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Philippians 2:16

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One Month Away....

## **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 Paper**

## **From Our Host Pastor...**

The BMA of Missouri Mission Symposium and mid-year meeting is fast approaching. I hope and pray that each church in our association has made plans to attend. This is not just another meeting to attend, but a program on Friday evening in which Brother Jeff Swart will be speaking on “As America has done to Israel”. Some of you heard him at the National Association last year. The Symposium will begin at 6:00 P.M. on Friday, May 20th.

Please note that a special offering for the Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper will be taken at the meeting. A goal of \$5,000 has been set.

We will convene Saturday Morning May 21st at 9:00 A.M. to consider the business of the Missouri State Association. The host church will serve lunch at noon.

Come and let's make this the best attended associational meeting we have had in years.

The address of the church is in the block above this article. The Phone number is 573-562-7036.

Following is a list of Motels in the area:

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**Super 8, Bonne Terre....573-358-5888**

**Super 8, Farmington.... 573-756-0344**

**Tradition Inn, Farmington.... 573-756-8031**

**Hampton Inn Farmington....573-760-5700**

*Claude Evans, Pastor*

## **Camp Garwood**

The Spring Retreat at Garwood April 1-2 was a great time. The weather was perfect. We had around 35 campers. Most of us played Paintball and Knockerball. That was our first time using the Knockerballs at camp. I think they will be popular camp week.

Lucas Polk gave a devotional Friday night on the importance of taming the tongue.

While we were playing, Lonnie Polk and Matt Bolen moved all the pews back under the tabernacle.

Since our last report we have had the land surveyed. That survey revealed that our property lines are not where we have always thought. It was to our advantage on three sides. Our disadvantage on North line.

As you know we had a special emphasis last month for the purpose of building a new dorm. At the time of this writing, that emphasis has brought \$14,025. We are estimating the new dorm to cost \$30-35,000.

We are looking forward to the **Men's retreat May 13-14. See contacts and details on the retreat (Page 7).** YOU are encouraged to come! These retreats are always a great time of visiting and playing. We hope men from across the state will come and enjoy this time.

Camp week is just around the corner, about 16 weeks from now. That's plenty of time for you to come spend a little time cleaning and getting the facilities ready.

Our theme this year “*Fruits of the Spirit*” is taken from Galatians 5:22-23 “*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there*

• See **CAMP** Page 4 •

## **Elective Breakout Sessions for 2016 BMAA National Meeting Announced**

Six breakout sessions have been announced for the 2016 BMAA National Meeting in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. The elective breakouts are provided as opportunities for practical ministry training and resourcing. The following slate of topics and speakers will address a wide array of relevant issues facing pastors and churches today:

### **The Importance of Women in Ministry Jerene Reddin**

Women have a valuable place in kingdom work. From the Old Testament through the New Testament, and from the early church through today, God has used faithful ladies to spread the gospel and make disciples of all nations.

Join Jerene Reddin for a celebration of ministry from a female perspective. As an active ministry leader, Jerene has a unique perspective that will be an inspiration and encouragement. She and her husband, George Reddin, serve faithfully at Denver Street Baptist Church in Greenwood, Arkansas.

### **How to Resolve Conflict within the Church Dr. Mike Smith**

Conflict can wreak havoc on a congregation, but God has not left us to work out our problems alone. Instead, he has given us clear strategies for peacekeeping in his Word and promised the presence of his Spirit to work through our conflicts. Dr. Mike Smith is President of Jacksonville College in Jacksonville, Texas. His book, *Conflict: Causes and Cures*, draws on wisdom from working with over 3,000 conflict cases throughout his ministry.

### **How to Protect Your Church from a Lawsuit Kurt Hetherington**

Today, more than ever, churches are under attack. The demand for homosexual weddings, claims of unlawful discrimination and accusations of hate-speech are only the beginning. Is your church prepared to defend itself?

Kurt Hetherington is the president of James Greene and Associates in Sherwood, Arkansas. The agency is one of America's largest insurers of churches and related ministries. Kurt has over twenty years of insurance and risk management experience. He is also a CRM (Certified Risk Manager) and has held this designation for almost ten years. His specialized training and experience

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## **National Missions Director to hold on-line Town Hall**

April 19 at 7 p.m., Dr. John David Smith, executive director of BMA Missions, will host an online town hall meeting in order to update our churches on the current financial status of the Department of Missions. A brief update will be offered, then the audience will have the opportunity to interact with questions. You may log in to the meeting by clicking on the following link: [bmalife.com/ty](http://bmalife.com/ty).

**We Hope To See You May 20-21, 2016**

# +++ NEWS BRIEFS +++

Greetings from **Briar, Doniphan**. He is risen! He is risen indeed! What a glorious celebration---to know that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, defeated death and brings us life eternal for the asking. We had a "Sonrise" service at 7:00 on this wonderful morning. The sun coming up through the trees was beautiful. Bro. David Grubb was there to lead us and it was a very special message. The Good News being brought by a man of God is always uplifting and of course, we loved having him and Sis. Linda among us again. After the service, the men cooked breakfast for us. What a feast---eggs, bacon, sausage, cinnamon rolls, yogurt, home made jellies, and after a little trouble with the oven biscuits! We have such an awesome family here at Briar---the fellowship is just as good as the eating! Everyone is invited to come and join us any Sunday or Wednesday night. Sunday School was followed by several specials and a devotion was given by a VERY NERVOUS Bro. Danny. Everything turned out great as it always does when we strive to please the Lord. Spring is such a beautiful time of the year. The flowers and greenery coming out. It should remind us all that anyone can start anew when we accept Christ or turn back to Him if we have wandered away. We're still waiting on the pastor God has for us. The spiritual side with patience, the flesh side not so much. But, it tells us in Isaiah 40 waiting on the Lord brings renewed strength. Till next time---Keep Looking Up!

Phyllis Williams, Reporter

**Lower Doe Run, Ellington**, has experienced "blessings through raindrops" recently. God is good through it all. We firmly believe that He is in control. Our pastor has led us through a series on messages from the Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians in the recent weeks. The precious gems are so relevant to our needs today. Our hearts are grieving with the May Family and the Ohlman Church. Our sympathies and prayers continue for them. We experienced the sweet fellowship at Ohlman at the Semi-annual Logan Creek Association in February. In our fellowship one dear Brother in Christ has been through the VA Hospital for evaluation and is now under care at Brent Tinnin Nursing Center. One dear Sister has undergone open heart surgery and continues to heal. Pray for these dear saints and their caregivers. Each family has had at least one and often two members down sick for several weeks. It is hard to get over the sickness. One sister had cataract surgery. Then there was a problem with a mole trap, and we could go on and on. In the midst of all these trials, we had news that a dear beloved daughter on our prayer list has come to know the Lord Jesus as Savior. Praise God! We have held our local WMA meetings two months at Frieda's house. Four of us attended the State WMA meeting at Stony Point. What a blessing that was. We were blessed with the devotional by Sister Bea, the annual message by Brother Claude and the inspirational stories by Sister Roberta Pierce in the afternoon. We look forward to all these meetings and try to go to as many as we can.

Melvin Meade, Pastor • Carolyn Meade, Reporter

**Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston**. We praise God to welcome one addition by restoration in March. A computer crash destroyed some of our records, but we had what we believe was a record Sunday School attendance Easter Sunday---not including the Sundays the Master's Builders were with us. Included in our Sunday School attendance that morning were visitors from the neighborhood of our rented location. A materials mix-up has stalled progress on our auditorium ceiling, but work is scheduled to resume on it soon. A picture of how much of it is currently completed can be found on our face-

book page.

Rodney Dunlap, Pastor

**Bates Creek, Potosi**, had four ladies attend the state WMA meeting at Stony Point. Each of the ladies enjoyed the meeting and felt blessed by the speakers and the services. Sis. Roberta Pierce from Temple did a great job. The WMA sends out a huge thank you to the men of our church. Our annual Valentine silent auction had to be postponed due to weather. In March, we had our largest silent auction yet. It was a lot of fun and the highest cake sold was made by Miss Payton Wright age 11. We continue to have good services with visitors each Sunday. Easter was a wonderful service with 2 candidates asking to join the church by baptism. Isn't God wonderful! Continue to pray for our church as we are without a pastor. We know God is preparing a man and it is our duty to pray for him and his family.

Sara Buckley, Reporter

**Landmark, DeSoto**, has been blessed so much. We have our share of sickness, broken bones, etc., but God is still good. We've had 3 to join the church during the month of March. Two young ladies joined the church on the 13th, one by letter and 1 by statement. The next Sunday, we had another lady join by letter. We attended the state WMA meeting and the Washington County WMA & Brotherhood meetings. Enjoyed both tremendously. We had quite a large group from Landmark go to the Easter Walk at Bethel. It was very impressive and certainly made you think about the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord. We have a group of church members that have formed an ACTION Team. Standing for: A - Action; C - Changes; T - Things; I - In; O - Our; N - Neighborhood. They have been very busy, and I personally believe that God is blessing our church because of the team. Sis.

Maxine Livingston fell and broke her hip and is now doing rehab at Crystal Oaks. She is doing pretty well now. Sis. Carolyn Morgan is now dealing with pneumonia. There are many friends and relatives of our membership that have serious illnesses and they would certainly appreciate your prayers. Until next month or the Lord's Return,

Wayne Gibson, pastor • Sharon Page, reporter

**Stony Point, Mineral Point**, praises God for Pastor Claude's hip surgery in February. He is doing great! We hosted the Missouri State WMA March 5th with Roberta Pierce as Guest Speaker and hosted the District WMA & Brotherhood March 11th. Attendance was very good and enjoyed by all. The Easter Sunrise Service, breakfast, Sunday School, Worship, and then Easter Egg Hunt was enjoyed by all present. We welcome Larry Cash who presented himself for membership on promise of letter from Ozark Heights Baptist Church April 3rd. He was given the hand of Christian fellowship. Blessings to all.

Claude Evans, Pastor • Debrah Coleman, Reporter

**Zion, St. Louis**, announces The Harper's will be singing in the morning service Sunday, May 15th. Services start at 10:30 a.m. Zion invites you to come and worship with us as the Harper's share God's Word in song.

Dennis Baker, Pastor • Norma Womble, Reporter

Greetings from **Bethany, St. Louis**! Once again here we are. Bethany has been experiencing many blessings during this past month. The Dunn's were away one weekend and Bro. Hoffmann filled in for Bro. Dunn. We are praying still for God's will to be done as we search for a pastor. We want to do what God wills. So many of our folks have been house bound. Sis. Jean Stokes fell recently and broke a bone in her foot. This has kept her home and unable to attend. It was good to see her back in services April 3rd. We have had visitors and we pray they felt a welcoming spirit among God's people. We are looking forward to the Harper family being with us April 23rd. at 3:00 in the afternoon. Please come and join us and them as they minister to us. Please pray for those who will be traveling to the National Association meeting in Gatlinburg, Tennessee the following week. We celebrated our risen savior on Easter Sunday with special music and a great message about the resurrection. And after morning services we observed the Lord's Supper. We are lifting up the Ohlman Baptist church and the May family in their recent tragedy of loosing a son, fa-

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## FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • March 2016

### General Fund:

Balance February 29, 2016		\$	129,081.99
March Receipts:	\$	<u>1,775.56</u>	\$ <u>1,775.56</u>
Total Available		\$	130,857.55
Disbursements:			
Garwood/ Bal, on Tabernacle	\$	10,762.50	
Assistant Director's Salary	\$	<u>450.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$	11,212.50	\$ <u>(11,212.50)</u>
Balance February 29, 2016:		\$	119,645.05

### From Our Assistant Director...

I have two **SPECIAL REMINDERS** for our readers this month.

The first concerns our Mission Symposium and Mid-Year Meeting that will be May 20-21 at Stony Point Baptist Church at Mineral Point, near Potosi. I encourage everyone to attend the symposium on Friday evening starting at 6:00 p.m. Our guest speaker, Bro. Jeff Swart will bless and challenge us with the information he will share about Israel, the Bible, and how America fits into the picture. Attending this meeting should prepare us for a great mid-year business and worship meeting on Saturday.

The second reminder concerns the special offering we always have at the symposium. This year it is designated for the *Missouri Missionary Baptist* paper and a goal of \$5,000 has been set. If each church in our work would send an offering

of \$100 we would exceed that goal. Please prayerfully consider what God wants your church to do in this matter.

Please pray for the BMA of Missouri as we take care of business at our mid-year meeting. Each department will give a report and hopefully have some recommendations to consider as we seek to do God's will.

I look forward to seeing you at Stony Point and working with our churches in the Lord's service.

**Editor's Note:** The following information was received from Missionary Michel Poirier (Canada/Haiti), Tuesday, March 29th

"We are asking prayer for the family of one of our young pastors, Genius Similien, in Haiti. He was assassinated coming out from the bank this morning, and it seems that his life was taken for only a few dollars. He and his driver were shot and killed just outside of the bank. We do not have all the details at this time.



**Genius Similien**

"We will miss him in our services in Haiti. He was a very dedicated and faithful young man who was very active in the church and was getting ready for his upcoming wedding.

"We will see him someday, but for now his family (Romiche Bastien) are in tears. Let's pray for them. Amen."

*via - Baptist Trumpet*

meet and get to know a team of those who had come from America to this conference including Mrs. Sue Kidd. It was also a time of reunion with old friends and with those we had not seen for a long time. Above all, we had opportunity to make friendship and fellowship with other missionaries, and to pray for one another, from this conference. This, we would never get unless we have come together at one place, like this.

At this conference we heard great preaching from the Word of God every evening. We also sang great songs every day and night. I realized that we came here together not to shut our hearts, mouths, eyes and ears! It is important that we must open them all when we come to this kind of conference so that we would not be left behind. All were enjoyable!

Great learning! The lectures taught and explained to us every morning by our BMA Foreign Missions Director Bro. Phil Knott was very good. The Guiding Vision of our BMA Missions and many others that we learned from Bro. Phil Knott's power point presentation were excellent! Many others who took parts in the leading, sharing and teaching in those many sessions during the conference did so well. No one could have done it better.

We thank God, and had really appreciated and enjoyed our participation at this conference. The worship, fellowship, friendship were all warm and lovely. Everybody there was friendly, polite, and loving. It was a conference nicely done in a Christian, family, care and love atmosphere. We now know how to pray and what to pray for one another who are serving the Lord in various countries of Asia-Pacific region. We will remember each other in prayers, and we will always remember this conference. I believe it is a blessing for all of us.

The BMA Family Care Ministry Director Bro. Jerry Kidd said many good things during this conference for us to remember. One among them was "Be fair spiritually with God" And that's what I always want to be.

Until next time, *Myint Aung, Myanmar*"

## "Experience makes a difference!"

The following is an e-mail sent to Missionary Care Director Bro. Jerry Kidd from Myint Aung, missionary to Burma (Myanmar). He and his wife Mal were last-minute attendees of the Asia-Pacific Missionary Care Conference February 8-12. LifeWord's Burmese speaker and BMA Missionary Rama (and wife Lalhmu) Bochung also attended:

"Experience makes a difference! The Family Care Conference in Manila had been a blessing for us.

BMA's Asia-Pacific Family Care Ministry Conference in Manila (Philippines) was a special one for us. From Myanmar Rama and Lalhmu, my wife Mal Sawmi and I were able to join and participate in it without much preparation in advance. Sarah Hamilton was so quick and so helpful in everything when we needed information



*Myint & Mal Sawmi Aung*

or helps. I give you credit, Sarah, for your hard work! We are so glad we have come and joined with you as fam-



*Rama & Lalhmu Bochung*

ily at this peaceful and lovely conference.

As I know it was a conference created, sponsored, hosted and led by the BMA Family Care Ministry. I don't know how many times our BMA's Family Care Ministry had been having this kind of conference in the past. I sincerely hope it will have again and again in the future because it is so enjoyable and so good for the missionaries who attended, in many ways. Thanks be to God. And thank you, Bro. Jerry Kidd, for this family conference so nicely done under your guidance and leadership.

For us it was an experience we will not easily forget. We were able to meet and get to know other missionaries who are serving the Lord in Asia-Pacific region such as, India, China, Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia, Philippines, etc. We also had opportunity to

### 2nd Quarter Financial Report • Missouri Missionary Baptist \* January 2016 – March 2015

Balance: January 1, 2016	\$	2,861.17
Receipts:		\$ <u>4,540.85</u>
Total Available:		\$ 7,402.02
Disbursements		\$ <u>(4,869.99)</u>
Balance: March 31, 2016	\$	2,532.03

**Please note:** With some churches increasing their monthly support and a few new churches starting to support the paper and by trying to cut expenses we were only \$ 329.14 short on income in meeting expenses. **Let's keep up the good work!**

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ther, brother, uncle. God is the only one who knows why these things happen. We know that Lanny is Home with the Lord. Please keep your loved ones close and tell them you love them everyday. God bless till we meet again.

Nick Dunn, Interim pastor, • Kathy Chapman, reporter.

Greetings from **First Baptist Church, Potosi**. We began the month of February with the sorrow of losing long-time member and friend, Sis. Norma Jane Wilkerson, who is the wife of Bro. Jack Wilkerson. They have been active in the church since 1980. Several others lost family members this past month including one of our youth, Harley Lawson, 16-year-old daughter of Jeremy Lawson and granddaughter of Mike and Patti (Worden) Lawson. We have been blessed with new members: Jacob and Abbey McAnally joined by baptism and Josh and Angie Fulton (Josh by baptism, Angie by letter). Bro. Kevin Smith is now our part-time Youth and Celebrate Recovery Pastor. He and his wife, Kayla, have four children. He, along with Michelle Knobloch and Deborah Rauhut, provided the devotional and music for the residents at Potosi Manor Sunday afternoon 2-28. The residents did a great job singing "Jesus Loves Me." Debbie and Larry DeClue are having a great time working with the children in Junior Worship. Our UPWARD GAMES ended Bro. Jamie Jones was the guest speaker for the celebration. This program has reached many people in our community. The first Sunday in March marked our 60th annual "Friends' Day." Everyone enjoyed the services and the fellowship. Celebrate Recovery began March 11, with 151 in attendance. Our pastor and our youth pastor each baptized his own daughter on March 13. Bro. Jim baptized Corinne Ainley and Bro. Kevin baptized Presley Smith. It was very special. Easter Sunday we celebrated the risen Lord. GMA is going strong, Men's Fraternity is growing in numbers, PROPEL women has begun and is doing great, Ladies Tuesday morning Bible Studies continue, and COW is now directed by Bro. Kevin Smith. In addition, Laurie Franklin has started the FBC Kids Choir with practices on Wednesday evenings and then two performances. If you want to serve God in any way, we have a place for everyone. We have many prayer warriors. We have ended the month with great excitement for the Lord. God is so good to us. Sunday evening, April 17, we will have a concert by CRIMSON GOLD. We would love to see you here. Please remember to pray for us as we pray for you.

Jim Ainley, Pastor • Deborah Rauhut, Reporter

Greetings from **Bethlehem of Doniphan!** My, oh my! Where has the first quarter of 2016 gone? It seems this year is just sailing by. We are still searching for a Pastor but we are holding on to our faith that God has someone special that He is preparing for us. It seems our only news this month is the fact that we truly enjoy being a part of the Cane Creek Association. We enjoy taking part with Youth in the Harvest and the Third Sunday Singings. It is always such joy spending time with our brothers and sisters in Christ. It is with heavy hearts that we lost Bro. Bill Brown during the month of March. But it is with great rejoicing that we know that one day we will see him again in Heaven. Please remember to pray for Sis. Doreen Brown and their children during this time of loss of their loved one. Please keep praying for us as we search for a Pastor. Until next month may the Lord bless and keep us all!

Yvonne Hill, Asst. Reporter

HELLO to ALL from **Oak Hill, Alton!** I need to make a correction. I reported that the men at Oak Hill will be having their Breakfast on the last Saturday of month and it is supposed to be the fourth Saturday of the month. Our youth had a good time finding all of the Easter eggs that we had hid on Easter. We had a good crowd in Church on Easter and our

**67th Annual BMA of America National Meeting**

April 25 -27, 2016

Gatlinburg Convention Center • Gatlinburg, Tennessee

All General Sessions in the Tennessee Ballroom  
Worship Musice Led by Travis Sellers

Theme: "It's Worth It"

**Monday Evening, April 25**

7:00 Welcome/Introduction  
President's Message  
(Dr. Jason Aultman)

**Tuesday Morning, April 26**

8:00 WMA Meeting (Tenn.Ballroom)  
Brotherhood Meeting  
9:30 Committee Meetings  
11:00 First Breakout Session

**Tuesday Afternoon, April 26**

2:00 Second Breakout Session  
3:00 Worship  
Moral Action Report  
Coordinating Council Report  
Lifeword Report  
Ministers Resource Report

**Tuesday Evening, April 26**

7:00 Worship  
Randy Anderson Special Music  
Annual Message  
Jeff Swart, Speaker  
James Ray Raines, Alternate

**Wednesday Morning, April 27**

8:30 Worship  
BMA Seminary Report  
DiscipleGuide Report  
BMA Foundation Report  
11:00 Third Breakout Session

**Wednesday Afternoon, April 27**

2:00 Worship  
Brotherhood Report  
Masster's Builders Report  
WMA Report  
3:00 Larnelle Harris Concert

**Wednesday Evening, April 27**

7:00 Worship  
Missions Report  
Commissioning Service  
Johnny Hunt, Speaker

**Registration**

**Monday** (2-4 p.m.; 6-7 p.m.; 30 minutes after evening session)  
**Tuesday** (8:30- 9 a.m; 2-3 p.m.; 6:30 - 7 p.m. 30 minutes after evening session)  
**Wednesday** (8-8:30 a.m.)

For more information on the 2016 BMAA national meeting, including schedules, maps, and lodging, go to [bmaamerica.org/nationalmeeting](http://bmaamerica.org/nationalmeeting).

**Breakout Sessions**

**The Importance of Women in Ministry**

Jerene Reddin, Speaker  
Tuesday, 2p.m. (Room: 1-3)  
Wednesday, 11 a.m. (Room: 6-7)

**How To Deliver Transformational Teaching**

Dr. Mark Livingston, Speaker  
Tuesday, 11 a.m. (Room: 1-3)  
Tuesday, 2 P.M. (Room: 6-7)

**How To Resolve Conflict Within the Church**

Dr. Mike Smith, Speaker  
Tuesday, 11 a.m. (Room: 4-5)  
Tuesday, 2 p.m. (Room: 4-5)

**How To Protect Your Church From a Lawsuit**

Kurt Hetherington, Speaker  
Tuesday, 11 a.m. (Room: 6-7)  
Wednesday, 11 a.m. (Room: 1-3)

**How To Recruit & Keep Volunteers**

Bryan Atwood, Speaker  
Tuesday, 2 p.m. (Room: 8-9)  
Wednesday, 11 a.m. (Room: 8-9)

**Small Churches Can Make a Big Difference**

Paul Bearfield, Speaker  
Tuesday, 11 a.m. (Room: 8-9)  
Wednesday, 11 a.m. (Room: 4-5)

**Department & Agency Directors Available**

**For Meet & Greet**  
Room: Mills Auditorium  
Tuesday, 11 a.m.

**International Missionaries Available**

**For Meet & Greet**  
Room: Mills Auditorium  
Tuesday, 2:00 p.m.

**North American Missionaries Available**

**For Meet & Greet**  
Room: Mills Auditorium  
Wednesday, 11 a.m.

Easter singing special was good and then Bro. Ed brought a good message on Easter. Brittany Barbee rededicated her life to the Lord on Easter. The first Sunday night of the month we go to Shepherd's View Assisted Living Facility and worship the Lord with those residents living there. This month it was last Sunday night we always have a good time but a lot of our members were out sick. In April the only thing that we have planned is our men's breakfast and it is on April 23rd. 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

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*is no law."*

We are looking forward to meeting our speaker, Bro. Steven Carroll from Forney TX. Continue to pray for him along with all the workers and sponsors who make camp possible.

Chris Polk, Camp Director  
(573) 380-1975  
camp garwood@gmail.com.

## ***Faithful Servant, Son, Husband, Father, and Friend called Home***

Lanny Dale May son of Juanita Lanham May and Larry Earl May Sr. was born in Salem, Missouri, on January 1, 1984. He departed this life in Shannon County, Missouri, on March 18, 2016, at the age of 32.

On September 21, 2002 in Salem, Missouri, Lanny was united in marriage to Dottie Burgdorf

and to this loving union four children were born. Lanny was a member of the Ohlman Missionary Baptist Church and the Missouri Forest Products Association (MFPA). He was a Certified Master Logger and he enjoyed boating, camping, coaching basketball, baseball and going shopping. Lanny's greatest love was spending time with his family especially his wife and children. Lanny and Dottie are faithful workers at Ohlman Missionary Baptist Church.

Lanny is survived by his parents. Larry and Juanita May of Bunker, Missouri; wife Dottie May of Bunker, Missouri; three sons: Easton Thomas, Bryson Dean and Alton Dale May of Bunker, Missouri; one daughter, Paisley Fayth May of Bunker, Missouri; his grandmother, Lorene Lanham of Bunker, Missouri; two brothers: Larry May Jr. and wife Cari of Bunker, Missouri, and Michael May of Jackson, Missouri; two sisters: Ginger White and husband Undre of Rolla, Missouri, and Angel May of Bunker, Missouri. Lanny will be deeply missed by a host of relatives including many nieces, nephews, friends and the entire community of Bunker.

Visitation was held Monday, March 21st 10 a.m. at Bunker R-III School Gym with the Funeral Service following at 1 p.m. with Pastor Terry Sharpe officiating. Burial was at Corridon-Reynolds Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Jake May, Garon May, Garrett Gore, Allen Ritter, Scott Lanham Jr., Lucas Ritter, Hank Belk, Michael May and Dalton Harper.

Honorary Pallbearers: Trey Quick, Kirk Martin, Undre White, Andy Gromer, Dusty Ritter, Jeff Burgdorf, Rob Harlow, Ty Locklear, Holden May and Brady Lanham.

Bunker, MO 63629.

### **An Added Note sent in by Janet Widger....**

After receiving inquiries of how we can assist them, I spoke to their pastor's wife as well as a family member.

First, lift the family and church up in prayer, as many have been doing.

Second, if you wish, make a financial contribution to assist with immediate needs as well as long term needs for this young family.

You can make check payable to:

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Lanny Dale May

## ***Reaching Muslims through LifeWord Community Radio***

In 2003 after years on the run, a prominent Muslim soldier, Emir Hashim (not his real name), surrendered himself, his band of renegades and his firearms to the government (country withheld for security purposes), all for enough money to live peacefully in an area that is a Muslim stronghold. Prior to the surrender, they were made to understand that life would always be hard for him and his group if they didn't take advantage of this "government reconciliation program."

By 2007 it became obvious that the government would not keep their promise of livelihood-support money. So Hashim went back to his former headquarters planning to gather firearms, soldiers and resources to resume his life as a wanted man and Muslim leader.

Plotting his next move, he returned to his secluded hut, but mosquitoes kept him from sleeping. Searching in a trash heap for something to burn so they would go away, he found an old book with no cover and was about to throw it into the fire when he felt something stop him. Without realizing it was a Bible, he read the Old Testament, then the New Testament and the story of Jesus in the Gospels. With conviction from the Holy Spirit, he surrendered his life to Isa Almasih ("Jesus Christ" to Muslims).

For eight years after his conversion, he searched for understanding of God and Scripture, associating himself with pastors and missionaries from various Christian denominations. However, his experience with them was more destructive than beneficial; they used him to raise funds intended for his livelihood which he never received. He had every right to be discouraged but somehow never turned away from God.

A year ago Bro. Hashim met a missionary working with Muslims. At great risk to himself, this missionary had settled in the town to penetrate this Muslim area with the gospel. Through the power of God, he crossed paths with Hashim, who had decided to work alone and attend church planting classes. As their association grew, Hashim was again challenged to continue his Muslim work.

In November 2015 at a BMA association meeting, Hashim shared his powerful testimony, challenging attendees to help him reach Muslims in his area with the gospel. After the meeting, a local pastor told him about LifeWord Community Radio and how it could effectively reach his Muslim brothers and sisters. Hashim became very excited, believing that, given the danger of his work, it would be the best way to reach them. Passionately, Hashim told his new friend that he would willingly give his life for such a work.

This pastor said of Hashim, "God has opened the door

## ***BMA America Recognized by Best Christian Workplace Institute***

Best Christian Workplace Institute (BCWI) has recognized the Baptist Missionary Association (BMA) of America Global Ministry Center (GMC) as a Certified Best Christian Workplace for 2016. Four BMA departments and agencies are housed at the GMC in Conway, Arkansas: BMA Foundation, BMA Missions, DiscipleGuide and Lifeword. The Certified status reflects a "healthy-to-flourishing" culture, meeting predetermined standards of excellence through a formal employee engagement survey.

The detailed, fifty-question survey model measures eight essential factors of a thriving, healthy culture including Life-Giving Work, Outstanding Talent, Uplifting Growth and Development, Rewarding Compensation, Inspirational Leadership, Fantastic Teams, Sustainable Strategy, and Healthy Communication. "Attaining BCWI Certification is not easy,"

for us to reach Muslims with Christ's saving power. He is the modern Apostle Paul sent by God to us. We couldn't penetrate the gospel to the Muslim world without this converted brother. For years Christian groups have worked to reach Muslims without substantial results. God has given him to lead us to them. We might not have another opportunity as this. God has gifted us with LPFM technology (Lifeword Community Radio) and preparing me and my trained leaders and Emir for a great harvest of souls in this Muslim area."

Hashim returned to the area with a great excitement for his ministry and several media tools (a used video projector, DVD players and films produced in the dialect) given to him by area pastors. Hashim thanked them for the gifts and said they he would use them for house-to-house and group evangelistic meetings with Muslims.

LifeWord is currently working with Hashim to determine the type of broadcast to best reach this volatile area. Local LifeWord trainers and leaders are surveying the area, and plans are being made to possibly use a combination of traditional broadcasting and strategically-placed LifeWord Community Radio equipment in "more favorable" Muslim areas.

Please pray for this ground-breaking effort and a harvest of souls.

said BCWI President Al Lopus. "About half of the organizations we survey achieve Certification, and many organizations survey multiple years before receiving this distinction."

The leadership team at the GMC uses the results of the annual survey to gain valuable input from employees to aid in their quest to model servant leadership and to strive for continuous improvement in the organizational culture. To see the institute's complete list, use this link: <http://www.bcwainstitute.org/bcwlists.html>.

## ***John May, Master's Builder, Dies***

John May, of Texas, died March 15 as a result of injuries he received Oct. 23, 2015, in a 12ft. fall from scaffolding while working on a Master's Builders project at a Hispanic Mission in Texas,

A "celebration of life" was held March 19 at First Baptist Church in New Caney, Texas. A highlight of the service was the singing of "Just a Little Talk With Jesus" by the members and former members of Master's Builders.

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### Missouri State WMA Annual Meeting

The 47th annual meeting of the Missouri Women's Missionary Auxiliary met March 5th with the Stony Point Missionary Baptist Church. There were 10 churches represented with 21 messengers and 10 visitors present. Bro. Claude Evans brought the annual message entitled "Turn Us O God", using Psalm 80 and asked the question "What is wrong with America?" He then read Jeremiah 31:18-19.

The guest speaker was Mrs. Roberta Pierce speaking on "God Will Provide".

#### New officers elected for 2016-2017 are:

President: Juanita May – Ohlman, Bunker  
1st Vice President: Barbara Williams - Emmanuel, St. Louis  
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**Advisory Council:** Bro. Terry Sharpe  
Bro. Dennis Baker;  
Bro. Claude Evans

#### 2016-2017 Project:

40% Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper  
30% Andy Lahmann Work Fund  
20% General Fund  
10% Youth

The 2017 meeting will meet March 4th at the Kewanee Baptist Church, Kewanee, MO. The annual speaker will be Bro. Dan Wisely with Bro. Joey Duckworth as alternate.

*Norma Womble, Secretary*

### Missouri State GMA Meeting

Our annual State GMA House Party and Meeting were held April 1-2 at First Baptist Church in Potosi. Friday evening, the girls played board games, the human version of Hungry Hungry Hippos, and had a great time catching up with friends they hadn't seen in a while. Saturday morning, the ladies of Potosi served a delicious breakfast. We then started our meeting with 48 in attendance including visitors who joined us Saturday morning. We had six churches represented.

During the meeting, we were excited to accept a petitionary letter and welcome the new GMA group from First Baptist Church of Bourbon. Kari Hartlein gave a devotion on faith using the passage, Matthew 17:14-20. New officers were elected, and Karen Magee gave each new officer a journal and set of footprints with the verses, Romans 10:15 and Isaiah 52:7, to encourage the officers to continue working and sharing the good news. Bro. Kevin Smith, the youth pastor at First Baptist Church in Potosi, delivered the message from Matthew Chapters 13 & 17. Bro. Kevin gave an uplifting message and

## Lifeword Community Radio: Creating a Culturally-Relevant Swahili Broadcast

by Rick Russell

(If you've ever been curious about Lifeword's broadcasts and what they sound like, the following article by Rick Russell will explain how different formats are used for different cultures. Continue to pray for the already-recorded Swahili broadcast, which should go live in April or May, making Swahili the 37th Lifeword language.)

"Bro. Rick, there has never been a Swahili radio program like this. I believe the people will like it a lot!" Those were the words of one of our Swahili broadcasters at the end of our first day of training in December 2015.

The idea for this format came from our Garifuna brethren in Central America. At their first opportunity to create a broadcast format all of their own in 2009, they did something that no American broadcaster would ever do, which may be exactly why it works so well in their culture. The Garifuna program has eight pastors sitting around a table, all talking at once! When Lifeword Program Director Luis Ortega questioned the advisability of so many voices talking at once, it was explained, "This is how the Garifuna always do!"

Since the Garifuna people group has its origins in Africa, Luis and I suspected that a similar format might work well in the Swahili culture. Sure enough, in our planning conversations last year with Renatus Kanunu, we discovered that there is a well-known Swahili custom for making village decisions. The chief calls together the heads of the various families and presents the issue. One by one, they offer possible solutions. If the group cannot come to a consensus, it falls to the chief, as the village's ultimate authority, to render a decision.

In Lifeword's new Swahili program NenoUzima (WordLife), the Bible is personified as the words of our "chief". It is his directives and principles which we look to in order to make the proper decisions in all aspects of our lives.

The first thing we do on each week's program is to have the discussion leader (personifying the chief) explain the issue or question under discussion. The pastors then take a couple of minutes to put forward "man's answers", prefacing each statement with things like, "My father used to say...", or "It's

always been the Swahili custom to..." or "Some religions say..." Then relevant Bible passages are introduced. In the last five minutes of the program, the "chief" correlates the instruction of those verses, allowing the Bible to interpret the Bible and bringing the group to agreement regarding the Bible's instruction on that particular question. The program then culminates in a prayer thanking God for providing his Word as the trustworthy guide for our lives.

After BMA Productions puts the finishing touches on the broadcast, TWR will broadcast NenoUzima by shortwave and satellite and we will find local FM affiliates in as many cities as possible where the churches of the Taborah Baptist Association are located (widely dispersed across western Tanzania and into Burundi and Rwanda).

Pray that NenoUzima will be used by God in a powerful way to touch the lives of Swahili believers and non-believers to bring his light to this still-unreached people group.

We want to thank the ladies of Potosi and our GMA leaders for a fantastic weekend of fun and fellowship.

*Kari Hartlein*



2016-2017 GMA Officers L to R: back row - Kari Hartlein, Pianist; Michelle Knobelocj and Carol Balanton, Advisory Council; front row - Heaven Friffin, President; Dakota Williams, Historian; Caitie Cox, Song Leader; Carolyn Meade, Adult Historian; Lila Eckert, Secretary/Treasurer

spoke on faith. He even brought the GMA girls their own bag of mustard seeds to take home.

Shelia Polk, our GMA leader, shared our theme verse for the weekend and talked about our theme, Faith. Our verse was 2 Timothy 2:22, "So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart." Shelia encouraged us to pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace and go after Jesus.

Kewanee Baptist offered to host our house party and meeting next year. The House party will be Friday, March 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 25, 2017.



First Baptist Church Youth Pastor Kevin Smith challenged the GMA's and encouraged them to live lives of Faith as they grow in the Lord. He was a blessing to all present.

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

## Abraham's Faith

by Dennis Baker, Brotherhood President

Imagine being a man of faith, believing that something could be done, seeing the possibilities of success, and just sitting idly by and doing nothing. What a tragedy!

Abraham was a man of faith who was called by God to leave his homeland and move his family and livelihood, having no knowledge of where he was going. Hebrews 11:8, "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went."

The foundation of Abraham's faith was God's Covenant. Genesis 12:2-3, "And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."

Having faith in God's promises, Abraham was justified by works. James 2:21, "Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?" This is not a contradiction of Ephesians 2:8-9. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Let's be clear, it is by our faith and God's grace that we are saved. When we exercise our faith, and live, or work as is fitting for a justified man of God, that we prove our faith to others. Ephesians 2:10, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

Abraham's journey of faith was filled with mistakes. However, Abraham was willing to exercise his faith before others. Through Jesus Christ, Abraham's faithfulness has been a blessing to all the families of the earth.

Like Abraham we can be a blessing to others when we exercise our faith!

### REMINDER

#### 5th Annual Men's Spring Retreat Camp Garwood

Friday, May 13 starting at 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday May 14, 2016

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## God's Gifts

I used to think that God's gifts were on shelves one above the other and that the taller we grow in Christian character, the more easily we could reach them. I now find that God's gifts are on shelves one beneath the other and that it is not a question of growing taller but of stooping lower.

F.B. Meyer

## The Cynical Deception of the Muslim Religion

Dr. John M. Adams, Executive Director Moral Action

On the bumpers of many vehicles today, we see the Co-exist sign - white letters, blue background trying to say that all these religions can get along. These signs, especially meaningful of the Islamic faith, want Americans to believe that Muslims and Christians can coexist. The coexist symbol is "c" for a crescent moon of Islam, the letter "x" for the Star of David representing Judaism, and the "t" for the Christian cross, the "o" for the pagan Wiccan, the "e" for the male/female sign, and the "s" for the Chinese ying-yang symbol. It is impossible for any two of them to agree totally because of their divergent image of God himself.

In taking a closer look at the Muslim beliefs, our desire is to expose this deceitful religion. I thank the following for their helpful writings: Dr. Adrian Rogers, Dr. David Jeremiah, Glen Beck, Karen Armstrong, and Joel C. Rosenberg.

Islamic extremists have declared war on America. The sad day of 9-11 created a powerful shift in the United States. Although Muslim leaders across the globe were quick to repudiate the actions of this fringe group, Islamophobia brought the chaos of war to our American soil. We will never be the same again!

According to think-tanks in America, Americans view Islam as a monolithic religion that (1) preaches Holy war on non-Muslims, (2) that it shares very few of America's values, (3) that its religion is very aggressive, and sexist, (4) that it does support terrorism, and (5) that Islam wants to destroy the American/Christian way of life.

John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States (1825-1829) wrote of Islam, "In the 7th century of the Christian era, a wandering Arab of the lineage of Hagar had Mohammad the Egyptian, combining the powers of transcendent genius, with the energy of a fanatic, the spirit of an imposter and proclaimed himself as a messenger from

Heaven". The Frenchman Alexis de Tocqueville said of Islam, "I studied the Quran a great deal and I came away from that study with the conviction that by and large there have been few religions in the world as deadly to men as that of Mohammed."

Let's review a list of lies/falsehoods that present themselves about the Muslim faith:

**Lie #1....Islam is much like Christianity and Judaism.** Glen Beck wrote:

"Proponents of the hand-holding, drum-circle view of world religions often point to the common origin of the three monotheistic, all-encompassing way of life, inseparable from politics and law. All authority in the Islamic faith flows from God. There is no separation of church and state in the Sunni Islamic tradition. The caliph was a religious and political leader in one." There is a great difference.

**Lie #2....Islam is a Great Religion of Peace.**

President Barack Obama, a pro-Arab President, stated, "Islam is a religion that preaches peace." Numerous places in the Quran calls for violence and murder: Sura 9:29: "Fight against those who (1) believe not in Allah, (2) nor in the Last Day, (3) nor forbid that which has been forbidden by Allah and His Messenger (4) and those who acknowledge not the religion of truth, Islam, among the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians), until they pay the Jizyah (tax) with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued."

The implications are clear. Failing to submit to Islam puts you at war with God and true believers, and those believers are instructed to fight you until you submit. In that sense, perhaps Islam could indeed be called a "religion of peace" - with peace coming only through submission.

**Lie #3....Jihad is Peaceful.** On September 11, 2001, Jihad had come to Ameri-

ca. Osama bin Laden relied heavily on Quran 5:33, which reads:

"The recompense of those who wage war against Allah and His Messenger and do mischief in the land is only that they shall be killed or crucified or their hands and their feet be cut off on the opposite sides, or be exiled from the land. That is their disgrace in this world, and a great torment is theirs in the Hereafter."

**Lie #4....America Is Safe from Sharia Law.**

Abdur Rahman Doi, a Malaysian scholar of Islamic law, explains that the Quran mandates that Sharia rule over all Muslims everywhere, for all time:

"The entire Muslim Ummah [community] lives under the Shari'ah to which every member has to submit, with sovereignty belonging to Allah alone....Shari'ah was not revealed for limited application or for a specific age. It will suit every age and time."

Imran Ahsan Khan Nyazee, a Pakistani law professor, contends that only sharia can properly govern Muslims: "Any other legal system, howsoever attractive it may appear on the surface, is alien for Muslims and is not likely to succeed in the solution of their problems...."

Islam is a deceitful religion that should be exposed in these latter days. The Word of God in Amos 3:3 declares "Can two walk together, except they are agreed?" We should not and cannot accept such a wretched religion. Our Bible, which is the true Word of God, declares in Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." We thank God the Father for His true Son, Jesus Christ!

Recommended reading to continue this subject is "Inside the Revolution" by Joel Rosenberg, "It Is About Islam" by Glenn Beck, and "Jihad in the Quran" by Louay Fatoohi.

• **BREAKOUT** From Page 1 •  
with church insurance and lawsuits provide him with insight to help pastors protect their congregations.

### **Small Churches Can Make a Big Difference** **Paul Bearfield**

Who said that only big churches can make an impact? The fact of the matter is that the majority of churches in America are small. The bulk of ministry in America happens in congregations of less than seventy people.

Paul Bearfield is the pastor of Worden Baptist Church in Bald Knob, Arkansas. This small congregation is reaching a multi-ethnic, multi-generational farming community through outreach and discipleship. Paul's experience in both large and small churches gives him a unique perspective on the advantages small churches have in reaching communities for Christ.

### **How to Deliver Transformational Teaching** **Mark Livingston**

It is possible to share information without seeing transformation. What is it that sets apart powerful teaching and preaching from a mere lecture? Whether you are a first-time Sunday school teacher or a seasoned pastor, this session will provide practical tips you can put into action this Sunday.

Dr. Mark Livingston is the pastor of Keltys First Baptist Church in Lufkin, Texas. His background in radio broadcasting, coupled with doctoral studies in preaching, has helped Mark hone his communication skills. In addition to pastoring, Mark also teaches at BMA Seminary in Jacksonville, Texas, and serves as managing editor of *Compass Adult Bible Studies*.

### **How to Recruit and Keep Volunteers** **Bryan Atwood**

Do you find yourself scrambling each week to fill teaching positions? Is it

## **SOAR 2016 Conference** **Registration Now Open!**

*Thomas Mobly*- Chief of Operations

Thousands of students will gather July 6-8, 2016, at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas, Texas, to discover God's heart for the nations at SOAR 2016. Conference messages will inspire students to engage the world with the gospel while the global village will provide hands-on mission experiences.

SOAR 2016 will cover the subject of global missions. A heart for Christ must include a heart for the world. From the beginning, God has proclaimed his desire to be glorified around the nations. Every believer should be involved in the global cause working together to see people from every tribe, tongue, language and nation come to Christ! SOAR 2016 will uncover the biblical story of God's heart for the world and challenge students to become passionate about his global glory.

This year's guests will include speaker Clif Johnson, worship leader Aaron Williams, conference emcee Jordan Bowen, and concert artist We the Union.

For more information on SOAR 2016, including conference registration and hotel reservations, visit [gosoar.com](http://gosoar.com). Early registration is only \$110 per person. Early registration and hotel room rates are available for a limited time. Don't miss out on this year's SOAR conference. Register your group today.

## **SOAR 2016 Concert to Preview a Taste of Heaven...**

by *Jonathan Wilson* • Director of Marketing

DiscipleGuide is pleased to announce that We The Union will perform Concert for the Nations at SOAR 2016. Concerts have always been a highlight of SOAR student conference. However, nothing will compare to what We the Union has in store with Concert for the Nations.

The Bible describes the throne room of heaven as a place where people from every tribe, tongue and nation join together praising the Lamb who was slain before the creation of the world. During Concert for the Nations, We The Union will lead students to sing in languages from many tribes, tongues and nations. It will be a small preview of what awaits in heaven.

For over three years now, We The Union has served as SOAR band. According to DiscipleGuide Director Scott Attebery, "We can't imagine a more fitting artist for this year's concert. SOAR conference owes so much to the commitment We The Union has made to our students over the years." Aaron Williams, lead singer of We The Union, attended SOAR as a youth group member and later as a member of SOAR worship band. Now as lead singer, he continues to bless SOAR with the talents God has given him. We The Union is in the process of recording a new album that will be released later this year. They also have an EP (extended play) available on iTunes.

For more information on SOAR 2016 and to register your group, visit [gosoar.com](http://gosoar.com) today. Conference registration is \$110 until June 10, 2016. Hotel booking is also now open for the Hilton Anatole, Dallas, TX at [gosoar.com](http://gosoar.com). For news and updates, follow @soarconference on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

hard to keep nursery workers? Do you have to replace greeters more often than you'd like?

Every church runs on volunteers. No matter how big the congregation's budget or attendance, the majority of workers within any given church are volunteers.

Bryan Atwood, pastor of Campground Baptist Church in Gulfport, Mississippi, possesses years of experience organizing volunteers for both a church and a campground. In this breakout, he will share helpful ideas for identifying, training, and keeping volunteers in your church.

## **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.

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**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).

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**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

## **BMA Directors Reports On-line**

In preparation for the 2016 BMA National Meeting, the executive directors of each national department and agency have recorded a detailed video report of their yearly activities. In addition to the annual reports given to the messengers at the National Meeting in Gatlinburg, these video reports are an attempt to give everyone an opportunity to know as much as possible about the ministry of each department. Each director encourages all messengers and church members to watch their reports and to contact them with any questions, concerns or comments.

### **Director reports can be found at the following websites:**

Dr. John David Smith, BMA Missions - [bmamissions.org](http://bmamissions.org)

Dr. Steve Crawley, Lifeword Media Ministries - [lifeword.org](http://lifeword.org)

Dr. Charlie Holmes, BMA Theological Seminary - [bmats.edu/about-us/annual-report/](http://bmats.edu/about-us/annual-report/)

Dr. Scott Attebery, DiscipleGuide - [discipleguide.org](http://discipleguide.org)

Dr. John Adams, BMA Moral Action- [vimeo.com/158914970](http://vimeo.com/158914970)

Charles Attebery, BMA Foundation - [bmaamerica.org/bmafoundation](http://bmaamerica.org/bmafoundation)