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Philippians 2:16

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## Camp Garwood

As camp season quickly approaches, we have several things to report.

First, though I don't have details at this time. Thanks to each one who helped with camp emphasis Sunday. We hope to have a great report on this next month. It appears that many churches are helping make this a great event to benefit Camp Garwood.

This years Spring retreat, April 1-2 is quickly approaching. I'm still working on the details. We know we will be doing more than paintball. Watch for details on Camp Garwood's Facebook page as this will take place before another paper will be printed.

Please notice Bro. Baker has some details on the Men's retreat on page 7 of this paper. The dates are May 13-14. We always have a great time at the Men's retreat.

There will be opportunities for you to help us prepare for camp week which is **July 25th - 29th**. The theme this year is **“Fruit of the Spirit”** taken from Galatians 5:22-23, *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”* Our speaker is Bro. Steven Carroll. I've heard a lot of great things about Bro. Carroll and look forward to meeting him.

We are working on some new recreation activities for camp. Some of them are in the testing stage. We are hoping to do further tests at the Spring Retreat.

Happy Easter to each of you, **He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!**

Bro. Chris

### Symposium Offering Recipient and Goal

The Special Missions Committee recommends that the recipient for this year's Symposium Special offering be the *Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper* and that we challenge the churches to cooperate in reaching a goal of \$5,000 for this offering.

Please prayerfully bring an offering to the Symposium May 20, 2016

## Harper Family Singing Saturday, April 23rd • 3:00 p.m.

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## A Symposium You Should Not Want to Miss!!

“As America Has Done to Israel”

Presenter: Bro. Jeff Swart



“Bro. Jeff is the Pastor at First Baptist Church in Galena, Kansas. He also currently serves as 2nd Vice President of the BMA of America. He is a student of biblical prophecy and is highly regarded as a teacher on the subject. This session will look into what the future holds for our country and what believers should be doing in light of our soon coming King.

We have invited Bro. Swart to come to our Symposium and Mid-year Meeting. He will be speaking Friday evening starting at 6:00 and also in our worship time during the Mid-year Meeting on Saturday.

The following is Bro. Swart's summary of what he is going to present in these sessions:

*“The opening verses of Genesis chapter 12 are some of the most important verses in the entire Bible. A key thought in this passage is found in verse 3: “I [Yahweh] will bless those who bless you [Abraham and his seed], and whoever curses you I will curse.” This statement is part of the Abrahamic Covenant, an unconditional covenant that God made with the nation of Israel to bless any nation that blessed Israel and punish any nation that did not treat Israel kindly.*

*In these messages entitled, “As America Has Done to Israel,” Bro. Jeff Swart will explain the Abrahamic Covenant, dem-*

An early reminder...

## BMA of Missouri Mission Symposium & Mid-Year Meeting

**Mission Symposium - 6:00 p.m. - May 20th**  
**Mid-Year Meeting - 9:00 a.m. - May 21st**

**Stony Point Missionary Baptist Church**  
**13129 Old Highway E**  
**Mineral Point, MO**

**Symposium Offering Goal - \$5,000.**  
**for the Missouri Missionary Baptist**

*onstrate that it is still in effect by giving 20th century examples of how the judgment of God came upon several nations who broke this covenant, and then conclude by demonstrating how America has broken the Abrahamic Covenant hundreds of times since 1991 and continuing up to this very day. You will be amazed as you realize that there is a direct correlation between America breaking the Abrahamic Covenant and America immediately experiencing the worst natural disasters in American history. This message is a warning to America! If this country that we love does not change her course, change her tone, and drop her demands upon God's chosen people—then the judgment of God that has already begun will destroy our treasured country!”*

We encourage you to come and enjoy this study and the fellowship with our Brothers and Sisters around the state.

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Bethel Baptist Church  
569 Bethel Church Road  
Lonedell, MO 63060

#### When:

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6:00 - 8:30 p.m. nightly  
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# +++ NEWS BRIEFS +++

Greetings from **Bethany, St. Louis**, once again. February brought many blessings as well as burdens for our congregation. Bro. Hoffmann had knee replacement the 8th. Sis. Pansy Parks had surgery on her eye the same week. Sis. Ella Beeler had repair work done on one knee the end of the month and we found out Sis. Eunice Compton has a fractured back due to an incident that happened where she is currently living. But God is blessing and healing in those incidents. We missed one weekend of services due to the beautiful snow fall and it again reminded us of the washing away of our sins by the blood of the lamb, The Harper's are coming to Bethany! April 23rd at 3:00 in the afternoon. Please mark your calendars and come and worship with us. Sis. Jean Stokes had a fall recently and injured her foot. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers at home. Please continue to pray for Bethany as she seeks God's will in making decisions. We thank God for Bro. and Sis. Dunn and their sweet family as they continue to work with us. Satan is also hard at work trying to destroy God's churches everywhere. But we know who will win this battle. Till we meet again,  
Nick Dunn, Interim Pastor • Kathy Chapman Reporter

**Antioch, Ellington**, sends a big HELLO as we have entered the new year with many blessings from the Lord. Three additions have been added to our church family: Sis. Mary Marcher came on statement 5/17/15 and Bro. J.C. and Sis. Brenda Huddleston came on statement 1/10/16. Sis. Brenda plays the piano and this is a blessing that we have not had for some time. We hosted the 5th Sunday Singing with all churches in the Logan Creek Association represented. The singing and fellowship were enjoyed by all. Word came that Bro. Charles Evans had undergone throat surgery. We heard he is doing well. Please keep him in your prayers. We have completed our Sunday School quarterlies and are studying books of the Bible. We have gone through Revelation. We are enjoying Bro. Michael's inspiring messages and are blessed to have him as our pastor. Church was closed on the 14th due to sleet and snow. In closing, may the Lord bless each of you in a very special way.  
Michael Huddleston, Pastor • Mary Marcher, Reporter

Greetings from **Ozark Heights, Potosi**. We pray everything is well with you all. We have had a great last few months. I apologize for not getting a report for last month. We were excited after Youth Alive this past December. One of our youth, Alysa Griggs, had decided to follow her profession of faith from last year and be baptized. We have seen many of our youth come to know the Lord in VBS, church camp, and Youth Alive. These are wonderful programs that really work and we are so thankful for those who are involved in these outreaches. In February we had our Valentine Banquet filled with laughter, fellowship, and good food. Also, in this month we had another one of our youth, Ben Schults, make a profession of faith, followed by being baptized. The Lord is truly good and faithful. Our children's church is really effective and we see that in our youngsters. We are getting ready for our Good Friday Service on the 25th of March at 7 p.m. We are prayerfully wanting to reach the Lost in our community on this night. Also, we will be doing special music on Easter Sunday.  
Brian Meade, Pastor • Dawn Meade, reporter

HELLO TO ALL from **Oak Hill, Alton!!** The month of February really went by fast. February 14th Valentine's Day we had planned on having a time of fellowship and play some games in our Fellowship Hall. Services on the fourteenth were cancelled because of the snow and ice we received. February

21st our assistant Sunday that evening is when we have our song and talent time we had that then we dismissed and went over to our Fellowship Hall and enjoyed some finger foods then we played some games. Our kids made Gak or Flubber by using four ingredient's Borax(washing detergent), Elmer's glue, food coloring and water. They had fun making it by putting some Elmer's glue in a zip lock bag and then adding some Borax and water and food coloring and then closing the zip lock bag and squishing the mixture. We also enjoyed hearing some of the answers from our adults on questions to see how compatible our couples were. Some of the questions that were asked were: where they went on their first date and what was their favorite show, color, food, and restaurant. Some of our couples had a hard time remembering their first date, but we all had a good time. Our men had their breakfast February 27th and from what I have heard about it is they had a very good time of food and fellowship. They also decided to have Men's Breakfast every month on the last Saturday of the month. Events in March include on the twelfth we need to set our clocks forward one hour. We Spring forward and they say we will lose an hour of sleep but you have to think that means more sunlight. Our Men's Breakfast will be March 26th over in our Fellowship Hall. March 27th Easter Sunday we are going to have an Easter egg hunt for the kids during our Sunday school hour and we are going to have an Easter Special Singing that morning. Until next month I hope I will have some 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

**Kewanee, Kewanee**, We are getting closer to spring and we are all ready for warm

weather. Last month we had an addition to our church. Bro. Darren Hensley Jr came for membership. We are blessed to have this young man as a part of Kewanee Church. We are gearing up for Revival March 7-11 with Bro. Tom McCanless. We are looking forward to this schedule of meetings. Also, Bro. Joey Duckworth will be leaving March 14 for Nepal. He is going with the EIM team to aid the people there that suffered great loss due to the earthquake last year. Please be in prayer for Bro. Joey and all those going. We are very proud of this young man and his willingness and desire to do God's work wherever he is needed. Easter Sunday we will have a special service. Our choir has been practicing since January on our cantata. We will also be doing this on the Friday before Easter for those that attend other churches so they can enjoy this presentation. We pray all are doing well and we continue to pray for all our churches.  
Dan Wisely, Pastor • Terri Adams, Reporter

**Zion, St. Louis**, sends greetings to her sister churches. Within the last few weeks, we have experienced Winter and Summer like weather. Because of the snow and extreme cold, services were canceled two different times. Isn't Missouri weather wonderful! Although few in number we continue to have good spirit-filled services at Zion. We certainly enjoy having Bro. Roy and Sis. Pam Callahan visiting in our services. After several weeks of being off work for a broken foot, Bro. Roy has finally been able to return to work. The Callahan's son-in-law is in Afghanistan so we ask prayer for protection for him and peace and comfort for his wife and children. We've had some out with colds and other health reasons but thankful most seem to be on the mend and back in services. Zion ladies are getting ready to attend the annual State WMA meeting that will be at Stony Point Baptist Church and then the following week, we will be going to the Washington County District WMA meeting which will also meet at Stony Point. March 27th we will be celebrating EASTER. If you know the Lord as your personal Savior, everyday is Easter. My prayer is for all to come to know the RISEN LORD! God Bless you all. Pray for Zion as we pray for you.  
Dennis Baker, Pastor • Norma Womble, Reporter

Greetings from **Bethlehem, Doniphan!** God is still pouring out His blessings on us! We had the pleasure of hosting Youth In The Harvest this month. There were seven churches represented. We learned more about the disciples and numbers in  
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## FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • February 2016

### General Fund:

Balance January 31, 2016		\$	126,362.89
February Receipts:	\$	<u>3,169.10</u>	\$ <u>3,169.10</u>
Total Available		\$	129,531.99
Disbursements:			
Assistant Director's Salary	\$	<u>450.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$	<u>450.00</u>	\$ <u>(450.00)</u>
Balance February 29, 2016:		\$	129,081.99

### From Our Assistant Director...

Plans have been made to have an interesting Mission Symposium and Mid-year Meeting of the BMA of Missouri in May. Bro. Jeff Swart will be speaking on a subject that should be of interest to all of us in the Lord's work. (See page 1).

I am praying that many will make plans to attend both meetings on Friday and Saturday. Bro. Swart led one of the breakout sessions at our national meeting last year and he had a very interesting presentation.

Last month I put a notice in the Baptist Trumpet (the BMA of Arkansas newspaper) that some of our churches in Missouri were seeking pastors. I have received some calls and emails from inquiring preachers and will pass that information on to seeking churches as applicable. Let's pray God will provide good leaders for His work here in our state.

I appreciate the cooperation of Bro. Claude Evans, the pastor of Stony Point Baptist Church as we have made plans for these meetings they will host in May. At his suggestion

the Special Missions Committee recommended that we receive a special offering for the *Missouri Missionary Baptist paper* at the Symposium and that we set a goal of \$5,000 for this offering. Your cooperation in this effort will be appreciated and will be a blessing to this ministry.

Let's prayerfully approach our Mid-Year Meeting and gather to learn, to plan, to go forward in our ministries for the honor and glory of God.

Pray for His leadership in strengthening existing works and planting new ones!

## Missions Around The World

### The Philippines...

Mabuhay! We are excited to share with you all that God is doing in our corner of the world. The first Asia Pacific Missionary Conference was held not far from our home (see article below) and it was truly a joy to be with fellow missionaries. All of the staff that came from the United States did a fabulous job caring for the entire family. God's Spirit was definitely in our midst and energized us for the tasks ahead.

We had the privilege of showing Phil Knott the new BMA work that is growing in the Ilocos Norte Region of the Philippines. Pastor Armand and wife Agnes are working faithfully with the young scholars. The Level Ministries continues to grow and they have many needs that you could help support.

Remy and Chita Mae Bulohabo served many years in Micronesia. Many thanks to those who gave to the library and Christmas Shoe Boxes that brought hope to the island children. The Bulohabos have moved back to the Philippines and are praying for God to open a new door for mission work.

On a personal note~ our daughter Charisa recently got engaged and is planning a wedding for April 16th. We will be traveling back home for this joyous occasion. We will use this time to get medical attention as well. Our time will also include attending the National Meeting in Tennessee. We hope to see you there.

Please pray for our safety in travels, and that the Lord will provide healing. Also our current rental home has been put on the market for sale. Please pray that God will give us clear direction concerning where we should base our ministry.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT!

Fil & Lisa and Justine Kakilala

### Dominican Republic...

After filling out reports for the office I realized how helpful it is for me to stop and reflect on what has happened in the

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### BMAA Missions.....

## Missionary Care - A Priority and Personal Ministry

The 2016 Asia-Pacific Missionary Care Conference in San Pablo, Philippines, was held February 5-9. Seven countries were represented by forty-four missionaries and their families: Burma-Myint and Mal Aung, Rama and Lahlu Bochung; Cambodia-John and Louela Page; China-Dar Li, the Johnsons, the Andersons, Jojo, Radarlyn, RJ, DJ, and Jaja Vallejera; India-Jeremiah, Abigail, Evan and Ethan Shetti; Prashant, Golda, Joanna and Jason Prakash; Laos-Joy Vargas; Philippines-Danny and Rita Ballard; Sam, Dawn, Tristan, Zane, and Seth Freeman; Fil, Lisa, and Justine Kakilala; Doug and Diane Lee; Doyle Moore; Vincent and Maraya Ferrer; Thailand-Brandon, Brittney, and Josie Lingle.

According to Assistant Director Sarah Hamilton, the mission statement of BMA Missionary Care "is ongoing preparation, equipping and ministry to missionary personnel so they may be fruitful in life and ministry."

Sarah explained that "Missionary Care Conferences fulfill that mission statement through gospel worship, teaching and fellowship. During worship time, missionaries had a chance to revel in the beauty of the gospel and respond in praise. Gospel teaching from God's Word emphasized prayer, life matters, field ministry, effective communication and family worship. Lastly, gospel fellowship was enjoyed when brothers and sisters of the body of Christ encouraged each other,



2016 Asia Pacific Missionary Care Conference attendees pose for a picture on the last day.

er, prayed for one another and shared what it is to live out the gospel in a foreign land. Each aspect of the conference is intended to help them see and savor Jesus who is the center of the gospel, because he is the Good News that they first embraced and now gladly share with the nations."

The four night, five-day event took place at the Rizal ReCreation Center, a Christian campground and conference center, and began with a "Get to Know You" session

followed by a message on the theme of "Prayer," which was continued each of the remaining three nights. Each morning there were breakout sessions and each afternoon included free time, giving missionaries a chance to get to know each other, the counselors in attendance, BMA staff members and lay leaders.

Director Jerry Kidd said, "Our prayer is that we can encourage and strengthen missionaries so they can spread

the gospel as effectively as possible, to as many as possible, for as long as possible. Conference attendees told us they weren't sure at first about the conference, but once it was over, they realized it was exactly what their entire family needed. Another attendee commented, 'Before the meeting, I didn't realize that I was so dry spiritually. The preaching, teaching and singing truly renewed my spirit.' When I asked the children what they enjoyed the most, one of them replied, 'the kids' Bible study.'"

If you would like to encourage and pray for these and other missionaries, be sure to order your Missionary Prayer Calendar at [bmamissions.org](http://bmamissions.org), where you will find their contact information. Missionary Care Conferences are financed through the Missions general fund, which anyone can give to at the same website.

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the Bible. And, not to forget about Valentine's Day, we also did a little quiz on who belongs to whom. I think children of all ages enjoyed the quizzes. We are gaining ground for the LifeWord Community Radio Station. A total of \$400 has been pledged so far to the Radio Station. Praise the Lord! The 3rd Sunday Singing was at Naylor MBC for February. What awesome voices some of their members have that God has blessed them with. Bethlehem didn't get to participate this month as most of us are under the weather and trying to get our voices back. But hopefully we will be better by the next singing. A man happened to stop by the church one day as Bro. C.H. Colburn was there and he asked if he could give him a quote for cleaning the outside of our church building. The quote he gave was extremely high (or at least it was a quote that we thought was extremely high). A few days later he contracted Bro. Colburn with a more reasonable quote and a date set to clean it. Praise the Lord, our building has been cleaned! Please keep praying for us as we search for a Pastor. Pray we stay strong and don't give up. Until next month may the Lord bless and keep us all!

Yvonne Hill, Asst. Reporter

**Bates Creek, Potosi**, reports that the WMA took the month of January off but we are running full speed ahead now. Last Christmas, our church had a float in the local parade and passed out several things but the thing that got our attention the most was how much people appreciated and enjoyed getting a bible. So, our 2016 local project is to collect as many bibles as we can to pass out in our own community. Our men are restarting a Brotherhood. They kicked it off with a fish fry. A total of 12 men attended. A good time of fellowship was reported by all. A special thanks to Mac Jarvis for hosting it in his garage. We also have a praise this month. We have been requesting prayer for Bro. David Evans. Bro. David came through surgery great and is feeling and walking so much better. Another praise is we have had four visiting families. Wow!!! Thank you Lord for showing us just how much you are at work. Pray for each of these families. Finally, we are praying for our future pastor. We know that God has a special man for Bates Creek. Join us in praying for him.

Sara Buckley, church reporter

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ministry. You're a vital part of our ministry so I wanted to also encourage you with this reflection. Our ministry is encouraging, coaching and training other leaders. The only way I know to see if this is being successful or not is to look at the ministries of those we are ministering to. Not everything we tried to do this past year has been successful, but through God's help, your prayers and a lot of work on the part of those we minister to, God has done great things here.

In 2015 two different ministries to children and youth were started. The first is a children's program in Bienvenido. They meet in the carport of the parsonage below the church. They have packed out the little carport and just bought about 40 more chairs, because more kids are still coming. The second is the multi-church outreach to the juvenile detention center that I told you about last month. At the last meeting we had 5 of the youth come forward and ask for God's forgiveness. Beyond these 2 ministries several people came to Christ in the evangelism ministry in Sanchez and the church there has grown because of it. Also, the children's program that Rebecca is working with right now has seen new life and become an encouragement to people even outside of that ministry.

These are just a few highlights of the things we get to see and be a part of all the time. I don't share these with you to say look what we have done, because that is not true. I share this to say God has been working here and that is in large part

## **CBC Baseball to Participate in Cardinals Amateur Game Program**

(Conway, Ark.) Central Baptist College Mustang Baseball team will be the first team in Arkansas to play a game in Busch Stadium. The agreement between the St. Louis Cardinals organization was announced at a press conference held on the CBC campus on Wednesday, February 10, 2016.

The CBC Mustangs will play St. Louis Community College on October 1, 2016 in Busch Stadium immediately following the Cardinals game with the Pittsburgh Pirates. The CBC game is tentatively set to begin at 6:15 p.m.

CBC Coach Dr. Aaron Brister said, "With our new American Midwest Conference headquarters being in the St. Louis metro, this is definitely a recruiting area for us. We are excited to give our players the opportunity to play in this venue."

The Mustangs were runner up finishers in the National Christian College Athletic Association's (NCCA) Central Region Tournament in 2015. The Mustangs received an invitation to play in their first ever NCCA World Series and finished the season with a school record of 31 wins.

"The St. Louis Cardinals Amateur Game Program has been an ongoing experience for more than 30 years here in St. Louis," said Cardinals Account Executive Jesse Blackstock. "Hopefully the participation of CBC this

due to your prayers and support of this ministry and the people here. Be encouraged and know that God is using you to make a difference. Thank you!!

### **Praise...**

• We had 2 ladies from Chile come to the churches here while on vacation and stayed for about a month blessing

## **The Five Problem People in Every Church and How to Deal with Them**

Conflict is difficult—especially in churches. Yet every pastor must deal with difficult people who frequently create problems for the congregation. But how are pastors supposed to talk to difficult people? When does a pastor approach a difficult person? How is the gospel seen when dealing with a difficult person?

For the March 2016 Tuesday Talks, DiscipleGuide Church Solutions Director Todd West will discuss five problem people found in most churches and share ideas for dealing with them peacefully. Todd will draw on pastoral experience as he addresses gospel-centered measures for solving issues while helping the problem people grow in Christ.

Tuesday Talks is released the second Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. Each webcast covers a wide variety of subjects that seek to strengthen the church and equip pastors. Tuesday Talks can be seen on DiscipleGuide's Facebook page and at [BMALife.com/tv](http://BMALife.com/tv). You can also follow along with each broadcast on DiscipleGuide's Twitter (@DiscipleGuide). If you miss a Tuesday Talks or want to see a previous one, visit [discipleguide.org/tuesdaytalks](http://discipleguide.org/tuesdaytalks).

### **Future 2016 Tuesday Talks webcasts include:**

- "Delicate Souls: Responsible Child Evangelism" with David Moore
- "Should I Have a Membership Class?" with Adam Thomas
- "Cultural Shifts Every Church Must Be Prepared For" with Brandon Cox
- "Responsible Sermon Prep: Because Souls are at Stake" with Dr. Joel Slayton
- "Becoming a Community Church" with Brett Lester

More information on each Tuesday Talks will be made available on DiscipleGuide's Facebook page and at [discipleguide.org](http://discipleguide.org).

season will serve as a blueprint for others in the state to follow in the future."

"It's a wonderful opportunity for our student-athletes, and we appreciate the Cardinals allowing us to participate in this unbelievable experience. We hope that all Central Baptist College students, faculty and alumni will join us at the Cardinals game and stay afterwards to watch our Mustangs," said CBC President Terry Kimbrow.

Y107 will partner with

the ministry in many ways.

### **Prayer Requests...**

- God would raise up more pastors and leaders in the areas where they are still needed in the Dominican churches.
- We have made plans and started to move forward in a new phase of our ministry

CBC in bringing this exciting special event to life. JR Runyon will be doing live play by play from Busch Stadium on My Country Y107 and online at [Y107fm.com](http://Y107fm.com).

Tickets are \$15 for general admission for both games and are available at [www.cbc.edu/cardinals](http://www.cbc.edu/cardinals) or by calling 501-205-8920.

Promotional Video Link and Audio Link available at [www.cbc.edu/cardinals](http://www.cbc.edu/cardinals)

that we hope will allow us to have more impact on more of the ministries at the same time. Please pray that this works out as God wills.

• For God's help as the Loyola church tries to start a youth ministry again after not having one for over a year.

*Jesse, Rebecca, Colton  
& Elisha Hales*

# Updates Concerning the BMAA Meeting in Gatlinburg, Tennessee

## Larnelle Harris to Perform at BMAA National Meeting in Gatlinburg

Legendary vocalist Larnelle Harris will perform at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27, at the BMAA National meeting in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. BMAA president Jason Aultman explains, "I believe our people will be blessed and encouraged by Larnelle's powerful voice and inspirational ministry."

The only person in history to be a member of the Gospel Music Hall of Fame, the Amateur Radio Hall of Fame and the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame, Larnelle Harris is admired by fans and peers alike for his majestic tenor voice. Larnelle has become the epitome of talent and integrity in a career that spans over three decades and includes numerous accolades for his music including five Grammy Awards, eleven Dove Awards (three of which were for Male Vocalist of the Year), and a Stellar Award among other honors. He has garnered nineteen #1 radio singles and countless top ten hits. Songs such as "How Excellent Is Thy Name," "I Miss My Time with You," "I've Just Seen Jesus," plus many others including his signature song, "Amen" are now considered modern classics.

From the White House to the danger zone of the Thirty-eighth Parallel, Larnelle has impacted audiences across the globe with his music and ministry. He was the first Christian artist to perform inside the Kremlin after the fall of the Soviet Union. He is one of a handful of celebrities to receive the Ad Council's Silver Bell Award for Distinguished Public Service in recognition of his song "Mighty Spirit" as the theme song for the longest-running Public Service Announcement in television history. Larnelle was recently honored by his home state of Kentucky with the Governor's Lifetime Achievement Award in the Arts, making him the first Christian artist to receive the honor.

Larnelle continues to tour worldwide, with recent dates at Carnegie Hall and in Paris, France. He performed for the National Day of Prayer event in Washington D.C. in May of 2015 and will sing for the United Nations Ambassadors later in the fall. In addition to his numerous solo dates, Larnelle also travels with various multi-artist tours including this fall's Compassion International Savior Tour, the Gaither Homecoming tour, the God of All Glory tour, and the Sandi Patty & Friends tour, the latter of which CCM Magazine reviewed and described Harris as having a "larger-than-life stage presence with impeccable vocal prowess."

The BMAA national meeting begins Monday, April 25, and will conclude on Wednesday, April 27. For more information, including a list of official hotels, visit [bmaamerica.org/nationalmeeting](http://bmaamerica.org/nationalmeeting).

## The Importance of using our "Blocked" Rooms in Gatlinburg A Reminder to Make Your Reservations

**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.** The following hotels have "Blocks" of rooms for

## 2016 BMA Seminary Dinner at BMAA Meeting Cancelled

Due to the shortage of available facilities and caterers, the BMA Seminary Dinner scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. has been cancelled. We look forward to seeing you at the BMA Seminary Dinner in 2017 in Arlington, Texas.

our group:

• **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 (all blocked rooms used already)

**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/motels. Please help us fill these first to cap the cost

## Johnny Hunt to be Featured at BMAA National Meeting

Johnny Hunt, pastor of First Baptist Church in Woodstock, Georgia, will be the featured keynote speaker at this year's BMAA National Meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27. According to BMAA president Jason Aultman, "His love for and knowledge of church revitalization will deliver a timely message for our churches. Hunt's message will be an excellent complement to our missionary commissioning that evening."

In his twenty-nine years as pastor of First Baptist Church, Hunt says his focus has been on "others." While the church has experienced significant growth under his leadership, it is growth of the person, not the platform that continues to energize a ministry that sees its best days ahead.

Foremost among the "others" he lives for are his wife of forty-five years Janet Allen Hunt, his two daughters Deanna Carswell and Hollie Hixson, and his four grandchildren Katie, Carson, Hope and Addie.

Before coming to Woodstock, Pastor Johnny served at three churches in North Carolina: Lavonia Baptist Church in Mooresboro, Falls Baptist Church in Wake Forest, and his home church, Longleaf Baptist Church in Wilmington.

Pastor Johnny's educational credits include a B.A. in Religion from Gardner-Webb College where he was voted Ministerial Student of the Year in 1979. He continued on to Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary where he earned a Masters of Divinity in 1981. Southeastern honored Pastor Johnny in 1997 by naming him Chair of Biblical Preaching in 1997. He has also received several honorary doctorates over the years for his work in ministry.

For more information on the BMAA national meeting, go to [bmaamerica.org/nationalmeeting](http://bmaamerica.org/nationalmeeting).

## Updates By Committee on Arrangements

The Committee on Arrangements would like for you to know that the parking at the Convention Center in Gatlinburg is very limited. There is pay parking close by. However the city has promised to supply trolley service from each of the hotels to be available for all of the sessions. Most of the hotels are within walking distance of the Convention Center but we realize that there are some who may not be able to make these walks. We do encourage you to take advantage of the trolley service.

The Courtyard (Marriott) is on the hotel list but we have been informed that the room block is small and that all of the block has already been taken. Please take advantage of the other hotels listed for the BMAA. The listed hotels will give to the association a rebate that will lower the cost for us. We need that.

If the Committee on Arrangements can be of help please let us know.

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of the rental space.

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 and cooperation in this matter by using the "Blocked" Rooms.

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

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### *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 Sunbeam Report*

Greetings from the Sunbeams of the BMA. Our National Sunbeam Project is Shepherd Bags. We collected \$5,552.00 for the year 2014-2015. Trophies were given to each Sunbeam group that contributed \$500 or more and certificates were given to each group that contributed \$100 or more. The Sunbeams thank Arkansas grandparents who gave \$1,000 of this total.

Please accept my challenge. If 50 Sunbeam groups would contribute \$200 to this Project, we could reach our goal of \$10,000. EIM reports that one in three bags results in the salvation of a soul. Please join us in this project and help carry the gospel to lost souls.

If you would like to give a memorial to someone, this project would be an excellent way to do so. I will acknowledge the memorial to the family. Please send information necessary for the appropriate acknowledgement.

Please make your checks payable to National Sunbeam Project and mail them to:

**Sherry Laminack**  
**1047 Maple Ridge Drive**  
**Greenwood, AR 72936**

The Sunbeam lesson plans and visual aids are available to download from DiscipleGuide. The Flicker, Ray 1, Ray 2 and Beam 2 visuals are now available in color. The Beam 1 and Beacon visuals will be available in color soon. All of this material is free of charge. If you would like more information about the Sunbeam material, please contact me at jaslaminnack@cox.net and I will be happy to share this information with you.

Please pray that the Sunbeams of the BMA will be able to reach their goal of \$10,000 for the Shepherd Bag Ministry. We are excited to have a part in spreading the gospel and souls being saved.

*Sherry Laminack*, National Sunbeam Promoter

#### **Sunbeam Groups to Receive Trophy**

Pleasant Springs Baptist Church, McCaskill, AR \$500.

Denver Street Baptist Church, Greenwood, AR \$715.

Big Creek Baptist Church, Soso, MS \$1,000.

Myrtle Springs Baptist Church, Quitman, TX \$950.

North View Baptist Church, North Little Rock, AR \$752.

## *Priorities To Pursue*

by *Travis Plumlee 1956-2016*

What are your main priorities in your life right now? If you wrote them down on a piece of paper, would these priorities really reflect where you spend most of your time? Are these priorities in line with what God wants for us? If something is really our priority; we will spend time, effort, money and our energy pursuing these priorities. I think many people would list one set of priorities that they desire to follow. Then, I think that in reality, their life would show a different set of priorities based upon where they spend their time.

It is so easy to walk in the ways of the world isn't it? You have so many chores and errands that need to be done. You have appointments that need to be kept. Many people have work and school to attend. After work, there are so many chores to do. And of course, then there is the bodily need to rest from all of this activity. It is so easy to just plop down in front of the TV set and not even realize how many hours we have spent just sitting and watching the television. No matter how hard we strive to walk in the Spirit and focus on the things of God; the world constantly beckons us to turn from the things above, to the things of this earth. Yes, we must let the Spirit work in us rather than trying to live the Christian walk by our own strength and flesh. But even when we earnestly strive and desire to not be caught in the trappings of this world; it is still a daily need to nail those fleshly desires to the cross. Even though we desire to walk with the Lord, we still have to go to the grocery store and pay our bills.

Therefore, it is incumbent upon us all to routinely spend a little down time doing some self awareness. We need to come apart for a little while each week from the busyness of our lives, and reflect on how we are spending our life. Where does your time go? If we do not think about how much time we spend in the things of God and desiring the things of heaven rather than the things of this world ( Colossians 3:2); we will

let time slip away and grow further away. Romans 8:5, *"For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit."*

It is actually a gradual eroding of our walk with the Lord, and getting consumed with the things of the world. It is a slow drift. The devil is subtle in how he works in our life. He convinces us that it is okay to do this or that. It is no biggee. Besides, we deserve it. And slowly, hardly without noticing, the entire week has passed by and our priorities from the Bible have been neglected just because of the hectic lifestyle we have chosen to put ourselves in. I invite and encourage you to sit down as an individual, and as a family or couple and list what your priorities really are. Hopefully, they will be based upon scripture and what God desires for us as priorities. If you don't do this, then it is consistent human behavior to ignore these priorities and focus on selfish drives.

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### *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**  
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**Richmond Heights, MO 63117**  
**Or e-mail a response to:**  
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**I think it is a great gesture to honor our minister's wives & widows.**  
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**Brothers....** Dealing with men's issues  
and Promoting the Fellowship & Growth  
of Men in the BMA of Missouri

**Christ is Preeminent**

**Let No Man Rob You of Your Reward**

by Dennis Baker, Brotherhood President

*"Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God."* Colossians 2:18-19

The word "beguile" means to declare unworthy of a prize. It is an athletic term: the umpire disqualifies the contestant because he has not obeyed the rules. The contestant does not cease to be a citizen of the land, but he forfeits the honor of winning the prize. A believer who fails to obey God's directions does not lose his salvation. But he does lose the approval of the Lord and rewards He has promised to those who are faithful. 1 Corinthians 3:5-8, *"Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase."* Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor..." Most believers probably serve the Lord out of love and devotion and never think about rewards. Just as there will be degrees of punishment in hell; so will there be degrees of glory in heaven—even though all believers will be like Christ in their glorified bodies. Matthew 23:14, *"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation,"* The Puritan Thomas Watson said it perfectly; "Though every vessel of mercy shall be full [in heaven], yet one may hold more than another."

Paul was concerned that accepting the teaching of the false teachers would rob the believers in Colosse of their rewards. The false teachers bypassed the Word of God and the Holy Spirit, teaching that a person could have an immediate experience with the spiritual world through visions and contact with angels. The word "intruding" refers to the mystical religions of Paul's day. It means to "set foot in the inner shrine, to be fully initiated into the mysteries of the religion." No Christian has to go through any initiation ceremony to get into the presence of God. Hebrews 4:14-16, *"Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."*

The mystical teachings were wrapped up in pride and false humility. The Gnostic taught that "I am not good enough to come directly to God, so I will start with one of the angels." Trying to reach God through anyone other than Jesus Christ is idolatry. The person who worships through angels or saints now in heaven does not prove their humility for they are not submitting to the authority of God's Word. John 14:6, *"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father; but by me."* 1 Timothy 2:5-6, *"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."*

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I'm looking forward to see what a dollar every week has done this year. Thank you to all who have donated with there time, money and prayers. The third quarter DEW (Dollar Every Week) fund will be collected on April 22nd. I will collect and send it to Chris the beginning of May. Each church should bring the 4th quarter to camp with them. Thank you again and see you there!

**Please send to:**

**Cathy Beardsley**  
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If you have any questions feel free to call or text me. My number is 573-380-9502 or through Facebook.

**5th Annual**  
**Men's Spring Retreat**

**Camp Garwood**  
**Friday, May 13, 2016 Starting at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday May 14, 2016**

**Who Can Attend?**

Men of all ages and you are encouraged to bring your friends who do not attend church.

**What is the Cost?**

There is no cost for those attending, but churches are encouraged to bring an offering to help with the expenses. We will be taking up an offering at the meeting to help with the expenses.

**What is the Purpose?**

We want to provide fellowship and encouragement for men of all ages.

**What to Bring?**

You are encouraged to bring your BB Guns, 12 or 20 gauge shotguns, personal items, sheets, blankets (or sleeping bag), and pillow. Beds, food and fun are provided. To make the event fair all participates will use 8 shot shells size 2 3/4 inch that will be furnished by the BMA of Missouri Brotherhood

**Questions???** Contact the following for more information:

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The teaching of the Gnostic teachers was a substitute for true spiritual nourishment from the head of the church, Jesus Christ. Believers become weak when they do not draw on the spiritual nourishment that comes from Jesus Christ and other believers. The false teachers were anxious to win converts to their cause, but the spiritual body grows by nutrition, not by additions. Every member of the church is important to the health and growth of the church. No matter what your spiritual gift may be, you are important to the growth of the church. Some people who may not have spectacular public ministries are just as important behind the scenes as those out in the public.

Through worship, prayer, and the Word of God we draw on the spiritual resources of Christ. Every believer needs to be part of a local church where he can exercise his own spiritual gifts. Ephesians 4:11-17, *"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind."*

The false teachers in Colosse tried to introduce their false teaching into the local church. If they had succeeded they would have caused the spiritual nourishment of the church to decrease instead of increase. Unless the members of the local church abide in Christ, yield to the Spirit, and obey the Word they cannot experience increase in their spiritual life. There is a fascination with "religious mysticism" that attracts people. Learning mysteries, being initiated into inner secrets, and having contact with the spirit world seems exciting. However, these practices are condemned in the Word of God. The true Christian glories in Jesus Christ and not his own experience. The true believer follows the Word of God and is led by the Holy Spirit. He seeks no other experience than that which relates to his relationship with Jesus Christ.

# Pastor's Help Line 844-877-4BMA

Specialists Available  
Monday - Friday, 7:00am - 9:00pm (CST)

## DiscipleGuide

### ***BMA Pastors: Free Confidential Help is Available***

A typical day in the life of a pastor may consist of listening to a hurting widow, counseling a marriage in crisis, comforting children in the aftermath of divorce, and arbitrating a dispute between family members.

After a long day of shepherding, who will pastor the pastor? To whom can he bring his problems? Confidentiality prohibits him from discussing matters with other church members and most pastors often want to protect their wives from the drama.

For this reason, pastors are often the loneliest people in the church. They find themselves without anyone with whom they can share their pain and struggles. Many pastors long to have someone who will listen and understand where they are coming from.

If they don't find someone to speak with, they will likely face burnout. Many will leave the pastorate all together or grow caloused toward the ministry.

Sadly, these pastors don't suffer alone. The isolation felt by pastors can spread to the home. Wives begin to feel that their husbands are married to the church instead of to them. Children feel neglected as their father spends more time with other families and less time at home.

DiscipleGuide wants to help pastors and their families receive the help they need. Pastors may call 844-877-4BMA between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. CST Monday through Friday for free, confidential help. This new partnership with Focus on the Family will provide a trained specialist for every caller. Each specialist has vocational ministry experience so they understand where pastors are coming from.

The help line is available for all BMA pastors and their wives to discuss any issue ranging from dealing with a difficult church member, pornography, addictions, anxiety/depression, personal marriage issues, parenting, etc.

"Our goal," according to DiscipleGuide Executive Director Scott Attebery, "is to give pastors resources to help them prevent pastoral burnout, family struggles, and destructive behavior. That benefits everyone—the pastor, his family, and the church."

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Here are some common priorities that we should strive for.

**Family.** Everyone would quickly agree that it is family that should be a priority. But analyze how your family spends their week. How much is quality family time? How much togetherness exist, where we spend time talking to each other? Do we ever spend a little more time at work so we can make a little more money and as a result, spend less time at home with family? Do we let sports or other entertainment pursuits erode family meal time and family togetherness? Do we let electronic media – TV, music, cell phone, internet, face book, twitter etc steal our time? A family can all be at home in the evening and still spend no time together. That is the world we live in today.

**Marriage** is a priority in the Bible.

**Raising children** for the glory of the Lord is a priority. Teaching them scripture and the ways of the Lord is job one for

### ***Rare Torah Donated to BMA Seminary***

The Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary hosted its 2016 spring lectures on Tuesday, February 11 at its main campus in Jacksonville, Texas.

The multi-faceted event included two formal lectures, an exhibit of ancient biblical scrolls, and the dedication of a rare 18th Century Ashkenazi Torah that was donated to BMA Seminary's Jacksonville campus by Ken and Barbara Larson.

Dr. Scott Carroll presented lectures on traditions and actual practices related to the creation of scrolls. Carroll, renowned expert on Ancient Biblical Manuscripts, earned a Ph.D. in Ancient History from Miami University and an M.A. in Christian Backgrounds and Early Christianity from the Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

Scrolls displayed in the exhibit included one of only five complete Isaiah scrolls that date after the Dead Sea Scrolls. Researchers concluded that each scroll displayed in the exhibit had survived threats from Nazis during the Holocaust.

The Larsons have placed retired Torahs in selected evangelical seminaries for almost two years. The dedication of this 18th Century Torah to the seminary added to the Larsons' October 2015 gift of a 19th Century Torah donated to the BMA Seminary Arkansas Site.

During the dedication, the seminary announced the naming of the Torah: the Dr. James C. Blaylock Sefer Torah. The seminary's faculty chose the name in recognition of Dr. James C. Blaylock's work in keeping records and archives for the Baptist Missionary Association and particularly for his fifty years of service to the institution's Kellar Memorial Library. Blaylock also formerly served the BMAA as director of the Baptist News Service.

The scroll will be used as an educational resource for BMATS students and faculty.

the Christian parent.

**Prayer** is definitely a priority pursuit for the Christian home. I Thessalonians 5:17,

### ***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 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.

**Rocky Houston**, a member of Kewanee missionary Baptist church is available for pulpit supply or as the Lord leads. Contact him at 573-521-6385.

**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).

**Brad Akers** of Belgrade, is available for pulpit supply or as the Lord leads. Contact him 573-766-1405 or 573-701-1850 or by e-mail at [bakers001@centurytel.net](mailto:bakers001@centurytel.net)

**Denver Page**, a member of Landmark Baptist Church in DeSoto is available for pulpit supply as God leads. He can be contacted by home phone 636-942-3503 or cell phone 314-283-7243.

**Richard Smith**, from Matthews, is available for pulpit supply or however the Lord leads. Contact him at 573-931-0455 or through his Pastor, Chris Polk at 573-380-1975.

**James Hoffmann**, is available for pulpit supply. Contact him at 314-277-8644 or by e-mail at [jmhoff@charter.net](mailto:jmhoff@charter.net).

**Brian Adams**, a member of First Missionary Baptist Church of Matthews is available to preach. Contact him by e-mail at [bkadams27@yahoo.com](mailto:bkadams27@yahoo.com).

**Dennis Leonard**, from Potterville MBC is available for pulpit supply or as the Lord leads. Seeking God's direction. May be contacted at 417-284-1277 (home) or 573-561-6414 (cell).

**Sam Wisdom**, a member of Ohlman Missionary Baptist Church at Bunker, MO is available for pulpit supply or however the Lord leads. Contact him at 573-689-2750

### ***Church Seeks a Pastor***

Landmark Baptist Church in England, Ark. is seeking a pastor. Resumes may be sent to: Pulpit Committee, P.O. Box 177, England, Ark. 72046.

Philippians 4:6, and Ephesians 6:18 tells us how often we should pray.

**Bible study** should be a priority that is done in the Christian home.

**Serving others and having a ministry of helping others** should be a priority. Matthew 25:40. Demonstrating unconditional love towards others. Practicing unconditional forgiveness. Even little things like meal times together, hugs, hand holding, showing affection. Doing fun things together or working together around the yard, or home is spending time together. A walk is together time. Going to your child's ball game is not. The child is on the field, and you are in the bleachers. That is separation, not together time.

**Developing healthy friendships and investing in relationships** with time and effort and thoughtfulness should be a priority. Obviously,

**Jesus is the number one priority** and if you follow Him, then all the other things will be right.

Evaluate your priorities in life. Write them down. Then, pursue them. Life is too short to waste it. Focus on the important stuff and don't be consumed with the little things that eat away your time. Love deeply. Laugh often. Live victoriously. Help others. Enjoy time with Jesus and enjoy this life He has given you!