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“We Are All in This Together”

By BMAA President Jason Aultman

The time is quickly approaching for the national meeting of the BMA of America. I hope you are planning to attend. The meeting will take place April 20 – 22 at the University Hotel and Convention Center in Springfield, Missouri. We will convene with a time of worship at 7:00 that Monday evening.

This year’s theme is “We’re All In This Together.” What any of us can do individually might seem small, but what God can use us to accomplish collectively can have an impact beyond our imagination. Our time in Springfield will provide a wonderful opportunity to hear about what the Lord has been doing in the work of our association and to look forward and dream of what He might have in store as we continue to follow and serve Him together.

In addition to our times of worship and conducting of business, we also look forward to opportunities to hear from several folks that will be offering elective training sessions. It is our hope that these times will encourage, sharpen and prepare us to serve with even greater effectiveness when we return home.

It is my understanding that the headquarter hotel has sold out of rooms, but additional rooms are available at the Holiday Inn on Glenstone. You can reach them at 417-865-8600. There is a special rate of \$99 if you tell them you are with the BMA.

I am praying for and anticipating a great time together. Hope to see you there!

Remember Camp Garwood

Bro. Chris informs us that by the time you read this the camp committee will have met to make some definite plans concerning Camp Garwood. Next month we should have a lot to report as a result of this meeting.

Meanwhile, he reminds us that the following dates have been set for the use of the camp this summer:

Men’s Retreat - May 1-2

GMA Retreat - July 10-11

Camp Week - July 27-31

Please keep the camp ministry in your prayers and uplift our committee, Bro. Chris, and our speaker as we prepare

for the activities this year and look forward to seeing God work through this ministry.

Don’t forget to continue to DEW! Your **D**ollar **E**ach **W**eek goes a long way in helping keep our facilities attractive, comfortable, and in good repair. Report your quarterly offerings for DEW and get more information about the program by contacting our DEW Promoter, Cathy Beardsley at 573-380-9502 (text or call) or leave a message for her on FaceBook.

Equipping and Training at the National Meeting

In addition to the regularly scheduled times of worship and conducting of business, this year’s National Association Meeting will offer special opportunities for equipping and training. According to BMA President, Dr. Jason Aultman, six elective sessions will be presented. The schedule will allow attendees the chance to select up to three electives to attend. “I am excited about the opportunity we have to hear from these trainers,” Dr. Aultman said. “They offer unique insight and expertise in the topics they will discuss. I believe these electives are going to provide a wonderful opportunity to grow, learn, and be sharpened and better prepared for effective ministry and leadership. It’s my hope that these will prove to not only be enjoyable and encouraging to those attending, but ultimately will serve to strengthen and bless churches and ministries across the BMA!”

Elective sessions to be offered include:

“Creative Expository Preaching: Practical Help In Sermon Preparation And Delivery”

Presenter: Dr. David Allen

Dr. Allen is the Dean of the School of Theology at Southwestern Baptist Seminary in



Ft. Worth, Texas. He also serves as the Director of the Southwestern Center for Expository Preaching, is a Professor of Preaching, and occupies the seminary’s George W. Truett Chair of Min-

**BMA of Missouri 2015
Mission Symposium**
Friday, May 15 @ 6:00 P. M.
&
Mid Year Meeting
Saturday, May 16 @ 9:00 a.m.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Poplar Bluff
(see program notes in Missions Director’s article, page 3)

Please Note: The Special Missions Committee has selected Camp Garwood to receive our Symposium Offering this year. This will be designated for the new roof on the Tabernacle.

Please bring a generous offering from your church to help with this project.

istry. Just as the title indicates, this session will provide practical tools that preachers and teachers can use in preparation and presentation. Some “what’s, why’s and how’s” of expository preaching will be presented.

“The Future Of America As We Near The End Of The Age And What Believers Should Do”

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.

“Leading Change”

Presenter: Bro. Andy Comer

Bro. Andy is the Pastor at Davis Street Baptist Church in Sulphur Springs, Texas. Bro. Andy served on staff at Davis Street and accepted the pas-



torate following the retirement of Bro. Tommy Hall. He has learned some “do’s and do not’s” of leading change in an established church. In this session participants will discover how to lead a church through purposeful change as well as practical steps to effectively bring about change.

“What Can An Entrepreneur Teach Me About Ministry?”

Presenter: Dr. Eddie Glover

Dr. Glover is a pharmacist and CEO of U.S. Compound-
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Announcement:

For those who may be coming in on Sunday afternoon to the national meeting in Springfield, MO, the address of Grandview Baptist Church is 3208 N. Barnes. The evening service on Sunday will begin at 6:00 p.m. Dr. James Shine will be our guest speaker.

Bro. Gary Longstaff, pastor

+++ NEWS BRIEFS +++

Lower Doe Run, Ellington, writes: we are so blessed by the works of His hands. Our world is just a small portion of the mighty works of God yet HE blesses so greatly. Bro. Meade led us in worship through a chalk talk recently entitled "God Gave the Song" by the Gaithers. As the music began, he started drawing a musical score complete with lines, spaces and treble clef. He added measures and eighth notes then set in a background of green trees, grass, and purple mountains. As the music grew in intensity, he placed the manger in the top left corner above the music score and added the star of wonder. Through the crash of cymbals and discord of minor chords, he added the three crosses on the hill at the right top. They said, "Crucify Him!" "There, that should stop it!" The music stopped, silence reigned over the congregation. As he drew the dark tomb and stone at the side at the bottom left of the musical score then flicked a few light strokes, we could hear the very soft music begin to play. He drew light shining from the open tomb and lighting up the middle of the picture through the sky. Yes, God gave the Song! They crucified our Lord but the Song was not stopped. It keeps going. Soon He (the Song) will come in His glory to call us home for eternity with Him. What a beautiful theme for worship from the end of a dark cold winter into the renewal of Spring to encourage us and to remind us that HE has not and never will forsake His children. Praise His Name! Some of our girls were blessed to spend the GMA House Party and annual business meeting at Ohlman. Many thanks go out to those faithful women that spend precious time molding young girls for God's glory. We look forward to the National GMA Retreat and the State GMA Retreat this summer. We were blessed to attend and participate in the Logan Creek Fifth Sunday Singing at Antioch. We are looking forward to a dry, warm Saturday to continue sprucing up the outside of the church building. Some ladies plan to attend the National WMA in Springfield this month. At least six families are asking prayer for health reasons. Many more have loved ones that need to be saved. Pray for these needs. God bless.

Melvin Meade, Pastor • Carolyn Meade, Reporter

Briar, Doniphan, has had another busy month. The 3rd Sunday Singing was well attended and the music, as usual, well done and much enjoyed. Add lots of good food, stir in happy Christians and your recipe for a great day is complete! Next was the Cane Creek Baptist Association 5th Sunday Meeting. Our folks that attended described the day as "awesome" with a capital "A." Bro. Larry Edwards Sr. delivered God's message and all went well at the meeting. Danny and I were out of town, but returned in time for the 5th Sunday Singing at Briar. Bro. Jon delivered a message entitled "Going Down to Egypt" to remind us not to backslide in our Christian life. It can't be said enough how much Bro. Jon turns himself over to the Lord's work. And, of course, his wife, Hannah, is his best asset. After more eating--we're Baptist aren't we?--we still managed to be able to sing. It's wonderful to have so many different styles and songs presented to the Lord. God is sooooo good. We are looking forward to a great day Sunday beginning with a "Sonrise" service. He lives!! Til next time--Keep looking up!

Jon Carpenter, Pastor • Phyllis Williams, Reporter

Lighthouse, Maldin, reminds us HE'S ALIVE! HE'S ALIVE! HE'S ALIVE FOREVERMORE! And because, He lives, we too shall live with Him, in glory, in the morning, over yonder. We have so many in our church family who are looking forward to that great Resurrection morning, more this Easter than we were last Easter. God has chosen in the last few months

to call home mothers, sisters, brothers and many other relatives of our church family. We, as a church family, have been there for each other--maybe never able to do all we wanted to, but we loved each other through our sorrows. God's most recent call on March 23, was for Joseph "Gene" McVay, my wife, Melissa's brother--her first sibling to go to Heaven. Gene was saved and baptized as a young teenager at Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church, Kewanee, MO, and was a long-time member there. In the foyer of Kewanee MBC, you will find a Deacons' plaque with the name of Joseph L. McVay, Sr., who was Gene's grandpa and who, also, was a charter member of the church. Obviously, Gene was named "Joseph" for Grandpa McVay. I must tell you Gene's home-going celebration was one of the most glorious worship services our family has ever experienced (and I was so honored to officiate). We must, also, say thank you Heavenly Father, Dear Lord Jesus and Kewanee MBC for all you have done for our family. Gene's mother, Nora, and his six siblings were also saved and baptized at Kewanee MBC, PRAISE GOD!! Gene's Dad, J.L. Jr., was already saved and baptized before the church there was established, and J. L. was privileged to have a part in the Gospel music history of the church, as well as teaching Gospel music singing schools all over Missouri and several other states. Kewanee MBC is the Historical Marker for most of the spiritual foundation of the McVay family and its descendants. And I must remind you that Kewanee MBC was instrumental in starting our dear Lighthouse Missionary Baptist Church, where God is currently, and graciously, allowing us to serve Him. Lighthouse still has new people coming to our services. We gathered in the fellowship hall March 29, after the morning service, for a joyous

and delicious pre-Easter dinner. May God use us all in a great and mighty way until next month and until He comes.

Randy Zinn, Pastor/Reporter

Greetings from **Ozark Heights, Potosi!** What a month, dealing with low temperatures along with snowfall throughout the month caused some services to be canceled and some lower attendance but we know God is good and everything serves a greater purpose. February 8th we had a beautiful day to serve the Lord with warm temperatures and even warmer spirits as one of our young boys, Ben, accepted the Lord as his Savior in Jr. Worship. Later in the day, it got even better as we provided the Worship service at Georgian Gardens in the afternoon. We were joined by another group from Springtown Baptist and we enjoyed a heartwarming service with special singing, instrumentals by Bro. Ron Eye on the guitar and Sis. Maranda Eye on the mandolin, along with Bro. Josh Meade playing the harmonica and devotional by Bro. Gary. We had one of their largest attendances ever with many coming in as they heard the service in progress. Praise God for His hope, peace and grace! We have a God worthy of our praise and devotion. Friday, February 13th, we had our Valentine's Banquet with fun food (Pizza) and wonderful homemade desserts. We had a fun time following Bro. Wayne Well, the auctioneer of the White Elephant auction. There were so many fun gifts provided by the members, wrapped beautifully and sold to raise money to repair or replace more of our parking lot. Of course, there was Bro. Gary who always brings laughter with his antics as "Dave from Storage Wars" and this time adding a little "Elmer Fudd" to encourage the bidding. We love our members and have so much fun together worshipping our Lord in everything we do. Our February 11th WMA/Men's meeting had to be canceled because of the snow; as well as, February 15th Sunday services and at this point they are forecasting more snow for this weekend. We are planning for our Annual Homecoming May 3rd. Bro. Jim Ford has confirmed he will provide the message in our morning service. We hope everyone will come out and join us for lunch and fellowship; after your services, of course. We have Crimson Gold coming for the afternoon music. SAVE THE DATE MAY 3, 2015. March finally has changed the weather pattern and we have enjoyed all of our services for the first time in a couple months without snow, ice, or cold. We enjoyed several wonderful messages throughout the month as Bro. Brian continues to provide encouragement through the Word. Continuous sickness and allergies now come to the

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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • March 2015

General Fund:

Balance March 1, 2015		\$	19,901.94
March Receipts:	\$	<u>2,147.50</u>	\$ <u>2,147.50</u>
Total Available		\$	21,110.54
Disbursements:			
Director's Salary	\$	900.00	
Director's Expenses	\$	105.12	
Director's 401-K	\$	130.00	
Church Health Books	\$	119.86	
Bank Charges (New checks)	\$	<u>81.78</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$	1,336.76	\$ <u>1,336.76</u>
Balance March 31, 2015		\$	21,332.85

Savings:

Certificate of Deposit	\$	67,245.75
Certificate of Deposit	\$	23,014.98
ING Direct Savings	\$	<u>21,149.01</u>
Total in CD's:	\$	111,409.74

From Our Missions Director....

Pastor Matt Johnson and the good folks at Mt. Zion Baptist Church are planning a great meeting for our Mid Year meeting on May 15-16. We will start off Friday evening (6:00 PM) with our annual Mission Symposium. This year we will have two special guests in Pastor Todd West of the Oasis Church in Maumelle, AR and Dr. Scott Atteberry, the Executive Director of the BMAA DiscipleGuide Ministries. In a recent news announcement from DiscipleGuide, we were informed of a new ministry to be offered to the churches of the BMA of America. The following is a quote from that news release:

Todd West, Director of Church Solutions

According to DiscipleGuide Executive Director Scott Atteberry, "Todd's experience and track record as a pastor, church planter, and consultant have prepared him to serve in this role." West's role as Director of Church Solutions is a new position focused on DiscipleGuide's new emphasis on getting personally involved with local churches.

Already, DiscipleGuide is working with several churches through the new Activate initiative, a coach-driven approach to helping hurting churches experience revitalization. Also on the horizon for the new Church Solutions division are much-needed resources such as an Intentional Interim program and a confidential Pastor's Helpline.

According to West, "It will be an honor to serve pastors and churches who are seeking solutions to the challenges we face today."

It seems that all churches begin with an upward incline as a mission church. Soon there is a church organization, a building program, and the addition of staff as the church grows. Yet within a few years, the church tends to slow down and assumes a "reclining position". This reclining action soon turns to "declining" movement, where people, resources, and ministry comes to a crawl or standstill. Unless it is turned around, the church may soon come to believe that its best days are behind her.

We have a lot of hurting churches within our state work and many of them can be described as "declining churches". On this Friday evening of the Symposium, these two men will help us to understand that there is both hope and help for

churches who are experience a "decline" in their attendance, ministry, and overall, church health.

I hope that you will make a serious effort to attend the mission symposium at 6:00 PM on Friday evening. Pastors, please bring some of your lay people so they, too, can hear what is available to help them to stop the decline and once again dream of better days ahead! I look forward to seeing you in Poplar Bluff May 15th at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday May 16th!

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ing in Conway, Arkansas. He was named the National Pharmacist of the Year in 2012 by the National Community Pharmacists Association. U.S. Compounding has experienced exponential growth in recent years, transitioning from from a local company of 4 employees to a national organization. In this session, 10 practical principles will be presented that any leader can implement for greater effectiveness in any field.



Job Opportunity at Central Baptist College.....

Seeking Director of Annual Fund Raising

General Responsibilities: The Director is responsible for the planning, coordinating, and directing the annual fund of the College including, but not limited to, special fund raising projects. The Director will work under the direct supervision of the Vice President for Advancement in coordination with the College President to manage a comprehensive, strategic, and integrated effort to build CBC's base of donors and increase the level of support to annual giving and special projects.

Qualifications: Minimum Bachelor's Degree and the ability to manage donor relations with a high degree of professionalism, integrity, and confidentiality. The ideal candidate should also have exceptional oral and written communication skills with demonstrated ability to manage multiple projects/deadlines and possess a service-oriented, team player attitude. Fund Raising experience preferred. Travel required. Candidate must support the Christian identity of the College and demonstrate mature faith, Christian lifestyle, and a strong belief in Baptist Doctrine.

Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Application review will begin immediately and continue until position is filled

Interested candidates must send via e-mail a cover letter as an attachment addressed to Central Baptist College, Attention: Nancy Faulk, Vice President for Advancement, 1501 College Avenue, Conway, AR 72034. The e-mail must also include a brief statement of faith and resume (including references). Electronic submissions only. No phone calls please.

"Great Expectations: Taking Your Sunday School To The Next Level"
Presenter: Bro. Ken Lupton

Bro. Ken is a Church Partner with Lifeway Church Resources. He works with hundreds of churches every year, partnering with them to provide strategies and solutions to develop healthy, growing Sunday Schools and churches. Through his ministry with Lifeway Bro. Ken works alongside churches in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois. Participants in this session will be given tools to evaluate their Sunday School, and help in knowing how to create dynamic classes.



"Growing Your Sunday Attendance With Social

Media" Presenter: Brandon Cox

Brandon is the Pastor of Grace Hills Church, a church plant in Northwest Arkansas. He also serves as a Strategic Consultant for Social Media with Lifeway, and Editor of Pastors.com, one of the largest online learning resources for pastors and church leaders. Social media presents a great platform to meet new people, start conversations, and invite people to church without spending a lot of money. This session will provide understandable help for those who would like to learn the basics of using social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.) to enhance evangelism and community within their church family.

Come Learn with us!



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forefront. Several are going through illness and we would ask you to pray for Bro. Bob and Sis. Mary Dement, Sis. Doris Lawson, Bro. Larry Cash and many others who have been sick. Pray the Lord will gain glory through the valleys as well as upon the mountain. Our talent night is always held on the last Sunday evening service of the month we are looking for fine music, food and fellowship. Bro. Brian was away for 5th Sunday; he gets each 5th Sunday as a part of vacation time, and Bro. Gary filled in for him while he was away. Please pray for all those who are sick and under the weather unable to attend. We praise the Lord for answered prayers; as we have had so many praises even in this shortened month. Remember Sis. Delores Owens in the passing of her son Clifford Owens Jr. Brian Meade, Pastor • Georgie Brokaw, Reporter

First Baptist, Potosi, sends warm greetings to our brothers and sisters in Christ. The month of March has been full of activities beginning with our Friends' Day. The weather was horrible the first Sunday in March, so we held our 59th Friends' Day on the second Sunday and what a day it was. We were blessed with five baptisms: one, a family of four, Vernon (Taco) Mason, Jr, his wife, Heather, and their two daughters, Karlee and Emilee. Also baptized was my grandson, Seth Wright, the son of Alisia and Tim Wright (great-grandson of the late Robert and Beverly Simpson). All enjoyed a great lunch after the sermon given by Jim Ainley. Following lunch EVIDENCE SINGS blessed us with their musical talents and witness for the Lord. It was a great day in the Lord. The Upward basketball games ended and the Celebration banquet was held. All the children were excited over the gifts they received. We have seen spiritual happenings from this activity and everyone is ready to do it again next year. It was a great activity to help get Jesus spread through the community. (What is next? Soccer?) AWANA has also been busy, not only with their Bible Lessons, but also preparing for the Grand Prix Car Races. Several volunteers assisted any child and parent who did not have the correct equipment to make their cars. The race was held, Friday, March 27; attendance was good, the children had a great time, and there were even adults who do not ever attend church come to see their children race. Trophies were given and then all participants received a participation ribbon. We are very thankful for our AWANA director, teachers, and volunteers who assist with this program. March 29, Keeton Ainley, son of Jim and Jessica Ainley, (grandson of Kelly and Kathy Silvey, and great-grandson of Imogene Pitman and the late Norman Silvey) was baptized. We were blessed with baptisms both opening and closing the month of March. We have many members, others on our prayer list and those who are going through difficult times. Prayer is the key to helping those in need. May God bless you in your endeavors to spread the gospel of Christ. Jim Ainley, Assistant Pastor • Deborah Rauhut, Reporter

Bethesda, Park Hills, has had some enjoyable services lately. March 8th after having our regular morning service and lunch at the church, we reconvened at 1:30 to baptize Bro. Ashton Dane who was saved a few weeks earlier. He is the seven year old son of our pastor Alan Dane and his wife Dana. Afterward we heard Bro. Zach Dane's first sermon. He brought a good message on the only way to be saved. We then had our business meeting which had been postponed due to bad weather and voted to license Bro. Zach to preach. We have had some visitors in our services for which we are thankful and we are also thankful that some of our members who had not been able to attend for awhile are now able to be back with us including Bro. & Sis. Knight, Sis. Gladys Black, and Bro. Tommy Cantrell. We enjoyed hosting the district WMA meeting in March. Bro. and Sis. Knight are planning to go the the national meeting in Springfield. Our pastor and family had

also planned to go but due to our pastor starting a new job, they will not be able to go now. Until next time.

Alan Dane, Jr., Pastor
Barbarasue Marler, Reporter

Bethany, St. Louis, is wondering where the month of March went! The months just seem to march right off the calendars! We rejoice in the fact that we are blessed to worship our Heavenly Father and have been blessed by great teaching and preaching. We had a very busy month with talent night on the 22nd. We are always blessed by those who give of their time and talents willingly for the Lord. Bro. Brian Meade and his wife were with us the 29th. and we were blessed with his preaching. It is so good to hear the younger preachers preaching like the more seasoned ones! We are so thankful for their abilities and willingness to preach the truth. The 22nd, we observed the Lord's Supper. This is always a very sweet time for God's churches. We want to extend our sympathy to the family of Wanda Cozort, a former member of Bethany, who passed away recently. Remember her family in your prayers as they mourn her passing. Spring has finally arrived with an abundance of beauty and of course allergies and all that comes with it. We can definitely see God's handiwork in the beauty of the seasons. Please continue to pray for Bethany as we seek God's will in the calling of a pastor. Bro. Hoffmann has been a man of faith and integrity and we will miss both him and Sis. Mary. Pray for them as they are seeking God's will also. Remember that God is always greater than the storms that come into your life.

James Hoffmann, Pastor
Kathy Chapman, Reporter

Landmark, DeSoto, held our World Missions Day on the 8th since we had not been able to have Sunday morning services for the two previous Sundays. It has been obvious this month that our weather can vary from warm to cold

and back again. We've had some rough times health wise too. Bro. David Burch fell the first part of the month and hurt his ankle and is now wearing a boot. Hopefully it is healing well. My mother-in-law and long time member of Landmark, Mildred Hawkins, passed away on the 6th. As long as she was able she attended regularly, but it had been a few years since she could. She will be greatly missed. A couple of us attended the State WMA meeting on the 7th at Zion. It was such a good meeting, and we all loved Valarie Fish's presentation. Our regular WMA and Brotherhood meetings were on the 22nd. I'm not sure of the attendance or study since I was unable to attend. I miss it when I can't go. We had our Fellowship dinner the last Sunday of the month. I think it was enjoyed by all. Bro. Denver and Bro. Earl Denby have both been back to the hospital this month. We ask for prayers for healing. We have so many asking for prayer at Landmark that I can't begin to name all of them. We want to extend our sympathy to Elmwood Baptist and the family of Brenda Turner. She was a terrific lady with a servant's heart. Something interesting that I read this week. "Don't condone what God condemns." - Anonymous. Until next month or the Lord returns
Wayne Gibson, pastor • Sharon Page, reporter

Hello to ALL! **Oak Hill, Alton**, has really been blessed during the last couple of months. February 15th Randy Hollis was baptized and became a member at Oak Hill. Chance and Cortney Moyer welcomed their son Cameron Skyler Moyer on February 22nd. He weighed 8lbs, 13ozs, and measured 21 ¼ inches. The Casey family grew on March 6th Chad and Abby Casey welcomed their daughter Londyn Reese Casey. She weighed 7lbs, 3ozs and measured 20 ½ inches. Bro. Ed and Sis. Theresa have been extremely Happy Grandparents! March 29th was the fifth Sunday and we have dinner in our fellowship hall. I agree with Bro. Ed when he said, "Ladies, you have outdone yourselves, the food was excellent." April 5th our youth presented a program that honored and celebrated Jesus's resurrection. This was great like always' for every time our youth present a program they do a wonderful job. That evening we went to Shepherd View's, an assisted living facility where we go on the first Sunday night of the month to worship and praise the Lord. We always enjoy worshipping the Lord with the residents. Hopefully I will have some more GREAT news to write about next month; but until then we will be worshipping and praising the Lord! GOD BLESS!!
Edward Casey, Pastor • Jennifer Williams, Reporter

Charity, Columbia, reports that Bro. Jim Ford's retirement party was a big success. We thank all of you who came and helped us celebrate not only his retirement from Charity but his lifelong ministry. I know he appreciated seeing everyone. It was an emotional day for many but a good kind of emotion. Many thanks to Westview for helping with the catering bill and for their monetary gift to Bro. Ford. It's good to have a "sister" church close enough to help if we need it. Thanks also to Danny Kirk and the Meramec Association for the plaque and recognition of all the work Bro. Ford has put into other ministries and the all expense paid trip to the Senior Conference. Bro. Jim is looking forward to it. It was a lot of planning and hard work for our little band but it was certainly a labor of love and the Lord blessed us abundantly for our efforts. It was a perfect example of the phrase, "little is much when God is in it". Now we are looking forward to God leading us in our search for a new pastor. Bro. Ford is still an important member of Charity and we value his wisdom and experience. The waiting is the hardest part. We pray that no doubt will be left in any mind when the right man and the right time is here. I think pastors like Jim Ford can be excellent mentors to young men who are inexperienced at being pastors or perhaps are resisting

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the call out of fear. It is sad to me that there is such a shortage of young men and families being called to pastorship. I can't help but feel God is disappointed. Being the wife of a preacher has been a big challenge and sometimes struggle, to be what I know I should be and feeling that I am not only unworthy but falling short. I do believe that being a preacher/pastor's wife is also a calling and for the man to be successful he needs that support. I believe the Bible teaches us that husbands and wives must be pulling together in the same direction, yoked together. Being called and in the center of God's will is the greatest joy I have ever known. I highly recommend it. Praying for you all in your Christian walk. God bless.
Judy Bowers, reporter.

**Pictures from
Bro. Ford's Retirement Celebration**
(Thanks to Bro. Mike Hearst for the pictures)



**Bro. Kirk presenting plaque and gift to Bro. Ford
on behalf of the Meramec Association**



Preachers present at the Celebration
(front row l-r) Jim Ford, Brian Meade, Mike Hearst, Tom McCanless
(back row l-r) Wayne Gibson, James Hoffmann, Danny Kirk, Larry Lovvorn, Rodney Dunlap, David Griggs, Neil Bowers

Greetings from **Bethlehem, Doniphan!** March was a little different type of month for us. With all the rain that was falling on Friday, March the 13th and all the flash floods possible, Youth in the Harvest was postponed until this month. So we will have gone to Zalma by the time you are reading this. The third Sunday singing was very well attended at Briar MBC. It was great time to be with our brothers and sisters at the Fifth Sunday Associational Meeting at Zalma. It is with saddened hearts that Bro. Russell resigned from the church effective with the first Sunday in May. Please pray for our church as we search for a new Pastor and also pray God's will on Bro. Russell and Sis. Joanna. They will be missed greatly. Until next month, may God bless and keep us all!
Russell Chitwood, Pastor • Yvonne Hill, Reporter

Bates Creek, Potosi, says, Warmer weather always promotes outside activity. What if the same were to be true within our churches? What if we could promote activity? Bates Creek is trying to do just that. An active church is an alive church. An alive church makes the world wonder...what are they all about and who is this Jesus guy? The WMA decided to jump start activity within the church. There will be a "ladies day out" in the month of April. We will continue to work on our service project for the Pregnancy Resource Center in Potosi. We will support the missionaries our youth group has "adopted" by giving the missionaries a \$100.00 love offering. Are you noticing a theme? Activity...to lead others to a relationship with our Lord. Our youth group usually leads the effort in activity. They recently spent a night trying to lift the spirits of one of their own by each of them writing a personal letter to Bro. Gavin who recently joined the Marines and is currently in basic training in California. The youth group cannot wait to get to meet the missionaries that they have "adopted" and spent so much time learning about and praying for. Still following the theme? Yep, you guessed it... activity!! Want to get active? Want to get involved? Bro. Bryan Buckley is working on another youth project that will include all of our churches. There is a first time youth event being planned in early June and he needs YOUR help. If you think you would like to offer help or support, Bro. Bryan can be contacted at 573-854-2251. The time to get active is NOW.

J.C. Huddleston, Pastor
Sara Buckley, Reporter

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Faithful Worker Called Home

Arthur "Tony" Myers

January 29, 1932 - March 31, 2015

Arthur "Tony" Myers of Saint Charles, MO, died on Tuesday March 31, 2015, at the age of 83. Loving husband of Floella Myers; devoted father of Eugene "Gene" (Sherl) Myers, Linda (Jeff) Wegert, and Toni Conley; cherished grandfather of Brad Conley, Jeffrey Conley, Amanda Kubicek, and Erin Green; treasured great-grandfather of Bryleigh Conley, Aven Conley, Quinn Kubicek, and Claire Green. He is also survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. Tony was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

He was a faithful member of Faith Missionary Baptist Church in St. Charles, Missouri for many years and since his retirement he was an active member of the "Master's Builders," a group of retired men and women who work together to help our churches with building projects whenever the opportunity arises.

Tony will be missed by many relatives and friends, but is in the presence of his dear Father waiting for many more to join him. Pray for his family and church as they seek God's comfort and guidance.

**Seminary to Offer DiscipleWay
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Since 2000, the BMA Seminary has offered intensive week-long studies each summer that focus upon various areas of religious education. The 2015 summer schedule includes a unique opportunity for individuals to gain certification for DiscipleWay. Non-degree seeking students may enroll as auditors in Theology of Disciple Making (PM 517). Auditors should sign up for the course prior to May 22, 2015. PM 517 includes an introduction to the biblical, educational, and philosophical principles that undergird DiscipleWay curriculum, exposes individuals to each DiscipleWay discipline, and gives particular attention to the disciplines of Bible study and witnessing. DiscipleWay's goal is to teach individuals how to perform disciplines without the help of a teacher while also developing the ability for those same individuals to teach others without the help of a teacher. The course is scheduled to meet June 8-11. The 2015 schedule also consists of three online courses: Oral Communication, Old Testament Theology, and Greek Appreciation held May 25 - July 17, 2015. On campus courses include Church Administration on July 20-22, Sermon Preparation on July 22-24, Theology of Disciple Making for credit-seeking students held June 8-12, and advanced levels of DiscipleWay held June 8-12, 2015. Individuals interested in enrolling in courses for credit must register before April 24, 2015 by contacting the seminary dean's office for more information. Courses require the completion of research and writing assignments prior to their scheduled meetings on campus. Individuals interested in auditing the DiscipleWay training should also contact the seminary dean's office for registration information.

Pastor Searches

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

Charity Baptist Church, Columbia, is seeking a senior pastor. Interested preachers should contact them at the following: mailing address: 1803 N. Charleston Cir. % Neil Bowers, Columbia, MO 65202; or call Neil Bowers, associate pastor, at 573-474-1030 or e-mail Neil.Bowers@centurylink.net.

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Family Ties Have Changed

American society has changed dramatically over the last 50 years. This shift in society has also caused a ripple effect change in the family. People are much more mobile now. Opportunities for young adults have become much more plentiful than in times past. 50 years ago; if one of your children went to college, that was a big deal. Now, in many homes it is almost an expected right of passage for kids to go to college. Many of them want to seek a profession that requires them to go to college away from home. Young adults seek job opportunities in far away places from the original street where they grew up. This has become the norm in society.

The effect on the family is that many grandchildren and grandparents do not have the benefit of living in close proximity to each other as in days gone by. Even in my own life, when young couples got married; they didn't move far away from home. There was an old West Texas saying. "You need to move far enough away from your parents that you can't see the smoke from their chimney if you want a good marriage." Most people lived close to their extended families back then. It is not so anymore. While people do travel more, people have created much busier schedules for themselves. This has caused a great decrease in the amount of multi-generational interaction time.

Another caveat to family time is an unmentionable subject. People like to blame busy lives and a mobile society on this lack of family togetherness. As a family therapist and sociologist, I have seen an increase in people becoming self-absorbed and living a "me first" lifestyle. There are many families who still live in the same town but rarely see each other. People who are self-centered want to spend their "time off" doing things they want to do, and often it doesn't include family. This is found on all sides. The grandparents, the parents and children all want to do what they want to do, and this erodes family get-togethers. Nothing will change this scenario except people becoming more other-centered rather than self-centered.

A positive situation has evolved out of this societal shift. There are an increasing number of churches that have organized surrogate grandparent programs. This is where older people in the church; take on a very direct interaction with young children and serve as grandparents to these kids. This type of interaction is healthy. As previously noted in other articles, multi-generational interaction increases a child's spiritual, mental, and emotional well-being. It gives children a sense of belonging to something unique and special – your family. It offers security. In this constantly changing and volatile world, children need some continuity. It helps them know who they are and where they came from.

My father's church has a grandparent program. The senior adults who desire to participate; meet with kids at the church after school. Many of these kids don't even attend their church. It has become a community outreach program. The older people mentor and fellowship with the younger ones. My dad does not get to see his grandkids as often as he would like; but he gets to see his little first grade boy at church every week. He even has a picture of him on his table at home. This is a positive outgrowth that more people in the Christian community should consider. The church can serve as a useful tool for the family to bring the generations together that do not have the luxury of living down the street from the extended family. The families in the bible all lived close to each other and broke bread together. This was a good thing. Our society

today has hurt this process. Any opportunity to develop programs in churches to help multi-generational exchanges is good. And families should make an effort to increase extended family time. It might be necessary sometimes to forego what you want to do in order to go spend time with grandparents, or vice versa. It is important for the older generation to share family history of faith and life in general. Parents should expect their kids to shut off their gadgets and listen every once in a while with a right attitude to their grandparents. If we don't learn history, we will repeat the bad things of history. Children today need to learn what was going on in the 1930's in Europe with charismatic leaders and fanatical groups coming to power and what happens when there are no leaders to stop it. The schools rarely teach this type of history anymore. If grandparents share struggles they had; it helps the future generation know they can make it also when troubles come their way.

This may require people to be led by the Lord to make a more dramatic shift and not accept a job far away. You might choose to make less income, but choose to be closer to family. These are tough decisions in tough times. But society can't change one fact. Relationships in life are all that truly matter. Being a family is not about how much you have – but who you are.

Remember Mom!!

A man in New York called his mother in Florida. He asked, "Mother, how are you doing?"

She said, "Not too good. I've been very weak." The son became concerned and asked, "Why are you so weak?" "Because I haven't eaten in 38 days." she said.

What? He shouted, jumping to his feet. "How come you haven't eaten in 38 days?"

His mom replied, "Because I didn't want my mouth to be filled with food when you called."

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

A Servant, Friend, and Son of God

by Claude Evans, Pastor

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"Hast thou considered my servant Job...." Job 1:8. What a privilege it is to be called a servant of God. But what does it mean to be called a servant of God? We do not know of any great things that Job did for God. No world wide ministry, no great institutions built, no great things are mentioned in the Bible that Job did. The one thing that stands out about Job is, his obedience to God. God's description of Job is "An upright man, that feareth God, and hates evil." He offered burnt offerings for his children in case they sinned and cursed God. I suppose we could call Job a rancher because he had seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred she asses. What a thrill to go about the business of living your life and being faithful and obedient to God in such a way that God calls you a servant.

James 2:23 "And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the friend of God." What set Abraham apart that he was called the friend of God? Once again I see no great things that he did. Over and over again the Bible says. "He believed God." Abraham loved his wife, took care of what God gave him (herds of sheep and goats etc.) and he moved in obedience to God. Stop right here, get your Bible and read John 15: 14-15. What a thrill that you and I can be called a friend of God.

Romans 8:16 "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." Servant, friend, son... can it get any better than this. I want to be remembered by my family and friends as a servant of God. I also want them to know that I was a friend of God. And most important of all I want them to know that I am a son of God! I John 3: 1-2a "Behold what manner of love the father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: Therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not."

Beloved, now are we the sons of God....

What a thrill! What a blessing!

What an awesome position that God has given us!

A servant, friend and son of God.

Open letter to all BMAA churches and to the moderators of the Washington County Association, the BMA of MO, and the BMAA.

From: Bethesda Landmark Missionary Baptist Church
104 Fifth St. • Park Hills, MO 63601

Whereas our doctrinal statement in Article X, section D concerning the ordinances of the church state that "baptism is the immersion in water of a believer as a confession of his faith in Jesus Christ (Matt. 28:19; Rom. 6:4) and is prerequisite to church membership and participation in the Lord's Supper (Acts 2:41, 42). The Lord's Supper is the sacred sharing of the bread of communion and the cup of blessing by the assembled church (Acts 20:7) as a memorial to the crucified body and shed blood of Jesus Christ (Luke 22:19, 20; I Cor. 11:23-26.)"

And whereas Article X, section G states "The fellowship of the church—She is free to associate with true churches in furthering the faith (11 Cor. 11:8; Phil. 4:10, 15, 16) but is responsible to keep herself from those who hold doctrines or practices contrary to Holy Scripture (Gal 1:8,9; 1 John 2:19)": we as a church do express our disapproval of having the president of the Southern Baptist Convention as a guest speaker at our national association in Springfield in April 2015.

We would encourage others to express their opinion on this matter.

Done by order of the church March 15, 2015

4th Annual Men's Spring Retreat

Camp Garwood

Friday, May 1 and Saturday May 2, 2015

Friday Evening 7:30 P.M.

Supper

Meet and Greet

Program

Devotional - Bro. Russell Chitwood.

Saturday 7:30 A.M.

Devotional

Breakfast

Activities will be BB Tournament, Skit Shoot and Turkey Shoot.

Lunch

Dismissal

Who Can Attend?

Adult men and young men 10 and up who have an interest in outdoor activities.

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 participants 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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To assure plenty of food will be available please contact one of the men above by April 27, 2015 so we can get an ideal of how many will be attending.

Moderator: Alan Dane, Jr. •

Clerk: Barbarasue Marler

In response to a similar letter on this issue the *Baptist Trumpet* (the official publication of the BMA of Arkansas) contacted the President of the BMA of America who invited the SBC President to speak at our annual meeting. The following is his response:

"Faithful Servants... From Whom We Can Learn"

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the opportunity to share a little bit concerning my invitation to Dr. Ronnie Floyd to speak at our national meeting.

Dr. Floyd is a gifted preacher of the Word. The Lord has used him in tremendous ways, and I am excited to hear how God will teach, challenge and encourage us through him.

Having guests from outside the BMA to address our association is certainly not a new precedent. Just a few examples that come to mind include: W.A. Criswell, Jerry Falwell, Henry Blackaby, Tom Elliff and numerous others.

I do not believe it has ever been the intention of the people responsible for inviting such guests to attempt to shift us to anything other than BMA. I assure you that is not my intention. I consider it a joy to hear from leaders such as these. It is a help to me personally, and I hope that it can serve as a blessing and help to our association.

I appreciate the concern and interest regarding those from whom we hear. I hope and trust that concern is rooted in a desire to remain doctrinally faithful, conservative and sound. I wholeheartedly share that commitment.

I have spoken with others that are more personally acquainted with Dr. Floyd than I am, and the consensus has been unanimous that he is a solid teacher of God's Word. He currently serves as president of the Southern Baptist Convention. He was nominated for this position by Dr. Albert Mohler, one of the leading conservative Christian voices in the world and president of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. This endorsement speaks volumes as to Dr. Floyd's commitment to the Word of God and doctrinal solidity.

At the risk of being too candid, allow me to acknowledge one final thing. If, by chance, any concern is rooted in a simple desire to build a wall around ourselves and not hear from anyone outside BMA ranks, I will be transparent enough to admit my disagreement. There are many faithful servants of the Lord from whom we can learn. (A glance at the commentaries on many of our shelves will probably affirm that idea). Far from pulling us down, I am confident the Lord can use such people to lift us up.

It is an honor to serve as your president this year. I am looking forward to a great time in Springfield as we convene to worship our great God, conduct business, enjoy fellowship and hopefully be sharpened and better equipped for the ministry in which God has privileged us to serve.

Jason Aultman, President,
BMA of America

A Response to Proposed Amendments and Accompanying Whitepaper

During this past year the BMA Theological Seminary drafted (upon request) amendments to our Doctrinal Statement. I would like to express my appreciation to the Seminary committee for their effort in developing the proposed changes and the accompanying “whitepaper” (see www.bmats.edu/marriage/) which is intended to explain the Biblical basis for the new amended statements.

Upon hearing some push-back when these were made public I read the material myself and discovered elements that I, too, find problematic. With due respect to the committeemen, and especially to those that I sat under while in seminary, I humbly highlight some of those issues for your consideration.

The whitepaper begins with the claim that we must have a solid comprehension of God’s image before we can properly understand the doctrines (or “theology”) related to marriage. However, the paper failed to convince me of this claim. But more importantly, I find no scripture cited in that section of the document that substantiates that connection.

A major thesis of the paper is that God’s image is not as well seen in the male alone or in the female alone, but rather only in the combination of the two. “Together the [united] male/female design most fully reflects the image of God,” we are told. But I have issues with this for a number of reasons.

For one, is this the read we actually get from the scripture? On the sixth day of creation God said “Let us create man in our own image,” then created Adam (Gen 1:27). Doesn’t this passage imply that this new life was then and there the image of God, with no hint that he was less than the “full expression” of that image just mentioned?

Second, is Gen 5:1,2 the proof text for this thesis as the paper claims it to be? Or do we rather see there that God created man[kind] in His image, i.e., both male and female individually, with no implication that the union of the two genders better reflects His image than the individual genders do on their own?

Furthermore, the wording in the cited verses (Gen 1:27; 5:1-2) say “male and female,” not “husband and wife.” In fact, I can find no place in the OT where the Hebrew words here are translated as husband or wife. So, if the mixture of genders is of special significance here (which the paper claims is true, but I personally disagree with), it seems to only point to maleness and femaleness in general, with no intended bearing whatsoever to the union of the two.

Lastly, to agree with this thesis demands that I consider that my wife and I (as a couple) are more the image of God than our single friends are, than a widow or widower is, or than even the single Apostle Paul was. I don’t know about you, but I am not ready to go there.

The paper would also have us believe that Adam – the newly-created perfect man fashioned by the Almighty – was “an incomplete and less-than-ideal creature, i.e. with a ‘not good’ relational state.” My Hebrew may be a bit rusty (sorry Dr. Parsons), but my read of both the Hebrew and the English is that “not good” is not a reference to the man, but is better understood as a reference to the situation. And being in a less-than-ideal situation (“alone”) does not make the man a “less-than-ideal . . . creature.” Maybe I am a simpleton, but to think that “not good” implies that the perfect work of God (i.e., Adam) needed the woman in order to make him an ideal creature, and that this in turn argues for the two being more the image of God than was the man alone, well, that seems to be forcing something into the Biblical narrative that I just don’t find there. Do you?

Space constraints do not allow me to fully address other problematic issues, such as:

- The claim that the “ultimate purpose” of creating the two genders (Gen 2:24-25) is found in their ability to become one flesh. While there is certainly some logic to that thought, I

fail to see it spelled out in the passage, and thus feel we have no license to force human logic into that which God has chosen to be silent about, and then claim it as authoritative enough to base our doctrines upon.

- The claim that God has no gender, even though He opts to use the masculine gender instead of the neuter gender to describe Himself in the NT.

- An interpretation of “therefore” in Ephesians 5:31-32 (recounting Eve being given to Adam (Gen 2:24)) which claims the leaving-and-cleaving demanded of every husband and wife throughout all ages is above all else for the purpose of “unveil[ing] the surprising idea” of how the church is one flesh with Christ. We’re to think that the mutual cleaving between Adam and Eve or Noah and Mrs. Noah (for examples) wasn’t primarily for family stability, but rather to picture something that no one would ever see or know of for as much as four millennia? Is that the message you read in this passage?

We’re told that attorneys advise us to have a position statement (a role this whitepaper is supposed to fill) to help protect our churches in the event that our stance on Biblical marriage is challenged. But I have to wonder: If I as a sympathizer to our churches can find such problems with this paper, to what extent will an adversary be able to dismantle this would-be protection, use it against us, and leave us more vulnerable than if we had nothing at all?

I do applaud the committee’s stance that gender is determined by whether a person is a “natural man” or “natural woman.” I also appreciate their dealing with the question of intersex – an issue that is at times cited by critics with the false air that it weakens or disproves the whole Biblical position on gender. However, to have placed transgender within a paragraph (footnote) discussing not-by-choice biological hiccups seems unfortunate and potentially misleading.

I am certainly not the Bible scholar that these great men on this committee are. However, you and I are still personally responsible to search the scrip-

AVAILABLE PREACHERS

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

PREACHERS PLEASE NOTE:

If you desire to have your name listed in this column you **MUST** contact the editor by phone, email, or through your church reporter.

tures and then stand upon the gleaned truths by faith (faith being the exercise of our free choice to conform our thinking to what God has revealed). So what does your read of the scriptures lead you to believe – to choose to put your faith in – concerning the items highlighted above?

You might be surprised that in spite of these many disagreements with the whitepaper I nonetheless support the proposed amendments. In fact, expressing that support is a main reason for my writing. Any shortcomings that I or others have noted in the whitepaper do not taint the amendments themselves since, as I understand it, the paper is only the expressed conclusions of this committee and not a part of the official stance of the BMAA. And were it not for financial constraints that once again prevent my being at the Association, I would wholeheartedly vote in favor of the amendments. I do plan to support them at our state and local Associations.

In closing I again express appreciation to the committee for the recommended changes and all the work involved in hammering them out – an appreciation that is in no way diminished by the points of disagreement spelled out above.

Don Burke, PotosiPastor@gmail.com

Editor’s Note: Bro. Burke sent this same letter to the Baptist Trumpet and it appeared in the 4-1-2015 edition with the following response from Dr. Atterbery:

I appreciate the attention Trumpet readers have given to the seminary’s white paper. I am pleased to see that letters to the editor have focused on issues within the paper rather than the proposed amendments recommended by the Springhill Baptist Church of Greenbrier. I hope it is clear that the BMAA is voting on the amendments, not the seminary white paper. The paper is not authoritative or binding in any way.

Our intent in the paper was to address marriage from a biblical perspective, not to explore all biblically permissible relational states. Therefore it was outside of its scope to address singleness. We recognize that single individuals are made in God’s image and that singleness is both blessed by God and something to which God calls certain persons.

The white paper was written to provide scholarly support for church leaders who find themselves in need of a detailed explanation as to why they believe the truths presented in the amendments to the Doctrinal Statement. It is intended to help you answer the question, “Is opposition to homosexual marriage bigotry or biblical?”

I appreciate our seminary faculty for making themselves vulnerable to criticism, especially when dealing with such a complex issue. The accuracy of the white paper is solid; however, in the future, we may add some points for clarification.

I certainly appreciate Bro. Burke’s endorsement of the amendments and encourage every church in the BMAA to consider approving the amendments for their own records.

Dr. Philip Attebery, Dean, BMA Seminary,
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What a superb things it would be if we were all big enough in mind to see no slights, accept no insults, cherish no jealousies and admit into our heart no hatred!