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“Holding Forth The Word of Life”

Philippians 2:16

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Activity At Camp Garwood

Last month we promised a lot of info this month. So, here goes.

The theme for this year's camp has been set. It is “*Wheat or Tares?*” based on Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43. A lot of people are claiming to be Christians but it doesn't show in their lifestyle, actions or words. Jesus teaches that His children will be fruitful. He warns that in the end the reapers will separate the wheat from the Tares. While it's not our job to make that distinction. It is our job to encourage each other to be fruitful. And to share Jesus' warning to the unfruitful. A follow up passage would be Galatians 5:22-23 where we find an example of what being fruitful looks like.

The camp committee also decided to replace the roof on the tabernacle. That is, have the roof replaced. That will be a costly job (\$ 12,000). I'll give the contractor a call once the Insurance premium is met and we are satisfied there are sufficient funds remaining to continue camp preparations.

A few other smaller projects we are looking at this summer include: continued slide work; complete the camper sites; some dorm A/C repair work; removing and cleaning up some trees; lighting work; fencing on the ball field; painting and regular clean up of all the dorms.

We are at camp most weekends. If you would like to help, pick your project and give me a call so I can have some things ready for your group.

REMINDER: Any adult (18 or older) staying overnight at camp are required to do the following three things.

1) Camp rules. READ them yearly.

2) Child protection policy. READ it yearly.

and also complete
3) Volunteer worker application: Right now this is required every three years. So if you completed it last year. You are covered through next year's camp. We will review the application and may run a background check on any new applicants. This costs camp \$ 17. And we ask all new applicants to reimburse camp upon arrival camp week.

The camp rules Child protection policy and a link to the application are available on the BMA of MO website at bmamissouri.org Only adults who have completed the application will be given a wrist band this year. And only adults with wristbands will be allowed to remain at camp overnight. Please help us with this by promoting our Child Protection Policy in your churches. We know it's new and no one likes changes. Last year we had a grace period. This year it's required.

Camp week begins July 27th. Please be praying for all

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Last minute reminder...

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*

Special Offering designated
for new roof on Tabernacle at
Camp Garwood.

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

You are invited...

**Bethany Baptist
Church, St. Louis,
invites everyone to a
Reception to honor Bro.
& Sis. Hoffmann for 27
years of faithful service
and to celebrate his
retirement.**

**Sunday, May 17th from
2:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

the workers: especially our Evangelist, Bro. Shawn Ham-montree; our worship leaders, the Harper Family; our Teachers, Cooks, and recreation help. We need recreational help this year: someone to organize and carry out the recreation games and activities.

SOAR Set for July 1-3 25th Edition of Conference Theme “Glorious”

SOAR, the BMA's annual National Student Conference, turns twenty-five years old this July! Thousands of students and hundreds of youth have made SOAR a yearly rite of passage. Featuring world-class artists and some of the best student communicators found anywhere in America, SOAR has set the standard in conferences inside and outside the ranks of the BMA, and 2015 looks to be no exception.

Glorious, the theme for SOAR 2015, will focus on Jesus! Donny Parrish, Conference Director for DiscipleGuide and one of the producers of SOAR for the past twenty-five years, said that the choice for the 2015 theme was obvious. “For any conference to last twenty-five years is really incredible. SOAR has celebrated Jesus every year since its inception. To look closely at our glorious Savior was a natural for our twenty-fifth anniversary.”

Featured musical artist for SOAR 2015 is Dove and Grammy award-winning Christian artist For King and Country. The group is making SOAR history by being the first musical artist to make back-to-back appearances.

“The power of music can impact our mood, emotions, our day. But when you merge the strength of music with the heart, hope and passion of the Gospel, it has the ultimate power not only to change someone's day, but to impact them for eternity. This is why we write music and sing songs - we hope that people will be moved, encouraged and stirred to live a life for Someone greater than themselves” - (For King and Country).

Another highlight for SOAR 2015 will be the speakers at the event. God birthed the vision for SOAR in the heart of Bobby Tucker almost three decades ago when he served the BMA as Director of Church Ministries. Bobby will return as one of the speakers for the event. Steven Carroll was a staple as speaker and then Conference Director. He will also preach. Dustin Wisely, a SOAR favorite, and Steven Castleberry, making his first SOAR appearance, will round out the featured speakers.

SOAR Village, a place for food, fun and fellowship, will also be making a return to SOAR for its twenty-fifth anniversary.

SOAR 2015 will be held at the world-class Dallas Omni Hotel in downtown Dallas, Texas. For information on attending SOAR, registration and hotel reservations, visit the official SOAR website at www.gosoar.com.

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

*Cordially Invites You To The
Deacon Ordination Service
For*

Matthew David Bolen

Saturday, June 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

*Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
128 Fifth Street Sikeston, MO*

+++ NEWS BRIEFS +++

Antioch, Ellington, has been having good attendance. We hosted the 5th Sunday singing and really enjoyed it. There was good singing and fellowship. Easter attendance was good with a total of fourteen present. We had dinner at the church and all enjoyed it. Sis. Minnie is still doing pretty good. God bless her. Bro. Michael is doing a great job here at Antioch. He sure has been a blessing to us. Be much in prayer for the church and all who have been sick.

Michael Huddleston, Pastor • Maudeline Burns, Reporter

Greetings from **Bethlehem, Doniphan!** Wow, where did the month of April go? Emotions have certainly run from highs to lows and back to highs throughout the whole month! Bro. Russell and Sis. Joanna Chitwood leaving was part of the reason. We have been blessed by having them as a part of us for the past 6+ years. They will be missed. We pray they will let the Lord lead them in their next journey. It was such a blessing attending the Youth in the Harvest this month at Zalma. Not just the meeting but also traveling with the youth from our own church plus the fellowship of riding with other Christian adults. My heart is heavily burdened for the Youth in the Harvest. When I first joined Bethlehem MBC there were several more churches involved and it was so much fun. At that time we at Bethlehem only had 1 youth at our church but we continued to support all youth in all the churches. Please pray for the youth of our association and come join us at Bethlehem on June 12th @ 7:30 and see some of the fun we have. Black River was the host church for third Sunday singing and what a fun time was had there also. Looking forward already to May's third Sunday singing which will be at Black Creek MBC. Always get a blessing at the singings, too! Bro. Bill and Sis. Doreen Brown were involved in a bad accident which totaled out their van Wednesday, April 22nd. Praise the Lord that neither of them was seriously hurt and neither was the man who caused the accident. Please pray for the Brown's as they are recovering from the strains and bumps. Even though we may not have a pastor at this time we will still be a part of the Cane Creek Association and you will still see us around, Lord willing. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers. If you happen to know of anyone that is available for preaching send them our way. Until next month, may God bless and keep us all!

Yvonne Hill, Reporter

Bethany, St. Louis, sends greetings to all of our friends and folks at our sister churches. The month of April has been full of blessings as we see God's handiwork in nature as all things are made new again. Many of our folks have been out with various bugs and ailments going around. We are glad to announce that Sis. Brenda Schwaderer is now at her daughter's and getting stronger everyday. God is still in the healing business. We had Bro. and Sis Boatwright with us the 26th. Bro. and Sis. Hoffmann have found a house in the Wentzville area and will be moving there in a few weeks. We are so thankful for their service at Bethany and we will miss them but know that God has great things in store for them as they embark on this journey in their lives. We will be having a reception on May 17th at Bethany for them and all are invited to attend. It will be from 2:00 p.m. till whenever. Please keep Bethany in your prayers as we search for a God-called man to continue to lead us. Also pray for that man and his family as he will answer God's call. God Bless and Keep you.

James Hoffmann, Pastor • Kathy Chapman, Reporter

Briar, Doniphan, reports that "Son" rise service is well behind us but, let's not forget to celebrate Christ's resurrection

without which we would all be lost. Sure am glad to see spring. All of God's creation sprouting forth is beautiful to behold. At Briar, we're looking forward to a busy summer doing God's work. We invite all who will to come and join us. God called Sarah Asher home April 26th. She had two children, Brittany and Devin and she was the sister of two of our church members, Sue Griffin and Edie Dilbeck. Our heartfelt sympathy and love go out to these folks. There has been a good bit of illness in our church in the last few months but we're looking forward to renewal. Keep praying and till next time keep looking up!

Jon Carpenter-Pastor
Phyllis Williams, Reporter

Emmanuel, Sikeston, sends Christian greetings to each and everyone of you. We hope that you all are enjoying the spring season as much as we are. We had our Church Carnival this past month. We were blessed to see that the kids had a great time with the games and even a few adults joined in as well to play have a great day in the Lord's house. As we are nearing the summer months are we starting to prepare for our church-wide yard sale coming up in June. Many members of the congregation have already started to bring clothes and other items they have donated. The Lord blesses us each time to meet the goal we set to continue working on things that need improvement in the church to keep His house beautiful and well maintained along with getting to spread the Word of God to each person that comes in. We would like to wish all the mothers a happy Mother's Day. After services we will be having a time of food and fellowship where the men of the church are planning to set up and clean up to give the women a day to relax and enjoy their Mother's Day. We will also be celebrating Sis. Jennifer Clark's college graduation. We are so proud

of her and happy that the Lord has blessed her with this great accomplishment. We are happy to see the visitors continuing to return to services as well as meeting new faces each week. The Lord is doing great things at Emmanuel and we pray that our sister churches are experiencing His work being done just as we are. We hope that you all continue to be blessed and that our Lord receives all the glory in everything you do. Our God is so Good!!!!!!

Jason Redden, Pastor • Heather Hays, Reporter

Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston, informs us that during April we were blessed to have Minister Zach Dane from Bethesda with us in a service. He preached a scriptural, well-developed and well-delivered message. The roof and at least part of the decking on our current property needs to be replaced and so we have put that building on the market. If we can sell it as is, it puts us that much closer to the ultimate goal of moving to our new property. If we cannot sell it, there will come a point we will replace the roof, and then hope for a higher selling price down the road. We were grieved when our Charleston school board made a decision to allow same-sex couples to attend prom. While not a fan of prom period, it was still disheartening to see a major institution in our town take one more step away from biblical morality.

Rodney Dunlap, Pastor

Hello again from **Stony Point, Mineral Point**. April 18th the church participated in a Fun Day held at Potosi City Park. April 19th, saw a visit from our missionaries to the Ukraine, Jeff and Coleen Franks. Their report was both intriguing and inspiring. Our prayers follow these and all of our missionaries in the field. Bro. Claude and Sis. Bea Evans, along with Sis. Jo Gillam and Sis. Lorene Douglas attended the national meeting of the BMAA April 20-23. They returned with energized hearts and some very uplifting stories.

Claude Evans, Pastor • David Hughes, Reporter

Springhill, Fairdealing, greets their Dear Brothers and Sisters, We continue to have good services, inspiring messages, and good fellowship. Pastor is encouraging all of us to reach out more, to let the community know we care about them. We were challenged to be there for someone that needs our love. We have some serious health issues in our congregation, please pray that God will intervene in these and give good health to all. There has been much activity here at Springhill

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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • April 2015

General Fund:

Balance April 1, 2015		\$	21,332.85
April Receipts:			
Church Offerings	\$	1,169.77	
CD Transfer	\$	<u>90,260.73</u>	
Total Receipts	\$	91,430.50	\$ <u>91,430.50</u>
Total Available			\$ 112,763.35
Disbursements:			
Director's Salary	\$	900.00	
Director's Expenses	\$	27.66	
1/2 Director's S.S.	\$	619.65	
Advisory Committee Expenses	\$	565.46	
Office Supplies	\$	69.98	
ING Savings	\$	<u>10.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$	2,192.75	\$ <u>2,192.75</u>
Balance April 30, 2015:			\$ 110,570.60
Savings:			
ING Direct Savings	\$	21,149.01	

Missions Director's Article for May 2015 Issue

Director's Resignation....

The Mission Advisory Committee met in Perryville, MO this past month to prepare recommendations for our semi annual meeting. I informed the committee that the Lord had been preparing my wife and I for a new ministry adventure in the state of Arkansas. We are joining the staff at Grace Hills Church in Rogers, AR as their Community Pastor. Carolyn and I are excited about this opportunity and look forward to a very rewarding ministry. With this move in mind, I have resigned my position as Director of Missions effective May 31, 2015. Thank you for allowing me to serve you these past 15 years.

Symposium Program...

Friday evening, May 15, we will host our Annual

Mission Symposium at Mt. Zion Baptist Church beginning at 6:00 p.m. Our special guests for the evening will be Dr. Scott Attebery and Pastor Todd West. They will share with us a new initiative called "Activate" which is a coach-driven program or tool to help churches to stop the decline and experience good church health and growth.

The following is a tentative schedule that we will try to follow:

Worship in Song- Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Message- "The Importance of Evaluating Your Church" (Scott Attebery) 30 minutes

Break: 30 minutes

Training - "Introduction To Activate" a coach driven tool to help your church become more healthy. (Todd West) 60 Minutes

Cooperate Prayer Session - "Praying together for your church" (Todd West) 15-20 minutes

We have a lot of hurting churches within our state work and many of them can be described as "declining churches." 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!

Remember, the Goal for the Mission Symposium is the New Roof on the Tabernacle at Camp Garwood.

Bring a group from your church and a generous offering for Camp Garwood.

dissolve the institution of holy marriage; and

Whereas, the media, the liberal press, social progressives and the liberal churches seek to diminish the importance of true marriage; and

Whereas, Christians affirm God's plan for marriage and sexual intimacy as one

Master's Builders at Daniel Springs Baptist Camp March 30 to April 10, 2015

The work at Daniel Springs Baptist Youth Camp began with Master's Builders RVs arriving on Saturday, March 28th. Sixteen Builders and eleven wives were present. Work began Monday morning March 30th with 34 sturdy bunk beds to build, several cabins needing bathroom remodeling, and a remodel of the central bathrooms behind the cafeteria. Bunk beds were built in the cabins after disassembling and removing the old beds for salvage.

The Builders met each morning for prayer before beginning their day of work. This building site is a familiar one for the Builders as this is the 4th trip they have made to the camp since 2012. The Master's Builders really enjoy helping bring new life to the cabins with beds and new bathrooms. The new Camp Director, Jason Pruitt, worked very hard each day with the Builders. His love and commitment to the Lord, and his willingness to work hard for this camp were a blessing.

During the first week on the job the Builders had to stop for several days to travel to St. Charles, Missouri, to the funeral of one of the Builders, Tony Myers. He and his wife Flo have been with the Master's Builders for 14 years and Tony will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Each morning the ladies met for Bible study at the camp office. We were asked to return to the camp in the fall! There is still much work to be done on the cabins and Camp Director Jason Pruitt prays for more help in the future. He prays that more churches would sponsor a cabin remodel and send workers as they can. He also prays that some of the WMA ladies would be interested in making curtains for the cabins soon.

This was the 135th job for The Builders, which began their ministry in 1991. The Lord continues to strengthen and bless The Master's Builders and we are all encouraged by the love we have for each other and the work we do.

If your church has building needs or for more information, you can contact: John Mangum, Office Coordinator for The Master's Builders at 318-205-5155 or (cell) 318-607-4100 or Eddie Sikes, Field Coordinator at 903-725-6549 or (cell) 479-462-1675. If you feel you would enjoy this ministry, we would love to have you join us.

Rose Bittner, Reporter

man and one woman legally married for life; and

Whereas, any other relationship that involves sexual intimacy is considered outside the bounds of God's law;

Be it therefore resolved, that we promote Godly marriage and urge the churches and messengers of the Baptist Missionary Association of America meeting in Springfield, Missouri, April, 2015, to recognize the importance of the institution of marriage.

Resolution #2

Reaffirmation on Abortion and the Sacredness of Human Life

Whereas, the sacredness of human life is of great concern to our Baptist people; and

Whereas, abortion as a means of birth control violates the sacredness of human life; and

Whereas, more recently the procedures of partial birth abortion and the development of new drugs that will induce spontaneous abortions compound the tragedy of abortion as a means of birth control; and

Whereas, these procedures raise new moral and ethical issues about the sacredness of human life;

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that we strongly urge the Bap-

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2015 BMAA Resolutions

The following resolutions were presented by "Moral Action" in their annual report to the churches of the BMA of America and adopted by the messengers at the recent meeting in Springfield, Missouri. We will print them, starting with this issue, as space is available.

Resolution #1

Reaffirmation of God's Plan for Marriage: One man and one woman

Whereas, there is an ongoing battle by Satanic forces to

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School. Pastor is not sure whether he is coming or going, but we have all survived and we are in the last quarter of the school year, which is so unbelievable. Our Talent Show and Silent Auction went very well, and once again God blessed with a good number attending and bidding. We have our own auctioneer in our school, Collin Murray, who does a great job due to his dad's example and teaching. We are so thankful for all of God's blessings financially and for all of the students we are able to help. There will be work on the building Friday and Saturday (8th and 9th) to finish the outside walls. We are very excited about that. Continue to pray for us to be in the center of God's will, and to reach out to those who need us.
Sean Kallner, Pastor • Cheryl Kallner, Reporter

Greetings from **Lighthouse, Malden**. We are told in Galatians 6:9, "*And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.*" It's a blessing to know that, if we are faithful to sow the seed of God's Word, we also shall reap a harvest. I have been preaching a series of messages on Sunday mornings about growing in grace and on Wednesday evening about Nehemiah rebuilding the walls, and God has given us some powerful services. Praise His Holy Name! We were blessed Sunday morning, April 26, to baptize Bro. John Johnson and we give God all the glory! We, also, had our monthly singspiration that evening with a delicious meal to follow. God met with us in a powerful way during the singspiration. It was good--I think the best one so far. Wow! I, also, attended the funeral of Bro. John Brown at the First Missionary Baptist Church in Cave City, AR. He is the uncle of my former pastor and mentor, Dr. Jim Brown, preacher friend Bro. Doug Brown, their brother Ben and their sister, Nancy Smith. Lighthouse started a new outreach effort this past Sunday and prayers have been answered already. We are excited about the days ahead. May God bless all our churches with the salvation of souls and lives changed for His honor and glory until next time or until He comes.
Pastor Randy Zinn, Reporter

Greetings from the **Lower Doe Run Missionary Baptist Church, Ellington**. We have been blessed with messages in sermons, music and Bible Study. We have enjoyed the special Services at Riverways Manor in Van Buren with Sis. Irene Thomason and her friends there. We are trying to trade times with another group at Brent B. Tinnin Residential Care in Ellington in June. We really look forward to ministering to the residents who cannot go to the house of worship. We will host the Logan Creek's Fifth Sunday Singing May 31st at 2 PM. Come sing with us. Four of us were able to attend the national BMAA in Springfield in April. We especially loved the Worship times, the breakout sessions and the WMA. It blessed our hearts to visit and talk with new and old missionaries throughout the world. It is good to know that Sam Freeman Family is going "home" and taking his family to carry the Gospel to the Philippines. That is a special family to us as we shared ministry with his father and mother there for 22 years. We are hoping to represent at the National GMA Retreat in Gary TX. We have a vehicle full and others wanting to go. God is blessing with material things but we need "laborers in the harvest." We hope to fill the dorms with girls at State GMA Retreat July 10-11. Valarie Fish will be speaking there. Pray for the girls who have a desire to grow in Christ. Many of our members need prayers for healing, surgeries, and just strength for the journey. Birthday celebrants in May include Don Hoffman, Ethel Kuntz, Tonya Leach, Perry Lewis, Frieda Williams, Barbara Radford, and Carolyn Meade. Happy Birthday to these.
Melvin Meade, Pastor • Carolyn Meade, Reporter

Ozark Heights, Potosi, sends Greetings to our all our broth-

ers and sisters in Christ; our prayers, are you are all well and enjoying the great weather as of late. His power was visible in the recent tornado that hit our area, God protected and blessed our church families and He is worthy of our praise! Ozark Heights has enjoyed some great services in the month of April. April 3rd we had an evening service on Good Friday commemorating the day the Lord took our sins to the Cross. We enjoyed wonderful music calling us to remember the cost of our salvation and the love of God who provided the perfect sacrifice. Bro. Brian read in the Word the heartbreaking events leading to Golgotha and reminding us of the amazing love of Jesus. Praise God! Sunday, April 5th we celebrated Easter with many specials in song by the choir recalling the resurrection and the promise, "He has risen!" Bro. Brian preached a wonderful message as usual to the Church and many visitors. It was fun to watch the excitement of the little ones who enjoyed an Easter egg hunt following service. The pastor enjoyed being able to attend the annual BMA Conference in Springfield and represent Ozark Heights Church. While the pastor was away Wednesday April 22nd Bro. Josh led the church in a Bible Trivia challenge. We enjoyed an evening of Biblical questions challenging our memory of the Word. It was a fun and great way to refresh the memory in the Word. We had 5 teams competing to see who would be deemed as team know-it-all. We soon found out there were no know-it-alls in the auditorium. It was a fun evening full of blessings. April 26th was talent night with many specials, readings and poems. We had fellowship after with an Italian theme. Nobody can speak Italian but the ladies sure know how to cook it and we sure know how to eat Italian food. It is great to have multi-lingual cooks and devourers of food! Everyone was excited as we finished plans for our 53rd Homecoming. Bro. Jim Ford will feed

us with the Word, the ladies will feed us lunch and Crimson Gold will provide the music. We are so anxious for Sunday to come. We still have several that are sick and unable to attend and are sincerely missed; as well as, those who are grieving at the loss a member of their family. Please keep them and Ozark Heights in your prayers. Until next month, may God Bless and keep you!

Brian Meade, Pastor • Georgie Brokaw, Reporter

Landmark, DeSoto, writes: If April showers bring May flowers like the rhyme says, then there should be an abundance of flowers in May. We are very thankful that we were all kept safe through all the storms that were scattered around. We had a good Easter service. We as Christians should celebrate Christ's Resurrection every day. Three of our young teenagers came forward on April 12th, for baptism. They had all been saved earlier and decided that it was time to take the next step. Praise the Lord. Their families attended the following Sunday to witness their baptisms. Hopefully we can reach these families through these young ones. The Gibsons and the Pages went to Temple, Belgrade, to listen to the Harpers perform on the 10th. We heard more than just singing as the youngest son told us of a problem that he had turned over to God and things were going better for him. Such a blessing. Of course, we thoroughly enjoyed the singing too. We had a church get-together at the pastor's home on the 12th. We had lunch and then the younger ones hunted Easter eggs. A good time was had by all who attended. The evening of the 19th, Bro. Jeff & Sis. Coleen Franks came to Landmark and related what is going on in the Ukraine, both spiritually and physically. We enjoyed them so very much. We appreciate so much our missionaries who put their personal lives aside and do the work that God has called them to do. The Gibsons and the Pages attended the BMAA in Springfield, MO the 20-22 of April. It was such a good meeting. We enjoyed the good preaching, singing, fellowshiping and the way the business meetings were handled. Our WMA and Brotherhood meetings were held the afternoon of April 26th. The ladies have decided to have a breakfast for the men of our church to honor them for Father's Day, whether they are Dads or not. Til next month or the Lord's Return
Wayne Gibson, Pastor • Sharon Page

First Baptist, Potosi, began the month of April with a Sunrise Service at 7:30 and breakfast at 8:00. Plans are being made for Vacation Bible School (July 7-10), Youth mission trip (July 10-17), and Jesus Camp (July 19-25). Just think how many lives will be touched by Christ in these activities. Upward Volunteers were invited to an appreciation luncheon after services April 19. Many unchurched people were reached with this outreach program and everyone is excited to do it again. The Girls Missionary Auxiliary attended the Missouri State GMA meeting March 28 at Ohlman Baptist in Bunker. We thank Sarah Griffith for being our State GMA President for the 2014-2015 year and especially for the devotions she gave. Newly elected from our group is Jenna Kay for Vice President and Heaven Griffin for Song Leader. It is wonderful that some of our girls have accepted State offices. The last night for AWANA was April 22 celebrated with pizza and play night at the City Park. Many children were disappointed this was the last time before summer. It is so good to see the children excited about attending church. There will be more activities for them this summer before Awana begins again in the fall. KAIROS Prison Ministry was here April 23-26 witnessing to and teaching the inmates at Potosi Correctional Center. Bro. Sam Freeman and family blessed us Sunday giving the morning message, singing, and telling us about his missionary plans in the Philippines. It is wonderful to see the excitement in him for serving the Lord. Keep us in your prayers as we are seeking a pastor.
Jim Ainley, Assistant Pastor • Deborah Rauhut, Reporter

BMA Seminary's 58th Commencement

Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary of Jacksonville, Texas will hold its 2015 commencement exercises on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the seminary's Dorman Memorial Chapel. BMA Seminary is located at 1530 East Pine Street in Jacksonville.

This year's graduating class will be the seminary's fifty-eighth. Graduates will receive Associate, Bachelor and Master's degrees during the ceremony. The seminary will also award the late Louis F. Asher, BMA Seminary Professor of Historical Studies, with an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

Jeff Swart, Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Galena, Kansas, will present the commencement address. Swart has been in full-time Christian ministry for forty years and has served as a North American Church Planter in Nevada, Missouri; Dean of Students at Jacksonville College, Jacksonville, TX; Assistant to the Director of Foreign Missions for the BMA of America; an English speaker for LifeWord Media Ministries; and a church growth consultant for DiscipleGuide Church Resources. His former pastorates include Craft Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Texas and others in Arkansas, Missouri, and Texas. He has also served as an adjunct instructor at various Bible colleges, institutes, and seminaries and has spoken in 35 countries around the world.

In April 2015, BMA Seminary selected Swart to receive the prestigious Gerald Kellar Award. BMA Seminary provides accredited theological education to qualified individuals by seeking to equip them for Christian service and leadership roles. The seminary supports the educational needs of the Baptist Missionary Association of America and other groups who share a like commitment to the authority of Scripture.

Jacksonville College Now Offering Associate Degrees Online

Effective this May, Jacksonville College will begin offering its first fully online associate degree program. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) has approved Jacksonville College's request to offer 50% or more of the credits for degree and diploma programs via electronic distance learning (online courses). According to JC Academic Dean Lynn Nabi, "This approval from SACSCOC shows their faith in the educational degree we are providing to our students. This will provide long-term stability and growth for Jacksonville College."

The new online degree program will benefit students who have difficulty physically commuting to classes. The flexibility of being able to arrange classes around their own schedule and from any location will allow many students to earn a degree while saving time and money that would otherwise be spent commuting to and from campus. Individuals with difficult work demands, family responsibilities, physical limitations, or generally busy schedules will be able to attend virtual classes on their own schedules. Students from all over the world will now be able to earn an associate degree from Jacksonville College without stepping on campus.



Be sure to take advantage of Jacksonville College's online courses. Registration is ongoing, and tuition rates are reduced for Maymester and Summer I and II. Summer Pell Grants are available for those who qualify.

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Full course schedules are available at www.jacksonville-college.edu. Online application for admission is available for new students, and current students may register for classes online.

Jacksonville College subscribes to the Texas Common Course Numbering System, and core course credits easily transfer to participating institutions. As a faith based junior college with a state based curriculum, Jacksonville College also offers a solid foundation for ministerial students who wish to complete the Texas Core courses necessary to pursue a degree at the BMA Theological Seminary in Jacksonville.

Jacksonville College exists to provide a quality education from a biblical worldview that challenges minds, transforms lives, and equips students for servant leadership and lifelong learning. The College is owned and operated by the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas and has been affiliated with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention since 2004.

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Ministers Resource Services...

BMA RETIREMENT AVERAGES 7.62% EACH YEAR FOR 12 YEARS

Ron Chessar, Executive Director

I want to thank the Lord for His blessings upon Ministers Resource Services during this past year. Each pastor, church staff, missionary or employee of the BMA who had their retirement funds in the BMA Long Term Growth portfolio had a growth of 3.10% posted to their account during the year 2014, which gives us an average growth of 7.62% each year for the past twelve years. In the past twelve years we have posted a total of 91.47% to each LT Growth account.

The 2014 yearly total we received for deposit into retirement accounts for pastors, church staff, missionaries and employees of the BMA was \$1,428,567.01, a daily average of \$3,913.88. As of December 31, 2014 there was a grand total of \$15,808,186.67 on deposit in retirement funds at Ministers Resource Services, reflecting a growth in assets of \$11,926,119.80 over the past twelve years. These numbers represent pastors, church staff, missionaries and employees of the BMA who are diligently preparing for retirement at Ministers Resource Services.

The BMA Ministers Retirement Plan is approved by the Internal Revenue Service for tax-deferred income from the churches, departments and agencies of the BMA. As a participant in the BMA Ministers Retirement, a pastor, church staff, missionary or employee of the BMA may tax-defer up to 100% of their annual salary and compensation not to exceed \$53,000 dollars each year. Manning and Napier Advisory Advantage Corporation of Rochester, NY professionally manage the BMA Retirement portfolio through our broker, Fawcett and Company Investment Strategies.

You may contact Ministers Resource Services, the retirement agency of the BMA of America, at P. O. Box 2866, Texarkana, AR 75504, by phone at 870-774-2654 or e-mail the Director, Ron Chessar, at RChessar6365@aol.com. If your church is supporting this ministry, we express our sincere appreciation. If your church is not supporting Ministers Resource Services, we ask you to please give prayerful consideration. May God bless you for your prayers and support.

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BMAA Women's Missionary Auxiliary

April 21, 2015

Resolutions for 2015

WHEREAS, we have covenanted together to be of one accord in and through the ministry of the Women's Missionary Auxiliary of America and

WHEREAS we believe a very important part of the work of the Women's Missionary Auxiliary of America is to carry forward the standard set forth in our WMA Manual and more importantly the standards of the Bible, God's Word, we shall resolve to:

1. Diligently encourage our Local, District, and National WMA to read our MissionWorld Magazine and become very familiar with our missionaries, their work and their needs.

- a. To pray for them
- b. Send cards, letters or e-mails to encourage them
- c. That we give offerings to support our BMA Missionary work above all others and that we raise awareness of the needs of our missionaries in our local and district meeting.

2. That officers are carefully and prayerfully chosen by their Godly example of Christian living, their dedication to the principles/doctrines and dedication that we as BMA Women's Missionary Auxiliary hold dear and that we only elect such officers for our Local, District, and National WMA's that are strong in their faith, moral character, and dedicated to promote the work of the WMA as outlined in our WMA Manual.

3. That we use literature that is in agreement with our Baptist faith and practices and not the watered down liberalism which is so prevalent.

4. That we reaffirm our stand in what the Women's Missionary Auxiliaries outline of work is:

- a. Missions
- b. Bible Study
- c. Evangelism
- d. Benevolence
- e. Youth auxiliaries
- d. Christian education

5. That we stand united in His purpose to help hurting women everywhere come to know Jesus the only One who can bring Peace to the troubled heart.

WHEREAS The Moral Action Committee sets resolutions for our National BMAA and

WHEREAS most of our churches do not read or have available these resolutions for their members to know what they are:

That we as the BMAA Women's Missionary Auxiliary resolve to make sure to encourage the reading and make known these resolutions to our ladies along with those adopted by our own Women's Missionary Auxiliary.

Respectfully submitted by:

Yvonne Parcher and Laurice Menzel - Bethel Missionary Baptist Church - Ridgecrest, CA

You Are Not Alone

by *Sharon Lourance*

This devotional was given at the Washington Co. District WMA meeting on March 13, 2015 at Bethesda in Park Hills. There was a very good representation of several churches in Washington County Association.

Have you ever been with a group of people and still been alone? The first of February I went to a symposium in St. Charles with 7 of the teachers I work with. I rode there with 3 other teachers and we talked all the way there. We all stopped for supper before we got to the motel. Some of the teachers ordered alcoholic beverages with their meals. One of them ordered something they hadn't tried before and they passed it around for the others to try. I declined stating that I didn't drink.

When we got to the hotel it was late and we found out that the hotel had overbooked and our rooms were gone. So they arranged for us to stay at another hotel and provided transportation to and from our meetings. Unfortunately the hotel they sent us to was at a casino.

As we were driving to the other hotel to check in the other teachers started talking about hurrying up and getting back to the first hotel because they were giving away free drinks and they didn't want to miss them. They asked if I wanted to go and again I said no. By the time we got checked in they had an extra room and had arranged things so that I would have a room to myself. They said, "So they wouldn't disturb me when they came back later that night."

I went to bed early and I guess it was kind of mean of me, (I had heard some of them talk about the various churches they attended), but I kind of prayed that they would regret their choices that night. And I kind of snickered to myself when they were not feeling well and looking for headache medicine the next morning. I do pray that if they are not saved that they will be.

One of the last thoughts I had that first night was about

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Please, Grandma and Grandpa!!!! James and Sherry Laminack will be at the top of the list! Please send money by May 31, 2015.

Sherry Laminack – National Sunbeam Promoter

being alone. Here I was on a trip with several other people and I was still alone. About as soon as that thought crossed my mind, God whispered to me that I was not alone.

I started thinking about people in the Bible who spent time alone.

In Genesis chapter 37 we read about Joseph. Joseph was sold by his brothers. I am sure Joseph felt he was all alone. The Bible doesn't say how long Joseph worked for Potiphar before being thrown into prison. But he was there long enough for Potiphar to see God working in Joseph's life. The Bible doesn't tell how long Joseph was in prison but we know he was there at least 2 years because it took 2 years for the butler to remember Joseph and tell Pharaoh about him. Joseph was 30 years old when he became the second ruler in Egypt. Even though Joseph was alone in a strange country, God had a purpose for him being there. God used him to save his family and countless others from starving during a drought and famine that was the worst that had ever been seen at that time.

In I Kings 17:1-7, God told Elijah to hide from King Ahab. He hid himself beside a brook. God sent ravens to bring him food. He hid there all alone till the brook dried up and he was sent to Zerephath until the time he challenged Ahab and Jezebel's prophets to a contest to see who was God.

After Elijah commanded the people to kill all the prophets of Baal, he ran away to the wilderness to escape Jezebel who planned to kill him. When he stopped running, God asked him what he was doing there. In I Kings 19:10 Elijah says, "And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away."

Elijah had to be alone and listening for God to speak to

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

**Baptist Missionary Association of
Missouri Brotherhood Auxiliary**

by Dennis Baker, Brotherhood President

The fourth annual Spring Men's Retreat was will attended with sixteen men and young men participating. Bro. Lucas Polk's three-year-old daughter also blessed our meeting. Bro. Russell Chitwood's devotional encouraged and challenged the men to be equipped with the right equipment so that we can fight the battles that Satan uses to destroy our witness as men of God. Bro. Don Adam's evangelist devotional reminded us of the need to share the Gospel with those who have never trusted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

Many commented that they enjoyed the food, fellowship, and the skeet and target shooting. Bro. Elva Asberry and Bro. Don Adams received a frozen turkey for having the best scores. The shooting skill of the men has greatly improved since our first retreat. The men hit fifty percent of the skeets.

We have not received all the offerings, but I think the offering that has been received so far is around \$400.00. The offering is used to buy the food, door prizes, and supplies needed for the retreats, we also give Camp Garwood an offering.

The Men's Retreats are a wonderful time to fellowship with men and young men of the BMA of Missouri. Some of them would never meet if it were not for the retreats. The retreats also provide an opportunity for our unsaved friends to experience having a wonderful time of fun with Christian men and young men.

DiscipleGuide Offers New Book

DiscipleGuide is pleased to offer a new book from BMA author Michael Mobly, A Simple Serenade.

Today's church has been told that worship of God is all about an experience. Did I feel something I've never felt before? Was I "moved?" But true worship, according to Mobly, is not about a feeling. It cannot be based on the moment, the music, or the motivator. It is based upon a relationship with Christ. The believer seeking that kind of worship, the kind that exalts the Father, must develop a relationship with Him.

Mobly writes, "Step into His throne room, kneel before the God of the universe. Bow your head in humility, and allow Him to gently lift your face and gaze lovingly into His eyes. And with all that is in you, let your voice soar, as you serenade the Creator of everything, and the Savior of everyone who will hear his voice. It really isn't very difficult to understand or to do. Just sing!

Michael Mobly has served on staff at Southgate Baptist Church in Moore, OK for more than 20 years. Michael held the position of Student Pastor for many years and currently serves as the Pastor of Teaching and Church Ministry. He has written numerous Biblical studies. Michael's passion is teaching and helping others discover the truths of God's Word. It is his hope that this book will guide you to a deeper, more satisfying worship experience.

To purchase A Simple Serenade you can visit disciple-guide.org or call 800-333-1442.

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tist Missionary Association messengers, meeting in Springfield, Missouri, April, 2015, to continue to publicly oppose any type of abortion as a means of birth control.

Resolution #3

Whereas, Associational Baptists have not always clearly

Voting Politics and My Church

Dr. John M. Adams • Executive Director, Moral Action

Ms. Adams and I have represented the BMA of America and BMA of Mississippi at the Annual "Watchmen on the Wall" conference in Washington, D.C. on several occasions. Thousands of Christians, from all walks of life, join together in prayer and praise for our nation. We all share a common concern of "reminding spiritual leaders of our nation's Judeo-Christian heritage."

Many churches and Christians are misinformed about their "rights" regarding political activism in relation to the church. Pastors and churches may speak in regard to social and moral issues. They may speak about the actions of government officials in public offices and the positions of political candidates in regard to religious, social, and moral issues.

Pastors and ministers who are acting as individual citizens and not as an official church leader, have the same rights as every other American citizen to involve themselves in political activity.

The IRS (Internal Revenue Service) prohibits churches from participating in or intervening in a political campaign. The IRS Code requires that churches refrain from supporting or opposing a candidate's campaign and they may not make direct contributions to a candidate/political party. Thus the church may not contribute anything of value to a candidate (eg: the church mailing list).

Many Christian leaders, including pastors, ministers and associational leaders, are concerned about the legal consequences of political involvement in relation to the church. Be aware that you do not have to be passive and silent.

The following is a guideline list for "Political Activity" by churches and pastors published by the Alliance Defending Freedom.

Guidelines for "Political Activities" by Churches and Pastors

POLITICAL ACTIVITY	CHURCH	PASTOR
Discuss the positions of candidates on issues	YES	YES
Endorse or oppose candidates	NO	YES
Financial contributions to candidates	NO	YES
In-kind contributions to candidates	NO	YES
Contributions to political action committees (PAC)	NO	YES
Payment of expenses for attendance at a caucus or state/national political party convention	NO	YES
Appearance of candidate at church meeting or service	YES	N/A
Non-partisan voter registration activities	YES	YES
Non-partisan voter identification activities	YES	YES
Non-partisan get-out-the-vote activities	YES	YES
Non-partisan voter education	YES	YES
Lobbying for or against legislation	YES	YES
Expenditures related to state referendums	YES	YES
Distribution of:		
Candidates surveys	YES	YES
Voting records of incumbents	YES	YES
Candidate campaign literature	NO	YES
Distribution by others of political materials in church parking lots	YES	N/A

May I encourage our pastors, ministers, and laity to get ready to vote your Biblical values and follow a long line of Spiritual leaders engaging their culture. Leaders such as:

- . Moses petitioned Pharaoh for the liberty of God's people
- . Nathan confronted King David for his sinful actions as a leader
- . Elijah faced off against King Ahab who promoted idolatry and immorality
- . Isaiah condemned moral decay in the culture
- . Amos was against injustice in society
- . Daniel pronounced judgment on King Nebuchadnezzar for promoting idolatry
- . John the Baptist pointed out the adultery of King Herod
- . Peter stood up to the Jewish leadership who restricted his freedom to preach

Be Silent no more! Vote and voice your values!

stood for racial justice and equality, and,

Whereas, the growth of ethnic populations in the United States and the assimilations into Baptist congregations is therefore a good indicator of diversity and,

Whereas, the Word of God affirms that all people are created in the image of God and are equal; and,

Whereas, all peoples need Jesus Christ as a savior, **Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that we strongly urge the Baptist Missionary Association of American messengers meeting in Springfield, Missouri, April, 2015, affirm our desire to stand for racial equality.

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Family Ark Ministries

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What Is Baltimore's Problem??

It has been sad to watch the events unfold in Baltimore. There has been a whole host of atrocities including rioting, looting, fires, theft, and law enforcement officers being injured. A Godless society always has to find a worldly explanation for events. If it is any mass shooting; then it always is related to poor mental health of the shooter. If it is a terrorist attack; it is the need for economic development and has nothing to do with a religion bent on the destruction of Christians and Jews. And in the case of the recent bedlam in Baltimore, we are told that we need more federal tax dollars for more federal programs to help disadvantaged youth and the poverty of so many people. We are told that it is a failed government system to blame for the rioting. It has been building they say for 30 years. Yet, the same political party and politicians have held office for over 30 years in the city. I will not address the original spark for all of this, which is a black man that died in police custody. The trial hasn't happened yet. All the rioting had nothing to do with the original case. I want to address the seeds of the problem because it is a spiritual problem at the core. Media and society will not ever say it. But it is a falling away from God and Jesus Christ which causes a society to suffer in wickedness.

God's Word says it best to explain the wanton stealing, looting, setting of fires etc... Jeremiah 17:5, 9 *"Thus saith the Lord; cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"* I was not shocked by the horrific behavior of some people in the streets. If God's spirit is not in a person; the bible says the human heart is desperately wicked. That is what sinful people do without God. They do wicked works. If America is turning away from Jesus on a large scale basis; could we not expect such behavior in our society? Matthew 24:12 states, *"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."* II Timothy Chapter 3 talks of the last days in verses 1-5. They are to be perilous times. Scripture describes the people in the last days as being fierce, despisers of those that are good, covetous, proud, disobedient to parents, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, trucebreakers etc... This pretty much describes what we have seen recently in Ferguson, Missouri and Baltimore, Maryland.

Baltimore's problem is not federal programs and more money being thrown into the community. Baltimore's problem is a spiritual poverty. Large numbers of people living for themselves and not for Christ. Families that have no morality. People who have no vision for God. The problem, simply stated, is a moral failure in the hearts of wicked people who have turned their back on Jesus and embraced darkness and self-fulfillment. If Christ was preeminent, and people were following Jesus Christ; then there would not have been stealing. Many news reports showed hundreds of people carrying clothes and

shoes out of stores in a mall. Liquor stolen on a large scale. That had nothing to do with a peaceful protest of the death of the man in police custody. That was the sin of stealing. Elected politicians and looters alike told lies. That is a sin. Hurting others who are innocent is sinful. Baltimore suffers from a banality of evil and a moral malaise. It's not just Baltimore. It is systemic in the entire fabric of America now.

Another huge contributing factor to this problem is the decline of the American family. It is declining because we are moving away from a biblical foundation for the family. It is old fashioned and sexist to say the man is the head of the house and should lead in discipline. Well, God is pretty old fashioned. His ways have been around for a long time. Like forever. Let me say first, single moms can raise Godly children. Single moms can be great Christians. But every single mom can admit it would be much better if she had a Godly husband helping her with the kids.

75% of all black children today grow up without a father present in the home. It is almost 50% for white children. God knew what he was doing when he instituted marriage with a husband and wife. In His wisdom, He put the husband as the caretaker of the home. Ephesians 5:22-25 and 6:4. I was glad to see the mom run downtown and slap her son back home who had been rioting. I wished more parents would do that. I know nothing of this woman's personal story, so I can't talk about her life. However, we do know that she has 6 children and no husband and no dad for the kids. Her 16 year old son needs a Godly man to show him how to be a

AVAILABLE PREACHERS

The following names are listed as a service to our churches in keeping you informed as to preachers that are available. The publishing of a preacher's availability for preaching appointments or pastoral work should not be considered as a recommendation by the *Missouri Missionary Baptist*. Names are published at the request of the individual and will be published in three consecutive issues unless the editor is otherwise instructed.

Ron Beardsley of Sikeston, is available to be used as the Lord leads. Contact him at 573-380-3842, -5-

Denver Page, member of Landmark Baptist Church, DeSoto, MO, is available for pulpit supply or as the Lord leads. Home phone: (636) 942-3503 or cell: (314) 283-7243. -5-

Pastor Search

6th Avenue Missionary Baptist Church in Knoxville, TN is currently seeking a bi-vocational pastor. Those that are prayerfully interested should submit inquiries/resumes to Mark Hill at markghill@att.net or call 865-690-5617.

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him. God goes on to tell him that he was not alone that he had 7,000 in Israel who had not worshipped Baal.

God also placed John alone on the Isle of Patmos so he could reveal to him the events of the end of this world. From punishments to those who refuse to believe to blessings and rewards to those who "overcome."

Sometimes we don't understand why things happen. But we need to look around and see what God is doing.

Sometimes we need to just stop or at least slow down for God to talk to us. No matter what conditions we find ourselves in, God still has a plan for us.

I Timothy 6: 6-8 says, *"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content."*

Hebrews 13:5 *"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."*

If we are working within God's plan he will carry us through. What more do we need?

real man. Single moms need to expose their children to a Godly male role model if one isn't in the home. The lack of a male in the home has many statistics showing greater teen pregnancies in girls, and more crime and gang violence from boys. No one has the guts to say it on TV, but a huge part of Baltimore's problem is having no men in so many of the homes. We are turning away from God and his plan for the family. We are not aggressively teaching biblical morality to the next generation. And if you strip away all the surface issues that people say caused the riots in Baltimore; you will find the whole issue is an issue of the heart. Baltimore and the rest of America will never get better until we get our families to the cross and to Jesus Christ. Jesus is the only hope for America and the family. We need to pour in more Jesus to Baltimore; rather than pouring in more federal dollars. Pray for America and raise your kids and grandkids to know Jesus and fear God. II Chronicles 7:14 Psalm 111:10.

Camp Garwood Financial Report October 1, 2014 - May 5, 2015

	General	Food	Insurance	Canteen	Shed	Paintball	Total
Balance Forward	9,043.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,650.00	0.00	10,693.14
Total Received	<u>30,780.65</u>	<u>322.80</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>272.00</u>	<u>31,342.45</u>
Total Available	39,823.79	322.80	0.00	50.00	1,650.00	272.00	42,118.59
Disbursements	<u>8,471.40</u>	<u>652.91</u>	<u>8,883.20</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,752.63</u>	<u>19,760.14</u>
Total On Hand	31,352.39	(330.11)	(8,883.20)	50.00	1,650.00	(1,480.63)	22,358.45