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Philippians 2:16

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## A Gift For Your Pastor

**Pastor Appreciation Month** is fast approaching! October is a traditional time for church families to show love for their pastor and staff members. Their tireless work in shepherding and caring for the needs of the communities that they serve can often go unnoticed. Church members, have you considered how you will honor your pastor and staff families this October?

DiscipleGuide Church Resources offers Pastors Oasis as the perfect gift and retreat for BMA pastor teams. Pastors Oasis, scheduled for October 5-7, is a three-day, two-night event featuring the best in worship, Christian concerts and Bible-based teaching that is sure to challenge their ministries and encourage their hearts. The focus of Pastors Oasis 2015 is “A Pastor’s Prayer.” One of the most important roles each pastor fills is that of an intercessor and prayer warrior for the people that God has given him to serve. Pastors Oasis 2015 will focus on the importance of being a praying pastor and leading a praying church.

Todd West and Dr. Bill Elliff are the featured speakers. Bill Elliff is Direction Leader and Senior Teaching Pastor of Summit Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. Bill is a nationally-known conference speaker and pastors a church that ministers to thousands of people weekly. His passion for prayer and revival has offered him the opportunity to minister to thousands of pastors each year.

Todd West serves as Lead Pastor of Oasis Church in Maumelle, Arkansas and as Director of Church Solutions for DiscipleGuide Church Resources. Todd is well known in BMA circles as a tremendous evangelist and a friend to pastors. Both Todd and Bill will bless the hearts of your pastor and staff members.

Guest artists for Pastors Oasis will be recording artists Selah and Gordon Mote.

Selah is a Christian vocal trio consisting of Todd Smith, Allan Hall, and Amy Perry. They have won seven Dove Awards and sold more than four million albums and single units combined. The group has been featured on The 700 Club, The Hour of Power, and TBN. Selah will be the featured artist for the Appreciation Banquet that has become an annual part of the event.

Gordon Mote has served as the keyboard player and featured performer on the Gaither Homecoming stage since 2006, and he has now decided to concentrate full time on his solo career. He came to the Gaither Homecoming Tour in the midst of a successful career as one of Nashville’s most sought-after studio session players. Bill Gaither said of Mote, “I can honestly say I have never worked with an

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## Fall Activities at Camp Garwood

Even though our State Camp is over there are still some activities you can be involved in this Fall at Camp Garwood.

For Men & Boys  
**Men’s retreat** September 11-12. See details on page 7.

For Women & Girls  
**Cane Creek WMA statewide retreat.** September 18-19. See details in July issue of MMB or contact Sharon Lourance 573-429-8716 or Becky Cate 573-778-8647

For Everyone  
**Paintball retreat** October 30-31. Watch for details in next month’s issue or check Camp Garwood on FaceBook.

Come and enjoy our great facilities that God has provided.

## Are You a DEWer??

**A DEWer is a person (young or old) who gives a Dollar Each Week to support Camp Garwood.**

Bro. Chris told us at camp that the DEWers gave over \$4,000 this year and that enabled us to start camp with a balance in the bank. It does make a difference and each of us can afford it.

For more information contact Bro. Chris and get started today. Each dollar you give helps reach souls for Christ and encourages our young people to live for CHRIST!

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**BMA of MO**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Charity Baptist Church**  
**Bismarck, MO**  
**October 24, 2015**  
**9:00 a.m.**

## Camp Garwood Was THE PLACE TO BE!!!

In this space in last month’s issue of the Missouri Missionary Baptist was a box with the caption “**Camp Garwood Is THE PLACE TO BE!!!**” The box contained points that should have encouraged people to make sure they came to camp.

This month we can honestly say “**Camp Garwood Was THE PLACE TO BE!!!**” As you read Bro. Chris Polk’s report below and as you read the church reports you will be made aware that camp was everything we said it would be. Thanks to God for His blessings on this year’s camp.

### From Bro. Chris...

It’s hard to believe another camp season has come and gone. When we arrive at camp it’s quiet and peaceful. Then as camp-

ers come in the activity level increases until camp is in full swing. With everyone there the peacefulness doesn’t leave but it changes. There’s a constant buzz of old friends laughing, singing, worshipping together.



The crowd gave a standing ovation to Bro. Chris and his dedicated family in appreciation of all their work at Camp Garwood

Every year people come to camp early or stay later trying to stretch their camp experience just a little. But eventually everyone has to go home and the low roar gives way to quiet peacefulness again.

I can’t help but praise the Lord for the blessings of the week. This year was no different. It was Saturday evening. Everyone had left except myself, Caleb and Abby. The grass is all worn out from being trampled all week. The buzz of the A/C units, walk in cooler and ice machines has been silenced. The water slide is drained. The train is washed and the bubble machine is disassembled. I’ve done a few odd jobs I had hoped to finish during the week. It’s time to go home but like most of the other campers, I don’t want to. I’d like to stay one more day.

As we make that slow drive through camp trying to remember what else we need to do, we recall many events of the week. Meeting Bro. Shawn for the first time; visiting with extended spiritual family all week; laughing at the antics of the paintball crew; chasing the snake in the ladies shower house (oops, most of you didn’t know about that); hearing how the Lord has moved in a brother’s life; praising God with the Harpers; and meeting with the DIT’s (a great group of teens). It was a great week. Oh, there were a few bumps along the way, there always will be. Things break, people make mistakes, and everyone gets tired. But over all of those things the love of Christ shines bright in the valley of

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# +++ NEWS BRIEFS +++

**Bates Creek, Potosi**, writes that summer is always such a busy time for everyone. We were blessed with a busy but wonderful Vacation Bible School. Sis. Jessica Wright, the program coordinator at our church sent the kids camping three evenings in July. There was Fellowship Forest, Prayer Pond, Witness Waterfall, and many other fun games and snacks. Bro. Bryan, our youth pastor, had great lessons for the kids each night. 3 souls were saved as a result of Vacation Bible School this year!! Talk about a blessing. Remember each of the three kids who were saved as they start a new relationship with the Lord. So far, one of the three has come forward as a candidate for baptism. We also have a new family that started attending. Please keep them in prayer as they are searching for a church. The WMA is planning a fun, fund raiser movie night to watch the new film, The Drop Box. God continues to bless us with an active WMA that does several outreach programs in our community. God IS at work.

J.C. Huddleston, Pastor • Sara Buckley, Reporter

Greetings to our brothers and sisters in Christ from **First Baptist, Potosi**. What an exciting month we have experienced! Bro. Jim Ainley began his work as our Pastor after serving that capacity as pro tem for the last year in addition to keeping up with his Associate Pastor duties. We are truly blessed. Our Vacation Bible School program was Sunday morning July 12th. It was an awesome Bible School, "Weird Animals". VBS was in the morning and over 25 workers assisted Sis. Raven Porter in this endeavor with 136 children attending. Lunch was provided for workers and Sports Crusaders participants by Liz and Tom Huff. Sports Crusaders Basketball filled the afternoon with two different sessions. The offerings from VBS went to the Pregnancy Resource Center in Potosi. Immediately following the Friday activities, the GMA's headed out for Garwood Camp to attend the GMA State Retreat. Everyone had a great time and learned a lot. Sis. Valerie Fish was the guest speaker and in three sessions, she taught the girls how to study their Bible. The girls were attentive and participated well. The participants on the mission trip to Jefferson County left the same time as the GMA's, so any GMA who wanted to attend both sessions left as soon as possible upon returning home from the GMA retreat. The mission trip was a week and students with adults worked a Bible School in that particular area. Children and workers were saved. What a wonderful experience for these young Christians. Then on Sunday, July 19, Bro. Calvin Malloy brought a great morning message and then a little later in the day, Bro. Jim left for Jesus Camp out at the Richwoods Camp. Souls were saved and others brought closer to understanding about salvation and serving God. Finally, the older students left for Teen Camp after the Kids Camp participants returned home. We ended the month with the baptism of Floyd and Charlette Porter and the evening service brought by Bro. Kyle Davis. (Bro. Norman Forbes also filled the pulpit in the evenings during the month.) Sunday afternoon, July 26, Bro. Leonard Compton, Ruthie Compton, Fran Cooper, Matthew DeClue, and Deborah provided the worship and song service at Potosi Manor Nursing Home. The residents really enjoyed it, and Matthew's great-great Aunt Anna Crutcher enjoyed having him sit with her during the service. Bro. Leonard Compton has been teaching the Wednesday evening service. What a way to end a month of services!!! Please remember to pray for us as we pray for you.

Jim Ainley, Pastor • Deborah Rauhut, Reporter

Hello again from **Stony Point, Mineral Point**. The Lord continues to bless. The church honored Sis. Jo Gillam by having a day dedicated to her and her many years of service to

the Lord's Church. We love you Sis. Jo and are thankful the Lord chose you and gave you the grace to glorify Him throughout the years. We have a group of aspiring musicians in the church. Bro. David Evans has been teaching some of our youth to play the guitar. Their first concert is coming in the near future. We look forward to their praise to God in music. Stony Point sent 20 people to Camp Garwood this year. Abby Wilkins and Nora Henry were saved at camp by the Grace of God. These are two very special young ladies who will have a tremendous impact on their friends with their witness. We love you both and are eager to help you grow in the Lord.

Claude Evans, Pastor  
David Hughes, Reporter

**Briar, Doniphan**, hopes everyone is keeping cool! These have been some hot days but hopefully the worst is over. When we think of this heat and how it affects us, we need to bring to mind the consequences of sin. If we love our fellow man, let's tell them about Jesus and keep them from a heat we can't begin to imagine. Our Vacation Bible School was a blessing this year. We averaged 15 children and many more workers. As a church, we need to be thankful for folks who are willing to give of their time to tell these young ones about our Lord. To all the workers for this year----thanks!!!! Like several of our area churches, we are experiencing the absence of a shepherd for our church. While this is a hard time, it is also a time to enjoy the preachers who come and fill the pulpit each week. We've been blessed with their willingness to come and help out. On the 3rd Sunday, we had a fish fry and then some went to the 3rd Sunday singing at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. We will be having our regular 5th Sunday dinner with singing to follow. We always have a good time

when we join together to lift praises to the Lord. Then, of course, being Baptist there's never a time we don't love our food!! If you're in the area, come and join us. Dinner will be around 12 if the preacher isn't to long!! Then singing will start around 2. Don't forget to "Stand Up For Jesus" and till next time--Keep Looking Up!

Phyllis Williams, Reporter

**Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston**, rejoices in the profession of faith of Nemetria during Vacation Bible School. We also rejoice in the profession of faith and baptism of A'mia Griggs.

Rodney Dunlap, Pastor

August has had its ups and downs for **Landmark, DeSoto**. Bro. Wayne and Sis. Ruth took a well deserved trip to Texas. This allowed Denver to have services on the 12th and the Wednesday night service on the 8th. Bro. Earl Denby and his two youngest boys were gone for a month to Michigan. The boys went to a church camp and spent some time at Bro. Earl's sister's. While they were gone his house flooded and has been condemned. He cannot retrieve his belongings. So, he has lost everything but the clothing they had taken with them. They are looking for a place to live in the Festus area. Remember them in your prayers, please. Our church dismissed on Wednesday night the 22nd, so all that wanted to could attend Jesus Camp. We had a good group that went down. Bro. Brad Banderman brought a great message and the youth certainly were attentive. The best part for us was that Wyatt Pinson from Landmark was saved at camp. He's now awaiting parental permission to be baptized. Bro. Wayne has been focusing on encouraging us to read and study our Bible and to let God speak to us through our studies. I have been encouraged through these messages. We had VBS the week of July 27th. I think we had the best group of kids we have ever had and they participated in just about everything. Monday night of VBS, we got word that Sis. Brenda Shadowen's brother had passed away. Then on Wednesday morning, we got word that a member of our church, Sis. Marge Swafford had passed away. So while we were enjoying VBS, we were saddened by the news of these. The good news in that is that both had made a profession of faith and are now enjoying their Savior's smile. Bro. Wayne had both funerals on the 1st of August. Sis. Jean Haderlein had heart stint surgery and is recuperating at home. Bro. Gus Tegeler has been diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor and

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## FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • July 2015

### General Fund:

Balance June 30, 2015			\$	133,949.82
July Receipts:	\$	2,636.45		
Interest		<u>.02</u>		
	\$	2,636.47	\$	<u>2,636.47</u>
Total Available			\$	136,586.29
Disbursements:				
Assistant Director's Salary	\$	450.00		
Designated for North Lake	\$	<u>30.00</u>		
Total Disbursements	\$	480.00	\$	<u>480.00</u>
Balance July 31, 2015:			\$	136,106.29

## From our Assistant Director...

Another month has passed quickly and I am learning more about how to do this job. I have not had the opportunity to visit any churches to present our State Mission work but I have an appointment August 30th to be with Bethlehem Baptist Church in Doniphan and look forward to this opportunity.

I was asked to speak at the SouthWest Missouri Association's annual meeting August 15th but due to a previous commitment I will probably not be able to be with them.

I do look forward to visiting among our churches as opportunities arise.

Please pray for your Special Mission Committee as we meet sometime before the State Meeting in October. We hope to have some suggestions for our churches to consider concerning our Mission work at this meeting.

If you have any suggestions about directions we should go and plans we should make please contact me at 314-277-8644 or any member of the Special Missions Committee. Members are: Chairman, Wayne Gibson, Jerry Adams, Brian Meade, Ben Kingston, Don Burke and Tom McCannless. We appreci-

## Mission to Native Americans...

LifeWord's Native American broadcast, SpiritWord, is in its eleventh year, and Brothers Merritt Youngdeer and Eddie Swimmer show no signs of slowing down in their ministry work to a people group where less than five percent claim to know Jesus. Last week, they traveled from their homes in Cherokee, North Carolina, to record additional programs at the Lifeword Media Ministries' studios. Chief Programming Officer Rick Russell and Engineer Mark Malone produced the new recordings that will be heard on reservations all across America, Canada and Alaska.

Bro. Youngdeer, who is of Cherokee descent, and Bro. Swimmer, a Chippewa-Cree, agree that Native Americans still feel the sting of the disenfranchisement of the 1800's when the American government began to forcibly intervene in their lives.

Rick Russell commented on that distrust as well. "The Native American community is difficult to break into; there is a tremendous distrust of the 'white man's religion,' because early in our country's history the government began an attempt to strip them of their heritage. SpiritWord is an opportunity to disarm or diffuse that animosity with humor, but it's been a slow march to get this program out on the rez (reservation)."

Bro. Swimmer says that SpiritWord attempts "to introduce

ate your input.

Prayers are needed as we have several churches who are searching for pastors at this time. Please encourage preachers who are not pastoring to avail themselves of the opportunities to let God lead them into productive work with these churches.

Prayers are also needed for God to lead us to areas where new works need to be started. The fields are white... we need to harvest!

If you know of someone who feels God is leading him to do mission work (or Pastor) in Missouri please have him contact me for more information.

the gospel by bringing Christ into their own dances, stories and songs passed down for centuries and even into tragic experiences like Trail of Tears."

Lifeword's affiliation with Bro. Youngdeer began in 1996 when he and his pastor in Oklahoma, who were producing a radio program at that time, contacted Russell for advice on how to "spruce up" their program to make it more interesting. Eventually Bro. Merritt became a member of LifeWord's Board, and during that time, Russell says, "I continued to bother Merritt about how we could help spread the gospel to Native Americans, and he finally agreed to use his own money and raise more for the cost of

## Missions in the Philippines...

A new Community Radio training program is now part of the curriculum of BMA Bible College of the Philippines. Beginning this year, future pastors and lay leaders from all over Asia will be trained to use this effective tool as a part of their formal ministry educations.

Bro. Pete Etabag, a Lifeword broadcaster since 1975, taught the first Multimedia class on June 15th in Talisay City, Philippines, training students with the technology that they can use to enhance their ministries after graduation from Bible College.

Bro. Pete says, "For now, we have installed four LPFM stations, three in Negros Island and one in Leyte. As this ministry expands, I admit that I will not be able to do all the installations, not only because of age but for the reality that it would be too much for me to handle. Spreading this technology to others will not only help me of the burden but also to speed up the field of coverage. I am happy that Lifeword saw the need for this project and has given financial support for the equipment to be used in this training. BMA Bible College will partner with Lifeword in providing the studio and other facilities for this training."

The studio will also be used for internet broadcasts that will be beamed towards Vietnam, China, Thailand and other Asian countries. There are two Chinese students, one Vietnamese and one Thai student who will be broadcasting in their own languages to reach their own people and will eventually be equipped to continue the work when they return to their countries.

## Missions at Camp Garwood...



This is what the altar in the tabernacle looked like when the invitation was given at Camp Garwood. Sometimes during the song service young people would go to altar without an invitation God blessed in souls being saved and drawn close to God.

getting those programs on the air."

Bro. Swimmer, a member of Cherokee Baptist Church where Bro. Youngdeer pastored at the time, soon became his "sidekick" and the broadcasts began airing in 2004. God has blessed their efforts and many have requested the CD's, which are also passed out at the annual Gathering of Nations, a Pow Wow involving 500 Native Americans tribes.

Bro. Youngdeer requested the following: "Please pray for a great and mighty revival among native people-instead of Satan doing his bid with them-and an increase in the number of program producers on tribal stations."

According to Rick Russell, those plans are in place. "To increase the number of affiliations, in October, Merritt and I will visit radio stations on reservations in several states to buy air time on their stations. We just hope that they will sit down with us, get to know us, and hopefully we can increase SpiritWord's air time and broadcasts."

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is starting treatments soon. Bro. Scott Freeman was involved in an automobile accident and is suffering from some fractured ribs. Sis. Lorrie Causey fell and fractured her foot. Wayne Gibson, Pastor • Sharon Page, Reporter

Greetings from **Bethlehem, Doniphan!** Our God is an awesome God! He reigns from Heaven above with wisdom, power and love. Our God is an awesome God! We have had a glorious month of July. Between planning for our Vacation Bible School and sending a group of young girls to camp. Bro. Tom Foster filled in for us with some great messages about God's love and loving the unlovable. Just keep loving and showing God's love everywhere you go. This was my second year in a row for being able to attend camp and how reviving it is to be a part of it. Getting to hear the wonderful messages each day and seeing the youth on fire for the Lord was such a blessing. Even though my health isn't the very best, I was able to be there for the whole week. I am already looking forward to going back next year and I am in hopes of being able to take more children. Being a part of Youth In The Harvest is a true blessing also. Black River did a wonderful job this month using their VBS closing night as the program for YITH. My husband and I missed the third Sunday singing for the month of July as he was under the weather, and we spent the day getting some medication for him. He is doing much better now and hopefully we won't miss it in August. Continue to pray with us as we search for the pastor the Lord has for Bethlehem. Until next month, may God bless and keep us all!  
Yvonne Hill, Reporter

Greetings from **Bethany, St. Louis.** Where did the month go? We are rejoicing over the salvation of souls that were saved at camp this past week. One of our young ladies from Bethany was saved and we are so thankful. We have had great preaching and fellowship during this busy summer month. We had Bro. and Sis Knight from Farmington with us as well as Bro. and Sis. Hoffmann and Bro. Nick Dunn and family from Temple preaching for us. We are so thankful for these Godly men that proclaim the gospel. Bethany is still seeking your prayers as we search for a pastor and we know that there are a lot of churches out there doing the same thing. Please continue to pray for us as we will start a new church year in less than a month with new teachers and officers taking place. This reporter will help in the celebration of her sister and hubby in the 50th wedding anniversary of Carolyn and Melvin Meade. Can't believe it's been that long. We had three adults and seven young folks that went to camp and they had a blast. Of course no camp would be complete without someone getting hurt as did our Elijah. Thank God it was not any worse. Please keep Sis. Brenda Schwaderer in your prayers as she was recently hospitalized with some health issues. We have so many that cannot get out and come to services at all and some that just do not seem to care. They need our prayers and support and encouragement. May God bless and keep you all till next month.

Kathy Chapman, reporter.

**Friendship, Harviell,** had 8 who were able to attend church camp which was enjoyed by all. (I am pretty sure that Annabelle made lots of friends.) The Cane Creek District WMA will meet with Friendship August 28th at 7:00 p.m. This date is different than when they normally are. Mark Your calendars. The month of August is "Back to School" time. Join us in prayer for a safe and productive school year.  
Ernie Cate, Pastor • Becky Cate, Reporter

**Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church** rejoices after a wonderful time at Camp Garwood last week. Fun and spiritual

uplift was had by all that attended. Thanks Chris Polk for the awesome job as camp director! This summer we have enjoyed a great turn out for vacation bible school. We hit an all-time high for attendance of 91! Sam Sutton was saved at VBS and was baptized July 26 and Nick Merrick was saved at his grandmother's church camp and was baptized August 2. God is good! We also have had 2 different groups come to visit and bring their musical talents. Ronnie & Marylou Warren were with us July 12 and The Farmhands Bluegrass group were with us July 26. Great music and wonderful testimonies! Of course we can't leave out Bro. Dan and his fine messages that the Lord has given him. On a sad note we had one of our dear sisters in Christ to leave us to be with the Lord. Jackie Vaughn was a dear friend and longtime member at Kewanee Church. She worked in the New Madrid County school system for many years and was loved by all. She is now basking in His presence! We are now looking forward to Walk for the World this fall.

Dan Wisely, Pastor  
Terri Adams, Reporter

Greetings from **Lighthouse, Malden.** "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name," (Psalm 103:1). God is good, yes He is good all the time! Lots of "good stuff" has happened since our last report. In May, one of our young ladies, Christian Cooper, was married to one of our young men, Jeffrey Andrews, and I did the "hitchin" ha! Christina graduated from high school the next day. God bless you both. In June, my wife and I went to Dustin, OK, and picked up two teenage boys, John and Joseph Earls, and they stayed with us in Malden a whole month. Wow--did we all have fun! I was their pastor in Dustin where I had the privilege of leading both of them to Christ and baptized them. They with their dad and mom, Johnny and Betty Earls, are our Oklahoma

"family" and we love them very much. The boys sang specials almost every service and did a concert for us before we took them back home. We took them swimming, sightseeing, bowling, skating, to several special services at other churches and we enjoyed shooting fireworks and a water balloon war while they were here. They kept us very active. Our church welcomed them and loved them, and we feel it was a time of real spiritual boost for the boys. Bro. Philip Cooper taught soul-winning classes in June and did a tremendous job. In the last few weeks we have seen four people saved, Praise God!! One of those was saved during one of the classes! In July, we had a guest speaker, Bro. Rocky Houston of the Kewanee Baptist Church. Thanks so much, Bro. Rocky. Also, we recently had a homemade ice cream fellowship on Sunday evening--needless to say, it was very delicious.. Until next time, because of Calvary,  
Randy Zinn, Pastor

**First Missionary Baptist, Matthews,** sends greetings to all of you! We have been very busy this summer! We just got back from an awesome week at Camp Garwood! We are thankful for all the hard work that Bro. Chris and his family do for camp, and we are grateful that we have him here at Matthews to lead us. Immediately after camp, Bro. Brian Adams decided to surrender to the ministry. We ask that you pray for Bro. Brian, Kate, and his family as they begin this new journey with Christ. We are getting ready to prepare shoeboxes for the Christmas Shoebox project. Our goal is to send 100 shoeboxes to headquarters in Conway, Arkansas to be sent to the children. A team of us plan to deliver the boxes to Conway so we can tour the missions department. GMAs will begin meeting again the first week of September. We meet weekly on Tuesdays after school. All girls ages 9-18 are invited to join us! Our WMA ladies are currently working on a service project and will deliver school supplies to some of the children in Matthews. Our WMA ladies meet the first Monday of each month. We encourage all ladies to attend your local WMA meetings and find a place where you can serve God. At our August meeting, Sister Kate Adams shared the devotional, and officers for the new year were elected. WMA ladies also hosted the District WMA meeting in July. Janet Widger was able to be there to discuss the state and national WMA's and how important it is to serve. It was great to have the ladies from Kewanee with us at Matthews. Emmanuel had an emergency and couldn't make it that night. In September, we will also start our Refuge program on Wednesday evenings. Refuge will take the place of our Awana meetings. Please be in prayer for all the children who attend Refuge and their families that they will accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We pray that God will continue to bless each and every one of you. Give every day to Him, and you will be blessed!  
Chris Polk, Pastor • Kari Hartlein, Reporter

**Faith, St. Charles, vandalized.** Word was received as this paper was being prepared that July 3rd someone broke into their building and vandalized several areas. Food was scattered around in the kitchen; in the office the pastor's laptop was stolen and the printer was destroyed with a large knife and the pastor's Bible was destroyed; and in a storage area chemicals were used to try to start a fire which would have destroyed the building. Pastor Justin Arender says that about \$3,000 worth of damage was done, but they are thankful God intervened and the attempt to start an explosive fire was unsuccessful. The vandal evidently went throughout the building in an effort to cause damage but did not take money that was in various rooms that was being collected for missions and other projects. Bro. Arender reports that the church has been growing and that they are baptizing almost every other week.

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## BMA of MO Loan Fund Helping

Because of the generous giving of the supporting churches, funds were available to provide an emergency grant of \$3,027.00 to Bethesda Missionary Baptist church, Park Hills. The grant will be used to replace the churches Heating and Air Conditioning Units. After the Air Conditioning units quit working, the church called a contractor to replace the units, only to discover that the furnace needed to be replaced.

The process was simple. The church contacted the Loan Committee concerning their need, the Committee members were contacted and voted to provide an emergency grant. The church had the funds available to them in less than a week.

The Loan Program maintains a Grant Fund for the purpose of helping established BMA of Missouri churches in need of emergency funds for maintenance, remodeling, and repairs to their worship buildings. Support of this fund is voluntary and accumulates until a need arises. The grant is not a loan, but a gift to help in time of need.

The committee is excited that the program is working and that we are able to help churches, as funds are available. The Loan Program need more supporting churches so that we can help more churches with emergency funds. Please send offerings to Missouri Missionary Baptist Loan Committee, % David Griggs, Treasurer, 405 Hoffmeister Ave., St. Louis, MO 63125

Thanks for your support, *Dennis Baker*, President

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### • CAMP From Page 1 •

Garwood, and that makes it hard for me to leave.

To simply say "Thank You" seems inadequate. But it's the best I can do along with praying that the Lord will bless each one who helped make camp work. Cooks, Teachers, Recreation workers, Trash guys, Nurse, Check-in station, Sound crew, DIT's, canteen workers, kitchen volunteers, etc. So many people bring camp together. **Thank You!**

We didn't get a good count of professions of faith but it's sounding like an excess of 20. With one known surrender to preach. And one known rededication.

We had 335 registered campers, from 20 churches, with all of the dorms full and the overflow building full again. Please be praying for the encampment committee and myself as we explore our options.

Work should begin on the tabernacle roof this fall. Along with a few smaller repairs to problems we found camp week.

Also this fall there are several opportunities for you to come enjoy camp again.

**Men's retreat Sept 11-12**

**Came Creek WMA retreat Sept 18-19**

**Paintball retreat Oct 30-31**

Any of these will be a great time for fellowship fun and worship. We hope you will join us.

Next year's camp is **July 25-29th**. We have confirmed Chad Stephenson as our camp evangelist. A lot will happen between now and then so stay tuned... there's some neat things coming.

*Chris Polk*, Camp Director • 573-380-1975

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artist with more integrity and more outstanding genius than Gordon Mote. While he will always be part of our family of artists, we will sure miss working with him on the road week-to-week."

The conference is held in Branson, Missouri. All sessions will be held at the Hilton Branson Convention Center with connected lodging at the beautiful Hilton Hotel. Room rate is \$131 per night. Make your reservations at the Hilton by calling their national reservations service at 1-800-445-8667 or direct at 866-442-0959 by September 3.

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Your prayers on their behalf are deeply appreciated.

Justin Arender, Pastor

Greetings and love from **Mt. Zion, Poplar Bluff**. From the first of this year until the present we have had many blessings along with times of sorrow. Two of our beloved members have gone to be with the Lord, Kathy Fox (Jan. 2015, daughter of Glenn & Wilma Fox and pianist for Mt. Zion) and Sarah Asher (April 2015). Pastor Matt Johnson officiated at these services. We were blessed with the return of the Paul Conover family who have blessed us with great talent and added youth to our church. Nathan Goldschmidt and wife Bree with their two children have also been a blessing to us. In July Wesley Euley joined also. Long with our pastor and his wife and their two children we have seen our youth (12 and under) increase in number and it is a blessing to all. Gospel singer Ann Downing came and sang for our church February 8 and we enjoyed food and fellowship following the service. We invited others to this service. In May we were honored to host the State Mission Symposium and Mid-year Association meeting and enjoyed guest speakers Scott Attebery and Todd West. We also hosted the Fifth Sunday meeting. Our ladies served lunch on both occasions. Sis JoAnn Ormsby celebrated her 70th birthday after church June 12 hosted by her two daughters. JoAnn (Brewer) Ormsby is the wife of Bro. Bill Ormsby and daughter of R.J. Brewer and has served for 60 years. Matt Johnson, Pastor  
Linda Magruder, Reporter

Register your pastor and staff today for Pastors Oasis 2015. Visit the DiscipleGuide website at [www.discipleguide.org/pastorsoasis](http://www.discipleguide.org/pastorsoasis) or download the form and mail with your check to DiscipleGuide. Cost for Oasis is only \$80 per person and includes all sessions, concerts and the Appreciation Banquet.

## World Prayer Meeting

by *Holly Meriveather*

Lifeword National Walk for The World Coordinator

In honor of Lifeword's fiftieth anniversary, a World Prayer Meeting for LifeWord will be held at the BMA Global Ministry Center at 9 a.m. September 4, the day of the first broadcast in 1965. We are inviting the entire BMA global family to have morning coffee with us via internet and share in a special time of prayer for this unique media ministry that began as radio broadcasting and is now a world-wide instrument for the gospel through any available media.

If you would like to hear an excerpt from one of the first radio broadcasts, go to [lifeword.org/video](http://lifeword.org/video) gallery to see Lifeword's fiftieth anniversary video. Also on the website, you can purchase "Lifeword at 50" T-shirts and register your church for the 2015 Walk and/or Lifeword Sunday (October 25).

We hope you and your church will find your own unique way of honoring our 50th birthday on LifeWord Sunday (October 25)...maybe a challenge of 50 nickels, 50 dimes, 50 quarters, 50 dollar bills, 50 five-dollar bills, etc. Please contact us when you have determined your "Walk" event date so we can be praying for your church. Also, Lifeword staff members would love to come speak to your church or group or attend your event. Just contact [holly@lifeword.org](mailto:holly@lifeword.org)

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## DiscipleGuide Adds Director of Marketing

Jonathan Wilson will become the new Director of Marketing for DiscipleGuide effective September 1, 2015. His duties will include helping BMA churches understand the vast resources available through DiscipleGuide.

According to Executive Director Scott Attebery, "DiscipleGuide has a heart to help churches. However, many BMA churches do not know all of the new services and resources we offer. Jonathan has a track record of communicating effectively with BMA churches. I am confident he will be a great asset to congregations throughout our association."

Jonathan is originally from Jacksonville, Texas, and his wife Johnna is originally from Texarkana, Texas. Jonathan graduated from Jacksonville High School in 1996 and then attended Jacksonville College. Upon graduating from Jacksonville College, he attended The University of Texas at Tyler and graduated there with a Bachelor of General Studies with Marketing. After graduating he worked in various places in Texas and Arkansas before joining Central Baptist College in 2006 as an Admissions Officer. After one year as an Admissions Officer, Central Baptist College promoted Jonathan to the Director of Admissions, a position he has held since.

Jonathan and Johnna have been married eleven years and have two children, Rhyen (7) and Rhys (2). The Wilsons are members of Antioch Baptist Church in Conway where Jonathan teaches high school boys and Johnna teaches in the children's ministry.



*The Wilson Family*

## WMA & GMA NEWS

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### National WMA Project.....

## “Make a Joyful Noise in the Philippines”

The Baptist Missionary Association Bible College Renovations and Remodeling Project in the Philippines was adopted by the National WMA this year for their 2015-16 project!

Needless to say, we are excited! This project involves renovations and much needed repairs to the buildings at the school. The money from this project will enable us to do necessary electrical work, replacement of windows, piano practice studios with electric pianos, and other repairs. Your WMA group will be receiving information on this national project soon. You can also go to [nationalwmaofbmaa.net](http://nationalwmaofbmaa.net) to view the video.

The following notes and pictures gleaned from Doug and Diana Lee’s newsletter should inspire the WMA’s in the United States to help with this project in the Philippines where there are many women dedicated to serving the Lord through their churches and the Women’s Missionary Auxiliary.

### PHILIPPINES DISTRICT WMA MEETING

How many of us Americans would walk in the rain and the mud, and then catch a motorbike to get to a WMA meeting? God bless these faithful servants of the Lord.

As we look at the hardships these ladies endured while serving the Lord with joy in their hearts, it makes us wonder just how much we would sacrifice to “Serve the Lord with Gladness.” This should be an example and inspiration to us all. We are encouraging all the ladies of the WMA of America to support their local WMA.



Attendees brave the elements to get to their meeting



## TOUCHDOWN, SUNBEAMS!!!

by Sherry Laminack, National Sunbeam Promoter

September 21-27, 2015 is Sunbeam Enlistment and Promotion Week. The theme is TOUCHDOWN, SUNBEAMS. Our theme verse is Philippians 3:14, “I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” What better TOUCHDOWN can we score than help boys and girls learn about the Lord and His salvation.

Plan special activities for this time. If you already have Sunbeams, make this week a special time for your group and make a special effort to enlist children in your church and community who are not members of your group. If you do not have Sunbeams, now would be a good time to organize a group.

Sunbeams are children birth through third grade. Sunbeams lessons are designed to help the children develop a firm foundation in the Christian principles and doctrines upon which the Baptist Missionary Association of America is founded. The goal of the program is to train the children to live in his/her community and church—and to challenge the children to know more of God, His salvation and how to live for Him. If you would like more information or help in organizing a new group, please contact me at [jaslaminack@cox.net](mailto:jaslaminack@cox.net) or at 870-543-9640.

Listed below are suggestions for activities for this week of promotion. These are just suggestions. Do whatever works best for your group.



(1) Have a special awards program for the Sunbeams who completed Star Awards requirements

(2) If your group is just getting started, have a special program and present each student with their pin or sash

(3) Use football and football game items for decorations

(4) Invite the parents to your meeting and explain the Sunbeam program to them

(5) Let the Sunbeams sing in a church service

(6) Serve cake and ice cream at one meeting and invite children in your church and community who do not attend Sunbeams

(7) Take your group to a nursing home to sing.

(8) Select a method to raise money for the Sunbeam project, Shepherd Bags.

Sunbeam counselors have been blessed with great treasures, the lives of children. LET’S SCORE MANY TOUCHDOWNS during Sunbeam Enlistment and Promotion Week, September 21-27, 2015. God’s Word can change the lives of these boys and girls!

### Attention ALL Ladies

Don’t forget the Cane Creek WMA Sponsored Ladies Retreat at Camp Garwood September 18-19. To register or for more information contact Sharon Lourance 573-429-8716 or Becky Cate 573-778-8647

### SouthEast Mis- souri District WMA

The Semo District WMA met July 21st at Matthews Missionary Baptist. We enjoyed a wonderful meal provided by the ladies of Matthews.

We opened the meeting in prayer followed by the ladies singing ‘We’ll Work Till Jesus Comes’ and “He’s Still Working on Me”. We were thrilled to have Sister Janet Widger with us that evening.

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Time for a bike ride to the church



These ladies are dedicated to the cause

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

## 5th Annual Fall Men's Retreat

### Camp Garwood

Located just off Hwy 34 at Garwood, MO - between Piedmont, MO and Hwy 21.

**Friday, September 11 and Saturday, September 12, 2015**

#### Friday Evening 7:30 P.M.

Supper, Fellowship, Devotional by Brian Whitlock

#### Saturday 7:30 A.M.

**Breakfast**  
**Devotional**  
**Archery Competition**  
**Lunch**  
**Dismissal**

#### **Who Can Attend?**

Men and young men of all ages. Bring your friends who do not attend church.

#### **What is the Cost?**

There is no cost for those attending, but an offering will be taken to help with expenses. We want to provide an avenue for fellowship and encouragement for men of all ages.

#### **What to Bring:**

Personal items, sheets, blankets (or sleeping bag), and pillow. Beds, food and fun are provided. If you have extra archery equipment please bring it so that individuals that do not have any equipment can participate.

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

**Dennis Baker** 636-461-1625 dbaker3485@charter.net

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**Claude Evans** 573-562-7036 cbe34@earthlink.net

**To assure plenty of food will be available  
please contact one of the men above by September 6th.**

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Sister Janet talked with us about the state and national WMA projects. She also discussed how important it is to serve in WMA. We want to thank Sister Janet for all her hard work in the WMA and for traveling down to Matthews for our meeting.

The Kewanee Baptist ladies delivered the program. They performed a skit about things we carry in our purses. These items can remind us to stay focused on God:

**Sunglasses** - Look through my eyes as Christ would with eyes of love.

**Cell Phone** - Prayer - keep that communication open with God.

**Keys** - Faith is the key that unlocks doors.

**Tissues** - Shed a few tears for others' souls.

**Identification** - Identify ourselves with Christ.

**Hand Lotion** - Put softness into our days.

**Hairbrush** - Brush all our worries away.

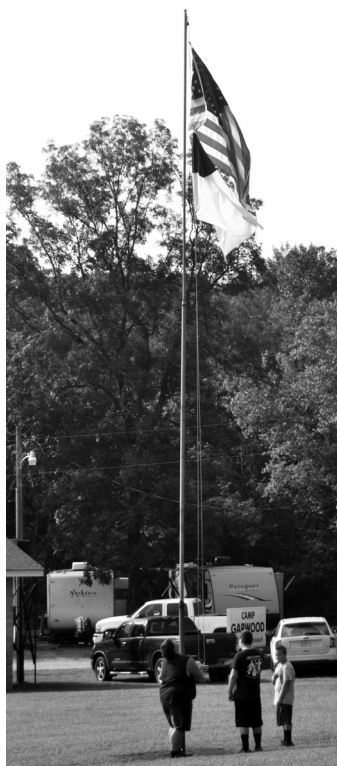
**Money/Debit** - Remember our treasures will be in Heaven.

**Lipstick** - Keeping Praise/Song on our lips everywhere we go.

Our next meeting will be October 20th at Kewanee with Emmanuel Baptist bringing the program. Remember our WMA motto, II Peter 1:5-7, "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity."

Kari Hartlein, Reporter

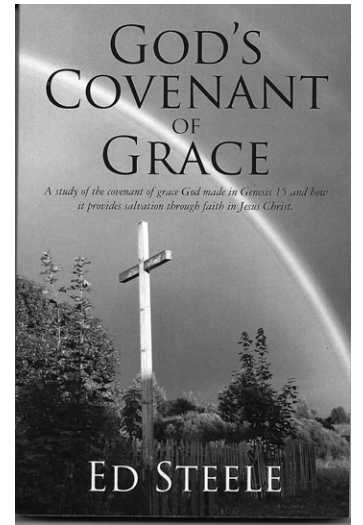
## Camp Garwood



Following breakfast all campers meet in the tabernacle for the raising of the flags. Top right shows groups gath-

## BMA Pastor Releases Book

Bro. Ed Steele, Pastor of Mount Gilead Baptist Church, Columbia, MS, has recently published "God's Covenant of Grace". The book is a culmination of over 35 years of studying and teaching on the subject. The writer was inspired after hearing Dr. E. Harold Henderson reveal how Genesis 15 is the foundational chapter of the Bible. God made a covenant with Himself to provide salvation by grace to every sinner, grace for service, and grace to meet every need for each saint. The book reveals the significance of the cutting of a covenant in the Bible and what it means to enjoy the benefits of living in a covenant of grace relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.



He is also the author of "God's Creation Story" which was published in 2009. It presents a biblical and scientific study of creation and reveals there is no conflict between what the Bible teaches and true science. Any conflict exists only when the scientific teaching is not true or what the Bible really teaches about creation is misunderstood.

Both of these books are available on Amazon.com at a cost of about \$15.00 each or can be downloaded to Kindle for \$2.99. The author purchases copies in volume and can sell them for \$10.00 plus postage (about \$3.00 for a single copy).

He has also had two other books published by a local printer. "God's Big Little Man" is a biography of the life and ministry of Bro. R. G. Holland and "Rejoice! You Are God's Child!" is a 13 lesson quarterly for new believers. Steele also served DiscipleGuide on the Curriculum Committee for several years and was one of the writers of the Compass Adult Quarterlies for the BMA.

For more information or to order any of these projects, he can be contacted at 1244 Purvis Oloh Road, Purvis, MS 39475, or by phone at (601) 794-8861. His e-mail address is ed.steele@att.net.



ering for prayer before the evening service starts. The young people enjoy standing and singing prior to the worship service in the morning and evening services. What a blessing to hear the praise and see the joy as they praise God for His blessings. Camp brings out the best in our young people.

## It's Time to Order Fall Literature from DiscipleGuide

The summer is coming to an end and the new school year is around the corner. Fall is coming!

DiscipleGuide's fall lineup of curriculum features the beginning of a new five-quarter series from Compass called "The Big Picture." This adult study focuses on seeing the Bible as one unified story of Christ's redemption. Each lesson focuses on a book of the Bible and demonstrates how it fits into the bigger picture.

SOAR:lit will encourage students to worship God through a study of his attributes. Each lesson will call on students to respond by increasing their adoration and worship of God.

DiscipleKids curriculum will explore the life of Christ and why he came to earth. In addition, children will learn about being a friend to others.

Ordering for the fall quarter begins August 3. Go to [discipleguide.org](http://discipleguide.org) or call 800.333.1442.

**NATIONAL SENIOR ADULT CONFERENCE**  
 Hilton Convention Center, Branson, Missouri  
 October 28-30, 2015  
 Details & Registration - [discipleguide.org/nsa](http://discipleguide.org/nsa) - 501-205-8753

Richard Smith Speaker  
 Antioch Vocal Band Concert  
 Gordon Mote Concert  
 SIX Branson Show  
 Triumphant Quartet Concert  
 Shelby Race Worship  
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## More Pictures of Camp

Thanks to Becky Cate, Allison Bisher and Don Burke for the camp pictures in this issue.



Thanks to all who worked so hard to make camp possible. Thanks to all the churches and individuals who give to keep camp going. Your love

## Compass to Paint the Big Picture of Scripture Beginning this Fall

Do you ever wonder how the sixty-six books of the Bible fit together? Have you wondered how certain passages relate to the gospel message? Do you struggle to see the relevance of it all?

Sometimes, reading the Bible can feel like staring at one small portion of a giant mosaic. The only way to understand what you are reading is to back up and look at the big picture.

Beginning in the Fall of 2015, DiscipleGuide's Compass adult curriculum will guide participants in a five-quarter journey from Genesis to Revelation. In this series, Dr. E. Harold Henderson will present the Bible as one story with Christ as the central character. Your church will never look at Scripture the same way again!

According to DiscipleGuide Executive Director Scott Attebery, "We all know stories of the Bible, but do we really know the story of the Bible?"

The Big Picture series will begin this Fall and feature eight extra pages of content per quarter. For more information, or to order, call 1-800-333-1442 or go to [discipleguide.org](http://discipleguide.org).



and concern is a blessing to so many.

## 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-

**Rocky Houston**, a member of Kewanee Baptist Church is available for pulpit supply. Contact him at 573-521-6385 after 4 p.m. -06-

**Dennis Leonard**, member of Pottersville Missionary Baptist Church, Pottersville, MO, is available for pulpit supply or as The Lord leads. Home phone (417) 284-1277 or cell (573) 561-6414. -6-

**James Hoffmann**, member of Bethany Baptist Church in St. Louis, is available for pulpit supply. Contact him at 314-277-8644 or by e-mail at [jmhoff@charter.net](mailto:jmhoff@charter.net). -6-

**Brad Akers**, of Belgrade, MO and a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church is available for pulpit supply or as the Lord leads. Home phone 573-766-1405. Cell phone 573-701-1850. E-mail [bakers001@centurytel.net](mailto:bakers001@centurytel.net). -6-

**Tim Boatright**, of St. Charles, is available for pulpit supply. Contact him at 314-605-3143. -7-

## Pastor Search

**Bethany Baptist Church, St. Louis**, is still searching for prospects for pastor. The church has a large building and beautiful 3 bedroom parsonage and is in an area that has a lot of potential for a young, aggressive pastor to lead them to greater heights. Interested preachers may contact the pulpit committee chairman Earl Johnston at 314-426-3780 or [johnstonle@att.net](mailto:johnstonle@att.net).

