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Philippians 2:16

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Confused About What To Do??

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**And Get It All (Forms,
Schedules, Rules, etc)**

Deadline For Registration

Is JUNE 19TH

CAMP GARWOOD IS LOOKING FOR YOU!!

Like To Eat All You Want?

Need Guidance?

Want To Be “In The Know?”

Want To Know What’s Happening?

Need A Bed At Camp?

Do You Want To See More Order at Camp?

Want To Be Involved?

Want Be Prepared?

Do YOU really like Camp Garwood??

I am sure the answer to this questions is a resounding YES! for most of us. We like the beautiful setting and the green grass and trees, the fresh air, the upgraded dorms, and cool, spacious dinning hall and kitchen and all the other great things that make up Camp Garwood, not to mention the great fellowship, activities, and worship services that are

From Our Camp Director

Has your church registered yet?

With summer in full swing, camp is just around the corner. The registration deadline is **June 19th**.

We understand the difficulties in registering early. It’s not easy to know who will go or who says they will go and then changes their mind. But this information before camp will greatly help us prepare for camp: T-shirt and bracelet orders and most of all it helps us prepare for bunk needs and order food. This type registration also simplifies the process for Laura with one person registering each church. If you have questions concerning the registration. Please give Laura a call at 573-380-7806.

We are excited about camp and hope you are too. Bro. Car-

roll. The Harper Family. Recreation. Class time. Seeing old friends. Camp week is our favorite time of year. Anticipating how the Lord will move souls and revive hearts. Please be praying for us as we try to make the final camp preparations in these final weeks.

Anyone 18 years old and over who stays at camp will need to complete the volunteer application and training. More info concerning that is available online at bmamissouri.org

Special Emphasis for Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper Extended Two Months

A motion was passed in our semi-annual meeting that due to some churches not being prepared to give a special offering to the MMB at the symposium that we extend the special emphasis two months in order for more churches to participate.

Therefore if churches or individuals want to help the paper with a special offering during the Special Emphasis you have until the end of July 2016 to get your offering sent in. Please mark this offering “Special Emphasis” so we will include you in the Special Emphasis List.

**The Goal for this special emphasis was \$5,000.
Total Received Through the Month of May
is \$ 1,300.**

ours to enjoy!

But are we doing our part in making sure things are ready when Camp Week arrives? It takes a lot of work to keep up the grounds and buildings and each of us that are able should help keep them in good condition.

Contact Bro. Chris to see what needs to be done and to arrange a time for you to get a group together to go to Camp and help in the preparation that is taking place in the next few weeks before Camp. Call him at 573-380-1975. Thanks for helping!

+++ NEWS BRIEFS +++

Bates Creek, Potosi, has blessings to report. God has provided us with a pastor, Bro. Leonard Knight. Bro. Knight brings an energy and great knowledge to the church. His sweet wife, Sis. Bertha is another blessing. Please join us in praying for them as they start this new journey with us. We were also blessed with a visit from our young man serving in the military. Bro. Gavin Wright joined us one Sunday while he was home on leave. We also ask that you keep him in your prayers as it is hard to be serving our country so far from home. The youth group was excited to surprise our new graduate, Mr. Ethan Wright with a graduation party. Bro. Bryan shared a message with the kids about our greatest "graduation" that will someday happen and then the kids were dismissed to enjoy a cake and party in the fellowship hall. Another work day was held at the church. Our entry way, fellowship hall, and rest rooms all received a much needed face lift. God's house is looking good. A BBQ and good fellowship was enjoyed on the work day as well.

Leonard Knight, Pastor • Sara Buckley, Reporter

Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston. We have been blessed to welcome several visitors into our services who have continued coming. On our building, our auditorium ceiling is completed. We are right now in the process of mudding and sanding our auditorium and hallway. We rejoice in the profession of faith of Miss Ernestine who is 73 years old.

Rodney Dunlap, Pastor

Stony Point, Mineral Point, prays for blessings to all. We welcome Nathan Hatfield who was baptized and given the hand of Church membership May 15. We hosted the Missouri State Symposium May 20-21 and we thank Jeff Swart for speaking. May 29 a flag pole dedication presentation was done at the end of Sunday School and presentation of Disciple Way Class certificates were given to Bea Evans, Becky Maness, Bonnie Bourbon, Jennifer Bourbon, Michael Bourbon, and Debby Coleman. In the afternoon service the 2016 Graduates were honored. Thank God for His wonderful blessings. Claude Evans, Pastor • Debrah Coleman, Reporter

Hello from **Briar Missionary Baptist, Doniphan!** We had two graduate from college--what an achievement. Congratulations to Casse Redus and Hunter Dilbeck--good job and prayers for both of your futures. There was one from high school, Ryan Dilbeck and two from 8th grade--Katelyn Larmore and Janie Phelps. Our church family wishes each of these graduates a bright and prosperous future and pray they will take the Lord with them on their walk. Briar has a core group of young people who attend regularly and we are so proud of them and their dedication. Danny and Phyllis Williams celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 27th. Seems like a loooooong time! It happened to be the weekend of 5th Sunday singing at Briar so the celebration was really special. It's such a blessing to have such a close relationship with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. There were plenty of singers and it was great. We also had a few visitors and those are always a blessing. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the third week in July and we look forward to that. Again we must say thanks to all the preachers who continue to fill our pulpit while we wait for that special man God has in mind for us. Till next time--Keep Looking Up
Phyllis Williams, Reporter

Greetings from **Bethlehem of Doniphan!** I just thought 2015 passed by so quickly but 2016 must have wings on it as fast as it is flying by. Even so it is just an awesome time to love our

Lord and Savior and give all the glory to God our Father! We always vote to postpone Youth In The Harvest from April to June because of so many graduation conflicts with seniors in May. It really makes a long time from one meeting to the next. But June 10th will have come and gone by the time you are reading this. So if you didn't get to attend this month July will be here before you know it. (Mark your calendar!) I wasn't able to attend the third Sunday Singing in May as Bro. Bob Hill was recovering from surgery at the time and I chose to stay with him. But we will be attending in June, Lord willing. Hope to see everyone there! We want to thank Black River for hosting the Fifth Sunday Association Meeting the last weekend of May. We truly were fed both spiritually and physically. It was a wonderful time to fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. God is continuing to feed us spiritually each week here at Bethlehem. As we continue to search for a Pastor. Pray with us that the Lord will make our new leader known to us soon. And that we stand firm and do not grow weak. Until next month may the Lord bless and keep us all!

Yvonne Hill, Asst. Reporter

Ozark Heights, Potosi, would like to report for the month of May that we started off with a great blessing. We celebrated our 54th Homecoming with good food and an awesome Gospel singing by Providence. In addition we enjoyed the Spiritually uplifting Sermon from our former Pastor, Brian Mead. May 6th the WMA had their Spring Dinner at Catfish Kettle in Farmington. A great time was had by all who were able to attend. May 22 we had our monthly talent night which had a Mexican Theme. As always we enjoyed all those who shared their talents with us and of course there was plenty to eat afterwards. We are gearing up for VBS June

20 - 22 and then on the 23rd we have made reservations for the pool at Desloge to bring a close to our week of sharing God's word with his precious children. We wish to thank all our visiting Ministers for their support while we are in the process of selecting our new Pastor. We continue to ask for your prayers as we seek God's direction and will for our Church and our lives. God bless and keep you and please pray for our Country. Respectively submitted by: Gerri Lawson & Irma Shoults

Bethany, St. Louis, says, "Welcome to summer!" It sure seems that these months roll around a lot faster than they did when we were "younger." We have been blessed with God's Word being preached this past month. Bro. Caleb Houston, Bro. Hoffmann and Bro. Dunn filled the pulpit. Sis. Hoffmann spent some time in the hospital recently with some health issues. We thank God for her recovery. Sis. Ella Beeler also had some health issues going on as well as others. Our ladies meeting was held at the Beeler's and we shared some good times and food there. We covet your prayers are behalf of Sis. Tiny Blanchard who has been diagnosed with cancer of the spine and is undergoing treatment at this time. Sis. Blanchard has been our GMA leader for many years and has a great love for this ministry of the church. Please keep her family in your prayers. This writer has prayer requests to share also. Bro. Ron Fields, former pastor of Fontaine Lane Baptist church, now in Rogers, Arkansas, is experiencing some health issues. And also Bro. Dale Fish, from Arkansas, fell off a balcony recently and although there are no visible signs of injury he is very sore and not able to work. Congratulations to the Nick Dunn family on their new arrival: Raelynn Grace arrived May 20th weighing 6 lb. 14 oz. and she was 19 inches long. Please continue to pray for Bethany as we seek God's will in finding a pastor. We have at this time discontinued our Wednesday evening services. We pray God's blessings on all of our churches that are experiencing not having a shepherd to lead and guide them. On a lighter note we have seen God answer prayer. One of our dear ladies recently sold her house, moved into the parsonage so she would have a place to stay while looking for a new place to live. She has found a new home and will be closing in a few weeks and moving in shortly after that. Please keep Sis. Kay Morrison in your prayers as she begins a new journey in her life. Thank you.

Kathy Chapman, reporter.

Lower Doe Run, Ellington, (MAY) We praise God for new
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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • May 2016

General Fund:

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|-------------------------------|----|-----------------|--------------------|
| Balance April 31, 2016 | | \$ | 120,873.55 |
| May Receipts: | \$ | <u>1,925.45</u> | \$ <u>1,925.45</u> |
| Total Available | | \$ | 122,799.00 |
| Disbursements: | | | |
| Assistant Director's Salary | \$ | 450.00 | |
| Assistant Director's Expenses | \$ | 278.94 | |
| Room for Speaker | \$ | 69.99 | |
| Jeff Swart, Speaker | \$ | 400.00 | |
| Jeff Swart, Mileage | \$ | <u>337.28</u> | |
| Total Disbursements | \$ | 1,536.21 | \$ <u>1,536.21</u> |
| Balance May 31, 2016: | | \$ | 121,262.79 |

2016 BMA of MO Missions Symposium....

Challenging & Inspirational

May 20, 2016, 51 people representing 19 BMA of Missouri Churches gathered at Stony Point Missionary Baptist Church in Mineral Point, Missouri to participate in the annual BMA of MO Missions Symposium.

Bro. Jeff Swart, pastor of First Baptist Church of Galena, Kansas was invited to come and speak on the subject, "As America Has Done to Israel."

Starting with the Covenant God made to Abraham and his seed (Israel) Bro. Swart did an excellent job in pointing out the importance how all nations treat God's chosen Nation and how America has broken the Abrahamic Covenant many times, especially in recent years.



Bro. Jeff Swart

He cited recent instances of America being involved in "talks, treaties, and decisions" that involved taking land that God has given Israel in His covenant and giving it to other nations. It was interesting to note how America suffered almost immediately following her involvement in these decisions through "natural disasters" or other devastating things that happened.

It was challenging to be reminded that it is important how we treat God's chosen people and that our nation and its leaders must give them our support. It was inspirational to be reminded that God is in control no matter how things look

around us in this world.

Saturday morning Bro. Swart spoke to us on the subject "Heaven is Real, But the Book Ain't!" He discussed the many "Near Death Experiences" people claim to have where they supposedly die and go to heaven or hell and come back to tell about it. Bro. Jeff explained that he had read many of the books on this subject (some of them many times) and has compiled many notes showing that these experiences did not agree with Scripture. He used many illustrations showing how the things people said they saw or experienced in these situations conflicted with God's Word.

The emphasis of this study was that we should believe God's Word and judge the experiences that men say they have by His Word, for God is always true.

Highlights of Our Mid-Year Meeting

Due to Bro. Jeff Swart needing to leave early, we agreed to start our Mid-Year association meeting with the worship time instead of business at 9:00 a.m. Following a beautiful song of worship by the congregation Bro. Swart preached another great message as mentioned in the symposium report above.

Following the message we gave Bro. Swart the hand of appreciation for the great messages he shared with us.

We had more congregational singing led by Bro. David Griggs with Sis. LaDonna Baker playing the piano. We had wonderful singing throughout the meeting.

President Brian Meade did another great job in leading the

meeting and keeping things moving.

Following the seating of the messengers and a call for any petitionary letters (there were none presented) the first order of business was the election of a recording clerk and assistant. A motion was made and carried that we retain Bro. Don Burke as the

Secretary and Bro. Dale Fish as the Assistant.

In the recording Secretary's report it was noted that 6 churches had been dropped from our association due to non-representation. A motion was made to drop Article 3 Section 3 of our by-laws and that those churches who were dropped be reinstated. This motion was defeated.

The Kenneth E. Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund report noted that we had helped Bro. Charles Michael of Bethel Baptist Church in Sikeston enroll to further his education at the seminary this past semester. There is a balance of \$18,104.90 in this Grant Fund.

The Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper report was given by Editor James Hoffmann. A motion was made and carried to extend the Special Emphasis (Symposium Goal) Offering for two months to allow those churches of individuals who were not prepared to give an offering at the symposium to send their offerings in to the Editor by the end of July 2016. At the end of the first six months of this associational year the balance in the MMB account is \$2,434.68. A total of \$1,300. was received in the special offering through the Symposium.

Bro. Dennis Baker and Treasurer David Griggs gave the Loan Association report. A motion was made and carried that the association authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$10,000 to the Loan Association Grant Fund from the General Fund in order to have funds available to help churches in emergency situations. Churches are encouraged to contact Bro. Baker or any Loan Association Trustee when needs arise with which we can assist you. Since creating the Grant Fund we have been able to help Bethesda Baptist Church in Park Hill with the replacement of their furnace in an emergency.

Camp Director Chris Polk sent a written report which was read to the association. He noted that there were just 9 weeks left before camp and that there is still a lot of work to do. Over \$24,000 has been raised to help build a new dorm but more is needed. Camp packets were given out to those churches present and the material can be printed off the BMA of MO web site. Just go to bmamissouri.org to find the forms, rules, and other information you need.

The Alive Committee report was given by Bro. Don Burke. This year's conference will be December 29-31 at the Doubletree in Chesterfield.

The Assistant Director of Missions gave the financial report which shows a balance of \$119,645.05 in our missions funds.

During the Missionary Committee Report committee chairman Bro. Wayne Gibson asked Bro. Ben Kingston and Bro. Tom McCanless to speak. Bro. Kingston spoke on the Missionary Committee's discussion in our last meeting about the need for our pastors and churches to take a good look at what we are doing, how we are doing it and what we need to change as we seek to see our work grow in the State of Missouri. Bro. McCanless spoke of the burden God has laid upon his heart to help our churches in a new ministry he is starting which he calls "Church Health." (See his announcement about this ministry on page 8.)

We were encouraged with an increase in attendance at this year's meeting and hope to see even more churches represented by messengers at our annual meeting at Bethel Baptist Church in Sikeston, October 22, 2016. The meeting starts at 9:00 a.m.

A standing vote of appreciation was given to Stony Point Baptist Church for their warm welcome and generous hospitality shown throughout the meeting. Thanks to all who participated throughout the two meetings including our officers, department directors, and all present who shared warm fellowship that made everyone feel blessed.

Let's work hard to reach the lost, strengthen our churches and build our fellowship as we continue the work God has given us in our various fields of labor.

faces in the Worship services for the last few weeks. It helps and encourages each of us, even makes the preacher preach better. We praise God for the healing of Bro. Don and a good evaluation, even that he is able to come home and back to church. We praise God that Sister Frieda is making a good recovery from open heart surgery. We had a good service at the Riverways Manor in Van Buren last month. We were given notification that a dear friend that first put us in touch with the need for missionaries in the Philippines lost her battle for cancer last week. We will be helping the family with a grave side service for Millie Brimberry in Kinmundy, IL on May 7th. She made a great impact in our lives. **(June)** We are so thankful for more new visitors on Sundays. We are preparing to be a part of the National GMA Retreat in Gary, TX June 14-17. We are leading Worship at the Nursing Home in Ellington on the 12th. Many of us enjoyed the Mission Symposium at Stony Point. We were blessed to see many friends and loved ones there. What a day when we meet together on the "other shore." Pray for one another and encourage when you can in Christ.
Melvin Meade, Pastor • Carolyn Meade, Reporter.

Zion, St. Louis, sends greetings to her Sister Churches. May was a busy month with singings and meetings. The Harper Family sang in the morning service May 15th. There were some visitors out. Dinner was served at church after the singing. We enjoyed the fellowship with our visitors and the Harper's. Zion hosted the Fifth Sunday singing on the fourth Sunday because of Memorial Day weekend. Several from Emmanuel and Springdale came out and we had a sweet time. Our churches are gifted with good musicians and singers. The Zion ladies provided a delicious meal afterwards. Always good to sit down and eat with other Christian folk. Several were able to attend the State Missions Symposium and the mid-year meeting at Stony Point May 20 and 21. Bro. Jeff Swart delivered messages on Friday evening and on Saturday morning ... they were powerful messages. What a blessing to be able to attend these meetings. Bro. Baker, Brent Baker and Bro. Callahan attended the Men's Spring Retreat at Camp Garwood. Although the number was down, they reported a great time of fellowship. Bro. Baker made a quick trip to Arkansas to check on his dad. Bro. Carl had a spell with his pacemaker and was in the ER for a while. He is home now and doing better but does have tests scheduled and possible surgery. Bro. Dennis had a problem with his eye while in Arkansas and found himself in the ER also. Please remember both Bro. Dennis and his dad in your prayers. We are looking forward to the District Auxiliaries coming up on June 10th at Temple in Belgrade. We want to wish all you fathers out there a HAPPY FATHER'S DAY. Come visit us at Zion, if you can't come, pray for us and we will be praying for you.
Dennis Baker, Pastor • Norma Womble, Reporter

HELLO TO ALL from **Oak Hill, Alton!** Not a lot happened in May other than my Uncle Dale and Aunt Earlene celebrated 60 years of marriage May 28th. My brother Jesse Williams Jr's surgery went extremely well. Thank-you for all of the prayers in his behalf. The men at Oak Hill presented our ladies with a beautiful carnation flower on Mother's Day. May 21st Bro. Ed and Sis. Theresa went on vacation to Mississippi and went to see Bro. Tom and Sis. Evelyn Foster and Bro. Wayne and Sis. Vivian and their families. Please remember Sis. Vivian and Bro. Tom in your prayers. In June we will celebrate half a dozen birthdays and do something special for our Fathers on Father's Day. We wish all Fathers a very Happy Father's Day. June 25th is our men's breakfast in our Fellowship Hall. We will be praising and honoring our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ until our next report.
Edward Casey, Pastor • Jennifer Williams, Reporter

A Letter From the President of BMAA Seminary

Dear Friends of BMATS:

I am writing today to share with you a report on 2016 graduation and plans for the summer.

On May 14, I officiated at the seminary's graduation for the 17th time. This time was as enjoyable as all the rest. The faculty and I were able to reflect on the efforts of students, the support of our churches that make classes possible, and the decades of future ministry represented in the graduates. Commencement saw twenty graduates walk the stage and receive their degrees. These students represented five states.

From the administrative side, this year was unique. Delivering the message was BMA Seminary's Library Director, Dr. James Blaylock. Dr. Blaylock was an especially appropriate speaker since this was his 50th anniversary of becoming part of the seminary's staff. He was able to give the perspectives of being a graduate himself, a 50-year staff member, and a local pastor for 45 years. He had no shortage of material to draw from!

Adding to the uniqueness of the service was the retirement of Jim & Carol Shine. Dr. Shine completed 30 years of teaching. Dr. Shine was one the first professors I encountered when beginning classes at BMATS. His teaching clung to me as he gave me a desire to understand the New Testament in its original language. His teaching worked to the point that I was able to teach the same classes myself several years later. Mrs. Shine also completed 30 years of service to our BMATS family and was awarded a Master of Arts in Christian Ministry degree. Over her tenure she served in several capacities on campus. Most importantly, she was my trusted and highly valued assistant for the past 15 years. She and Dr. Shine are loved by students and staff alike and will be sorely missed.

End of year finances have improved over last year. Last year we had a significant deficit for the first time in a number of years. Thankfully, through the generosity of our churches and friends, this year we ended with a modest surplus. Even though we are perhaps the lowest priced accredited school in the country, budget pressures always lead to increases in tuition. The only way to control the cost to the students is to have a growing, consistent, and generous donor base. Please review your church's giving to see if the giving to outside causes has increased with the rate of inflation. This is especially important if your church gives a specified amount rather than a percentage of income.

This summer looks to be as special as commencement. For the first time we will be conducting a Biblical counseling seminar at Temple Baptist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. Special thanks to Temple Baptist Church for allowing us to use her facilities. The seminar is open to the public as well as being available for credit toward a degree. The course will feature Dr. Stuart Scott, renowned Biblical counseling professor, and will be held July 12-15, 2016. The cost to audit the course is only \$35. Please contact the dean's office to register.

On the Jacksonville campus, our professors will be teaching DiscipleWay (a proven strategy of helping Christians grow in a one to one setting). The class will be held the week of June 13. Dr. Johnson will be providing basic DiscipleWay training at a reduced cost of \$75.00 for anyone interested. Drs. Attebery and Hellwig will be teaching the second and third levels of DiscipleWay. Although registration is closed for the advanced DiscipleWay courses, we are still encouraging individuals to enroll in Dr. Johnson's training sessions. Please contact the dean's office if you are interested.

As usual some of the faculty will be helping train church leaders off campus. I recently returned from teaching a week-end seminar on stewardship at Memorial Baptist Church in Fremont, California. I will also be speaking at the inauguration of a Spanish Bible Institute in Houston being led by two of our

graduates, Michael Hight and Dean Renfro. Dr. Philip Attebery and I will be teaching an EE seminar at South Forrest Baptist Mission near Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

In July, I will join three of our grads in teaching a week-long pastoral seminar in Tanzania. In August, I will travel with two of our senior students to Peru to conduct a seminar on expository preaching being hosted by BMAA missionary to Peru John Michael Poulin and Dr. Ricky Williams. Dr. Williams is a BMATS graduate, a BMAA missionary and an adjunct seminary professor. We are pleased that the Lord can use our faculty throughout the year and not just during the fall & spring semesters.

Official registration for online and on-campus classes for the fall is the week of August 15. However, students are encouraged to pre-enroll at anytime and the sooner the better. The dean's office is indicating that they have a near record number of new student inquiries. With restricted class sizes it is wise to get your schedule early to avoid disappointment.

Many will also be interested in another of our popular free online classes. This fall Dr. Cleaver will be teaching Comparative Religions. Enroll early so you can have the materials in hand and be ready to start with the whole class.

Many will also want to mark their calendars for the Paschal Lectures this fall. The topic will be Roots of Landmarkism & the Founding of the BMAA as well as the ABA. The guest lecturer will be Dr. Tom Nettles, regarded by many as the leading conservative Baptist historian and author of our time. Two public sessions will be held September 13, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. in Dorman Memorial Chapel on the Jacksonville campus.

Charley Holmes,
President,
BMA Seminary

BMAA Seminary Business Manager Retires



Van Widger

Van Widger is set to retire from serving as that Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary's business manager since 2009.

Following a successful banking career in the St. Louis area, Widger moved to Texas in 2009 at the request of President Charley Holmes. According to Holmes, Widger "came on a volunteer basis seven years ago while serving as a seminary trustee. He came to fill in temporarily when the business manager position opened up. Since then, he has been a faithful worker at the seminary and in his local church. We are going to miss him."

Widger earned a Bachelor of Arts in Information Systems Columbia College in 1975 and served an integral part in the initiation of the seminary's distance education program by

providing needed computer and technological expertise for supporting online classes. The availability of such classes has allowed the seminary to grow numerically and earn a rating by the Association of Theological Schools as one of the fastest growing seminaries in the United States and Canada.

Widger has also served the Baptist Missionary Association of America in multiple offices of the National Brotherhood and as a board member for the BMAA Foundation. He currently serves the Brotherhood as First Vice President. Widger's plans are to return to his home state of Missouri.

The Master's Builders Work at Winnsboro, TX



No Experience Necessary

The Master's Builders arrived at Cross Roads Baptist, Winnsboro, Texas, to begin interior work on their 50 X 125 foot, new Family Life Center. They walled up, wired and sheet rocked the walls and ceiling of the entry hallway, two bathrooms, kitchen, fellowship hall, and put OSB on the walls in the closets and on the gym walls. They built a staircase up to the second floor over the bathrooms, hallway, storage and kitchen for future classrooms.

There were nine RVs in the parking lot during the two weeks we worked at Cross Roads. The crew was much smaller than we usually have for this size job, so several of the ladies volunteered to on the job training and to work in any way that was needed. We surprised ourselves and "some" of the men at what we were able to accomplish!! We may have worked ourselves into a "regular job"!! I think all of the ladies would say that we enjoyed the work and fellowship with our men. We certainly have a greater appreciation for all that our men do!

There were several men from Cross Roads who worked with our men and also did different jobs to help in the completion of the building. What a fun group they are!! The time flew!! Pastor, Terry Bolton, is a great guy, a hard worker, and a "GO-GET-er"! We enjoyed the time with them! A special thanks to Jack Adams for all his hard work and the fellowship we enjoyed with him. A great big thank you to the ladies of Cross Roads who fed us all so well! The meals and fellowship was special! We came away with some recipes!!

There are several of our Master's Builders family who are not doing well. Many have serious health problems, some have lost their spouse, and others have problems that are not allowing them to get to come to the jobs. We ask for your prayers in this and that the Lord would send more workers; NO training needed, (ask our ladies)! You must have a love for the Lord and a desire for the increase in His Kingdom.



Electra Fish

August 10, 1925 - May 9, 2016

Electra Vesta Pearl (Pape) Fish, resident of Owasso, OK, went to be with her Savior after an extended illness at the home of her daughter, Helen E. DeClue on Monday, May 9, 2016, at the age of 90 years and 9 months. Electra was born August 10, 1925, in Zalma, Missouri, to Wil-

The Master's Builders will head to Summers Baptist, Summers, Arkansas, to begin work on June 13th. Pray for safety as they travel and do the work of the Master's Builders ministry.

If you have any questions about TMB ministry or if your church has building needs, contact: Office Coordinator, Bro. John Mangum at 318-205-5155 or his cell 318-607-4100 or Field Coordinator, Eddie Sikes at 903-725-6549 or his cell 479-462-1675.

Nelda Malone- Reporter

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Please pray for and give financially to help Moral Action expose the anti-Christian agenda of such groups as A.C.L.U., American Atheists, Freedom From Religion Foundation and the Gay Rights Movement.

-Dr. John M. Adams

liam A. and Rhoda (Sitze) Pape. She was raised and received her education mostly in Zalma and Cape Girardeau, Missouri, graduating from Cape Central High School in 1942. Electra received her Master's Degree in Education from S.E. Missouri State University where she was president of Phi Beta Kappa. She was a life-long school teacher in Missouri, beginning her career in a one-room schoolhouse at the age of 18 and retiring in 1985 after teaching 7th grade science for 19 years at Louis J. Shultz in Cape Girardeau. June 8, 1946, Electra and Earl Fish, Jr. were united in marriage in Cape Girardeau. They were blessed with three children. Electra and Earl moved to Owasso to live with their daughter in 2009. Earl passed away in February of 2012. Electra was a longtime member of the Zalma Missionary Baptist Church and attended First Baptist Church of Owasso while living there, making many friends. She loved St. Louis Cardinal baseball, Thunder basketball, putting jigsaw puzzles together, working crossword puzzles, and bird watching, but especially reading her Bible and talking about her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Those that survive and hold many cherished memories are her children and their spouses: Dale G. (Judy) Fish of Zalma, MO, Helen E. (Michael) DeClue of Owasso, OK, and Jon E. (Tracey) Fish of Cape Girardeau, MO; her grandchildren: Susan (Greg) Penninger (Austin, TX), Timothy Fish (Fort Worth, TX), Andrew (Chrissy) DeClue (Little Rock, AR), Benjamin (Jessica) DeClue (Reston, VA), Erin (Nick) Nill (Owasso, OK), Kristal (Chad) Flentge (Cape Girardeau, MO), Jake Fish (Cape Girardeau, MO), and Caitlin and Nathan Gladden (Cape Girardeau, MO); her great-grandchildren: Joshua, Adam, and Luke Penninger and Isaac Joseph, Miriam, and Titus Flentge; and a large host of nieces, nephews, and friends. Electra also got amazing joy from her foster great grand-children: Ava, Isaiah, and Daniel. Besides her husband, Electra was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Dale Pape, and sisters, Juanita Schrader, Willa Winona Pape and Hilda Bowerman.

Visitation was at the Morgan Funeral Home in Advance, MO on Friday, May 20th with memorial services there on Saturday, May 21 at 10:00 a.m., with Bro. Ron Fields officiating, followed by burial in Berrong Cemetery, Gipsy, MO.

WMA & GMA NEWS

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National WMA Meets

The National Women's Missionary Auxiliary met April 26 in Gatlinburg, Tenn., with 141 messengers and 40 visitors present, representing 86 churches.

Fresh Start WMA at First Baptist Church in Maydelle, Texas petitioned for membership.

The welcome was given by Elisha Burnett, WMA president of Tennessee and Kentucky. Dr. Ralph Izard spoke on the Shoebox project. National Miss GMA Amanda Hall brought the devotional, and National Jr. Miss GMA Lydia Dunlap led in prayer.

The 2015/16 WMA project was improvements to the buildings at the BMA Bible College in Negros Occidental, Philippines. Missionaries Doug & Diane Lee thanked them for their support and showed photos of the project. Then Pat Quesenbury gave a short report on her trip to the Philippines to visit the Lees.

There was only one project nomination this year — computers for BMA schools in Gulbarga, India. Mrs. Prashant (Golda) Prakash spoke on the project.

Several recommendations were proposed by the officers and were approved, including:

- Changing the title of the corresponding secretary and assistant to treasurer and assistant;
- Combining the duties of the elected reporter, the media director and the web master to one elected officer titled media director, with a term limit of five years;
- Changing the requirements for the "Standard of Excellence;"
- Designating that the WMA General Fund receive 10% of the national project offering, youth auxiliaries receive 10% and the remaining 80% be directed be designated to one project; and
- That the offering taken that day (\$817.77) go to the General Fund.

Awards and certificates were presented to churches that contributed to this year's project. First Baptist Church at Springhill, La., which gave \$6,951, was the top contributor to the project; 5 churches gave \$1,000 or more; and 15 churches or districts gave \$500 or more.

National WMA officers for the coming year include: President Ruby Poteet, First Vice President Jodie Rhea, Second Vice President Charlotte Johnson, Third Vice President Brenda Hornaday, Treasurer Pat Duncan, Assistant Treasurer Janet Widger, Recording Secretary Ann Pugh, Assistant Linda Dertinger, Media Editor Alicia Johnson, Editor Lane Flynt, Historian Linda Thomas, Director Of Youth Auxiliaries Mandi Townsend, Assistant Laurie Hicks, GMA/YLA Promoter Jayna Williams, Assistant Lisa Christian, Sunbeam Promoter Sherry Laminack, Assistant Sandra Kizer, Song Leader Jerene Reddin and Pianist Robin Clark.

These committees were also elected: Project Promotion Committee (Carolyn Colvert, Debbie Clark and Diana Morris); Salary And Expense Committee (Ladonna Baker, Ann Raines and Beth Caldwell); Study Book Committee (Connie Reifsteck, Jackie Ricks and Narita Roady); and Advisory Council (Randy Rhea, Claude Evans and David Kizer).

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2016 Ladies Retreat

Sponsored by

The Women's Missionary Auxiliary of Missouri

September 16 & 17, 2016

Speaker: *Mrs. Pat Quesenbury, Arlington, TX*

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Lunch (\$15.00) _____

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NOTE: Make Room reservations directly with the motel.

Be sure to mention Group name and number.

There will be a silent auction with all proceeds going to Camp Garwood

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

5th Annual Men's Spring Retreat

by Dennis Baker, Brotherhood President

Twenty men attended the 5th Annual BMA of Missouri Brotherhood Men's Spring Retreat, held on a beautiful spring weekend at Camp Garwood, Friday evening May 13th and Saturday morning May 14th. The Friday evening menu included fried fish, hush puppies, and alligator. This was my first time to eat alligator, and yes it did taste like chicken but a little tougher to chew. Saturday morning for breakfast we enjoyed eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, and pancakes.

Bro. Roy Callahan did a great job with the program. The theme was on "Hope in Jesus Christ." The presentation included video songs to support the theme. I had the opportunity to share my life testimony. I shared my experience of having the blessing of growing up in a Christian home and having parents who showed their love for the Lord by being an example before their children. They showed their love for the Lord's church by driving 100 miles one way every Sunday. Truth of the Scriptures was important to them. They loved lost souls and were willing to have Bible clubs and women's Bible study in their community. I shared my salvation experience of how I thought I was saved at a young age, but because of the example of the young lady I was dating, (who is now my wife of 48 years), and preaching



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of God's Word by her father (Noel Gibson), I realized that I had never asked the Lord to be my Savior. I remember dreaming about death and going to hell. I have never dreamed that dream again since asking Jesus to save me. I shared my experience of God calling me into the ministry as a student at Central Baptist College. I preached my first sermon in De-

ember 1966 at Campbell's Island Missionary Baptist Church located in Moline, Illinois. The length of the sermon was a total of five minutes. I shared how that God had blessed my family in both good and bad times.

Bro. Joey Duckworth gave a wonderful devotional Saturday morning.

The Turkey Shoot was divided into two groups. The young men (10 and under) shot three rounds of three shots each with 22 rifles at still targets. Bro. Lucas (Luke) Polk had the best

score and received a frozen turkey.

The older men did skeet shooting with shotguns and shot three rounds of three shots each. Bro. James Callahan had the best score and received a frozen turkey for his efforts.

Bro. Don Adams did a fantastic job as Safety Officer for the shooting events.

The 5th Annual Spring Men's Retreat was a wonderful time of spiritual renewal, fellowship, and good food. I would encourage the men of our churches to make plans to attend the 6th Annual BMA of Missouri Brotherhood Men's Fall Retreat. Watch for future articles in the Missouri Missionary Baptist for the date.

2016 National Brotherhood Meeting

By: Richey Hester • Editor & Promoter, National Brotherhood

The National Brotherhood met in Gatlinburg, Tennessee at the Gatlinburg Convention Center on April 26, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. We had one of the largest attendances we have had quite some time. Bro. Dale Broom brought the message and encouraged all the men to be positive. Here are the minutes from the meeting.

Welcome was given from Mark Jones, President

Opening Prayer was offered by Dr. John Adams

Matt Hudson led in the singing of "Victory in Jesus" accompanied by his wife, Lisa

The Treasurer's Report (Robert Bynum) and Minutes and the Executive Committee Report (Roy Caldwell) was approved.

Officers elected for 2016-2017 are as follows:

President- Mark Jones

1st Vice President - Van Widger

2nd Vice President - James Laminac

3rd Vice President - Collin Jones

Song Leader - Matt Hudson

Assistant Song Leader - Bill Thornton

Editor/Promoter - Richey Hester

Secretary/Treasurer - Robert Bynum

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer - Roy Caldwell

Galilean Director - Kenneth Colvert

Assistant Galilean Director - Dan Williams

The Project elected for the coming year is:

60%: Moral Action (Dr. John Adams, Director)

30%: National Galileans

10%: Brotherhood General Fund

Approved continuing the Bro. Arthur Smith Memorial Scholarship fund for the Senior National Mr. Galilean to attend a BMA sponsored school.

Matt Hudson, led a song "On Christ the Solid Rock" as an offering was received. The amount received was \$399.00.

The Galilean Report was presented by Kenneth Colvert and Dan Williams. The National Galilean Camp will be June 7-10, 2016 at Daniel Springs Baptist Camp, Gary, TX. The Galilean report was approved. Keaton Walley, the Senior National Mr. Galilean, spoke on the impact of Galileans on his life and said that 1 Timothy 4:12 was his favorite verse.

Matt Hudson, presented a special song "The Haven of Rest."

Our speaker was Bro. Dale Broom, missionary to Guayna. He used Acts 16:25 as his text and spoke on the impact of a "positive" versus "negative" outlook on life and church ministry. An invitation "I Need Thee Every Hour" was presented after his message. The assembly also sang "Jesus Loves Me."

Dr. John Adams, Director of Moral Action, thanked the Brotherhood for taking Moral Action as the project and requested support and prayer.

Mark Jones, President, closed the meeting and closing prayer was given by Bro. William Chancery.

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After several resolutions were approved, President Janet Widger also appointed six ladies to serve as "an Advisory Committee to the Growth and Development Committee" — Val Blackmore, Beth Caldwell, Bea Evans, Charlotte Johnson, Jodi Rhea and Jayna Williams; with Charlotte Johnson to serve as the chairman. Then Jodi Rhea installed the new officers.

After a short break, Fran Hoover spoke on "The Extra Mile, Like Jesus." Her text was Matthew 5:41.

Charlotte Johnson announced that the program next year will be "Grace Wins," from Hebrews 4:16. Texas WMA President Sherry Decker gave a card to each lady, to be redeemed

for a gift at next year's national WMA meeting.

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Teaching Children Transgenderism Is Normal Is Child Abuse

By **Larry Page**, Executive Director
Arkansas Faith and Ethics Council
via *The Baptist Trumpet*

The American College of Pediatricians (ACP) has issued a warning to educators, policy-makers and others whose work involve children. The message is simple and straightforward — do not set policy and adopt curriculum that teaches the young that transgenderism is normal.

Transgenderism is defined as “a state or condition in which a person identifies with or expresses a gender identity that differs from the one which corresponds to the person’s sex at birth.” Since the condition of transgenderism is classified as a mental illness, to teach it as being normal and to promote it as being a healthy alternative is child abuse, so says the ACP.

In its report, the national doctors’ organization said that, “Facts — not ideology — determine reality.” The report further explained that “No one is born with an awareness of themselves as male or female; this awareness develops over time and, like all developmental processes, may be derailed by a child’s subjective perceptions, relationships and adverse experiences from infancy forward. People who identify as ‘feeling like the opposite sex’ or ‘somewhere in between’ do not comprise a third sex. They remain biological men or biological women.”

When an otherwise healthy child believes he or she is a member of the opposite sex, that indicates a psychological problem requiring treatment of the mind, not the body. In other words, it is a mental issue and not a physical one.

The psychological condition is known as “gender dysphoria,” once called gender identity disorder. It has been recognized as a mental disorder by the most recent edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual*.

Research shows that most children who are gender confused accept their biological sex after they pass naturally through puberty transition. However, if prior to puberty, the gender confused children are given puberty blockers to help them mimic the other sex, the gender confusion will not only likely continue but will be further reinforced with the introduction of cross-sex hormones during later adolescence.

Those misguided professionals who want to “help” those children find their “real” identities by providing them with cross-sex hormones are consigning many of them to a life of confusion, despair and serious consequences — both physical and mental. Cross-sex hormones, such as testosterone and estrogen, must be administered regularly if any semblance of being the other sex is to be maintained

Those drugs are linked to high blood pressure, blood clots, strokes, cancer and other serious health conditions. Also, higher rates of suicide among adults, up to 20 times greater, are associated with the use of crosssex hormones and so-called sex reassignment surgery.

Those facts underscore the reality that gender dysphoria is a psychological issue, not a physical problem. The ACP reiterated the main point when it said, “Conditioning children into believing a lifetime of chemical and surgical impersonation of the opposite sex is normal and healthful is child abuse.” (llp@arfaith.org)

Seeking A Pastor

Bethany Baptist Church of St. Louis is seeking a bivocational pastor who is looking for a church with good potential in the metro area. Contact: James Hoffmann 314-277-8644 or Earl Johnston 314-650-7060.

New Ministry Available To Our Churches...

“Church Health”

Bro. Tom McCanless has been led of the Lord into a new ministry, “Church Health.” A healthy church is a more successful church in fulfilling the Great Commission: winning souls, baptizing the saved, and disciplining church members.

It is estimated that over 100,000 churches in America are ailing or in the process of dying. Your church is only as healthy as each member on your church roll.

Bro. McCanless, at a church’s invitation, will help that church work through three steps that will help an ailing church. Those three steps are: Examination, Restoration, and Separation. (Ezra 10:1-8)

1. EXAMINATION - Each church member will receive a questionnaire with thirteen questions. The Holy Spirit will examine the heart of each church member as he or she answers these pointed personal questions. (Note) *There will be no request for this questionnaire to be returned to the church. The Holy Spirit and the one answering the questions will be the only ones to know the response to these questions.*

2. RESTORATION - After completing the questionnaire, each church member will be given a copy of the “Church Covenant” to read and asked to sign a personal pledge of recommitment to honor this Covenant.

3. SEPARATION - For those who are on the church roll, who complete the questionnaire and will not sign a pledge of recommitment to the “Church Covenant,” that person’s name will be removed from the church roll. (Amos 3:3) *“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”* (Note) *Each church member will be required to return a signed Church Covenant pledge.*

For more information or to schedule a preaching appointment contact:

Brother Tom McCanless 1-573-380-4993

CBC Named Best Online College

President Terry Kimbrow is pleased to announce that Central Baptist College has been named a Best Online College in 2016 by onlinecolleges.net. CBC is the highest ranked private college in Arkansas, ranking at number two. Holding the number one spot is the University of Central Arkansas in Conway. CBC is also ranked by the onlinecolleges.net as the number two Most Affordable College in Arkansas, being edged out by John Brown University in Siloam Springs.

To determine the best online colleges in each state, the site examines the factors most important to prospective students: academic quality and reputation, online program strength, cost and student aid.

CBC announced in 2011 that it had received accreditation through The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of College and Schools to offer online degrees. Degrees offered in the online modality are Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Sci-

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The following names are listed as a service to our churches in keeping you informed as to preachers that are available. The publishing of a preacher’s availability for preaching appointments or pastoral work should not be considered as a recommendation by the *Missouri Missionary Baptist*. Names are published at the request of the individual and will be published until a request is received to remove it.

Joseph Duckworth, a member of Kewanee missionary baptist church is available for Preaching or however the Lord leads. Contact him at 573-521-8039.

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Brian Adams, a member of First Missionary Baptist Church of Matthews is available to preach. Contact him by e-mail at bkadams27@yahoo.com.

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