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Philippians 2:16

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October 25, 2014 • 9:00 a.m.

Landmark Baptist Church

DeSoto, Missouri

Annual reports will be ready, officers will be prepared and the host church will treat us to a great time as we gather for the 2014 annual meeting of the churches of the BMA of Missouri.

All we need is for YOU to be present, be prayerful and be perceptive as to what God wants us to do in His work.

BMAA Dedicates New Facility



Dedication for the new BMA International Headquarters facility is scheduled for September 25 at 2:00 p.m.

Following the dedication, the public is invited to tour the new facility until 5:00 p.m.

The Baptist Missionary Association of America (BMA), a group of 1,300 churches committed to sharing talents and resources in order to make disciples of all nations, has created a family of ministries. Three of those ministries will now be located in Conway. BMA Missions and Disciple-Guide Church Resources have relocated to share facilities and a common vision with Life-Word Media Ministries, who has been a Conway resident for over 50 years. The BMA also supports the BMA Theological Seminary who has its main campus in Jacksonville, Texas and an extension campus at Central Baptist College.

BMA Missions seeks to facilitate churches in fulfilling

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Remember The Ladies Retreat

September 26th - 27th, 2012

Drury Inn, Arnold, see page 6.

Camp Garwood Update

With school starting and Fall coming on strong, I'm sure camp has become a distant memory to most of you.

It's been a great camp year. Once again we made a lot of progress on upgrading our facilities. We had a lot of fun with no serious injuries. Okay, maybe some wounded pride from the ball game. But it was all a great time in the Lord.

I'd like to remind you about the **Fall Retreat, October 17-18**. Sure, we play paintball. But it's still a great opportunity to visit and enjoy one last trip to camp in 2014.

I would also like to remind everyone to help camp with the background check expenses. If you filled out a worker application it cost us \$15.

Please pray for us as we prepare for Camp '15 it's gonna be awesome!

Do the DEW!

Chris Polk,
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82nd Homecoming Landmark Baptist Church DeSoto, MO October 5, 2014

Morning speaker:

John Dover

Afternoon singers:

Jericho

Lunch will be served

All are welcome

No evening service

Walk for the World News Release

The following article was written before the passing of one of Lifeworld's dearest friends. Connie Prawl died on August 7, 2014, leaving behind her husband of 54 years, Eldon Prawl; three sons, Kevin, Bruce and Lynn; a daughter, Renee Morash; 2 sisters; 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Those of us who knew her at Lifeworld and the BMA mourn her passing and pray for her family and friends who love her dearly. Thank you, Mrs. Connie, for loving us. (Bro. Eldon reports that the 2014 Area Walk for the World will be held on the morning of October 4th at 10:00 at Burr-Oak Woods in Blue Springs, Missouri, and he would like to invite anyone in the area to join him.)

Thirty-three Years and Still Going Strong

“When people ask us about or are interested in why we’re raising money for the Walk, it’s an opportunity to let them know what Lifeworld is all about.” At eighty and seventy-three years of age, Eldon and Connie Prawl of Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Independence, Missouri, are some of the most enthusiastic and passionate participants in Walk for the World. I first became acquainted with them at the 2014 BMA National Meeting when they stopped by the Lifeworld booth. Luis Ortega, Steve Crawley and I visited with them that day, and we were moved by their obvious love for Lifeworld and its unique way of fulfilling the Great Commission.

Eldon Prawl has participated in all but the first two Walks. “I did my first walk in 1982 and have been doing it ever since, even though I did one in a wheel chair. I compacted my heel in August 1998 and decided I would still do it somehow.

“The walk started out as a 20 mile walk and then went to 10 miles, then to 10K and finally 5K which it is now. Those first walks were really tough and I think that I have gone over 300 miles so far since I started. I tell my sponsors that I have gone to St. Louis and am part way back, so would you please help me complete my journey.”

Eldon is a retired teacher in the Independence area and currently substitutes regularly in the school district. He says that students and teachers are used to his requests for sponsors and donations when it gets close to October and Walk season. “I tell them that I am raising money for Christian broadcasts that are being put over the airways in 34 languages today and when I started doing the Walk they were broadcasting in three or four languages.

“Many will ask me in September if it is about time for walk. Each year I try to have around 100 plus pledges and these will come from friends and family outside of our church. This

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**Fall Paintball Retreat
Camp Garwood
October 17-18, 2014
One last chance to visit
Garwood this year.**

+++ NEWS BRIEFS +++

Greetings to all from the folks at **Bethany, St. Louis**. The children are back in school and the end of summer has arrived. Our youth have been bowling together and have blessed our hearts with a special song, "Jesus Loves Me" one Sunday morning recently. It is good to see young people participate in services. Our H.E.O. group got together for a pot luck lunch and worked on some handcrafts. The ladies made jewelry and the men bookmarks/key fobs. A good time was had by all. Our ladies met for food, fellowship and devotion. Our new officers and teachers have assumed their responsibilities. We are anxious to see what the Lord brings in this new year. Since August had five Sundays, we had our Fifth Sunday Talent Night. It's always a blessing to see the talents some of our people are blessed with. Our ladies are looking forward to the Missouri WMA Retreat and our men are looking forward to the Men's Retreat at Camp Garwood. We have participated in the "Making Everlasting Smiles" Christmas gift project again this year. James Hoffmann, Pastor • Carol McDonald, Reporter

Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston, rejoices in the baptism of Jessica Wheatley and in increasing attendance. Rodney Dunlap, Pastor

Bates Creek, Potosi says, "God is at work!!" Our Vacation Bible School was amazing and resulted in the salvation of two. A special thanks to Sis. Jessica, our VBS director. She always puts a lot of work in getting the VBS up and running smoothly. In August, Bro. Bryan baptized Sis. Payton Wright who is the daughter of Bro. Jason and Sis. Jessica Wright. One week later, Bro. J.C. baptized Bro. Jaxen Buckley who is the son of Bro. Bryan and Sis. Sara Buckley. May God bless both of these young people. Youth nights started back up with a movie night. We had a great turnout of both youth and adults to watch the movie "Heaven is for Real" which was enjoyed by all. We ask that you lift Bro. David and Sis. Kathy Evans up in prayer as she continues to fight cancer. Bro. David has been trying to join us in as many services as he can. We always enjoy listening to him sing and the special music he does with the youth group. We also have been blessed by a visiting family. It is uplifting to see the many ways that God is at work in our church.

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

August was a great month of blessings from the Lord at **Stony Point, Mineral Point**! August 10th, Heaven's Echoes again glorified the Father with their voices singing His praises. We look forward each year to seeing these brothers and sisters in Christ. They are family to us. Bro. Shawn McCanless shared his moving and inspiring personal testimony. Our prayers are with him as he begins the ministry to which the Lord has called him. August 17th Stony Point held her annual homecoming with The Harper Family as our guests in and after the worship service. Bro. Dillon Harper delivered the message God had given him and the Holy Spirit used it as Emmalou Henry was saved and Amanda Schafer rededicated her life to our Lord Jesus Christ. We rejoice with the angels as Emmalou begins her walk with the Lord and Amanda is strengthened in hers.

Claude Evans, Pastor • David Hughes, Reporter

Lower Doe Run, Ellington, sends greetings, news and announcements of coming events. "What a joy to serve our Lord Jesus Christ!" We were so blessed to be a part of the Camp Garwood Experience in July. We had four adults and eight children full time campers and several helpers from the church throughout the week. We have experienced the

ordination of Nick Morris as a deacon on August 16. The presbytery consisted of Pastor Melvin Meade, Bro. Don Hoffman, Bro. Denver Page, Bro. George Rayfield, Bro. Noel A. Meade. We are sorry we weren't able to get the word out in time for more ordained brethren to attend. We are looking forward to our Youth Lock-in September 26th and our Fall Festival October 24th. We pray that God will be glorified, Souls will be saved, and the Church will be edified and revived. Melvin Meade, Pastor Carolyn Meade, Reporter

Lighthouse, Malden, sends "Greetings"! "As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country." (Proverbs 25:25) It is always great to hear good news in this old world filled with sin, sorrow and death. God has blessed us with good news to tell of His glory here at Lighthouse. In our last report, we told of the salvation of a teenage boy, Lemman Moore. Well, praise the Lord, Lemman got baptized and that night a teenage girl, Mona Thomas, was saved. Then, a 12 year old girl, Jaden Jordan, was saved. Hallelujah to the Lamb; praise God! We will be baptizing again real soon. In addition, a young adult man came by the parsonage and, after some Bible reading and counsel, rededicated his life to the Lord, Amen! Recently, we had a one-day VBS which went very well with lots of kids and helpers and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. I had the great privilege of preaching the annual sermon at the Kewanee MBC (where my wife and her family grew up and got saved) in the SEMO Association meeting August 23rd. I love to preach to preachers. They really need it, Amen? (Hal just joking, fellows.) I was blessed, also, to get to preach in the Fifth Sunday (Saturday) meeting of the Cane Creek Association at Briar MBC August 30th. Thanks to Bro. Dennis Leonard for

the great opportunity to preach there, the very delicious meal that followed the service and everything the Briar MBC did to make it a blessed day. Thank you other preachers for all the great preaching I enjoyed. It was sad to hear that Bro. Dennis Leonard had resigned at Briar, but we know God has good things in store for the church and Bro. Dennis and Mrs. Sue. We love you all. We, here at Lighthouse, also celebrated our 40th anniversary this month. It was a blessing to recall by name the great pastors who have served here and to recognize the charter members still serving. A delicious meal followed the morning service after which we gathered for singing and testimonies, including some blessed church history. We would like to thank Kewanee MBC for their part in starting our church. Until next time...because He lives! Randy Zinn, Pastor

Oak Hill, Alton, says, "Hello to all." August was a GREAT month at Oak Hill, Karlie Jones was saved and Haley Kernodle rededicated her life to the Lord. Karlie was saved on Sunday morning August 10th and that same time Haley rededicated her life to the Lord. The Lord blessed and we gained a new sister. The family of God grew, which made the Devil MAD! As far as I know we really do not have any thing planned for the month of September, besides praising and honoring our Lord and Savior. Hopefully next month I will have more to write about. God Bless!!

Edward Casey, Pastor • Jennifer Williams, Reporter

Springhill, Fairdealing, writes, Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: It is unbelievable that another month has gone by, but we look forward to the blessings that God will give in the month of September. Already, we see His hand in making it possible to finish the classroom that is needed so badly. We have received donations that will almost cover these costs. Praise God, and thank you to all of you that are making this possible. Our school is full, and we are thankful for that, and for the opportunities God has been giving us to witness Christ to these children. Please pray for us and them that God will save them. We are still having visitors in every Sunday morning service, praise God. It is such a blessing to see new faces, and some returning continually. Of course, we are so thankful for our faithful church members that we are able to draw strength from for each day. People like Sis. Mary Etta Gladden, who will be 91 September 22nd. She so rarely misses a service, and attends even when she has fallen and is in pain.

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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • August 2014

General Fund:

Balance August 1, 2014		\$	19,601.29	
Receipts:	\$	<u>1,349.86</u>	\$	<u>1,349.86</u>
Total Available		\$	20,951.15	

Disbursements:

Director's Salary	\$	900.00		
Partnership for J. Jones	\$	500.00		
Office Equipment	\$	14.99		
Bank Fees	\$	3.00		
Director's Expenses	\$	<u>508.55</u>		
Total Disbursements	\$	1,926.54	\$	<u>1,926.54</u>
Balance August 31, 2012:			\$	19,024.61

Savings:

Certificate of Deposit	\$	67,217.55
Certificate of Deposit	\$	22,993.90
ING Direct Savings	\$	<u>21,149.01</u>
Total in CD's:	\$	111,360.46

From Our Director...

It was my joy to preach this year at the Meramec Association Jesus Camp. The weather was beautiful and over 250 campers came together for the full week of camp. We know of at least 12 professions of faith and hope there were others made as the kids returned back to their homes. Once again, the Camp Committee did a great job of putting the camp activities together.

I was able to attend the annual district meeting of the BMA of Southwest Missouri at the Oak Ridge Baptist Church near Cassville, MO. Bro. John Herring and Matt Barker shared about the work at Nixa, MO and Pastor Larry Henbest delivered the annual message.

September 12 and 13, I will be hosting a Coaching Workshop at Friendship Baptist Church in St. Clair, MO. The training will begin at 9 a.m. each morning and end at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 to cover the cost of the student manual. If you are a pastor, a lay leader, or just someone who wants to help people to move forward in their goals for life and ministry,

then this training will really help you. You will have the opportunity to learn the following skill sets:

1. How to listen actively
2. Ask powerful questions
3. How to draw out insights and discovery
4. How to set up SMART action steps that lead to ownership and success.

If you have questions about this training, please contact me at danny@youneedcoaching.com or call me at 314-265-6265. This training will change how you minister and serve others.

Bro. Danny

Satan, as a master, is BAD; his work, much WORSE; and his wages, WORST of all!

**Who is your master?
Matthew 6:24**

***"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and, love the other, or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and Mammon."
God is The Master You Need!***

Are you living in the joy of the Lord or in the pleasures of sin? One brings blessings while the other brings great sorrow.

The choice is YOURS!!

Honduras Shepherd Bags Shipment...

Pushing For Fall Shipment

by **Fonda Norris**: EIM Shepherd Bags Coordinator



It's been another busy year in the EIM warehouse! We're working hard to be able to get as many bags as possible shipped out to Honduras in either September or October. Our number of bags is critically low in Honduras so we're making an effort to assemble as many bags as possible before our shipment leaves. Right now we have approximately 15,000 bags ready but we would like to ship at least 20,000-25,000 or more if funds become available.

As I've said many times over the year, it's hard to describe the faces of the children when they receive their bags or the looks of conviction and deep interest by both children and adults when the Gospel is preached. Many have heard about religion but they've never heard the true Gospel. The saving grace of Jesus Christ and God's free gift of salvation is preached before each and every bag (gift) is given out.

We recently had an experience that was not only unbelievably sad for us but at the same time was joyous. While in Peru in July we traveled several hours up a small tributary of the Amazon River to a small village to hand out John 3:16 Spanish Frisbees and Gospel storybooks. As Bro. Rocky was preaching the Gospel before giving them their gifts, he asked them if any of them had ever heard what he was preaching or if they had heard of Jesus Christ. Sadly, not one single person had. Not even the name of Jesus. Incredible! We left joyful that day realizing that God allowed us to plant seeds that we trust He will bring forth fruit. Because of space, we were only able to take 500 Frisbees and Gospel storybooks instead of a complete bag into Peru, but because of this the Gospel that made its way into the jungles of Peru where according to our interpreter EIM was the only group he had ever taken to preach the Gospel in that area! All who have given to the Shepherd Bags Ministry have had a part in taking The Great Commission to the Unharvested Fields on the Yanayaku Tributary of the mighty Amazon River! Thank you!

Would you now be a partner with us in getting The Great Commission into Honduras this year? Thousands have been saved because of the Shepherds Bags that have been taken into the schools and villages over the last few years. Our open invitation to EIM still stands to come into the schools and preach Jesus. We currently have 15,000 bags but many more are needed to get a full shipment there. We would love to be able to make thousands more bags to add to these but at this time, we simply do not have the funds. If God allows you to do so and you want to be involved, please designate your offering "Shepherd Bags" and mail to EIM, Attn: Julie, PO Box 297, Magnolia, AR 71754. This will allow us to finish up and get these bags to those precious children in Honduras.

What will we do then? Take a rest? Oh No! We just start all over again! As funds become available, we will start making bags for either the Philippines or Ghana in 2015. So keep us busy! Only God knows how many but we do know that if one person accepts Him, it's ALL worth it! We will continue to say Thank you for continuing to partner with us. We couldn't do it without you. Please keep us in your prayers.

• **NEWS From Page 2** •

What an example she is being for all of us – we love you Sis. Mary Etta! God bless you all. In Christian Love,
Sean Kallner, Pastor • Cheryl Kallner, Reporter

Greetings from **Bethlehem, Doniphan!** Last month (July) I failed to send in a report for our church. So this month is going to be full of news from July and August. During the month of July we had Vacation Bible School. We have gained more children attending almost every service since VBS. Also for the first time in several years, we had 13 youth and 2 adults to attend camp at Camp Garwood. By being one of the adults to attend camp I was able to meet several new people and a chance to get to know others even better. I came home truly revived and ready for the work of our Lord and Savior. We had 5 children who turned their lives over to Jesus at camp also. For the month of August we have been blessed by having so many new members being elected to office and adding one class to our Sunday school classes. It is going to be exciting times at Bethlehem in September as everyone takes over their duties. As always for both months the Youth In the Harvest was a joy to attend. And it is a true blessing to attend the third Sunday singings also. The fifth Sunday Associational Meeting was like attending a small revival in only one Saturday morning. To hear so many messages on prayer was truly reviving. May the Lord bless and keep you. Until next month, God bless you all!

Russell Chitwood, Pastor • Yvonne Hill, Reporter

Landmark, DeSoto, reports that we began the month of August with commencement night for our VBS. We had a bonfire and hot dogs were roasted over it and perhaps a few marshmallows. We had a good number of children and parents to attend. As usual at our VBS, we let the children bring offerings and the boys and girls compete with seeing who can bring the most and who has the bucket that weighs the most. So our treasurer and his helpers get to roll a lot of change. The kids really seem to enjoy doing that every year and the money that is brought in is given to some mission point. We are looking forward to next week, September 7-10th, having Bro. Grady Higgs preaching for us in a revival meetings. We have been praying for a true revival of our folks and hopefully through that souls will be saved!! I know the meetings will be over by the time you read this, but hope you all got your invites and that many of you were able to attend. We are expecting great things. The first Sunday in October is Landmark's Homecoming and we are in the process of planning for a good day. Bro. John Dover will be bringing the morning message and "Jericho" will be singing in the afternoon portion of the day. We are also planning for the Walk for the World. We have the pavilion reserved at St. Francois State Park on October 18th. We haven't set a time yet that we plan to meet there, but anyone wanting to join us can call any of our members later on in the month to see if a time has been set. We were privileged to attend the ordination of Bro. Nick Morris as deacon on the 16th. Afterward we visited with Bro. Jack Hampton who is suffering with cancer. I know that he would welcome the prayers of all you prayer warriors out there. Bro. Wayne and Bro. Denver attended Meramec Quarterly meeting at Jefferson City. They reported that it was a good meeting. We have been blessed with visitors nearly every week. Many times not anyone we know nor have they been invited by our members. God has impressed upon them to attend and it is our privilege to minister to them and hope they will return. We now have lettering on our new van and it looks very nice. We usually have quite a few on the van Sunday morning and night. Bro. Earl Denby has been working with the youth on Sunday evenings. He has been sidelined for a few weeks due to surgery. He was able to attend services Sunday for the first

time since his surgery. Sunday afternoon, the 31st was our fellowship dinner and we partook of the Lord's Supper that evening. Until next month or the Lord's Return....
Wayne Gibson, Pastor
Sharon Page, Reporter

First, Potosi, sends greetings to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Losing a pastor is similar to a family grieving the loss of a loved one; therefore, we have been experiencing a healing process for the last month. In the month of August, groups began to wind down their activities and then focus on the new year in Sunday School, GMA, Men's brotherhood, Naomi and Ruth, Tuesday Bible studies, and of course Awana. The sewing class is going to begin again on Thursdays. We have something for everyone COW has been meeting on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer months, but now are ready to begin their more in depth studies. One of our Sunday School classes is preparing shoe boxes of toys and Bibles for the young children on an Indian Reservation. Anyone may help with this activity, so if you have questions Ruth Compton will be glad to assist you. Bro. Jim Ainley has been taking over some of the pastoral duties and is staying very busy. He has preached some excellent sermons. Visiting preachers have been Clint Silvey, and Bro. Mike Lefler. Sunday evenings Allen Wilkerson, Norman Forbes, and Kyle Davis have preached the gospel to us. Bro. Leonard Compton leads the Wednesday night services. God has blessed us with four baptisms this month. Two young girls were saved at Jesus Camp; Adryenne Pashia and Katelynn Gerullis joined our church by baptism August 10. Two men, Joey Roberts and Cody Bourbon, counseled with Bro. Jim and joined our church by baptism August 31. A lot of activities are planned for September, so if you are in the area please feel free to join us.
Jim Ainley, Associate Pastor
Deborah Rauhut, Reporter

• **WALK From Page 1** •

way I consider their pledge a three-way blessing: they get blessed for giving, the listener gets blessed and I get blessed for doing the walk."

Their faithfulness throughout the years is inspiring, and their reason for continuing is simple. Connie Prawl says, "We're not interested in the gratitude we get, but the gratitude and glory that the Lord gets. We give other people not in BMA churches the opportunity to give to Lifeword."

While many churches and former walk participants have stopped doing so, Eldon continues to get sponsor pledges and participate in the Walk year after year, always trying to beat his previous year's numbers. "The reports that come back from listeners are wonderful, and this is what keeps me going. It is so wonderful to hear that lives are being changed and souls are being saved."

Along with the Prawls and Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Independence, BMA churches in the eastern part of Kansas City area come together for an area Walk. "Each year at the end of September or first of October those of us on the east side of KC meet for the walk at Burr-Oak Woods and Nature Center in Blue Springs, Missouri. There are usually five churches that are involved. We also have a rocking chair for those who have some physical restrictions, and they raise money this way.

"When we finish the walk we meet at Pink Hill Park, which is close by, and have a picnic and fellowship. Through the years, other locations have included the trails at Missouri Town, George Owens Nature Center Park and inside the Independence Center, but we always have food and drinks brought by different churches. Sometimes we have volleyball and horseshoes for those who want to play and the kids have a lot of playground equipment."

As a new member of the Lifeword team, I had not heard of the Prawls' commitment to Lifeword, but their continuing support has not gone unnoticed. Longtime Lifeword staffer and Chief Programming Director Rick Russell said, "The Prawls were a tremendous blessing to this ministry way before I got here 25 years ago, and they just don't show any signs of slowing down at all! I've loved meeting up with them at various associational meetings down through the years. They are always telling me about their plans for the next Walk, asking about the next languages we might be going into and commenting about something that they have read in the most recent Faith Inner Circle newsletter. They are wonderful ambassadors for Jesus Christ and they're always looking for another way that they might be able to help Lifeword reach out to more people around the world."

Eldon Prawl issued a final challenge to all BMA churches and church members, "I will continue to encourage others to walk and set goals so they can be involved in raising money for the broadcasts. Join me in this venture as you can do it."

The Prawls are not the only faithful supporters of Lifeword's media ministries, so as the 2014 Walk season begins, we would like to humbly thank those of you who pray for and give to us as we seek to follow God's will and search for His direction in spreading the truth of God's love throughout the world.

We would love to hear your stories of Walk participation throughout these 35 years, so please e-mail me at holly@lifeword.org or post your comments on our Facebook page.

REMEMBER...

BMA of Missouri

Meets at Landmark, DeSoto

October 25, 2014 • 9:00 a.m.

We need YOU to Represent YOUR Church!

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the Great Commission through assessment, training, coaching and missionary care. BMA Missions helps churches mobilize missionaries by getting them to the field and sustaining them in their ministries. Presently, BMA Missions assists more than 1,000 missionary families in nearly 85 countries around the world.

DiscipleGuide Church Resources partners with local churches to help make disciples of Jesus Christ. Through print and internet-based products, DiscipleGuide creates discipleship materials that are used in hundreds of churches. Thousands attend the world-class conferences and workshops produced by DiscipleGuide. DiscipleGuide also operates Daniel Springs Baptist Camp, located in Gary, Texas, which hosts hundreds of campers each year.

LifeWord Media Ministries uses technology to take the Gospel of Jesus to the world. Through radio, television, the Internet and mobile devices, LifeWord brings the message of Christ to places and people that may be inaccessible any other way. Presently broadcasting 48 unique programs in 35 languages, LifeWord has a potential listening audience of tens of millions.

Also housed in the new BMA International Headquarters is the BMA Foundation, an endowment ministry that seeks to fund missionary endeavors around the world. In addition, a professional production team of web, print, video and audio engineers complete with audio and video studios are located in the facility.

BMA International Headquarters is located at 611 Locust Street in Conway, Arkansas. For further information about the dedication call 501.329.6891 ext. 3833.

For more information concerning the ministries of the BMA of America visit the following sites:

- www.bmamissions.org
- www.discipleguide.org
- www.lifeword.org
- www.bmats.edu

Ministers Retirement Services

Retirement Agency of the BMA of America
Ron Chesser, Executive Director

How appropriate that in every season of the year we pause and give thanks to our Lord for His goodness. During the late summer months of this year it is with a grateful heart that I pause in giving thanks for God's blessings already this year upon Ministers Resource Services. As executive director of the retirement agency of the BMAA, I express thanks to our pastors, churches and departments for their faithfulness to stand with us in prayers and support. It has been a superb year thus far and without your getting on board with us this would have been impossible.

We have passed two, one million dollar milestones thus far in 2014. The BMA Retirement portfolio has moved from 14 to 15 million and from 15 to 16 million already this year. We never have had that kind of growth in the history of this ministry in a single year and to everyone who made this possible we express our appreciation. To our churches, through the years, that have had a vision of providing retirement benefits for their pastor and church staff we send out a hearty "thank you." To our pastors and church staff who are doing salary reduction to fund their retirement account we say "God bless you" for having such determination. To our departments and agencies of the BMAA we deeply express thanks for your getting every employee in the BMA Retirement.

Let me share some facts that are extremely worthy of giving thanks to God. For the past twelve years we have posted to each account in BMA Retirement an average growth of over 8% each year, net of fees. For the past eight years we have averaged receiving and depositing into participant's retirement accounts over 1.6 million dollars every year. Twelve years ago our total assets in BMA Retirement was 3.8 million and today we stand at 16.1 million in retirement money. The portfolio has grown over twelve million dollars in twelve years. To God

be the glory.

It is amazing how God is already using BMA Retirement money to provide financial assistance to our pastors, church staff, missionaries and denominational leaders in their retirement years. It is quite obvious that our Father has His hand upon this retirement ministry. This has not been the work of man but a display of the miraculous power of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Truly, this is a God thing!

See You At The Pole September 24th

"Never Stop Praying" (Eph. 6:18) is the theme for See You at the Pole (SYATP) 2014, which is all about students praying at their schools. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 7 a.m. at schools across the United States and in many other countries.

Everything necessary for students to plan and promote a successful SYATP is available free at www.syatp.com. There is an active Facebook page: "See-You-At-The-Pole" Additional resources may be ordered online or by calling 817-447-7526 (Central time) Monday through Friday.

Missionary Called to Glory



Pradeep Sharad Borde, BMAA missionary in the country of India, passed away August 14th in Pune, India of a sudden heart attack.

He was born February 2, 1955, saved when he was fifteen and baptized two years later. Following his uncle Sumitra, another BMAA national missionary in India, He attended the BMAA Seminary in Jacksonville, TX. He received his MRE degree in 1982 and returned to India to begin his missionary work.

He was president of the BMAA of Maharashtra. After his uncle Sumitra's death, he became the director of the BMA Children's Home in Aurangabad until a few years ago. He was coordinator for a BMA church in Pune and for a number of national missionaries in other villages in the interior.

His wife, Sandya and son, Pranay covet your prayers. Pranay is a student at Central Baptist College in Conway. If you would like to send a love offering to help with funeral expenses or Pranay's extra travel expense to attend the funeral, you may send it to the Department of Missions designated for the Pradeep Borde family fund: P.O. 878, Conway, AR 72033.

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Boundaries: *Respect Them -- Set Them*

We live in an ever-increasing uncivilized society. The Bible warned us that in the end times; people would be fierce towards one another. They will despise those that try to do good. They will blame others and accuse others falsely. This requires us to set boundaries. Boundaries are good. They have become necessary. The reason why boundaries are necessary now more than in the past is because of how people are treating one another. As humanity moves away from God and become lovers of self, more than lovers of God; we see increasing behavior that is rude, crude, unedifying and just plain sick. Most kids today grow up in dysfunctional homes. They are not taught anything about how to live with other humans in a respectful, meaningful relationship. For many kids, it is like their family is a pack of wild dogs and everyone just looks out for themselves and tries to survive.

Sadly, these kids have become the adults of today and have their own children. This then requires people who are not sick and dysfunctional to set boundaries so they are not misused, abused or run over by these other people. And it is not just people from messed up families. We have to set boundaries even with people that for the most part, are civil, and in fact are Christian brothers and sisters. They may be part of our extended family. They may be part of our immediate family. They may be someone we work with, or go to church with. There are just so many people that have no concept of respecting others, thinking about others, putting others first ahead of themselves, or even about how to treat people with kindness, consideration and courtesy. I have written all of this so that those of you who say you don't want to do boundaries might come to the realization that it is a necessary process to survive in today's society.

First, we need to learn to respect other people's boundaries. You do not have to understand them. You do not have to agree with them. But you must accept the boundary if you want to continue on in the relationship. For example, there are many older people who do not respect the rules of their adult children when it comes to how they are raising their kids. They may think the rules are stupid, or naïve; but it does not matter. You have to respect their boundaries. Conversely, adult children will need to teach their children how to respect the boundaries of grandparents or other relatives. You have to understand the house rules where you are visiting. Respect these house rules even if you don't like them.

When it comes to work or church; think before you speak or act. Would you like to be treated like this? People used to live by a thing called the "golden rule". Do to others like you would like to be done to you. It is in Luke 6:31. Don't barge in on people. Call first. Set up a visit time. If people have been gone out of town, maybe it isn't the best time to pile in and visit them. Think! Maybe they need some down time or rest time if they just got home from the hospital, or vacation or a work trip. Don't spring a bunch of work on someone at the last minute and expect them to drop everything in their life to meet your need. It's not a crisis. You are making it one. Something may not get done because people didn't plan well. Don't force people into Christian service. Please respect other people's privacy and their boundaries for relationships.

Secondly, set boundaries. Some of you don't. You want everyone to like you, and you are afraid if you set a boundary

with them; then they will get their feelings hurt. You need to grow in the Lord and learn not to be such a codependent. Your self-worth is wrapped up too much in what other people think. People always abuse your time, talents and friendship because you set no boundaries. There are some people out there that will just suck the life right out of you if you let them. Take charge of your life and your time. It is okay as a Christian to do this. It is not a virtue to let people manipulate you all the time because you have so much guilt if you don't do something when they ask. Set limits. You have the right to say no. You have the right to do something in your own time. You actually, believe it or not, have the right to do something the way you would do it; and not the way other people think you should do it.

We must speak the truth in love. We must not be dishonoring. But there is nothing wrong with setting a boundary and telling people, "I'm sorry. I won't be able to do that for you. I have too much going on right now, and I needed more time to do that task." Walk away and don't feel guilty. You don't have to do everything for every body and rescue all situations. Jesus is the savior of the world – not you. You can say things to family like, "in the future I would appreciate you not making fun of me that way/talking to me in that tone/being critical of me etc..." People talk to you that way because you let them. Pray. Love. Forgive. Be kind to others. Set boundaries and don't let others abuse you. God bless you in your walk of freedom in Christ.

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The Blessings of Reconciliation

II Corinthians 7:1-16

by Dennis Baker • Brotherhood President

Paul's first letter to the Corinth church dealt with many the moral and spiritual problems of the church. The letter has been called a "painful letter" because it was difficult for Paul to write. Because of his love for the people it broke Paul's heart that there was division and immorality in the church. The members were following specific Christian leaders rather than Christ. Their desire to sue each other rather than settle their disputes within the church showed their immaturity and their misplaced trust in human wisdom. Sexual sin had become a problem within the church. The Corinth church was a gifted church but in their immaturity and pride they had abused their gifts.

Paul had to remind them that spiritual gifts come from God and are to be used to unify and edify the church.

Chapter six concludes with the biblical doctrine of separation and teaches us the spiritual responsibilities of believers is to cleanse ourselves once and for all of anything that keeps us from having close fellowship with Christ and other believers. It is not enough to ask God to cleanse us; with God's help we must clean up our own lives and get rid of those things that make it easy for us to sin. No believer can legislate for any other believer; each one knows the problems of his own heart and life.

In chapter seven Paul shares his feelings concerning the suffering he endured because of his involvement in the spiritual problems of the church. His integrity, honesty, and love had been questioned. Paul shares three spiritual blessings that he had experienced because of the Lord working in his heart and the hearts of the members of the church to bring about reconciliation.

The first blessing, that Paul shares, was the blessing of restored relationships. It is difficult to rebuild shattered relationships because of false allegations and mistrust that caused the division. Unfortunately, there are many shattered relationships in homes, churches, and ministries. Shattered relationships can be repaired only when people face problems honestly, deal with them biblically and lovingly, and seek to get right with God. When people are willing to build relationships based on biblical principles, relationships will be based on integrity, honesty, and brotherly love. Paul received a blessing from Titus as he reported that the Corinth church had received his letter of instruction. There was an opportunity to "mend fences" and restore fellowship.

The second blessing that Paul writes about was the blessing of repentance. Titus reported that the church had read Paul's "painful letter" and had repented of their sins and disciplined the members who had created the problems. He also reported that the disciplined members had repented and had been restored to fellowship. Paul had regretted that he had to write a "painful letter" to the Corinthians, but since it had caused the Corinthians to repent and return to God his sorrow was transformed to joy. Godly sorrow produces repentance. Sorrow for sins leads to change of mind and heart and a turning to God. Repentance means turning to God. Christians need to repent, not in order to be saved, but in order to restore our close fellowship with God and other believers. Psalms 51:10-12, Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right

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Some People....

If you have served as a pastor for any significant period of time, I imagine you are familiar with the phrase "Some people." It always shows up in sentences such as:

Some people are saying...
Some people asked me....
Some people were wondering...
Some people think...
Some people are concerned...Etc.

Of course, 99% of the time, "some people" turn out to be the person speaking to you.

I think Nehemiah experienced this sort of thing when Sandballat told him,

It is reported among the nations—
and Geshem agrees—

that you and the Jews plan to rebel. This is the reason you are building the wall. According to these reports, you are to become their king and have even set up the prophets in Jerusalem to proclaim on your behalf: "There is a king in Judah." These rumors will be heard by the king (Nehemiah 6:6-7).

In other words, Sandballat was saying to Nehemiah, "Some people believe that you and the Jews are conspiring to rebel and that you want to be king."

But Nehemiah wouldn't give Sandballat's rhetoric the time of day. I love the way Nehemiah describes his own response in verses 8-9:

Then I replied to him, "There is nothing to these rumors you are spreading; you are inventing them in your own mind." For they were all trying to intimidate us, saying, "They will become discouraged in the work, and it will never be finished."

But now, my God, strengthen me. Nehemiah knew that Sandballat was hiding behind "some people" in order to initiate a personal jab. So, Nehemiah called him on the carpet.

Personally, I've never been confident enough to tell someone using the "some people" phrase that they were making it

spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

The third blessing was the blessing of problems being resolved. The suffering Paul endured was worth it because the problem was resolved. The discipline of the immoral brother was not for vindication or avenging a wrong. It resulted in the brother being restored to the fellowship of the church.

As you and I examine our own lives, we must determine to be a part of the answer and not a part of the problem. We must show appreciation, practice separation, and encourage reconciliation if God is to use us to restore broken relationships.

up. But, I have come across a few responses that will help clarify the situation.

The next time someone goes into "some people" mode on you, consider trying one of the following responses:

1) Ask them, "Who are these people?"

2) If they claim to be protecting the people's identity, tell them that you would be happy to talk directly to the people who are concerned if they will simply approach you.







3) Thank them for their willingness to be the "conversation middle-man," but then explain that your personal policy is to speak face to face with people.

4) Explain that you do not want to place the burden of them having to represent your intentions.

If these kinds of responses turn your Sandballat away, rejoice!

If it turns out that they really were speaking for someone else, perhaps this approach will lead to a face-to-face conversation with the actual person who is concerned. Either way, it is better than playing the "some people" game.

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The Family Hour Fades Away

A secular writer previewed a recent television/movie season with the words, "The Family Hour is Fading Away." These are telltale signs of spiritual shakiness and disturbing problems in Christian and American homes. Sadly, we are allowing this to be pumped into our own homes.

If we, as Christians, have in fact lost our sensitivity to obscenity, we are not far from the Apostle Paul's description in Philippians 3:18-19: "For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, and mind earthly things." The horror, vulgar, demonic movies rarely frighten us anymore. Sadly, our children are permitted to watch these. Christian parents either allow this into their homes, allow their children to see this at movies, or purchase on a variety of other media such as cell phones.

THE AWFULNESS OF THE PROBLEM

If I were to ask you to give a rating to TV/media programming, what would you rate it on a scale of A to F (A being the best, F being the worse)? Myself, I'd say D-. Regular broadcast, television, cable TV, movie and internet channels have gone past the limit on nudity and homosexual themes. One has to search through many channels to avoid shows with vulgarity, demonism, violence and secular philosophy. Anything portrayed as decent and "godly" is portrayed as "ignorant."

The "worsening" of movie/TV/media content in itself is not the whole problem. The ACCEPTANCE, of such, by Christians is truly alarming. We, as Christians, have an admirable devotion to the Lord in many things, EXCEPT in our ENTERTAINMENT choices. How bad is it? We are selling ourselves, and our children, for a mess of footage (pottage). Are we truly contemplating the future?

THE ANXIETY OF THE PROBLEM

Some excuses that Christian give for watching TRASH:

"Well, it didn't have much profanity, I just tuned it out."

"If it bothers or offends you, then don't watch it. It doesn't bother me"

"If you can't handle it, don't watch it. I've been out in the real world, I can handle it."

"We watched it at home without the kids. There's nothing wrong with that."

"We won't let the kids watch it. We have parental controls. We watch it but not the kids"

Have you, as a Christian, become sensitized to obscenity, vulgarity, nudity, demonism and whatever other tactics Hollywood employs? John the Apostle declared, "if we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth." (I John 1:6)

THE ADMONITION TO PURITY

May I encourage you to be the Godly example that you CAN and NEED to be? Others around you are watching. We need to win those around us with the Gospel of Jesus. We need to win our children, teens, and peers. They need to see in us a life of pure joy and Godly living.

Jesus said, "blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8). Paul wrote in Philippians 4:8 "Finally, brethren whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

Prisoners Bible Crusade Free Bibles to Chaplains for Inmates in the USA

The following are totals of what we have given this year:

2,988 KJV Bibles;
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Total of material given in 2014 is 10,960.

We sent material into 39 prisons. Chaplains report 427 people saved (24,077 since 1/1/2000).

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1. DiscipleGuide donated 6,000 "Guide to God" New Testaments to this ministry. Our Thanks to Brethren Ronnie Green and Jerome Cooper for helping us in getting them.

2. Pastor Jerry Eastes and Heritage Baptist Church in Woolmarket, MS donated 504 KJV Bibles. Thank you pastor and Church!!!

Note! In practicing Matt. 22:9, I sent letters to 40 chaplains in 5 different state's prisons asking them if we could help them with Bibles. Twelve new Chaplain's requests came from this outreach.

Thanks for the support and prayers for this ministry to Prisoners.

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So, give a grade to our 21st century entertainment industry A to F?

You have the ability to control TV/Movie selections, close it down, don't purchase the products with bad ratings. Write to your local television station managers/owners with your concerns. Instead, watch only clean and pure entertainment. Guard your hearts and minds, along with your children. They are our future!

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.

Richard Smith, from Matthews, is available for pulpit supply or however the Lord leads. Contact him at 573-931-0455 or through his Pastor, Chris Polk at 573-380-1975. -5-

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Rocky Houston, from Kewanee is available for pulpit supply or however the Lord leads. Contact him 573-521-6385 (cell) after 3:00 p.m. -5-

Don Adams, from Kewanee Baptist Church, is available to preach. Contact him by calling 573-380-9215 or by e-mail at TLAdams_hotmail.com. -6-

Perrin W. Seay, from Emmanuel, Lemay, is available for pulpit supply as the Lord leads. Contact him at 411 Passport Lane, Apt. A, St. Louis, MO 63129 or by calling his home 314-200-8362 or his cell phone 314-402-0906. -6-

Allen Casey, a member of Springdale Baptist Church in Fenton, is available for preaching appointments. Contact him at 636-349-5524. -9-

Denver Page, a member of Landmark Baptist Church in DeSoto is available for pulpit supply or as the Lord leads. Contact him at home 636-942-3503 or by cell 314-283-7243 -7-

Brian Buckley, currently serving as youth pastor at Bates Creek Missionary Baptist Church in Potosi, is available for pulpit supply. Contact him for appointments at 573-439-9319 or (cell) 573-854-2251. -7-

John W. Beardsley, has sent an update with his correct contact information. His mailing address is 49 West St., Sikeston, MO 63801-7111. Phone 573-703-3860. -7-

Billy Davis, from Kewanee and a member of Bethel MBC in Sikeston is available for pulpit supply as the Lord leads. Contact him cell (573)521-8028 or home (573)748-9652.

Leonard Knight, from Bethesda, Park Hills, is available for pulpit supply as God leads. His phone # is 870-932-2966.

If I didn't Love Her, No One Else Would!

"Do you like dollies?" a little girl asked her houseguest.

"Yes, very much," the man responded.

"Then I'll show you mine," was the reply. Thereupon she presented one by one a whole family of dolls.

"And now tell me," the visitor asked, "which is your favorite doll?"

The child hesitated for a moment, then left and returned with a tattered and dilapidated old doll. Its hair had come off; its nose was broken; its cheeks were scratched. An arm and a leg were missing.

When asked why this was the one she liked best, she replied, "Because if I didn't love her, no one else would."

Lesson:

We should love others so they can know the Love of Jesus!