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“Holding Forth The Word of Life”

Philippians 2:16

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## Don't Forget!!

### The Annual BMA of Missouri Meeting

October 24th at Charity, Bismarck

(See directions, time, and other information in Assistant Missions Director's Report and in the information box on page 3)

## Global Prayer:

### Lifeblood of LifeWord

by Holly Meriweather, LifeWord National Walk Coordinator

Leading up to LifeWord's Fiftieth Anniversary, Donny (Parish, BMA Productions Chief Creative Officer) and I talked quite a bit about a way to honor our unique media ministry, those whom God has used to spread the gospel through it, and the countless supporters during these fifty years. The goal was a lofty one, and we wanted to do it well.

September 4, 1965. Leading up to that date, there were prayers sent up by many faithful people. At first by two men, Harold Morris and Ashford Conrad, then by pastors and members of the following Missouri churches: Trinity in Florissant, the Cane Creek Association, Chambers Park in St. Louis, and Thirty-First Street in Kansas City, all of whom gave generously to the radio ministry along with their prayers.

In fact, Harold Morris's first short article about the new St. Louis radio broadcast mentioned the word prayer four times. He wrote, “We are truly convinced that by the radio we can not

only reach and challenge our churches to a great worldwide missionary endeavor, but that we can also effectively reach many in our nation with the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you read this article, if you share with me this conviction, I would appreciate ... your prayers and support for this endeavor.” A man with great vision and conviction, he knew that prayer support was critical.

So a Global Prayer Meeting seemed to be the most appropriate way to honor the prayers of so many and thank God for his blessings. Prayer has been and always will be the lifeblood of Harvest Gleaner Hour/LifeWord.

September 4, 2015. One hundred people worldwide and fifty people at the BMA Global Ministry Center watched the Fiftieth Anniversary video and heard the prayers of Executive Director Steve Crawley, former Executive Director George Reddin and Paul Bearfield, Jr., son of former Director Paul Bearfield. In the last week and a half, one hundred more people have watched it as well. If you would like to see the livestream from that day and

## DiscipleGuide Exists to Help

Everyone would agree that the Great Commission is the church's calling. However, many congregations struggle to answer that call.

DiscipleGuide has several tools to assist churches in maximizing their Great Commission potential. Camps, Conferences, Church Solutions and Curriculum are the tools we use to accomplish this. Each tool may have a different function, but they all exist to help churches fulfill the Great Commission.

In the next few months there will be opportunities for helping the church maximize its Great Commission potential through Conferences. Information on each Conference, as well as our other tools, is found at [discipleguide.org](http://discipleguide.org).

**National Senior Adult Conference** will be Wednesday, October 28 through Friday, October 30 at the Hilton Convention Center in Branson, Missouri. To register, go to [www.discipleguide.org/nsa](http://www.discipleguide.org/nsa).

**The Great Escape**, student and children's ministers' cruise, will depart from Galveston, Texas, Saturday, January 16 and return Thursday, January 21. Terry Kimbrow, president of Central Baptist College, will be this year's host. There will be ports of call in Progreso, Yucatan and Cozumel, Mexico. To register, go to [discipleguide.org/thegreatescape](http://discipleguide.org/thegreatescape).

listen to those prayers, go to the LifeWord Facebook page and share it with others.

We would still echo Harold Morris's plea today: Learn about, pray for and support LifeWord, especially on LifeWord Sunday, October 25. Join BMA churches everywhere and sponsor a Walk or Walk event

## Fall Paintball Retreat

Friday & Saturday • October 30 - 31, 2015

Cost is \$10 to play with your own equipment, or \$25 with the camp's equipment. A limited amount of supplies will be available.

Times are flexible, depending on when everyone arrives.

Friday, Supper at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, breakfast at 7:00 a.m.

with play from 9 to 12, or when everyone leaves

More details on the camp's facebook page.

**“It's Empty NOW but JUST WAIT!”**



As you can see in these two pictures, the tabernacle at Camp Garwood is EMPTY! Of course preparations are being made to replace the roof and make some more improvements so....JUST WAIT till we fill it with praise and worship in the months to come. Call Bro. Chris and ask “What can I do to help?” All of us can PRAY, some of us can WORK, Most of us can GIVE. **Just Wait and See What God Will Do if we let Him use us!**



## Harper Family Singing

Bates Creek Baptist Church  
Located off of “P” Hwy near Potosi, MO

October 25, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Everyone Welcome

in conjunction with LifeWord Sunday or use LifeWord Sunday as an emphasis day in your church. To get involved (or “re-involved”), contact me at [holly@lifeworld.org](mailto:holly@lifeworld.org), 501-205-1127 or go to [lifeworld.org](http://lifeworld.org) to register your church and begin the process.

# +++ NEWS BRIEFS +++

**Ozark Heights, Potosi,** sends Greetings to all and hope the Lord is blessing you all as He is us. As summer is past and fall is among us, we are gearing up at church for lots of activities. The fourth Sunday of each month we have our talent night during evening service followed by a fellowship. We always have a great time of fellowship and food. The theme for September was apples. In October, Bro. Brian and I get to attend the Pastor's Oasis in Branson. This is the first year that we have been able to go and are looking forward to it. The church was gracious in paying for our trip for Pastor Appreciation month. We feel so blessed to have such a kind and loving church family. Also in the month of October, Bro. Brian will be attending The Senior's Conference in Branson as well. Our older folks always have a good time and are blessed with great speakers and uplifting music. As a church, we will be having our Walk for the World October 11th at Elephant Rock State Park immediately following morning services. We are praying God will give us a beautiful day to be a light for all those that will be at the park that day. We have several who have been out of the Lord's house because of illness. Our deacon, Bro. Bob Dement, is one of those and we pray the Lord's healing hand upon him and others that have been out. The Lord is good all the time, and all the time God is good. Until next month, God bless.

Brian Meade, Pastor • Dawn Meade, Reporter

**Lower Doe Run, Ellington,** reports on the Ladies' Retreat and what has been happening at their church. "WORD OF GOD SPEAK!" echoed over and over as we heard the message of our retreat speaker at Camp Garwood, Donna Hulvey. Get into the Word, Listen to God as He speaks to us. Do not entertain the devil's lies. Know and believe that God made and loves each of us and He doesn't make any mistakes. Two of our Lower Doe Run ladies came away from the retreat encouraged and revived to see what God will do in us. Two months have slipped by without a report from us to this paper. We do appreciate the paper and the news every month. Melvin and Carolyn have been so blessed with the outpouring of so many anniversary messages and visitors. Thanks to everyone that called, wrote, or came to help us celebrate 50 years of marriage. We hosted the Logan Creek Association in August and joined the 5th Sunday Singing at Mt. Olive in Salem, MO also in August. We enjoyed Dale and Valarie Fish and sons, Dale A. and Nathan in August and September. Dale blessed us with a timely message from I John chapter 1 and the whole family blessed us in song. Several friends and family gathered Sunday the 20th to help Sis. Irene Thomason celebrate her 94th Birthday. Melvin offered to take her for a ride on the motorcycle but she turned it down. All children from 3 to 94 look forward to our annual fall festival and hayride in October. Some plan to attend the annual Meramec Association in St. Clair in September and the Missouri State Association in Bismarck in October. Fellowship with our churches means much to us.

Melvin Meade, Pastor • Carolyn Meade, Reporter

**Bates Creek, Potosi,** kicked off September with a Youth Night Ice Cream Social. We had 24 in attendance with most of them being teens. Wow!! It was an amazing night! Later in the month, Sis. Jessica Wright, our program coordinator, created a night called the Bates Creek Bible Bowl. It was a fun night with a football theme aimed at young and old alike. It was amazing to see how much everyone had studied for it. The "winning" team consisted of Bro. Curtis Mueller, Bro. Jason Wright, Bro. Ethan Wright, Sis. Payton Wright, Sis. Makenzie Buckley, and Bro. Bryan Buckley. However, the sweetest part

of the night was definitely the young teen boys "depending" on Sis. Carol Mueller's expertise. There are lots of fun activities planned in October and we hope you can join us October 25th because the Harpers will be singing at our church at 1 p.m. We hope you can join us but if you cannot, please pray that this will bring visitors and lift the spirits of all who attend.

J.C. Huddleston, Pastor  
Sara Buckley, Reporter

**Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston,** was blessed in September when a man from in town donated three semi loads of rock for the parking lot at our new property. Our new facebook page is now active. Two pages for us are currently searchable. The one with the azaleas in bloom in the profile picture is the active one.

Rodney Dunlap, Pastor

Greetings and Blessings from **Stony Point, Mineral Point.** Pastor Claude is teaching a DiscipleWay class on Thursday nights and has challenged the class to go Witness. We were represented by 4 of our members at the Ladies' Retreat at Camp Garwood. We thank Sis. Donna for the very humbling and inspiring lessons, crafts, and songs. We were blessed with one salvation and her following the Lord's example in baptism. We welcome Desiree Bryson as a Sister-in-Christ. God's Blessings to you all this fall. Claude Evans, Pastor  
Debrah Coleman, Reporter

Another month has flown by for us at **Briar Missionary Baptist, Doniphan.** While we're still without a shepherd, we're all trying to stay busy doing God's work. We will be having a revival October 9th through 11th with Bro. Randy Zinn bringing our messages. All of God's children need to be fed and we are excited to see what He has in store for us. More news about that next month. It seems our prayer list at

church continues to grow. There are so many sick and grieving folks. Let's not forget to lift each other up to the Lord. While on the subject of prayer, our country needs every Christian falling down before the Lord begging His forgiveness. Our nation has taken God out of the country and we Christians will be held accountable--not for what we did so much as what we did not do! I am guilty of neglecting to keep informed about what goes on in the U.S.A. Let us stand up for Jesus--if Christians won't who will? Till next time--Keep Looking Up  
Phyllis Williams--Reporter

Greetings once again from **Bethany, St. Louis.** We have started our new church year off in grand style. We have called Bro. Nic Dunn as interim pastor and he has accepted the call. Please pray for him and his sweet family as they get to know us and we them. We had a fellowship dinner the last Sunday of September so our people could get better acquainted with the Dunns and we had a good time. Our prayers are with Sis. Tiny Blanchard (who is doing better), Sis. Evelyn Cooper and Michael Stokes as they recover from recent surgeries. They are all very near and dear to us. Bro. and Sis. Hoffmann have spent some time in the Dallas area recently helping take care granddaughter, Megan Ortiz following surgery, and son-in-law Darrell Eye, who had surgery on his hand after being involved in a traffic accident back in the summer. We are thankful that they are recovering and that God is still in the healing business. Our sympathy to the family of Cheri Roberson, a young lady who lost her sight in a car accident in 1988 and passed away with cancer recently. We covet your prayers as we try to minister to the Overland area and we know Satan is working even harder to cause road blocks. Uplift everyone as we are in a very stressful time in our country. God bless.

Nic Dunn, Interim pastor • Kathy Chapman, reporter.

Greetings from **Bethlehem of Doniphan!** Another blessed month for us at Bethlehem! We had God's word brought to us by Bro. Charles Michael. His family was able to be with us on one occasion this month and Sis. Michael shared a beautiful song with us. We also had God's word shared with us by Bro. Randy Zinn. Sis. Zinn joined Bro. Zinn in song for special singing also. God is being very good to us as we search for a pastor. It was really awesome to have two speakers from LifeWord at the Youth in the Harvest Meeting on Friday, September 11th. Sis. Madelyn and Sis. Holly both shared good information about the 50 years of LifeWord. What Lifeword

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## FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • September 2015

### General Fund:

Balance August 31, 2015		\$	136,818.79
September Receipts:	\$	<u>2,516.08</u>	\$ <u>2,516.08</u>
Total Available		\$	139,316.08
Disbursements:			
Assistant Director's Salary	\$	450.00	
Designated for North Lake	\$	30.00	
Advisory Committee	\$	<u>439.58</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$	919.58	\$ <u>(919.58)</u>
Balance September 30, 2015:		\$	138,415.29

### From the Assistant Director of Missions...

Please let this be a last minute reminder that our annual state association meeting is upon us and we need your presence and participation (input) in this important meeting. See the time, place and date below.

It has been a joy to preach and represent our state work at Lindsay Lane Baptist Church in Florissant for two Sundays in July. They are presently without a pastor and desire our prayers as they seek new leadership. It was also a blessing to fill the pulpit at Ozark Heights near Potosi as Pastor Brian Meade and his wife took a few days off to attend the Pastor's Oasis the first weekend of October.

I trust that all our churches have taken advantage of "Pastor Appreciation Month (October) to express your love and appreciation to your pastor and his wife. Just a few kind words, a meaningful card or note, a dinner out, a gift from the heart, or other acts of appreciation can make a great difference in the life of those who are serving the Lord as shepherds of His Flock. It is still not too late for you to do this.

Your Special Missions Committee has met with the Assistant Director of Missions and have some important recommendation for you to consider at our annual meeting. Please come, ask questions, make suggestions and help us as we seek God's will in our state work. Perhaps you have an idea that we have not considered and can be an inspiration to all our churches.

Remember that your church needs to be represented by messenger (each church is allowed three) or letter (if no one is available to represent you) and each church is allowed one

Committeeman to serve on the Missionary Committee. Offerings are needed to help pay for the recording and printing of our Minutes and can be turned in at the meeting.

Charity Baptist Church is ready and looking forward to hosting our meeting this year. We also need invitations for the Mid-Year Meeting and Missions Symposium in May of 2016 and the Annual Meeting is 2016. Mark the meeting you want to host in the box on the church letter to extend your invitation or just ask to host the meeting when the time for selection comes up in the meeting.

Pray for our officers as they lead the meeting and for the host church as they prepare to welcome the churches of the BMA of Missouri. Let's gather with high expectations of what God can and will do as we seek His will.

## Daniel Springs Camp 2015

by Camp Director Jason Prewitt

What an incredible summer we had at camp! I must admit that I had no idea how this summer would go with the changes that were implemented. For as long as anyone can remember the summer camp staff consisted of five to six girls and three to four guys, but this year we had twenty students working in the various areas including teaching and recreation. I am very thankful that "the staff" made this transition go very smoothly.

Camp is always a time for churches and friends to reconnect as well as to meet new people, but the greatest part is being able to see God work. This summer during the eight camps, over 2,100 individuals from 154 churches visited Daniel Springs. Of these, 102 made professions of faith, eighteen rededicated their lives for Christ and eight surrendered to ministry. We serve a great and mighty God!

Planning for the 2016 camp season is under way and I cannot wait for you to come and experience what God is doing at Daniel Springs. The 2016 camp schedule will soon be available at [www.danielspringscamp.com](http://www.danielspringscamp.com). If you are interested in being part of our camp staff, please e-mail me at [jason@danielspringscamp.com](mailto:jason@danielspringscamp.com).

by former Camp Director James Speer

New leadership, new staff, new programs and exciting results. After thirty-five years as director, it was good to see the results of the new leadership of Jason Prewitt and his staff. Wondering what this young man might do to alter the programs and the face of Daniel Springs, I got to visit several camps this summer and was thrilled at the direction that Jason was taking the camp. With fresh eyes and new ideas comes change. The change that Jason has brought will lead to greater success in the future.

The speakers that were chosen this year did a fantastic job of sharing the gospel with the campers. The musicians were responsible for setting the tone and leading them in worship and they did that as the campers immersed themselves in the services. One camp even had its highest attendance ever.

Daniel Springs is alive and well and beginning to plan for an even greater year in 2016. Call Camp Director Jason Prewitt to see what you can do as an individual or church to help the 2016 camp season be the best ever. Make plans now to attend Daniel Springs in 2016.

## Annual Meeting of the BMA of Missouri

October 24, 2015 • 9:00 a.m.  
Charity Baptist Church  
Bismarck, Missouri

Pastor, Lee Miller • Phone 573-701-6223

**Follow Bro. Miller's directions:** "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."

## Are You DEWing it?

Give a Dollar  
Every Week  
to Camp Garwood!

Every dollar given is an investment in the lives of young people and will pay dividends in their future in the Lord's service.

How much will you INVEST??

## RND Quotes

[www.josephharrismagic.com/rnd](http://www.josephharrismagic.com/rnd)

It seems folks are always searching and searching for truth, yet constantly reject it when found, usually because it is inconvenient or doesn't fit their agenda. Rather than trying to find new truth, we just need the people who already know the truth to stand on it without compromise.



Brother Ritechus N. Dignation

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32

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did in the beginning and where they are at today. It is amazing that it only cost \$1,500 to start a new radio mission outreach. We were able to attend the Third Sunday Singing at West Doniphan MBC. What a blessing it was to have almost a full house! There were enough volunteers to sing to take up the full hour and a half. It was really enjoyable hearing all the songs sung for our Lord and Savior. September was a good month for us and we are ready to see what God has in store for us during the month of October. Continue praying 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 from **First Baptist, Potosi**. The Lord continues to bless our work and we are adding new ministries while re-vamping old ones. AWANA (6:30) is going strong and the children are loving it; the great thing is that these children are learning their verses and can retell the Bible stories. The Fall Retreat at the Richwoods Church Camp site was enjoyed by all who attended. Some were not able to spend the night, but enjoyed the activities and worship during the day and evening. The Shoebox ministry for the children on the reservation still has time for more shoeboxes to be filled. Bro. Norman Forbes and Bro. Roger Silvey filled our pulpit for the Sunday night services. GMA's still meet on Mondays after school until 5:00 and COW (Church on Wednesdays, 7th-12th grades) meet on Wednesdays at 6:45. The youth from the area met at the Life Church for a See You At the Pole rally. Missionary Charles Costa was our guest speaker on September 27 for our Sunday School and worship time. He needs our constant prayers as he is not that far from ISIS in his work for the Lord. Wednesday evening church services begin at 7:00 and are led by Bro. Leonard Compton. Our men meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month. For details of this ministry go to Aaron Porter, Tim Middleton, or Mark Brauninger. The ladies Tuesday morning Community-wide Inter-Denominational Bible Study meets on Tuesdays. In addition to all the scheduled meetings for everyone, there are other Bible studies and prayer meetings going on. We have something for everyone. We lost a very special lady this month, Sis. Mary Jane Smith Skiles. She will be greatly missed. Our deepest sympathy to her husband Edward, her son John and wife Joy, Mary Ellen and Michael and their families, sons Frank and David and their families, and Ruthie Skiles Remley and her family. Please pray for us as we pray for you.

Jim Ainley, Pastor • Deborah Rauhut, Reporter

From **Lighthouse, Malden**, greetings in that Name that is above every name; the precious, Holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let me take this time to remind all of our sister churches that October is Pastor Appreciation month. So make sure to do something special for your pastor and his wife and let them know that you love, pray for, respect and honor them for their service to Christ and your church. *"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine."* (I Timothy 5:17) Well, Praise God!! The Lord is working and moving at Lighthouse! I want to thank Bro. Johnny Beardsley for filling the pulpit for me on a Sunday when I was preaching at Bethlehem in Doniphan, MO. Lighthouse hosted our associational Youth in the Harvest on Saturday, October 3, and I got the opportunity to bring the devotional (sermon). We had five (5) souls saved!! Praise God!! There were four young people saved and an adult woman from the Church of Christ, who is no longer trusting the "water" but is trusting in the "blood." Hallelujah! The youth of Kewanee MBC did a great job with four powerful skits and our folks put on a great feed for us all. I'm in revival at Briar MBC west of Doniphan, October 9-11, and will tell

you about it all next time. Because of Calvary,  
Randy Zinn, Pastor

Greetings from **Kewanee Baptist**. We had a GREAT Homecoming on September 20th. We enjoyed a wonderful message, great food and fellowship and ended with a singing in the afternoon. October 3rd we had our District Youth Rally at Lighthouse. Our youth performed skits and 5 professions of faith were made that night. Sunday, October 4th we had our WMA Make, Bake & Take at Sis. Marcy Faulkner's. This is one of our fund raisers. The ladies had fun bidding on the auction items. In the evening service we had David Beardsley and Heather Vaughn presented for membership. We are so excited that they chose Kewanee to be their home church. David and Heather will be married next year. We love Bro. Dan and Sis. Pam and after evening service on October 18 we have set aside a time to show our added appreciation to them. Kewanee will host the SEMO District WMA meeting October 20. Also, we have started Sunbeams on Wednesday night. We currently have GMA's and Galileans, so this is an added plus to our ministry. We are getting children from outside our church to join us on Wednesday nights for these programs. We will have hayrides for the Tots October 23 and Teens October 24. We will be in Revival October 26-30 with Bro Jim Tollison. October 31 we will have Trunk or Treat in the parking lot. Yours in Christ,  
Dan Wisely, Pastor  
Terri Adams, Reporter

HELLO to ALL! **Oak Hill, Alton**, is still rejoicing over another sinner saved by God's amazing grace. Chance Moyer was saved Wednesday, September 16th. We are having mixed emotions over Bro. Tom and Sis. Evelyn leaving Oak Hill and moving to Mississippi and pastoring Plain View Baptist Church. We will miss them at Oak Hill but are happy because they

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## The Expert??

by Tony M. Cleaver, 02/18/2014

I was intrigued by an ad I read this past week. The ad was about a conference and/or seminar with the title (changed to protect the innocent and me) "Secrets to the Powerful Life That You Can Get Only at This Meeting." The leader was a person who billed herself as (again titles and designations changed) something like "an expert in Christian living and miraculously empowered spiritual life coach." The ad went on to give the contact points for reservations, tickets, and how to have your group represented and empowered at this gathering. Wow! Who wouldn't want to sit at the feet of this expert? Who wouldn't want to get all in one swoop the total secrets of historic and contemporary Christianity? I hope all the pastors from my area will sign up, and I hope all the Sunday School teachers in the county will be on the front row. I know I would be there except for my imperative and unalterable appointment at the barber shop to have my eyebrows trimmed.

Perhaps I have misunderstood how to become a Christian. I thought that one came to know Christ, or better came to be known by Christ, with repentance and faith. I was convinced through the Word of God and the Holy Spirit that my life was on the road to ruin. I asked Christ to save me-make me His. He did at that time and place. He did this through His death, burial, and resurrection. He provides me with His Holy Spirit as teacher, guide, comforter, and intercessor in the very presence of God.

Perhaps I have misunderstood the Scriptures. I thought they were the very words of God. They are given to me as light to walk in His steps. They guide me in the way of right and positive Christian living—in all things. The Bible speaks to me, my generation, and to my community.

Perhaps I have misunderstood the Church. I thought it was a community of faith where sinners gathered because of their redemption, congregated worshipped, and mission (the work of Christ and His Church) was attended to.

After reading the advertisement again, I really don't think I have misunderstood how to become a Christian, the Scriptures, or the Church and its mission. Come to think of it, I wish the spiritual expert well, but I don't think I will be enrolling in the gathering this week. There is no "expert" to give me the "secrets" of historic and contemporary Christianity other than the mainstays of the Spirit of God, the Scriptures, and the Lord's people gathered in His Church. I already have these very well-known secrets from the Expert who died 2000 years ago for my sins!

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## Man's Wisdom or God's Wisdom?

by Joseph Harris • www.miniedition.net

There are only two kinds of wisdom in the world: man's wisdom and God's wisdom. Unfortunately the wisdom of man is today's prevailing guide for most philosophy and practice. The wisdom of man is usually, though not always opposed to the wisdom of God. For instance, consider the human fabrication known as evolution with its explanation for the origin of man. This theory is built upon man-made science which denies the existence of God. The REAL reason men deny the existence of God is not based on intellect or evidence or lack of evidence, but rebellion. If there is a God, then all men must one day face Him and be accountable. Solution to the God problem: get rid of God by denying His existence and offer an alternative for the origin of man and the existence of the universe.

After getting rid of the existence of God, the obvious result is moral relativism, followed by lawlessness. If God, the divine lawmaker who established the standard for right and

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## CBC Breaks Enrollment Record for Fall 2015

Central Baptist College's enrollment reached the 881 mark for fall 2015 according to a report released by the Office of the Registrar. The overall enrollment breaks the institution's record of 858 in the fall of 2014 with a 2.68% increase.

The 881 mark includes 482 traditional students, an increase of 4.55% from the fall 2014 count of 461. The 482 includes 243 student athletes – which is the largest in the history of CBC.

CBC's Professional Adult College Education program saw a record 70 incoming students this fall and retention reaching 92% from the spring 2015 to the fall 2015. CBC's Online degree program increased 18.42%.

"Some of our newer programs such as Education, Worship Arts, and Kinesiology are gaining a lot of attention from students and prospective students," said CBC President Terry Kimbrow. "The word is spreading about our excellent academic programs and commitment to transforming lives."

Another area of growth is the expansion of CBC to offer classes on the campus of Champion Christian College in Hot Springs, Ark. CBC is currently offering traditional classes at that location and will be offering PACE classes starting November 2.

"I am extremely proud of all of our registration departments for their hard work and dedication to meet the institution's all time enrollment record," said CBC President Terry Kimbrow, "and we are already looking to fall 2016."

Central Baptist College is a four-year, private, liberal arts college founded in 1952 by the Baptist Missionary Association of Arkansas. For information about the College, go to [www.cbc.edu](http://www.cbc.edu). To schedule a campus visit or receive more information about the admissions process, contact the Office of Admissions at 501-329-6873.

Meagan Lowry,  
Public Relations Officer

## Fiftieth Anniversary of Ordination

Baptist Missionary Association (BMA) Theological Seminary faculty, staff, and friends recently helped Tony M. Cleaver celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination. Dr. Cleaver currently serves as the Director of Distance Education and Professor of Biblical Studies at the Seminary.



Dr. Cleaver with Plaque

During the Paschal Lectures, Dr. Charley Holmes surprised Dr. Cleaver with the presentation of a plaque, followed by a luncheon in his honor.

In 1964 while a student at Baylor University, Tony Cleaver made the decision that set the course for his life for the next 50 years. Heeding the urging of the Holy Spirit, he changed his plans of becoming a dentist to surrendering to the call of The Lord to the ministry. In September 1965, he answered the phone at his brand new in-laws' home and spoke with Bro. Clarence Hatton from Brownsboro, Texas. "Son! We are looking for a preacher!" Bro. Hatton said. Cleaver replied, "I'm a preacher, will I do?" Dr. Cleaver preached at Opelika Baptist Church the following Sunday, and three weeks later he was ordained at First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, to pastor Opelika.

In addition to Opelika, Bro. Cleaver pastored First Baptist Maydelle, Texas; First Baptist Italy Texas; and First Baptist of

## Silence No More!

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

In a world that becomes more diverse and more global each day, Christian believers must face the toughest of questions from the existence of hell, to the evil of evolution, to the common objection of Christianity, and especially the moral lifestyle of born again believers. God's people cannot remain silent of Bible truths. "**Silence no more**" is the Moral Action outcry.

Jude 3 sounded out the alarm: "*Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.*" The words "earnestly contend" mean to give a determined, intense struggle to defeat the foe. God wants us to valiantly strive for the faith. Born again Christians are to defend Bible-living styles. Our morals have to be upheld and lived by joyfully.

Simon Peter in I Peter 3:15 gave a command also, "*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.*" A ready answer is needed to share why we morally live as we do! A good verbal defense refuting the claims of the destructive critic is needed.

**Silence no more**, as we seek to defeat humanism. Humanism has drastically affected the basic morality of the United States and the world. It is a subtle philosophy and it is often undetected by those not aware of it. Humanism is that old struggle of man's will against God's will. It is not new. A true humanist believes in himself rather than God.

**Silence no more**, as we combat disrespect for authority. Humanism affects children in many ways and in this children are taught that whatever you choose will be right for you because you choose it. Romans 1:30-31 declares that they are "*Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents.*" We must teach respect for those in authority.

**Silence no more**, as Christians seek to change the decline in discipline. Since children are taught that they are their own authority, they want to do their own thing. They will ignore the leadership of parents, teachers, law enforcement and others in authority over them. The verse of Romans 1:30 uses the words "*despiteful and disobedient*".

**Silence no more**, as Christians desire to stop the decline

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Throughout his fifty years of ministry, Cleaver continued to pursue his education. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Religion from Baylor University, a Master of Divinity from BMA Theological Seminary, a Doctor of Ministry from Luther Rice Seminary, and a Master of Science in Educational Psychology from Baylor University.

We have always heard that to get ahead in life depends not on what you know, but WHO you know. When it comes to salvation, that's right on the bulls eye. We are not saved because of what we know about Jesus and the Bible; we are saved because we know the JESUS of the Bible!

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in school/college academics. We call it the dumbing down of American children. When discipline deteriorates, learning also deteriorates. Teachers are not able to teach if they do not have the attention of the children. Romans 1:31 declares they will be "without understanding".

**Silence no more**, as God's churches refute total sexual freedom. Humanists want to "liberate" our children from sexual inhibitions. Often their sex education programs are nothing more than academic pornography. To combat this humanistic philosophy, children need to be trained from the Bible in church, in school, and in the home.

We have Bible reasons why we must defend our morality. Dr. Charles Swindoll gives Christians ways and reasons to stand against the wiles of the devil:

**Number one:** know where you stand. You cannot afford the luxury of being ignorant or ill-informed when it comes to biblical truth and faith. So educate yourself in the common areas that come under attack: the Bible, the Trinity, the person and work of Christ, and the means of salvation.

**Number two:** know where the enemy stands. Learn the tactics of those who oppose the truth. Satan is wily and is as "crooked as a dog's hind leg."

**Number three:** know the Scriptures consistently. The Bible is the only tangible, offensive weapon the Lord has given us in our battle against falsehood; the apostle Paul called the Word of God "*the sword of the Spirit*" (Ephesians 6:17). Learn to wield it with skill and wisdom.

**Number four:** stand alone if necessary. We need more men and women like Esther, who risked her life to save a nation...like Daniel, who refused to compromise his principles...like Paul, who, though condemned to death, stared in a madman's eyes and preached the gospel.

**Silence no more!**

God's Son will give us the courage we need.

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### Feeling Like A Failure... as A Parent

It is actually very normal to feel like you fail a lot at parenting. There are many reasons for this. We hear all the alleged "experts" in our culture tell us what we should be doing and how you should feel bad if you haven't met their standards for parenting. Probably one of the biggest causes of feeling like a parental failure is looking at other families. You compare yourself too much to other families you know and see. The problem with this is that you are not with them 24 hours a day. There are parents and kids that can hold it together for a short period of time while at church, out in public or over at friends or relatives houses visiting. But let me assure you that there are no perfect families. Even these families who seem to raise such wonderful, obedient children and whose parents always look like Hollywood movie stars; they too have their moments of epic failure.

So the first thing to do is to stop comparing yourselves to others. No one has kids exactly like you. God makes all children unique. No one has the exact family situation that you do. And experts are full of bologna if they are not pointing you to scripture to base all their parenting principles upon. God alone is wise and all wisdom comes from Him. Humanity or counselors cannot come up with something better; that they think God just simply didn't know about, or have the expertise to address.

You must know that God is for you and your children. Romans 8:31. You must know that no matter how many failures you have as a parent, God will always love and accept you. Romans 8:38, 39. And hide it in your heart that no matter what problem your family faces; you can conquer it in Jesus name. Romans 8:37. Humans are not perfect. Quit trying to be something you can't be. You have set an impossible standard to judge yourself by. Being a perfect parent is like stacking marbles. It just isn't going to happen. Aren't you glad that you have a perfect Heavenly Father that you can go to day or night and ask for help, strength, guidance, wisdom and mercy in parenting. God is generous and will not hold back. He is for you. He is not a stingy God. If you have not, chances are that you have asked not.

Wise Christian parents are not perfect but do aggressively seek God in prayer. Philippians 4:6 states that we should pray about everything. You should pray when the kids are arguing all day long amongst themselves. Pray about it. Ask God to change their hearts. Ask God to give you mercy. Ask God to change their tongues immediately. God loves your children more than you do. He wants them to be successful in life for His glory, and as such will give them everything they need to be successful with the plan He has had for them

with the wrong person could lead to death. Man's wisdom is illogical and destructive. Man, in his insatiable desire to have sex, just could not cross the line and insist on abstinence from sex, as with drugs. Liberals always love to promote sex. It is the only joy they have in life since

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since the beginning. Jeremiah 29:11. And you are God's child. God desires you to be successful for His glory. Sometimes, I think we forget that we are His kids. He will give you everything you need to be a successful parent. He will not hold back on you. He takes no delight in seeing you fail.

You must seek Him first

in parenting your kids. Don't seek Him last after you have already gone off the deep edge. Matthew 6: 33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you." See, you can do this. Philippians 4:19, "But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." You are not a failure. When you were saved- you got the victory! You are moving from victory unto victory. It is not in the future. It is in the here and now. With Christ, you can't be defeated or lose out. Christ in you means we face every obstacle and problem from a position of victory. Jesus will remove the problem, change it, take you around it; but He will not sit by with no compassion to help you. I Peter 5:7 and Psalm 46:1.

Failures are things that happen in my life. Every parent makes mistakes. We probably fail at least once a week. Don't focus on failures. Focus on victories. It is our adversary, Satan, who wants us to focus on our failures. He wants to push our thoughts to give up on Biblical parenting. He wants you defeated and discouraged because then you will just give up and let your kids do what they want to do. Stop in the name of Jesus. Push on. Fight on. Have faith. Kids are resilient. They will be okay even when you mess up from time to time. If you are providing food, shelter, clothing, love, communication, and teaching them the ways of the Lord- you are doing your job. You don't have to do it perfectly. You have a full time paid child and adolescent counselor who will come day or night to your home. He is called the Holy Spirit. He is a wonderful counselor. Ask Him when you don't know what to do with your kids. I think we don't spend enough time before the Lord. Instead we just fret and worry. You are not a failure. You are part of a royal family and so are your kids. Hang in there and know God is on your side. **Grace really is sufficient.**

### One Key to Helping Your Church Avoid the Disease of Institutionalization

by Scott Attebery, Executive Director of DiscipleGuide Church Resources

When missionaries are commissioned to plant churches, they are expected to reach the communities to which they have been sent. For instance, a missionary sent to a suburb of Omaha, Nebraska, is expected to reach the people in that particular area through community engagement. Many times this takes shape as a service project such as handing out water bottles at a county fair to meet people or volunteering to feed the volunteer fire department in order to build relationships.

So when does it stop? When does a new church reach the point that it no longer needs to emphasize community involvement? Of course, the answer is **NEVER!**

Why, then, do many churches neglect community outreach? Perhaps it happens when a congregation loses focus on its mission and becomes institutionalized. Institutionalization occurs when the mission changes from an outward focus to an inward focus. Every church struggles with the temptation to institutionalize. Let's face it: reaching out means sacrificing time and resources that would otherwise be self-serving. Every decision within the church, therefore, must be made with intentional focus on the mission. Will the new budget reflect an emphasis on projects that enhance the church's comfort or projects that reach the community with the gospel? Will the next VBS be focused on ministering to "church kids" or will efforts be made to invite unchurched children? Is the next sermon series going to make us comfortable with our "holy huddle" or challenge us to share the gospel with our neighbors?

As long as there are unbelievers in the vicinity, the church must make efforts to engage the community. The Great Commission demands no less. So how will your church get involved? Let me challenge you to find at least one way to reach outside the walls of your church for the sake of making a kingdom investment. What will be your community mission?

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wrong, does not exist, then neither do any absolutes exist. Nothing is ever right or wrong. Lying is no longer wrong, just irritating and troublesome. Taking that which belongs to another is not stealing, but sharing the wealth. We've come a long way, baby.

Man's wisdom produces illogical solutions to man's problems, which are ultimately caused by man's sin of rebellion against God the higher power. Consider laws that require children to be buckled in a car seat or buckled into a rear seat to avoid injury or death by an inflated air bag or crash. The ONE purpose for these laws is for PROTECTION of the life of children. Yet abortion allows children to be mercilessly slaughtered before they ever leave the womb to reach the safety of the car seat. That's real wisdom.

Years ago, the war on drugs used the slogan "Just say no" promoting drug abstinence. Now to be honest, yet in no way condoning drug use, some drugs can be taken only once or twice with no more adverse effects on the body than overeating. But notice man's wisdom when it comes to sexual abstinence. Instead of zero tolerance as with the drugs (just say no) the attitude was "just use a condom" yet just ONE sex act

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

**Brotherhood Report**

5th Annual Men's Fall Retreat

by Dennis Baker, Brotherhood President

Wow! What a wonderful time of competition, fellowship, and great food. Bro. Lucas Polk and his team did a great job of preparing the meals on Friday and Saturday. Thanks to all who helped set up the targets and clean up. Thanks Bro. Chris Polk for the pictures. It was a great experience to attend the 5th annual Men's Fall Retreat.

Bro. Brian Whitlock's devotional was awesome! The devotional provided a bridge that enabled the men to discuss the fears that they face in ministry and life. Bro. Caleb Polk gave a fantastic devotional on John 1:1. This young man has a great understanding of the doctrine that Jesus is God! I also need to thank Bro. Lucus (Luke) Polk for helping with the door prizes. If my memory is correct, this young man has attended every retreat since we started having retreats. It is a joy to watch all of the young men as they are growing in their love and devotion for the Lord.

The attendance was approximately twenty-five. Some that came on Friday evening had to leave for commitments on Saturday, but we had others come on Saturday for the archery contest. Twelve participated in the archery contest.

The first place winner of the Men's Deer Shoot was Danielle Dejourne who came with her husband Jason on Saturday.



L to R: Jason DeJourne (2nd), Gary Young (3rd), Dannielle Dejourne (1st)

Lucas (Luke) Polk was the first place winner of the Youth Deer Shoot. Everyone seemed to enjoy the friendly competition, bragging about their skills, and teasing each other. Every year the skill level seems to be getting better.

I would like to encourage the men of the churches of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri, if you do not



L to R: Brannon Yi (2nd), Caleb Polk (3rd), Lucas (Luke) Polk (1st)

**National Brotherhood Project...**  
an EXPLANATION and a CHALLENGE

by Sam Freeman, Missionary/Printer in the Philippines

Greetings from the Philippines. We have been on the field for 2 1/2 months, and it has been an exciting time. At the end of July, the new digital press was installed at the Publications office. I was anxious to begin training on the press and ready to start printing. After a couple weeks of training, we began printing the new Sunday School quarterly, as well as some tracts in English. That literature has already been delivered to the churches here on the islands of Negros and Mindanao. Our church in Hong Kong has also received some of the new literature as well.

The digital press takes so many of the old procedures out of the process, which allows us to produce materials quickly and efficiently. This simplification of the process gives us the ability and time to print a lot more than we could previously. I can't wait to begin printing even more literature in the many languages of Asia.

This new way of printing also helps when we begin to re-print material. Printing the old way, when you ran out of materials, you had to expend so much time and effort into the same steps just to produce the material again. With a digital press, we simply push a button and the job is immediately reprinted.

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Since we began printing, we have produced 2 Sunday School quarterlies (we already have our 1st quarter of 2016 ready), along with 5 other booklets in English. We have produced 3 tracts in English, 2 in Ilonggo, 1 in Cebuano and another tract in Vietnamese. I also have a tract translated into Chinese, that I am waiting on the translator to assist me with the layout to ensure it is correct. We also have several other

have an organized brotherhood, to start a brotherhood in your local church. The purpose of the brotherhood is to promote Christian fellowship, biblical education, and mentoring.

This ministry depends on the financial support of the churches of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri. I want to encourage the churches to support this ministry financially and please pray for this ministry. The offerings will help pay for the door prizes and the food for the spring and fall retreats.

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are following the Lord's will in seeking more sinners to add to the Lord's family in Heaven. When we have our business meeting later on this month we will set a date for our Walk-of-Faith Fish fry. We will also set a goal of the amount of money to reach in spreading the word about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We might also set a date for our Wiener Roast and Hayride. We usually try to set it around Halloween.

books and tracts in the pre-production phase.

In order to continue printing, and to add even more dialects and languages to our printing schedule, we need to have an awesome response to the 2015 BMAA Brotherhood National Project. We are glad to be the project this year, and challenge all the BMAA church brotherhoods to send in an offering towards the project. This is why we are Associational, because "TOGETHER WE DO MORE."

We are also praying for more churches to partner with us on a monthly basis financially. Your financial support will help open more doors of opportunity for us, so we can fulfill our goal of providing literature to more countries in Asia.

We are so thankful for the opportunity to serve the Lord here in the Philippines as your missionaries. It is truly a blessing to share with all of you how the Word of God is being printed and distributed to people who need to hear that Jesus loves them in their heart language.

Offerings for the Brotherhood Project (50% Philippines Printing Ministry, 40% National Galileans and 10% General Fund) may be sent to Robert Bynum, 43 Bear Pen Creek Rd., Laurel, Miss. 39440.

**"Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord and the people whom He hath chosen for His Inheritance."**  
Psalm 33:12

Hopefully next month I will have some more good news to share with you, but until then we will be praising and honoring our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. GOD BLESS!!  
Edward Casey Pastor  
Jennifer Williams Reporter

## Is Discipleship a Starting Line or a Finish Line?

by Scott Attebery, Executive Director of DiscipleGuide

Many times, people involved in planned discipleship think of it as a finish line: If the person being disciplined can just complete a discipleship program, he or she will cross a spiritual finish line to a place of full maturity. Nothing could be further from the truth.

First, discipleship is not a program with a graduation ceremony. Discipleship is a lifetime investment. Although the disciple-makers may move on to invest in other people, the disciples should always know that their mentors are available to them for life. Sometimes the most impactful discipleship opportunities occur during late-night phone calls, even if two people haven't been in contact for years. Because of a disciple-makers' past investment in a life, the disciple knows that help and support is available at any time.

Instead of a finish line, discipleship is more like a starting line. It's a place where the process of growing in Christ can be developed then cross the finish line to victory.

For most believers, God supplies multiple lifetime disciple-makers with just the right person to teach them just the right thing and at just the right time. Each person's discipleship is like a new starting line to begin the rest of his or life. Ultimately, every piece of the discipleship puzzle points to one's ultimate place as a disciple of Christ.

So don't sweat it if your disciple can't quote the entire genealogy of Christ, the ten plagues of Egypt, or the twelve tribes of Israel. Instead, work hard to train that disciple to keep running the race.

If Jesus really meant for disciple-makers to teach every detail to their disciples, then the Lord set a poor example for them. By his own admission in John 14:25-26, Jesus explained that there were more things for his disciples to learn that the Holy Spirit would teach while being reminded of things they learned personally from Christ. In other words, Christ did not "teach them everything" in the sense of exhaustive, literal

facts while he was with his disciples on earth.

So what did Jesus mean by "teach them to observe everything I have commanded"? Christ meant for disciple-makers to live by his principle of teaching: To make sure that His disciples were trained in such a way that they would learn all things. In other words, he trained them so they would continue their education under the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

This is just like the old saying, "Give a man a fish and you will feed him for a day, teach a man to fish and you will feed him for a lifetime." Jesus was not satisfied to train his men to be dependent upon his physical presence with them—after all, he would only spend three years with them before ascending to heaven. Instead, he transformed them into self-feeders with "ears to hear" (Matthew 11:15), so that when he was gone, they would be able to learn for themselves from Scripture through the illumination of the Holy Spirit. Disciple-makers must always emphasize Christ's discipleship over their own.

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they have no sense of humor and do not have common sense to enjoy the simple things of life.

Consider man's wisdom concerning salvation. In I Corinthians 1, Paul wrote, "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness, but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God." God's wisdom says men can receive eternal life from God based upon the death of God the Son on the cross. The central message of the preaching of the cross is SUBSTITUTION. The innocent died for the guilty, paying the debt for the guilty . . . completely . . . 100%. Man's wisdom accepts the cross, but then adds good works, morality, church membership, confession, etc. Men are not saved by what they have done, are currently doing, or promise to do in the future. Salvation is by grace through faith to quote Rabbi Saul again. Men are saved by believing that when Jesus died on the cross, His death COMPLETELY satisfied Holy God's wrath against the sinner, as was evidenced by God the Father raising Jesus from the dead. This belief is active, not passive and results in a changed life, II Corinthians 5:17. That's true wisdom and it comes from God, not man.

To the men who worked so hard along side our men, to Donette Parks ( JW's helper and buddy), to ALL the ladies and men who worked tirelessly to feed this group, and especially to Bethel, as a whole, for the love and fellowship we felt as we gathered with them. Friendships were made and will always be treasured! We will now head to Tyler, Texas, for their next job. October 12th, we will help at Inglesia Bautista Centro De Vito, Hispanic Mission. Pray for this work!

If your church has building needs or you have questions about The Master's Builders ministry, contact our Office Coordinator, John Mangum at 318-202-5155 or cell 318-607-4100 or Field Coordinator, Eddie Sikes at 903-725-6549 or cell 479-462-1675.

Nelda Malone - Reporter

## Master's Builders Work at the 2nd Oldest Baptist Church in Texas

We are now on Facebook! "Like our FB page- The Master's Builders. We appreciate your prayers!

The Master's Builders began work at Bethel Baptist, Clayton, Texas, September 7th. Bethel is the 2nd oldest Baptist Church in Texas, established on September 23rd, 1843. Bro. Dock Lazarine is their pastor. The Builders were there to help in the construction of Bethel's new sanctuary. The old sanctuary was demolished and the new slab and metal roof were put right in its place. There were 21 of The Master's Builders who helped on this their 138th job.

The work on the 6,600 square foot building included: framing the outside walls and putting up OSB, framing inside walls for classrooms, nursery, pastor's office, bathrooms, building



Raising the walls in Texas

sound booth, setting in baptistry and stairs, decked second floor for storage, installing some arched windows, and building the stage.

The Master's Builders welcomed Leo and Myrtle Setko of Leaksville, Mississippi, into our family on this their first job. We had the privilege of working at their church, Midway Baptist, in March of this year. Also, we were so happy to have Robert Ramey of El Dorado, Arkansas, come and work with the Builders again! Because of health problems, he and his sweet wife Irene, had not been able to come be with us. Irene went to be with the Lord earlier this year and Robert surprised us all when he arrived at Bethel ready to work! Robert is 89 years young! He is a blessing and inspiration to us all!

There are so many folks to thank for the blessings they were to us on this job!