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Charity Baptist Church
Bismarck, Missouri

From The Host Pastor

Good morning to all the good folks of the BMA of Missouri. Charity is very excited to be the Host Church for the Annual Meeting in October. We will not have valet parking, but we will have great food and we are big on Southern Hospitality.

If you have never been to Charity at Bismarck, it is easy to find. Just come to Park Hills, take the Leadington exit onto Hwy 32 west. Go right for 7 miles to the Bismarck city limits. For those preachers running late, watch your speed, you will get a ticket. Go until you see Spruce Street on your right, go all the way to the end of Spruce St. You can't miss us. Our physical address is 1324 Spruce St, Bismarck, MO 63624.

If you need a hotel room, please give me a call, I would be glad to assist you. Our honored guest speaker will be the King of Kings. See ya there.

Lee Miller 573-701-6223

Important Reminders

It is important to remind our churches that each church in the association is allowed to have a total of three messengers to represent them at this meeting. These messengers can make motions, enter into the discussions, and vote on whatever might be proposed on behalf of the church which sends them.

Each church is required to bring or send a letter of representation to each annual meeting. The letter form is included in the center of the Minute book or you may obtain a form by contacting our clerk, Don Burke at 704 Valley Rd., Potosi, MO 63664-2008; or call 573-438-8899, or e-mail potosi-pastor@gmail.com.

This meeting is important to the work of the BMA of Missouri and you are encouraged to attend and be a part of this work. Come with a prayer for unity, a spirit of cooperation, a desire for fellowship, an attitude of progressiveness, and a hope for growth as we seek the guidance of God in all matters.

Our by-laws state: “Any church not identifying with this Association either by messenger or letter for three consecutive years shall be considered as having terminated her membership in this Association.” Therefore it is important that each church make sure you are represented each year.

Camp Garwood Update

By the time you read this the September activities at Camp (Men's Retreat, WMA Retreat, and work project) will be over, taking place, or nearly finished, but we want to remind you that the Camp is always in need of your prayers, finances, and labor.

The camp committee and director, Chris Polk should have some suggestions to present at our annual associational meeting in October. Pray for them to know God's will as they make decisions and present them to us.

The next function is the **Fall Paintball Retreat. October 30-31.** Bro. Chris sends the following note about the retreat:

“The paintball retreat over Halloween weekend should be a lot of fun. Cost is \$10 to play with your own stuff. Or \$25 to play using the camp's equipment. There will be a limited amount of supplies available for sale. Including some old markers. It will be the same schedule as before. Supper and some playing Friday night. Times are flexible depending on when everyone arrives. Supper at 7 p.m. Saturday breakfast at 7 a.m. Playing from 9-12 or when everyone leaves. I'll have more details on the event in camp's Facebook group. Search Camp Garwood to find it.

Did You Know??

Copies of the Minutes of the BMA of Missouri are available on the bmamissouri.org website. Go to there, click “about us,” click “Annual Minutes.” We still need the years of 1947, 1949, 1951, 1995, and 2003. Contact Don Burke if you have any of these. 573-438-8899.

Homecoming

Landmark Baptist Church, DeSoto

October 4, 2015

Lunch will be served

The afternoon service will be using local talent
Everyone Welcome!!

It's Working!!

In 2012 our association expanded the Revolving Loan Fund to provide a “Grant for the purpose of helping established Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri churches who are in need of immediate funds for needed maintenance, remodeling, and repairs of their worship buildings or for disaster relief.” [Page 27ff 2012 Minutes] The plan to build this Grant Fund was that “90% of undesignated funds received by the Loan Program shall be credited to the Grant Fund with the other 10% credited to the Loan Program loan fund.”

Last month an article was printed in this publication noting that the first opportunity to help a church with a grant had arrived. The Loan Committee received a letter of appreciation from that church and the following note was sent to be published in this paper.

“Bethesda Landmark Missionary Baptist Church in Park Hills, MO would like to thank the BMA of MO. Revolving Loan Fund for helping us replace our furnace in our building. We came to church one morning to find we had no air conditioning in our auditorium. The air conditioner was fine but our furnace motor was not working. When we had it checked, they found the furnace was cracked and could not be used. We called the Revolving Loan Fund for a loan and they gave us a grant to pay for the furnace. Part of any offering for the revolving loan fund goes into a grant fund for help for churches just like us. We are grateful that the loan committee saw fit to give us a grant instead of a loan. Please support this program if you can.”

All BMA of Missouri churches are encouraged to send regular offerings to the *Missouri Missionary Baptist Loan Association, Inc.* and help us have funds to help when needed. Send offerings to Treasurer David Griggs. Contact information is in the “Missions” heading on page 3.

Ordination

Charity Baptist Church in Columbia, Missouri will be having an ordination service for Bro. Joe Ginter on **Saturday, October 3rd, 2015 at 1 p.m.** Light refreshments will be served after the ordination. We ask that any ordained pastors or deacons that are willing and able to serve on the ordination council to please contact Bro. Neil Bowers at neil.bowers@centurylink.net or by calling 573-474-1030. Bro. Ginter is a licensed preacher and we have called him to be our pastor.

+++ NEWS BRIEFS +++

Mt. Zion, Poplar Bluff, sends greetings to our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are very grateful for a new member this month. Sis. Peggy Baker gave her life to the Lord years ago, but had never been baptized due to a medical issue. However, after attending for a while, she decided, "I want to be an example to my family." She waited until her children would be here for a visit to set the date and on August 9, 2015, she was baptized and given the right hand of fellowship at Mt. Zion. A special thanks to Nicole Conover. During the summer months the church voted to remodel our children's classrooms to make them more convenient and cheerful. Thanks to men like Nathan Goldschmidt and Paul Conover for hard work and carpentry skills. Many young families worked on their days off to paint and move walls and doors. Special thanks to these very active participants: Pastor Matt and Sis. Tamara Johnson, Faith, Nicole, Jeremy, Andrew, Bree, Diane Dodd, Stacy Wells, Megan and others I likely have not mentioned.. We are grateful for all their hard work. We voted to give the extra pews stored in the basement to Camp Garwood. We sent five ladies to Memphis to be trained in the AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) program. August 1st Tamara, Hope, Stacy, Nicole and Megan attended this training. Bro. Matt has been teaching on "Family Worship" on Sunday evenings and we hope the AWANA program will encourage our youth and their parents as they become more involved in the teaching from Timothy and become proactive Christians with a strong family foundation in the Word. We are very blessed to have received an electric baptistry heater from Walnut Grove Baptist Church and are in the process of having it installed. Our Pastor and his wife are expecting their third child, a boy. The church gave them a surprise baby shower August 24th. Our God is so good.

Matt Johnson, Pastor • Linda Magruder, Reporter

Bates Creek, Potosi, notes it is hard to believe that Fall is upon us. We have had a wonderful ending to Summer at Bates Creek. Karlee Jacobs was one of the kids that was saved as a result of Vacation Bible School. Miss Karlee Jacobs was baptized July 26th by Bro. J.C. Huddleston. May God bless her life greatly. The WMA held a movie fund-raiser and we watched 'The Drop Box' as a church family. It is a must see documentary and everyone seemed to enjoy the fellowship together. The August WMA meeting had a theme of "Orange You Glad God Loves Us" and Sis. Jessica gave a great devotional along with the ladies enjoying an "Orange" theme. The foods were creative and the meeting was a lot of fun. If your church does not have a WMA, I highly encourage you to pray about one. Our WMA meetings are usually held the first Friday night of the month, if you would like to, join us one night to see what it is all about. Our youth nights are getting ready to kick off again. Please pray for the kids, the adult workers, Bro. Bryan, and most of all for God's will to be done in all of them. May God bless all of our churches in the work this Fall as we continue to try to harvest souls.

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

Greetings once again from **Bethany, St. Louis**. We are winding down the church year and getting ready to head into a new and exciting year. God has truly blessed us with great preaching from Bro. Hoffmann and Bro. Nick Dunn. We have recently called Bro. Dunn as interim pastor and he has accepted the call. Please continue to pray for him and his sweet family as they do God's will. Pray for the Hoffmanns as they will be traveling to various churches to fill the pulpit this coming month. Pray for grace, strength and God's will to be done. We want to extend our sympathy to the Casey family and

the good folks of Alton, Mo. and Oak Hill Baptist church in the recent home going of their sweet granddaughter. We do not understand why these things happen but we know the God who does know all things. Please keep Sis. (Tiny) Bertha Blanchard in your prayers as she is experiencing some very serious medical problems at this time and will be having surgery in a few weeks. We also know the great physician. And we know she is in His hands. The extended Fields family will be gathering Labor day for their annual family reunion at Elephant Rock. Please keep our church, country and our leaders in your prayers even if you do not agree with their leadership. America needs to get back to God and it starts with each one of us. God bless.

Nick Dunn, Interim Pastor
Kathy Chapman, Reporter.

Amity, Doniphan, is pleased to announce the baptism of Brennon Casteel on 7/8/2015. Long standing members of Amity have had the pleasure of watching Brennon grow into a fine young man and are excited to have him as both a member and a brother in Christ.

Mickey Harvey (Clerk)

Greetings from **Lindsay Lane, Florissant**. We have kicked off our second season of Youth Soccer, and have 134 kids registered, under the age of 12. Needless to say, our Saturdays are busy for the next eight weeks with games, and weeknights with practices. Pray for our soccer program, as we present the Gospel at each event. Our AWANA Club started up August 26th, and we had 8 new clubbers the first night. We are excited to have new workers and new faces in our club this year. With the new school year upon us, we are also excited to partner with McCurdy Elementary School, across the street from the church, with several ministry opportunities to as-

sist teachers, students, and local families. We rejoice that God continues to bless and add to our church family. We recently welcomed Amanda Graeser and Dulce Gaede, and in previous weeks Melissa Watson, by baptism, and the Saldana family, Jose, Melissa, Liz, Ryan, Caleb and Noah. We have begun a search for a new pastor, as Bro. Drew Sawyer resigned his pastorate. As we move forward our Sunday attendance is over 100, we are still growing, and God has awesome challenges and rewards ahead. Please pray for our church as we seek God's man to lead us, feed us, and help us continue to grow.
Mike Jenkins, Reporter

Greetings from **Ozark Heights, Potosi**. Sis. Georgie Brokaw has retired from writing for us and I have been given the honor of taking her spot. As a church and as a dear friend I would like to let her know that we greatly appreciate her and Bro. Bill and love them. We had a great turn out for church camp this year and had one of our teens, Logan Miller, accept Christ as his savior. We are anxious to see what the Lord has in store for this young man. We also had Bill and Denise Gau join our church family August 9th. That was the first husband and wife that Bro. Brian had the privilege of baptizing. They had been regular visitors for quite some time and helped in our VBS, and when they came forward to join, the church was overjoyed. God is good. Bro. Brian took vacation on the 16th and Bro. Brian Buckley came and filled in. He did a wonderful job and everyone was blessed by his messages. We are getting geared up the Senior's conference in October and always have a good time in Branson. We are so thankful for our church and church family and until next month may God bless you.
Brian Meade, Pastor • Dawn Meade, Reporter

Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston. During August, the electricity got installed from our meter to our breaker boxes inside our building at our new property. It is not yet functional as all of our receptacles and switches have not been set. We were blessed when a couple in town committed "up to \$4,000" for lights in our new building. We are to buy the lights and then present them with receipts for reimbursement, as they wished to remain anonymous. All of our outside lights and part of our inside lights have been purchased, and so far the couple has been true to their word.

Rodney Dunlap, Pastor

The News from **Briar, Doniphan**, is a reminder to all that God
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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • August 2015

General Fund:

Balance July 31, 2015		\$	136,106.29
August Receipts:	\$	<u>1,212.50</u>	\$ <u>1,212.50</u>
Total Available		\$	137,318.79

Disbursements:

Assist. Director's Salary	\$	450.00	
Designated for North Lake	\$	30.00	
Secretary of State (Incorp)	\$	<u>20.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$	500.00	\$ <u>500.00</u>
Balance August 31, 2015:		\$	136,818.79

From Our Assistant Director...

I was happy to fill the pulpit at Bethany, our home church, one Sunday during the month of August as we attend there when other duties do not keep us from it. It is good to worship with the "home folks" even if I am no longer their pastor. My wife and I also enjoyed attending Bethlehem Baptist in Doniphan the last Sunday in August. I got to preach in both services and enjoyed getting acquainted with more of God's faithful people. We certainly enjoyed their hospitality and the delicious meal following the morning service.

Not only did I get to preach, but I was also able to speak to them about BMA of Missouri Missions and the Missouri Missionary Baptist paper. I was given two addresses for the paper. Bethlehem is one of our faithful monthly supporters.

By the time you receive this paper the Special Missions Committee will have met (September 8th) and will surely have some recommendations to present at the annual meeting in October.

As I mentioned in the last report, I was unable to accept the invitation to attend the annual session of the Southwest Missouri Association because of a prior commitment. I did send a report to be read at that meeting and was thrilled to receive a nice reply and a check for the paper from that association. I hope I can attend next year.

If you want me to come to your church to present the paper,

A Great Opportunity

Bro. Lee Miller, pastor of Charity Baptist Church in Bismarck sends the following note:

"Bro. Francois Norcilus, a missionary from the country Haiti will be staying in our home the last part of this month and maybe some in October. Any Church that is interested in having him come and visit with you, please give me a call. This is a great Opportunity for you to hear about his work and ministry. Lee Miller 573-701-6223"

Partner with Doug and Diane Lee to Spread the Gospel through Music

"The evangelization of the world will not happen until we find ways to disciple and train thousands of nationals in their own country and culture to reach their own people with the gospel." - Dr. John Rawlings -

June 2015 found Diane and I starting our 4th year at the Bible College in the Philippines. Our goal is to prepare na-

missions or PREACH please let me know. I enjoy seeing what is happening around our state among our churches.

I have a burden to help struggling churches and am seeking God's guidance in this. I am anxious to see some new mission work being done, but we also need to encourage and uplift those works that are struggling. Let's seek God's will in this matter.

I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting and enjoying your fellowship any time it is possible. Let's keep on keeping on for the Lord. He is coming soon and we want to be busy when He comes.

Thanks for letting me serve Him through our churches and the work they are doing.

nationals as musicians, singers, pastors, and students to work in evangelistic and music programs. We believe that music is an important part of any worship services. Dr. E. Harold Henderson, who has gone on to be with the Lord, so eloquently put it in one of the Sunday School Quarterly's many years ago, "My home church has a worshipful spirit in singing. Once and again I rise to preach with the prayer in my heart, 'Lord, you are already ministering to my people. Please do not let me get in Your way as I preach.' What a responsibility and opportunity rests upon the person who leads God's people"

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True Missionaries

(We regret to inform you of the passing of Mrs. Latrell. This article was written prior to her passing and we still wanted to publish it to honor her and her family.)

Jack and LaTrell Bateman are iconic in BMA Missions history. This faithful and loving couple served for 37 years in and around Taipei, Taiwan. Another longtime BMA missionary, special friend and colleague of the Batemans, Dale Thornton, offers us the following sketch of their life and ministry:

"Jack and LaTrell Bateman were pioneer BMAA missionaries. They were among the first missionaries sent out by the association after it was organized in 1950. First, there was Bro. and Mrs. Harold Morris to Brazil, followed by Bro. and Mrs. Z. T. Rankin to Japan and then in November of 1953 Jack and LaTrell left for faraway Taiwan (then called Formosa).

Jack and LaTrell going as a team to Taiwan was in itself a miracle. Jack was born in Tientsin, North China to an American father and a Chinese mother. His father died there and Jack and his brother and sister were caught up in the war with Japan. They were taken by a single American missionary, John Blalock, first to the Philippines. They were captured there by the Japanese and spent three years in a Japanese POW camp. After the war Jack went on to California, where he was saved, and then on to Texas to study at Jacksonville College.

LaTrell was saved when she was nine and surrendered to foreign missions when she was thirteen. She had a burning desire to go to China as a missionary and studied everything she could about China and the Chinese in Lubbock, Texas, where her family were members of Central Baptist Church. Then the pastor's son went to Jacksonville College and he reported that he had found LaTrell a "real live Chinaman" who could teach her Chinese. And the rest is history: After a yearlong courtship, they were married in 1950 and then sent out as BMAA missionaries in 1953."

Dr. John W. Duggar wrote two short books about the Batemans. The first, *Two for God*, was written about the early years of their ministry in Taiwan. The second, *The Girl with the Missionary Heart*, was published in 1975 as LaTrell's testimony of her call to missions. Even though the Batemans have been retired as missionaries to Taiwan since 1990, their ministry lives on through the souls they won and the churches they planted. They have continued to actively serve the Lord. Bro. Jack at eighty-six still drives to a small Chinese church in Plano, Texas, and preaches there once a month. LaTrell, because of failing health, has been limited in what she can do. She is looking forward to going to her eternal, heavenly home.

Dr. Duggar, in the last paragraph of *Two for God* wrote these words: "The influence of these two lives for God will live on and on. Their work in far-off Formosa will never be finished. Not only did they give their hearts to the cause of foreign missions, but they gave their very lives on the field itself. They have been the means of reaching many for Christ, and only time will tell and eternity will reveal how many people will eventually be saved as a result of their witnessing to the few who in turn witnessed to others. Jack and LaTrell Bateman, we count you as two of the greatest missionaries that God ever willed to preach and teach the unsearchable riches of Christ Jesus in a land where millions had never heard of Him. Because Christ lived in you."

The BMAA Missions office would like to honor the Batemans for their years of faithful service by encouraging churches and individuals to send a love offering in their honor. You may send your gift to Calvary Baptist Church at 2101 South Davis, Arlington, TX 76013. Please mark your funds with "Jack and LaTrell Bateman." If you have any questions, you may contact the BMAA Missions Department or Pastor Jerry Phillips at 469-964-4600. We praise the Lord for the legacy of Jack and LaTrell Bateman.

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is in control! Yes, even when the times seem dark, God has a plan. Hopefully, we're ready to follow His lead and spread the Good News. Let's allow the Lord to lead us and bring as many in to His fold as possible in the little time we have left. We have had much good preaching of the Word in the last few weeks but are in prayer for a pastor to lead us. There are many churches in our area lifting up their desires for leadership and God will answer in His time. A group from Briar attended the 3rd Sunday singing at Amity MBC and were blessed with good singing and fellowship. It seems that some of us were "picked on" by the regulars, but we won't hold it against Bro. Ormsby--I mean anyone!! What a joy to be able to laugh and fellowship with Christian brothers and sisters. We've had visitors and were thrilled to hear June Watson and Johnny Davis sing and play for us. June's grand daughter also sang--sorry I didn't get her name, but she sure has a pretty voice especially considering she's only 8! Ryan Allen and his dad, Chris, came and sang too! God blessed us truly and we are so grateful for His love and mercy. Considering Bro. Billy Davis preached on praising God and we sang all during the service, don't know how it could get better!! Sunday was a great day to be at Briar!! The sermon was good, the fish was delicious, and the singing was uplifting. Thanks to all who contributed to another wonderful day in the Lord. Let's continue to lift each other up and wait patiently on the Lord. Till next time---Keep Looking Up

Phyllis Williams, Reporter

Showers of Blessings from Stony Point, Mineral Point!

August 9th we enjoyed our annual visit from, and worshipped together with, Heaven's Echoes. We worshipped, praised, prayed, rejoiced, shed tears, fellowshiped, and gave thanks to The Father for the "Power in the Blood of Jesus." We also tried, unsuccessfully, to trade Bro. Claude for a three legged dog from Arkansas. That is a story for another time, way, way in the future. The Church celebrated it's homecoming on August 16th with music from our new musicians on guitar. A great fellowship was had by all. And finally, on August 30th the members of Stony Point, a church belonging to our Lord Jesus Christ, were obedient to His commandment and with solemn and repentant hearts, observed our Lord's Supper. Nothing more can be said about that. God Bless you all. Claude Evans, Pastor • David Hughes, Reporter

Bethesda, Park Hills, is pleased to have Sis. Connie Shelton as a new member. She grew up at Bethesda and it is good to have her back. We have also been having regular visitors including some young people. We have a good group of talented young people and are really glad they are there. Bro. Michael Huddleston preached for us in June and Bro. Zach Dane preached two weeks ago. How awesome that God is still calling young men into His service. We recently had some problems with our building. The BMA of MO graciously provided a grant from the revolving loan fund to replace our main furnace. We are very grateful that the money was there to help us. Then we had some plumbing problems but were able to get them repaired on our own. August 30th, we had a taco dinner and some good fellowship after morning services. We also had the Lord's Supper that evening. Sis. Gladys Black has been feeling better and has been able to attend services lately, but Sis. Bertha McMasters Knight has had some health problems. Several members have requested prayer for relatives who are sick. Please remember them in your prayers.

Alan Dane, Jr., Pastor • Barbarasue Marler, Reporter

Landmark, DeSoto, reports that Saturday, the 1st, we attended the funerals of Sis. Marge Swafford, and Sis. Brenda Shadowen's brother, Jeff Pashia. Bro. Gibson did both ser-

vices and was a great encouragement to both families. Gus Tegeler, whose family has been associated with Landmark for many years has been diagnosed with brain and lung cancer. He is undergoing treatment now in Poplar Bluff, I believe. He and his family both stand in the need of your prayers. Bro. Denver filled the pulpit at Landmark for both services the ninth. Bro. Wayne & Sis. Ruth took a few days off for a much deserved rest. We have certainly enjoyed the cooler weather. Looks like that is about to change. We had good attendance at our local WMA & Brotherhood this month. I always look forward to those meetings. On the 30th, we had our 5th Sunday fellowship dinner, then in the evening service, we observed the Lord's Supper. We surprised Sis. Betty Harrison with a little program honoring her for the many years that she has served as our kitchen coordinator. We just wanted her to know how much we appreciate her and the hard work that she has done. Until next month or the Lord's Return Wayne Gibson, Pastor Sharon Page, Reporter

Greetings from **First Baptist Church, Potosi.** Once again we have had a busy month getting the message of Christ out to those around us. The month began with Bro. Clint Silvey using our Sunday School time to teach seventh graders through adults, "The World's Gone Nuts! A Seminar on How to Engage Our Post-Christian America." That week began the county fair and as an outreach we opened a diaper changing/nursing station. Several mothers commented on how grateful they were for a clean place to change their infants. The Caring Hearts PRC Walk for Life is scheduled for September 26. Also on the first Sunday we had the pleasure of providing the service at Georgian Gardens Nursing Home. Bro. Norman Forbes helped us that day and we had several in attendance. On the second Sunday, guest Mike Ward with the Gideon's

Ministry presented information on their worldwide program. Allison Land joined the church by baptism after her profession of faith in Jesus. Her parents are Justin & Sarah Land, grandparents are John & Renee O'Hanlon, Lindell & Lois Land, and great-grandparents are Sissie & Bud Coy and Junior Mercer. All of our youth programs are getting ready for back-to-school meetings. GMA meets on Mondays at 3:00 and COW meets Wednesdays at 7:00. AWANA will be starting up September 9 and I'm sure all the workers are in place under the new leaders RP and Cathy Coleman. You can feel the excitement in the air. Our new Sunday School year begins the first Sunday in September and we have a class for everyone. Sis. Brenda Wilson's Sunday School class is inviting others to help gather items to place in shoeboxes to send to the Baptist Missionary Outreach to help Navajo Churches carry out the Great Commission. Something new is being planned for the fall and it sounds like a lot of fun. It is a church family and friends fall retreat to be held at the Meramec Retreat Center near Richwoods Friday through Saturday, September 18-19. Bro. Norman Forbes and Bro. Kyle Davis brought the evening messages and blessed our hearts with God's word. Bro. Leonard is teaching "The Trail of Blood" in our Wednesday night services and it is very interesting. We ended the month with the blessing of the baptism of Noelle Porter. Her parents are Aaron & Raven Porter and her grandmother is Debbie Blair. It was wonderful to open and end the month with baptisms knowing that those baptized have placed their faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. Please remember to pray for us as we pray for you. Jim Ainley, Pastor Deborah Rauhut, Reporter

HELLO! to all from **Oak Hill, Alton.** August has been a SAD month at Oak Hill. The Lord took five month old Londyn Casey home to

be with him in Heaven. Bro. Dwight Holmes Bro. Ed's brother-in-law died also in August. Please remember the Casey family in your prayers and Oak Hill. August 30th we had our fifth Sunday Dinner; we also celebrated Bro. Ed's fifty-fourth Birthday that was on the 25th. Bro. Worth Carswell is busy working on the addition to our Fellowship Hall. His progress is looking real good. When this addition is done addition it will give us more room for our activities and the celebration of special occasions. Until next month we will be praising and honoring our Lord and Savior. GOD BLESS!!

Edward Casey, Pastor
Jennifer Williams, Reporter

Greetings from **Bethlehem, Doniphan!** What a wonderfully blessed month we have had at Bethlehem! We got to hear Bro. Tom Foster preach God's Word to us. Bro. Charles Michael came and shared God's Word with us. And on the last weekend of the month Bro. Jim Hoffmann came with Sis. Mary Hoffmann and gave us more of God's Word to apply to our lives. It is like being in revival with each one that visits with us and thank God for each of these men and their families. As always we got a blessing for going to Zalma MBC for Youth in the Harvest. Sis. Sue Maynard from Friendship rode with my husband and I plus Sis. Marilyn Smith. We shared several laughs going, coming and while at Zalma. Bro. Matt Baker from Twin Oaks brought the message with an invitation that evening. It is truly amazing to watch this young man grow in the Lord as God uses him in sharing His word. Elections were held for the New Year officers. Please come and support the youth. They need your prayers and encouragement in their lives. We were able to attend the Third Sunday Singing at Amity MBC. What a blessing it is to be able to sing praises to our Lord and Savior. We can only imagine how wonderful it must sound in Heaven.

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2015-16 BMAA Directory and Handbook

Each church that sent an offering to Information Services should have received a reserved copy of the 2015-2016 BMAA Directory and Handbook.

The Directory and Handbook is the reference book for all facets of the BMAA including:

- BMAA Doctrine and Principles of Cooperation
- Associational annual meetings, officers and their contact information – national, state, and local
- Boards of trustees with contact information
- Listings of missionaries – North American, international, state, Hispanic and chaplains
- A detailed overview of each BMAA department, agency, committee and school
- Annual Church Letter and other forms included in the back
- Directory of churches
- Directory of church staff
- Directory of preachers, including contact information.

As the 2015 annual association meetings are beginning,

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Bro. Bill Ormsby has challenged everyone to learn a new song and come sing it at the next singing. He did a wonderful job on his new one this month, "It Is Finished." The Bible tells us to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. That if all humans fail to do this the rocks, the trees and the mountains will cry out. What a shame that would be if we failed to use our voices for the enjoyment of our Lord. We don't know what God has in store for us in the month of September but we will anxiously wait for all of it. 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, Asst. Reporter

Greetings and Blessings to all from **Faith Baptist Church, St. Charles**. What an exciting year it has been so far! Faith is growing, praise God. In the past few months alone, we have seen 5 come to Christ and 6 baptisms! Bro. Rick Anthony, Sis. Amanda Bergmann, Sis. Shanna Mullis, Sis. Leslie Schmidt, Sis. Julie Hughes and Sis. Dorothy Mullis are those that were baptized. That means 6 new members of our church! We held a Summer Camp for the kiddos who were on break from school. Sis. Shanna Mullis did a wonderful job of facilitating and directing that. We had about 25 children that we got to care for and even won one family who has been attending services. We have had a lot of other visitors as well. Our VBS was a great success as Bro. Lee Gilkey and his wife Chrystal did a superb job of getting the kids (and adults alike) excited about worshiping and loving Jesus. We had revival with the Palmers. That was a time of soul searching and conviction for many, I know. Their music was such a Blessing and if you have never heard them or heard of them, I highly recommend you look them up! We have also had two missionaries Bless us with their presence and testimony, Bro. Sanders and his family who were headed to the Philippines and Bro. Michael and Sis Ruth Poirier all the way from Quebec, Canada. Through our time with them, we were reminded of how truly Blessed we really are. We are so thankful for all that God is doing in and through Faith Baptist. No matter what the enemy has tried to throw at us, we have stood on the Word of God and have only come out stronger. May the LORD Bless and keep you and may His face shine upon you, In Jesus' Name Justin Arender, Pastor • Julie Hughes, Reporter

it's time to start gathering data for next year's Directory and Handbook. Information Services will be mailing the 2015-2016 Annual Church Letter form to church clerks to complete and return to this office to update church listings in next year's BMAA directory. These forms will be sent in time to submit a copy to your association clerk for the associations that choose to use it. Between August 15 and February 15, 2015, the online Annual Church Letter form is also available at www.BMALife.com/church-letter, to complete and submit to Information Services.

Local, district, and state association clerks will receive a Newly Elected Officers form before their association's 2015 annual meeting. This form should be completed and returned to Information Services as soon as possible after their annual meeting. The officers and next annual meeting information are an essential part of the BMAA directory.

A limited number of the 2015-16 BMAA Directory and Handbook are available for a minimum donation of \$25 each. If your church has not reserved a copy or needs extras, call DiscipleGuide with your request at (800) 333-1442. Donations help support this ministry of BMA America.

Offerings to Information Services for the Directory and Handbook ONLY should be sent to PO Box 6146, Texarkana, TX 75505-6146. All payments for invoices and other offerings to DiscipleGuide Church Resources should be mailed to PO Box 1749, Conway, AR 72033.

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to worship through singing!"

This school year we have 22 students taking music courses. BMABC is the only school, public and private, that is offering any accredited music courses. Praise the Lord that He affords us this GREAT opportunity to serve in this capacity.

The influx of students has caught us without the financial means to properly fund our ministry. These needs are scholarship funds, student dental care, helping with church planting and music workshops. The loss of needed support has put us in a financial situation that only God and His people can solve. Last year's support for our ministry dropped significantly.

We were elected as 100% self-supporting Missionaries by the BMA of America in 2011 and we must have your help.

Launch Kits Stir Interest

Little Story, Big Truth Launch Kit Focuses on Parables

One of the main focuses of Jesus' life on earth was teaching. He taught his main twelve disciples, his extended group of followers, and the mass crowds who flocked to hear him speak and perform miracles. On several occasions, Jesus used short, fictional stories, called parables, to communicate huge, foundational truths. Why did Jesus teach through parables? Because we relate to stories.

In this five-week Launch Kit called Little Story, Big Truth, students will discuss God's forgiveness, what God really thinks of us, how to truly love others, what to do with what God has given us, and how to pray by focusing in on five parables found in the book of Luke.

Noah Launch Kit Focuses on Salvation From Sin

From children's Bible stories to coloring pages, Noah is the jolly guy who has a floating zoo and likes rainbows. In this series, however, we will discover the real Noah, a man full of faith, and the huge task that God placed on his shoulders in a very perilous time.

In this seven-week Launch Kit called Noah, students will see that, like in Noah's day, the world is spiraling out of control and God's not happy about it. Students will discuss that even though God punishes sin, he always provides a way of salvation - for Noah, it was an ark; for us, it's Jesus.

Launch Kits are lesson plans for student pastors, small group leaders, volunteers, and parents that are easy to use.

Lessons are designed to ignite a conversation around Scripture as students discuss their faith in a life-changing way. Each Launch Kit is crafted for use with middle-school through high-school age youth. Since Launch Kits are conversation-based, the lessons do not have student handouts or worksheets. Instead, they contain a leader discussion guide that steers conversation toward living out genuine faith and a life centered on Scripture.

Launch Kits are sold per series and the cost is based on the number of weeks in the series. Once churches or individuals buy a series, they own it and may reproduce as many copies as they wish. Each series has been written and developed by Stephen Castleberry, a student pastor at Antioch Baptist Church in Conway, Arkansas, where the lessons have been used with great success.

Find the growing Launch Kit series and an introductory video at DiscipleGuide.org under "shop," then "students," then "Launch Kit."

Contributions can be sent to National BMA of America, P.O. Box 878, Conway, AR 72033 or Mill Creek Baptist Church, 11 Old Kiln Road, Picayune, MS 39466. (Designate your contribution to Doug and Diane Lee Ministry Funds.) For more information regarding our ministry/ministry funds, call us directly in the Philippines at 601-427-0128 (Vonage).



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The Most Important Piece of Furniture in the Home

I know many of you would say the bed is the most important piece of furniture in your home. Ha! And I would be the first to agree that crawling into your own bed for a nap or a good night's rest is a great thing. But I am looking at the piece of furniture that would have the greatest impact on the family for good. And to that end, there is no comparison to the dining table. Even in one of the most iconic pictures that we see of a portrayal of Jesus; he is at the table eating with friends during the Last Supper. The dining table is the most important piece of furniture in your home for building family bonding and cohesiveness.

Of course that assumes that the family actually uses the dining table. And that they have boundaries and house rules for the table traditions. The reason the table is so important; is not the food consumed. It is the conversation that is carried out. Communication is the key to a close family. The more we communicate, the better and stronger we become. No matter what the problem in the home; as long as we keep a dialogue of open, honest and loving communication between family members, all problems can be solved with God's help. Hopefully, Christian families sit down at the table to eat and start the entire process off with the most important form of communication – and that is prayer. The family that prays together – stays together.

Since biblical times, the breaking of bread together as a family was critical for social bonding. It offers opportunities for inter-generational exchange of ideas and values. It is checking in with your family. It is finding out what is going on in their day. It is a great time to teach family doctrine. During the course of conversation with children, there are many opportunities to speak of what is right and wrong and how we should handle situations. Talking at the dinner table is where a family can learn how to respond to life in general on a daily basis. It can be a time of sharing, learning and dreaming together.

It does not have to be all conversation of significant meaning either. Just sitting around talking about anything builds time together as a family. Some of my greatest memories are sitting around with my extended family at the dining room table during the holidays. There was so much laughter. Story telling for 2 hours after eating was quite possible. This is where little children and grandchildren learn so much of who they are as a people. They hear stories of how it was in the old days. They hear parents, grandparents and others share how they survived or made it through some situation. And all the family learns the value of laughter. It is good medicine. Families should make meal times enjoyable with lots of stories that often times begin with..... do you remember the time when.....

But we need a few simple rules to insure that meals times are

God has blessed the work in Peru, which began with Bro. Paul Tinoco's letter to LifeWord and continues through the efforts of BMA Missions and LifeWord. It is a twenty-year legacy of faith, collaboration and prayer.

Please join Lifeword in prayer for the following: partnerships with the Ashaninkas, the newly-converted mayor of Picoy, permits and licenses that need to be granted, and plans for Community Radio to come to fruition within a year. As always, Lifeword's desire is that more people will profess Jesus as Lord, become disciples, then disciple-makers.

pleasant experiences for all. Tense situations or difficult topics are off limits. Grades, who you are dating or not going to date, the horror of work etc... should be discussed at family meetings, or another time. If an argument ensues; adults must make sure to say we can talk about it after supper. Siblings are not allowed to make fun of, or put others down. People should be encouraged during meal times. Everyone should have an opportunity to share their day, but do not have to be forced to share. It should be a happy time. Sensitive family issues are put aside for another time. Arguments are never allowed at the table.

The cell phone is the single greatest destroyer of family communication. All families must set a hard "house rule" of no cell phones at the dinner table. You surely can go an hour talking with your family gathered around the table without your phone. If you can't, then you need to get help for your phone addiction. Adults always find excuses for themselves. It is work. There might be an emergency. People found out about emergencies and dealt with them for thousands of years before cell phones. There is no e-mail or text from work that is more important than family time together. Of course, none of this matters if the family doesn't actually eat together. You must find time to eat together at the table multiple times per week. The more the better. Yes, we are all busy and having to run here and there. Yes, young people always want to be engaged with electronics like TV or music. We must come apart or we will fall apart. We must build in time to talk and eat and be together with no outside influences. And yes it does need to be at the table. It forces you to look into each other's eyes. Sitting on the couch or floor can mean no eye contact. Biblical families always broke bread together with those they loved. So did Jesus. We must get back to this important aspect of family life. It's a major factor in a loving family.

Last Minute Reminder

We hope this reaches you in time
to remind you to attend

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To register or for more information contact

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From LifeWord Ministries....

A Twenty Year legacy

Almost twenty years ago, Peruvian Paul Tinoco heard a LifeWord Spanish broadcast, El Contacto Cristiano and was so "moved by the preaching, the type that makes you feel a fire burning inside," he wrote a letter to LifeWord. After receiving Tinoco's letter, Ricky Robinson reached out to the late James (Jimmy) Swindoll, who at that time was the nearest BMA missionary serving in Bolivia, and asked him to visit Tinoco, who was touched by Swindoll's personal, follow-up visit.

Later, Swindoll and missionary Jerry Kidd returned to Peru to meet Tinoco. In the following years, American missionaries Marvin Lloyd and Thom South and Bolivian missionary David Flores took part in the ordination of Paul Tinoco as pastor and missionary. At some point during the two decades that followed, David Dickson (Puerto Rico) continued to oversee and encourage the growing Peruvian work.

Two decades later in July of this year, Luis Ortega was able to witness God's work in Peru through Paul Tinoco when they served alongside a Baptist Medical Missions International (BMMI) team in several villages, including the community of Picoy. The mayor of Picoy was among those who made professions of faith. An enthusiastic new convert, his salvation put him in a particularly difficult position in his largely syncretistic (merging of several religions) tribe, because every year one of his major duties is to fund-raise for and plan a large pagan worship celebration for the community, a celebration that now goes against his Christian faith.

Following his conversion, a dialogue began with the mayor as a result of this collaborative team effort, and he offered a piece of land to LifeWord for the installation of a Community Radio (LPFM) station. The granting of permits and licenses is necessary for this small radio station, which will complement the ministry of local BMA missions that is reaching out to the community of Picoy with evangelism and discipleship.

LifeWord's involvement in Peru is continuing to expand beyond Picoy. During Luis' travels in Peru with Paul Tinoco, the Asháninkas, a native tribal group, requested the installation of LifeWord radio stations for their villages. Tribal leaders of the Asháninkas indicated that there are more than 100 communities (of people in that tribe) up and down the river and throughout the Peruvian jungles and mountains. LifeWord and BMA Peru are in dialogue about further partnerships to reach out to this people group, which is perhaps the second largest (after the Quechua) in Peru.

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

How Should Christian Morality and Public Law Relate to Each Other

by Dennis Baker, Brotherhood President

Throughout most of Christian history and the history of Western nations, law and morality were understood as being on parallel tracks, and were indispensable of each other. However in our current culture, secularism suggests that the culture ought to be established on purely secular terms without any reference at all to the reality of God or accountability to God. The secularists say that public law should not be dependent on Christian morality, and Christianity should have no influence on public law.

The tragedy of the public discussion concerning this question is that Christian convictions are being left out of the public debate by those in authority. A liberal democracy must allow all participants in the debate to speak and argue from whatever worldviews or convictions they possess. Each citizen of a deliberative democracy must be allowed to identify those convictions without fear of prejudice or of being eliminated from the public debate.

As a Christian it is my conviction that many of the social issues of our day are the result of the Biblical principles of God's Word being left out of the public debate. Secularism does not have the tools to deal with the question of human conduct. Secularism has a difficult time dealing with the questions of human life. Why is murder wrong? Where did human life begin? What is the definition of human life?

Given our mandate to share the gospel and to speak openly and publicly about Jesus Christ, we as Christians must understand a particular responsibility to protect free speech and to resist the culture of secularism that threatens to shut out the Christians' input into the public debate.

Lifeway's Dance Keynote for Great Escape 2016

DiscipleGuide Conference Ministry, along with sponsor Central Baptist College, is pleased to announce the details of Great Escape 2016. Planned as a "getaway" cruise experience for youth/children's leaders and spouses, Great Escape also offers inspirational and instructional training for both paid and volunteer staff.

Great Escape 2016 keynote speaker will be Dr. Mark Dance. Mark served as senior pastor of Second Baptist Church in Conway, Arkansas, from 2001 to 2014. Under his leadership, the church completed a relocation to a fifty-acre campus and repurposing of the former church location into the Ministry Center, an evangelical non-profit designed to serve those with material needs while also providing for their spiritual needs.

During his ministry in Conway, Mark served as trustee for Lifeway Christian Resources, chaplain of the Conway Police Department, and mission team leader to more than two dozen countries. Mark has earned Bachelor of Business Administration, Master of Divinity, and Doctor of Ministry degrees.

In 2014, Dance was named Lifeway's Pastor Advocate, and in 2015 he and his wife Janet relocated to Nashville, Tennessee. The focus of his new role is helping pastors lead healthy lives and ministries, in season and out of season.

During the cruise, Mark will lead multiple sessions on the theme "Homework." According to Terry Kimbrow, President

Monsoon Rains Cause Flooding And Landslides in Myanmar



Aungmintha Village, Kale Township, Sagaing Division, Myanmar

Editor's Note: The following is a note from Rama Bochung, LifeWord speaker and missionary to Myanmar (formerly Burma), that was sent to Phil Knott August 19 and received by the Missouri Missionary Baptist August 27.

"Heavy monsoon rains during the month of July have caused flooding and landslides in several parts of Myanmar and over a hundred people dead and displaced thousands. Among many victims Ko Nyi Nyi, one of our trained leaders and his family are out of them. They live in Nanchung village, Sagaing Division, northwest of Myanmar. He and his wife and 3 kids are now in rescue camp for 4 weeks. Now the water is gone but mud remains in his house and all over the village and they could not move into their home yet because of mud and bad smell all over the village. The Myanmar government has appealed for international aid to flood victims. International aid has been arriving from several countries including the US. Thanks for it. But I think it would take long term for recovery. Bridges and roads have been destroyed or damaged by the flood landslides in Chin State and Sagaing Division and communications in those areas are still very difficult.

Ko Nyi Nyi is one of our workers in the area of Athetsaka (LifeWord Burmese program). He has been advertising our LifeWord Burmese program and collecting our listener's letters from many villages. By answering those listener's questions through him we have another chances to share Christ in that region. Two people have been saved and another two people made profession of faith through him and our LifeWord Burmese program.

Now, the Lord opens for Ko Nyi Nyi to shares the gospel in



Khin Kyi's house

of Central Baptist College and host of Great Escape 2016, "Mark is one of the most dynamic young pastors I have ever met. He is a dedicated man of God, and he is given to transparency and integrity." In addition to scheduled teaching times, informal roundtable discussions will complement the instructive sessions. "The focus is to help student leaders build a healthy life in and away from ministry," said Kimbrow.

The Great Escape cruise will depart from Galveston, Texas, aboard Carnival Freedom on Saturday afternoon, January 16 at 4 p.m. and return to the same port on Thursday, January 21 at 8:30 a.m. and include ports of call in Progreso, Yucatan and Cozumel, Mexico.

DiscipleGuide has secured rates starting at \$279 plus \$54 tax and fees per person for an inside cabin. In addition, DiscipleGuide's early registration fee is only \$60 per person if paid by November 16, 2015.

rescue camps every day and night. He told me that many people are more interested in the gospel after that flood. He asked me to send more gospel tracts. But it is out of print. Please pray for Ko Nyi Nyi as he continue to share the gospel many lost souls might be saved. The only way we can reach right now to that region is by flight and it is very expensive. Please pray for the recovery of those damage roads.

Our mission church members who live in 5 different villages of Irrawaddy Division have been affected by the flood also. No one is dead but their rice fields have been covering by waters.

I asked uncle Myint about our brethren in Paletwa area of Chin State. Chin State and Irrawaddy Division are two out of 5 regions the Myanmar government has declared disaster zones. Uncle Myint told me our brethren in Paletwa, Chin State are OK. No one is dead but all of their crops were destroyed by the recent heavy monsoon rains. Please pray for them.

We never have that kind of flooding and landslides in Myanmar. But we have it now and at the same time that kinds of disasters were not only in Myanmar but also in some parts of India and in Macedonia etc., I believe it is the sign of Christ coming! His coming is very near. Pray for us so that we might able to share the gospel in effective ways to unbelieving people of Myanmar.

Thanks for your prayers and support!

Rama"

Don't miss this one of a kind event! For complete details or to register online, go to www.DiscipleGuide.org/thegreatescape.

Visit Carnival website at www.Carnival.com to view all the details of the cruise itinerary and amenities of the Carnival Freedom.

For general questions about Great Escape, call Tricia at DiscipleGuide at 501.205.8753 or contact her via e-mail at pkimbrow@discipleguide.org.

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BMA Missions Announces Change in MLM

**New Direction:
BMA Missions no longer accepting used literature**

BMA Missions announces a change in the international literature ministry. Over the past few years, a new vision for international print ministry has taken shape. Under the present system, the donation of used literature has benefited primarily one country (Ghana) out of the 82 nations where BMA Missions is present. The ever-increasing cost of shipping, in connection with distribution difficulties, demanded a new approach. The BMA Ghana National Council, pastoral leadership in the three key regions of Ghana, and BMA America missionaries in the country were all involved in this decision.

Yes, this does mean that BMA Missions is no longer accepting used literature. We encourage you to seek other ministries that could use the literature. If nothing else, we encourage you to recycle the paper.

MLM (Missionary Literature Ministry) director Phil Knott elaborated on the new approach to missionary print ministry, "As with Missionary Literature Ministry projects in Latin America

and Asia, a major shift is underway in how Christian literature, Gospel tracts, and other materials are published and distributed in Africa. One of the most important changes is "on demand printing" which more effectively meets local needs and fosters more ownership and sustainability. There are several options available and BMA Missions personnel are working diligently with local leadership to develop the most effective means."

The new approach emphasizes partnerships with national associations to help produce and print literature in their respective countries. This will allow for much greater stewardship as much more literature can be produced with available funds instead of spending large amounts to ship used literature. It also fosters the participation of the national associations in the process.

Knott added, "Missionary Literature Ministry is still very much at work editing, producing and publishing materials in Mexico, Central & South America, Southeast Asia, Brazil, Portugal, Ghana, and the U.S. A Spanish language resource site is available online at www.bmamiissions.org/americalatina."

This new vision for MLM is bolstered by the tireless work of Belinda Caudle in Latin America, a new initiative in Southeast Asia through the printing ministry of BMA Philippines, and your continued support to help produce needed literature in many more countries. Thank you for your support of MLM. Let's all pray that many additional countries will benefit from this needed ministry!

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. -9-

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. -6-

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

Brian Adams, a member of First Missionary Baptist Church of Matthews surrendered to preach recently and is available to preach. Contact him by e-mail at bkadams27@yahoo.com. -9-

Bryan Buckley, currently serving as the youth pastor at Bates Creek Baptist Church near Potosi is available to preach and serve as God leads. His phone numbers are: Home 573-438-9319 and Cell 573-854-2251. -9-

Preachers, Please Note: As stated in the heading of this column, the names and information of available preachers will be run for THREE consecutive months unless the editor is notified and asked to keep them on the list for a longer period of time. As you note in this month's column, [the number at the end of each paragraph indicates the first month the name was entered (-6-)] there are 2 names that have been printed since May, 3 names since June, and 1 since July. These will not appear after this issue unless I hear from you by the first Tuesday in October. If you have notified the editor and your name is not on this list, please forgive me and send the information again to mmbpaper@charter.net.

Pastor & Other Ministry Searches

Lindsay Lane Baptist Church is seeking a pastor. The congregation is located in Florissant, MO, with many ministries reaching the community: AWANA Bible Club, Youth Soccer League, SWAG [teen ministry], Praise & Worship Team, Senior Adult Fellowship, Sunday School, Bible Study Groups, and more. Applications and inquiries can be sent to Mike Jenkins at: mjenkins@essexind.com

Bradford Baptist Church is seeking a full-time Youth Director. Those interested, please submit resume by mail to Bradford Baptist Church P.O. Box 216 Bradford, AR 72020. For more information, please contact Pastor Bro. Matt Grantham: church office 501-344-2414 or cell 870-995-2524. You may also email bbcbBradford@gmail.com with any questions.

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