wife," and like *andra* the difference in how it is interpreted is solely determined by the context.

Finally, *mias* simply means "one" or "of one," referring to quantity, a place, etc.

At this point we must for the moment lay aside our traditions and all previous conclusions and ask ourselves what do these three little Greek words imply. Obviously the two words for man/husband and woman/wife do not in themselves speak of the kind of limitations in question – they only indicate that the phrase refers to a husband-wife issue and doesn't tell us

much more. So, it seems that the whole objection comes down to what the single word "one" is intended to imply.

As we put the three words together (and rearranging them so they makes sense in English), we find that this little phrase translates into, "[a] man of one woman" or "[a] husband of one wife." Or as one of my Greek instructors cleverly phrased it, he is "a one-woman man." But does "one" mean an only-one-for-all-times woman/wife, or does it rather refer to a man that is genuinely committed to the one woman that he is with?

This brings me back to my introductory story. Let's say that after witnessing to that man you happened to bump into him a year later, and he tells you that he has been saved. This man who was serving one thing (material wealth) is still serving something else (God). Are you uncomfortable with that? Has he broken Christ's declaration that he can't serve two? Of course not. He is still only serving one thing – even if it is a different one thing.

Did you know that Jesus used the same Greek word in Mt 6:24 that Paul used in 1Tim. 3:2? So it only makes sense that if we accept that a man who chooses a different master can still be serving only one master, then we must also accept that a minister that is divorced and married to a different wife can still be only married to one wife – that he can still be "the husband of one wife." And if the husband of one wife, he is therefore not automatically disqualified by 1Tim. 3:2 from being an overseer/leading-pastor.

Am I saying that divorce never disqualifies a man from a ministry position? No, I am not. A divorce may be an indicator of personal issues that might well prevent a man from holding such a position. But while no one should turn a blind eye to indicators that are there, it seems that the scriptures make it clear that divorce and remarriage does not disqualify a man on the misguided understanding that

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.

Billy Davis, a member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Sikeston, is available for pulpit supply or as the Lord leads. Contact him at 573-48-9652 (home) or 573-521-8028 (cell) after 4:00 p.m. -01-

Caleb Houston, youth pastor of Kewanee Baptist Church, is available for weekend youth events, pulpit supply, and preaching appointments as the Lord leads. Contact him at 573-521-7826 or calebhouston@yahoo.com. -01-

Troy Sisk, a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Sikeston, is available for pulpit supply as the Lord leads. Contact him at 573-421-2396 -01-

Danny Kirk, Director of Missions for the BMA of Missouri and former pastor of Lindsay Lane Baptist Church, Florissant, MO is available for pulpit supply. Contact him by e-mail: danny@youneedcoaching.com or by calling 314-265-6265. -01-

Lesley Cantrell, a member of Bethel Baptist Church, Sikeston, is available for pulpit supply. Contact him at 573-258-9135. -3-

Perrin Seay, a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, St. Louis, is available for pulpit supply and pastoral service as God leads. Contact him at 4115 Passport Lane, Oakville, MO 63129 or by calling 314-402-0906. -3-

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for 2013 rallies in Florida, Arkansas, and Mississippi.

Moral Action Van

You did it! During the 2011-2012 year, God used many of our BMA Churches, Associations, Auxiliaries, Brotherhoods and individuals to help purchase a new 2013 fifteen passenger Ford van for this ministry. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Max and Debbie Story of Magnolia, AR. in this purchase.

We are humbled by your graciousness. You may view the van at the BMA National meeting in Norman, OK. Praise be to our God!

Please pray for this ministry that we might stand for truth in a time when men do not want to hear the truth.

he is automatically no longer "the husband of one wife."

The time has come – and is long overdue – for us to take an honest look at the intentions of God's Word and see if our convictions truly match them. Do we depend more on what some genuine-but-possibly-mistaken person has taught us down through the years than we do on what an honest study of His Word clearly shows? Are we dangerously close to following in the footsteps of the Pharisees who relied and made demands based upon their own traditions and never stopped to really notice that they did

not truly reflect God's intentions?

In closing I ask you to ponder this: The God that says that we can only commit ourselves to one thing – does He allow us to change that commitment from one thing to another one? If no, then it's time to put our evangelism on the shelf and let it collect dust, for there would be no chance for change for mankind that is already committed to sin. But if yes, then it seems that we must now reconsider any misconstrued ideas of what "husband of one wife" does – and what it does not – rule out.