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“Holding Forth The Word of Life”

Philippians 2:16

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Resolutions Adopted at the Annual Meeting of the BMA of Missouri

October 27, 2012 • 9:30 a.m.
Kewanee Baptist Church
Kewanee, Missouri

The Resolutions Committee’s Report included the following:

Today, perhaps more than any time in history, we are facing perilous times. These are times that try the patience and hearts of men and women. At risk is much more than our jobs or our freedom of speech, or freedom of expression, or freedom to travel at will; but also, freedom to worship. We now live in a nation whose politicians have forgotten, of the people, by the people and for the people.

Therefore, Be it Resolved:

1. That we Pray as never before;
2. That we vote as Christians;
3. That we support and pray for Israel;
4. That we condemn any attempt to further divide Jerusalem in the name of peace;
5. That we stand firm for biblical truths;
6. That we pray for our leaders to return to godly choices and godly decisions;
7. That we take a firm stand against same-sex marriage, homosexual adoptions, and any other act that would weaken or destroy the traditional family.
8. That we re-affirm the truth that life begins at conception and is to be protected at all stages of life.

Be it further resolved that we give a standing vote of appreciation to pastor Dan Wisely and the Kewanee Baptist Church for their gracious hospitality in hosting this annual meeting.

Presented by *Ben Kingston*
Tom McCanless
Ray Thurman

Merry Christmas

What a wonderful time of the year is the Christmas Season! For those who understand the true meaning of Christmas and the blessings that are ours because God gave His Only Begotten Son that we might receive the greatest gift of all, everlasting life, this is a GREAT TIME!

May each of us look for opportunities during this season to tell others about Jesus and what His birth really means for all men.

This is also a wonderful time to show kindness to those about us and pray that God will use our kindness to touch these people with His love and open the door for His Spirit to work in their lives. What a wonderful thing it would be to lead someone to Jesus as we celebrate His Birthday.



As Mary gave birth to the Savior the word went out to all the world that the Savior was born.



Our wish today is that you will truly enjoy this Christmas by spreading the word that

The Savior Is Born!

Bro. & Sis Hoffmann

What Can You DEW To Make This a Lasting Merry Christmas!

by *Claude Evans*
DEW Fund Raiser Chairman

I trust that everyone is enjoying this nice warm weather as we think ahead to the cold, snow and ice that is just around the corner. In just a very few months it will be time for camp again at Camp Garwood.

I just want to thank all of you who have committed to D.E.W. A Dollar Every Week for Camp Garwood from 350 people will enable us to remodel the boys dorm and have it ready for camp time.

It is easy to forget our commitment in this busy Christmas Season, but what better time is there to give the gift that will be a blessing for years to come.

“Disciples In Training,” keep promoting D.E.W. in your church. Remind folks about the DEW t-Shirt and encourage others to sign up.

DEW have a blessed and merry Christmas. DEW have a happy and prosperous New Year. May God bless as we work together for HIS honor and glory.

Everyone who gives \$50 or more to DEW and requests a T-Shirt will receive one at no cost.

Be sure to make your request at the time you give your offering and the shirt size you desire.

One day at our 2013 Camp will be designated as “Wear your DEW Day!”



The DEW T-Shirt



Let those serving our country know we love them and appreciate what they are doing this Christmas Season.

See Page 5 for information on a wonderful opportunity for all preachers in Missouri and Arkansas to improve their preaching

✠✠✠ NEWS BRIEFS ✠✠✠

Springhill, Fairdealing, sends Greetings to all. Yes, it has been two months since you heard from us, but time flies when you are having fun and being blessed. So time really does fly at Springhill School and Church. Does that mean everything and everyone is perfect? Not hardly, but we are trying to bloom where we are planted and just know that God is in control, and He knows what He is doing. It may not be our way, but His way is always best. Please pray for Bro. Leonard Gladden, as he is having some serious health issues right now. Also, Sis Sarah Gladden and her family as she lost her brother due to cancer. Don and Faye Brooks and Doris Gamblin have been ill; they need your prayers. Another one to add to your prayer list is Jennifer Ladyman. She has been in pain for months. She has had surgery, and still doctors are trying to find a diagnosis and make her feel better. The windows and doors have been installed in the new school building and the building is wrapped so it is now protected from bad weather. We are waiting to see God's provision for the next major project which is the electrical, heating, and air conditioning. It is not a question of "if" we will begin the next phase, but "when" since we know God will provide. He has brought us this far, so we know He will complete the project. Praise God!!
Sean Kallner, Pastor
Cheryl Kallner, Reporter

Ozark Heights, Potosi, sends Holiday greetings to one and all! We have been busy as usual with so much of the Lord's work to do. We had our Trunk or Treat where many of the children in and around our church came to enjoy the biblical themes of our members.

Bro. Brian cooked and served hot dogs and hot coffee and hot chocolate to the parents while the youth experienced stories of Biblical characters. Thanksgiving is now past and we hope everyone had plenty to eat and celebrated God's blessings on us individually and on the great country in which we live. We enjoyed 26 family members in our home; I am so thankful for our family. We observed Veteran's Day; with a good program by Sis Connie Evans and Bro. Gary Gilliam, it touched us all. We owe so much to our veterans! My husband Bill turned 90 last June and the memories of WWII remains in his memory forever. Thanks again to the ones who put on the program. Several of our members attended the Seniors Conference in Branson and all enjoyed it very much. So many of our friends and neighbors have been ill; we especially wish good health to Sis Carolyn Meade who is now back home and wish her a speedy recovery. I received a call this morning and Sis Judy Schindler is in the hospital. We take this time to wish everyone a speedy recovery. Debbie Gilliam had foot surgery and has had a hard time. We love you Debbie, get well soon. Bro. Leonard Compton has been going through some illness and now back home from a hospital time. As we prepare for the Christmas Holiday; please keep Christ in Christmas. We owe all we have to Him, May God bless each and every one!

Brian Meade - Pastor
Georgie Brokaw - Reporter

Naylor, Naylor, rejoices with one being baptized November 18th. Bro. Mills has new phone numbers: 870-450-0068 (cell), 573-203-2809 (home). Church had an "Old Fashioned Day"

November 25th with several visitors and a good time of fellowship, eating and singing.

James Mills, Pastor
Rita Mills, Reporter

Charity, Bismarck sends Christmas greetings to all readers. We rejoice that God sent His begotten Son that we who believe know Him in the everlasting life. Our beloved Sis. Beulah Ragan was called to her Eternal Home this month. The Pastor has preached in the power of the Holy Spirit. Bro. Meade filled the pulpit when our Pastor's family took a short trip to Colorado. We are looking forward to fellowship with First of Middlebrook December 30th in the evening. Our GMA will lead the caroling at our local retirement home and the VA home in Park Hills on the 12th. Our youth enjoyed the evening at the Family Fun Center in Bonne Terre November 17th and look forward to a movie, "The Nativity," at the church December 23rd. Our WEPAS will be meeting at the home of Sister Jan this month as we reveal our sister secrets. Christmas Joy was to be found everywhere December 1, Saturday night at the Christmas at the Depot in Bismarck. Children from 2 to 92 with Christmas and Joy in their eyes when Santa made his entrance, the tree was lit, and Christmas singing was heard. What encouragement it was that prayer was first before the festivities. The Bible Ministry was blessed by giving out about 100 books, Bibles, and treat bags. A revival is taking place. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. I want to express my grateful thanks to all the churches who prayed and continued for my recovery from surgery and stroke. I am doing very well with

speech therapy. To God be the Glory.

Lee Miller, Pastor
Carolyn Meade, Reporter

Emmanuel, Sikeston, sends greetings as we report. The November 10th yard/bake sale was successful as enough money was raised to purchase another projector. The biggest blessing was that many were witnessed to about Jesus as they stopped by. A needy family from the community has been adopted to purchase Christmas gifts for and make their season happier. It is truly more blessed to give than to receive. The last Wednesday of November we had a Fellowship meal, and business meeting. Bro. Jason gave a devotional that was a tribute to the life of Bro. Mike Quillman Sr. Bro. Mike was our pastor for several years and was a faithful and dedicated servant of the Lord. Bro. Jason used some of Paul's writings in a very fitting tribute. The church voted to send a liberal offering to Camp Garwood in his memory. He loved Camp Garwood dearly and promoted it over the years and worked diligently there. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Sis. Trienna and the family. Also, to the family of Bro. Stanley Nolan, a member of Emmanuel, and

to Bro. and Sis. Alex Fowler and family from Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church who recently lost a son. We praise God for visitors looking for a new church home. We are excited as we come to the end of this year and look forward to the new year. Committees are being formed to advance our outreach in the community and further spread the gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. May He, who is the best gift of all, be celebrated as we wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jason Redden, Pastor
Vi Maclin, Reporter

Bethany, St. Louis, says, "Merry Christmas to all." We are so thankful that our pastor, Bro. Hoffmann, is recovering nicely from hip surgery. We are thankful for those who led our services while he was not able to do so. The ladies had their monthly meeting at the home of Sis. Kay Morrison and enjoyed food and fellowship that evening. The ladies who have participated in our Secret Sister program will reveal their Secret Sister at our Christmas meeting. Our Helping Each Other group celebrated November birthdays with a soup & salad lunch.

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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • November 2012

General Fund:

Balance October 31, 2012		\$	42,509.99
November Receipts:	\$	<u>2,576.62</u>	\$ <u>2,576.62</u>
Total Available		\$	45,086.61
Disbursements:			
Director's Salary	\$	900.00	
Partnership support J. Jones	\$	1,500.00	
Director's Travel Expenses	\$	96.83	
Office Printer	\$	272.98	
Toner Cartridge	\$	<u>104.99</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$	<u>2,874.80</u>	\$ <u>2,874.80</u>
Balance November 30, 2012:		\$	42,211.81

Savings:

Certificate of Deposit	\$	67,122.63
Certificate of Deposit	\$	22,993.90
ING Direct Savings	\$	<u>11,149.01</u>
Total in CD's:	\$	101,265.54

From Our Director....

Last month I reported my resignation from Lindsay Lane Baptist Church as their pastor. The past 14 years of my life have been blessed due to the wonderful relationship that I have enjoyed with these people. Please pray for them as they seek a new shepherd and if you know of men who are available to fill the pulpit for them, please contact Mike Jenkins at 314-355-2859.

Due to my resignation I have a change of address for all mission offerings and

correspondence. Please mail to: Danny Kirk, 224 N. Hwy 67, # 255, Florissant, MO 63031. Please let your church treasurer know of the new address.

When I moved to Missouri 14 years ago, I made a new friend with a fellow pastor, Mike Quillman. I found Bro. Mike to be a fierce warrior for the Lord and for the souls of men. Everywhere I traveled with him, Bro. Mike was faithful to share his testimony of knowing Jesus and he would

then ask them if had a saving relationship with Him. Bro. Mike was always encouraging to me and a great help in time of need. Last month, Bro. Mike finally made it to the Home he had preached about for four decades. I will miss him, but I know that there will come a glad reunion day. I wonder if he will greet me in heaven with the line, "Hello, Jesus loves you!"

Let's be faithful to pray for his dear wife and family.

Bro. Danny

Dear Friends,

As we near the end of the year, we are getting ready to restart several of our LifeGroups in January 2013. I ask that you pray that 2013 would be a great year for North Lake Church. Please pray that our LifeGroups become solid representations of a biblical community inside of the Smithville community.

Please pray that God brings people who need

Him into the homes of our people, and that we welcome them with the grace of God. That we would see growth in spirit and in number. Please pray that God would pour out a desire in us to live out our vision of: **Authenticity** in our faith, as we build **Relationships** with those who need a relationship with Him, and that our **Community** would be impacted by the Spirit of God working through us.

*We wish
each of
you a very
Merry
Christmas*

*The Jones
family &
Northlake Church*

2013 "Barnabas Touch" Ministry

by *Danny Bullock*, Volunteer Ministry Director

A couple of years ago the BMAA Missions Office asked EIM (Evangelistic International Ministries) to plan and implement the Barnabas Touch trips to take pastors and others into various nations and serve as encouragement to missionary personnel.

When I left the full-time pastorate several months ago, Mike Goodwin, President of EIM, asked me to assume this task in a voluntary position.

After meeting with the Missions Office directors and considering the most pressing needs right now, the destinations and dates for those trips have been set for 2013. Our plans are to visit four different nations where the BMAA and EIM have personnel.

We have had to change some of the original dates we set after corresponding with the missionaries about the best time to come to their fields.

Presently we plan to go to:

- **Nepal** March 15-24 to teach an Old Testament Survey course to some pastors.

- **April 25 - May 6** we will go to the Philippines to help teach a Multiplication Training strategy they wish to implement. Anyone going on this trip will need to attend a training session at the Missions Office January 15-17.

- **August 13-20** we will go to Accra, Ghana to help teach and train pastors.

- **October 25 - November 2** and **November 2-10** we will work with pastors in two locations in India. Those wishing to go to this country can choose which week and location if they can only be gone one week.

All of these dates are subject to some adjustment once the teams are set, specific teaching dates are chosen, and airline schedules are found. All participants are responsible for their own costs. Those exact costs are unknown until airline tickets are purchased and lodging is arranged, but each trip will probably be in the range of \$2500-3,500. Maybe churches will consider it an investment in outreach to pay the cost for their minister to go with us.

Please feel free to contact me for more information. This is a new endeavor for me so please be patient if my efforts result in a few "bumps" the first year.

For HIS Glory,
Danny Bullock
(870) 904-5032

Attention All Churches Note Address Changes

There are two address changes you need to make immediately:

Director of Missions: address change for all offerings and correspondence.

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Treasurer of BMA of MO Loan Committee: new treasurer and new address for all offerings:

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• **NEWS From Page 2** •

We are looking forward to our Church Christmas Dinner, our Christmas Program, and of course Christmas Day. Our youth are going to a program called Journey to Bethlehem, fruit baskets are heading out to our shut-ins, and our church has “adopted” a family to share with for Christmas, and send gifts to our member, Jacob Eye, who is serving abroad in the U. S. Army.

James Hoffmann, Pastor
Carol McDonald, Reporter

Landmark, DeSoto, says, “Hello, and Merry Christmas to all.” We had a wonderful month at Landmark. We had 4 souls saved and 1 baptized with 3 more to follow. Praise the Lord. Thanksgiving is always a good time, if you enjoy eating. We are Baptist, so! The Landmark ladies out did themselves again preparing the Thanksgiving meal. If anyone went home hungry, it was their own fault. Thank you ladies. In December, the WMA’s are having their annual party/dinner at Hardees. We are planning a Christmas puppet show for sometime before Christmas. Kids, young and older, always enjoy that. We pray that everyone has a safe and wonderful Christmas. We know that many travel during this time, we’ll all pray for travel safety. God Bless Everyone and have a Happy New Year.

Wayne Gibson, Pastor
Wayne Hawkins, Reporter

Lower Doe Run, Ellington, reports that it has been some month around our parts! Sis. Kathleen Yates fell and broke her right elbow. She has the cast off now, but still having some problems with it. Bro. Robert Leach spent a morning in the emergency room with some problems and has had a flair up since then. He still isn’t free of those problems yet. Bro. George Rayfield was taken to the hospital at Poplar

Alive Conference

December 26-28, 2012

Airport Hilton

to register or for more information
go to their website.

It is <http://alivestudentconference.com/>.
Pray for our Young People

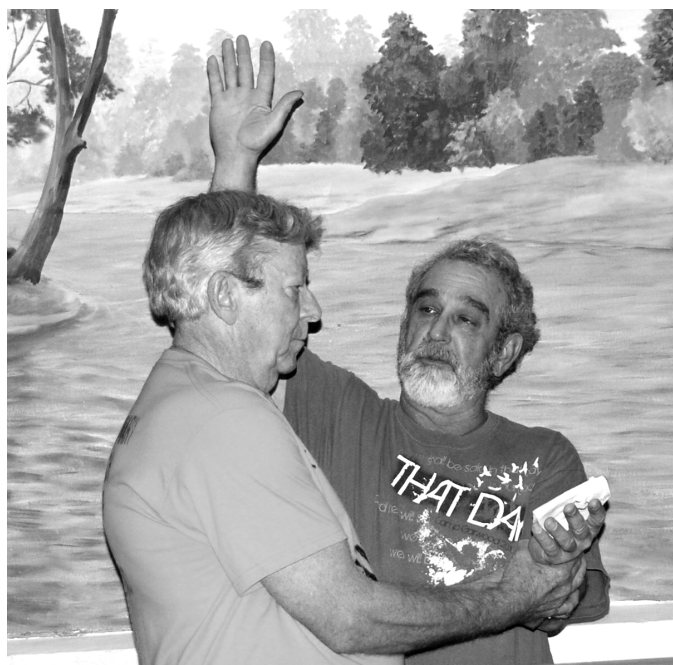
Bluff on the 30th. He spent a couple of nights and had some tests run. He is doing better now. The Young Adult Class fixed a very good Thanksgiving dinner for the rest of us. It was very good and very much appreciated. We had quite a few more people show up than had been expected, but all went well. And, we always like it when we have more people show up than we had expected. Six of us went to the Collingsworth Family in concert at North County High School in Bonne Terre. It is always uplifting to see Christian families proclaiming God’s Word through song. I would encourage you to see them if you get an opportunity. Denver lost two sister’s this past month. Praise the Lord both of them were ready to meet their Savior. His sister Verdie, was 89 years old, and Edith Maynard was 91. Edith was the widow of a BMAA minister Sam Maynard, who passed away in 1983. We also extend our sympathy to Bro. Quillman’s family. Sis. Thelma Hoffmann has been

under the weather for quite some time and covets your prayers. She’s had severe bronchitis and just can’t seem to get over it. We’ve been having good services and good messages. Come see us at Lower Doe Run when you are in the area. Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and are preparing to honor Christ in our Christmas programs, and giving.

Denver Page, pastor
Sharon Page, reporter

Friendship, Harviell, has been practicing and preparing for our Christmas program December 23rd at 5 p. m. We have had three new members who have joined the church this month: Carol Whithorn, Sue Thurman Carner, by letter and Charles Carner was baptized December 2nd. Also, we have enjoyed having visitors in our services and we greatly enjoyed our Thanksgiving meal and service with Abundant Life. God is good!

Ernie Cate, Pastor
Paige Reinbott, Reporter



Baptising at Friendship, Harviell

A Faithful Witness Called Home

Mickeal L. Quillman, Sr. died at his home, in Sikeston, Tuesday Nov. 27, 2012. He was born March 6, 1952 at Chester, Illinois to Ruby Pearl (Farris) Quillman who survives of Pinkneyville, IL and the late Marion Lavern Quillman.



A resident of Sikeston since 1995, “Bro. Mike”, had pastored Emmanuel Baptist Church and was currently a member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. They had previously resided and pastored churches in Jonesboro, AR and Kennett, MO.

He was also owner of Quill & Son Construction Co.

Nov. 27, 1970 he was united in marriage to Trienna June (Coke) at Sparta, IL and she survives of the home. Besides his wife and mother, he is survived by: 2 sons and 1 daughter-in-law, Mickeal L. Jr. and Sharon Quillman of Jonesboro, AR and Jonathan Quillman of Muskogee, OK; 3 daughters and sons-in-law, Michelle and Bryan Cole of Jonesboro, AR, Jessica and Justin Mercer of Sikeston and Patricia and David Griswell of Sikeston; One brother, Robert Quillman of Pinkneyville, IL; 2 sisters-in-law, Cathy Quillman and Chris Quillman; and His 14 grandchildren he loved so dearly: Mickeal L. Quillman, III, Brandon Cole, Matthew Quillman, Gabrielle Cole, Kaitlyn Quillman, Andrew Cole, Mollie Pearl Cole, Savannah Cole, Lincoln Quillman, Haven Cole, Payton Mercer, Drake Griswell, Lucas Quillman and Ender Mercer. Many nieces and nephews also survive. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Jeff Quillman, Dennis Quillman and Gary Quillman. Visitation was held Thursday, November 29th at Blanchard Funeral Chapel in Sikeston and Friday, November 30th at Loyalty Missionary Baptist Church in Sparta, IL. Funeral Services were held at 10:00 am Saturday at Loyalty Missionary Baptist Church with Jerry Adams, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church of Sikeston and Tommy Foster, Pastor of Loyalty Baptist Church officiating. Burial was at the Swanwick Cemetery under the direction of Blanchard Funeral Chapel. Pall-bearers were: Brandon Cole, Mickeal Quillman III, Matthew Quillman, Justin Mercer, David Griswell and Bryan Cole. Honorary pallbearers will be his other grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made in his honor to: Camp Garwood c/o Jerry Adams Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.

Editor’s Note: The churches of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri have lost a dear friend and coworker who will be missed greatly. Bro. Mike loved the Lord’s work, witnessed to all his doctors and caregivers over the last few years, and was a blessing to those who visited with him. Pray for Sis. Trienna and the family as they find comfort and strength in the precious memories of Bro. Mike.

Bro. Mike loved Camp Garwood and I remember how he loved to work at the camp and then attend camp and see souls saved. I grew to appreciate him as we worked together on various projects, especially the new kitchen and dining hall. He worked long hours when he could.

I count it a privilege to call him my friend and know he is rejoicing in the Father’s presence today. We look forward to that Great Reunion that is not far away!

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Phillips Brooks (1835-1893) was the famous and beloved preacher of this time. But it is not for Trinity Church, built during his rectorship in Boston, or St. Gauden's famous statue of him that Phillips Brooks is most widely known. Where the birth of Jesus Christ is remembered, voices are lifted in Phillips Brooks' hymn of praise to God for His wonderful gift to mankind in “O Little Town of Bethlehem.”

2012 Walk For The World Deadline Approaches

Diane Ward,
National Walk Coordinator
December 4, 2012

We are approaching a very busy season. Many things must be checked off our to-do lists before the end of the year. Please check your list and make sure all your 2012 Walk for the World money has been turned in to Lifeword. You may make donations to Lifeword at anytime; however, for your Walk for the World donations to count toward the two youth room makeover contests, we must receive the funds into our office on or before December 31, 2012. So please get your individual or church offerings mailed in today. Make sure all checks are made to Lifeword and designated for the Walk for the World; online donations may be made at www.lifeword.org

We are anxious to see who the two youth room makeover winners will be. One makeover will be awarded to the church who raises the most money overall, and the other will be awarded to the church who raises the most money per capita. The names of the winning churches will be announced in January 2013.

We extend our thanks to each of you who faithfully supported Lifeword and the annual Walk event again this year. May you and your family enjoy a very *Merry Christmas* and a *prosperous New Year!*

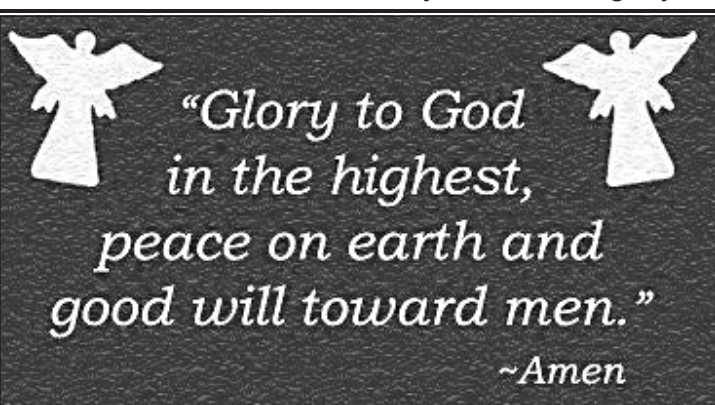
From childhood Phillips Brooks memorized hymns learning over two hundred. The family could tell when he was up in the morning, for he was always singing or humming hymns.

On a trip to Bethlehem, Brooks wrote home: “We rode out of town to the field where they say the shepherds saw the star...As we passed, the shepherds were still keeping watch over their flocks.” Three years later, recalling the little town, Brooks wrote the carol that is so loved today.

As Christmas approached, Mr. Brooks, then at Holy Trinity Church in Philadelphia, asked his organist and Sunday-school superintendent, Lewis H. Redner, to set the words to music for the Christmas Sunday school service.

“On Saturday night my brain was all confused about the tune,” the composer said. “I thought more about my Sunday-school lesson than about the music. But I was roused from hearing an angel strain whispering in my ear...I jotted down the treble of the tune, and on Sunday morning I filled in the harmony. Neither Mr. Brooks nor I ever thought the carol would live beyond that Christmas of 1868.”

selected,
The Grace Broadcaster



Chili Cook Off

There will be a chili cook-off competition between the ladies of Bethany Baptist Church and Zion Baptist Church

Date: Saturday, January 26, 2013

Time: 2:00 p.m.

(in case of bad weather - February 9, 2013)

Location: Bethany Baptist Church
Cost: Donations to benefit the Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper

Watch the January paper for more details.
Plan on coming out and enjoying a time of food, fun and fellowship!!

Good Thought As We Begin The New Year...

Things You Didn't Do

by Travis Plumlee

What if this happened? A journal entry from a young wife to her husband: Remember when we first started dating. You picked me up in your car that you were so proud of. You had just put in new seat covers. Then, later that evening I spilled my coke all over those new seat covers. I thought you would yell at me--- “but you didn't.” Another time I was suppose to meet you and your family at the mall, and I showed up 30 minutes late. I thought you would flash your anger towards me-- “but you didn't.” There was another time when I acted foolish and made fun of you at a party in front of all your friends. I felt bad the next day, and just knew you would be bitter and bear a grudge against me--- “but you didn't.” All through our life together, I have made so many mistakes. I failed so many times. I thought you

would give up on me--- “but you didn't.” You always showed me unconditional love, acceptance and forgiveness. So, I decided I would finally show you how much I appreciate you, and all the things you “didn't do.” I was going to throw you a big appreciation surprise party when you came home from Afghanistan--- “but then you didn't!”

Recently I wrote an ar-

ticle cautioning all of us to not have regrets. Regret can lead to bitterness, depression and a vexed spirit. None of us are perfect and we can all look back and wish we had done some things differently. However, any day- even today- we can have God lead us to change in our life with others. With Christ, all things are made new. Each day in the Lord we can have a beautiful change occur in our life and our behavior. One of my favorite statements I make is that none of us can go back and make a brand new start. But all of us can start today to make a brand new ending!

Make it a point from this day forward to not look back. Look up first. Seek God to lead you in a new and deeper understanding of the people and relationships He has brought into your life. Next, don't look back. Look forward. Philippians 3:13, 14 says it best. “Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things

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A Great Opportunity For All Preachers in Mo & AR



Expository Preaching Workshop

Featuring:

Dr. Charlie Holmes

President of the BMA Seminary

The workshop will be from 9:00AM-4:00PM on January 19, 2013 and will be held at Herman Missionary Baptist Church in Jonesboro, AR. There is no cost to attend and there will be a catered lunch. Attendees are encouraged pre-register by sending an email to:

heartlandpreachingconference@gmail.com

Tentative Topics to Include:

What is Expository Preaching?	Why Preach Expository Sermons?	Our Obligation as Bible Preachers.	How to Preach Expository Sermons.	Questions and Answers.
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Planning Your Christmas Get-Together

Don't eat the whole cow in one bite! That is one of the tips I always give to people when I am talking about how to conquer their stress. You can't eat the whole cow at once or you will choke. You have to eat it one bite at a time. That is how it is with your holiday time period. Don't lay there in bed thinking of all the things you have to do. You are stressing yourself out, and you haven't even got out of bed yet! Don't look at everything you have to do. Make a list. Tackle one thing that needs to be done at a time. Don't try and do it all at once. Spread it out over a pre-planned time period. Control your thinking. We lose the joy of the celebration when we do not control our thinking, and get all stressed out over the little things we think we have to do.

Let's plan some things out to insure that we have a merry, happy season. Here are some tips:

1) Never forget what the main point of all of this is. Celebration! Celebrating what? That God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten son into the world that we might live through Him. Herein is love. We set aside this time to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Also, a week later we celebrate all the hope that comes through another new year to find ways to serve our Lord. There would be no point in celebrating a new year that didn't involve Jesus in it. He is the reason for every season. So, let's keep the proper focus through the holidays. The focus is not a perfect looking house, or outdoing others in decorations. The primary focus is joy. The primary focus is the joy of knowing that Christ came to earth to set us free. That is what all of this is about.

2. Stop fantasizing. Although it is best to pre-plan; it is not good to pre-suppose. You will want to think about what to serve. What time will this happen? When will we open presents? Where? All of this is okay and necessary. What you do not want to do is to let your mind run at this point. The poor little thing shouldn't be out running on its' own anyway. It's too small and gets too tired. Ha! That's a joke folks. Anyway, try to not fantasize about how things are going to progress. You have envisioned this perfect holiday time, and failed to include something in this fantasy. People! People are not perfect so there cannot be a perfect family get-together. Stop making yourself frustrated when it doesn't turn out like you thought. You shouldn't have set yourself up with a fantasy that could never happen in reality anyway. Things happen. People get sick. Weather turns bad. Kids pitch fits. It doesn't matter how wonderful the food is prepared, somebody might not like it. That's okay. Humans have a way of griping even if you served manna from heaven. Just ask Moses.

3. Build in down times. American families are too busy. Our children or grandchildren are being raised in an environment of constant external stimulation. Many young Christian families think that in order to have a good holiday, you have to be running from one exciting event to another. Then, these parents wonder why their kids are depressed when they become adults, because life turns out to not be a constant fireworks display, a ball game or an unending vacation. Leave time in your holiday planning for absolutely nothing to happen. Spontaneous things may happen and

those are usually wonderful memories. Even if you sit and just visit, nap or look at the stars; that is okay.

Teens and Children should learn to have a quiet time. As I always suggest in my Christmas traditions article, do old-fashioned things that don't have to be plugged in. Go on a hike or walk. Look at the stars. Send the kids on a scavenger hunt to find 10 things God made outside. Put chairs in a circle and let people tell stories. Don't plan it. Let it happen naturally. Have 30 minutes of scripture reading and devotions. Pray. Nap. Sit around the dining room table and snack and just visit. Help the younger generation learn that they do not have to constantly have friends around them, be going to the mall, playing video games, going to the movies, or watching DVD's to the point of brain death.

Let the holidays be a time of family restoration, relaxation and respite.

4. Have a Jesus moment. I beg you by the mercies of God to have something, somewhere in your family and friends parties that acknowledges Jesus Christ. You are a Christian home, right? You may not go all out and have scripture readings, home worship, hymn singing and a home candle-light ceremony. You may have never done any of this. Start this year. Start small and don't stress over it. But do something that the family gathers around and you acknowledge your Christian faith. This has to move beyond a prayer before meals.

5. Pray. Ask God to go out ahead of you and make the time period meaningful for all. Pray about certain relatives ahead of time so there won't be arguments. Ask God to use you as a source of encouraging others. Ask God to get glory out of your family get-togethers. Take a deep breath. Praise God. Now, slowly go forth with joy.



God With Us

by Charles Spurgeon

"Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." – Isaiah 7:14

Let us today go down to Bethlehem, and in company with wondering shepherds and adoring Magi, let us see Him who was born King of the Jews, for we by faith can claim an interest in Him, and can sing, "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given."

Jesus is God incarnate, our Lord and our God, and yet our brother and friend; let us adore and admire. Let us notice at the very first glance His miraculous conception. It was a thing unheard of before, and unparalleled since, that a virgin should conceive and bear a Son.

The first promise was this: "The seed of the woman," not the offspring of the man. Since a woman led the way in the sin which brought Paradise lost, she, and she alone, ushers in the Regainer of Paradise. Our Saviour, although truly man, was also the Holy One of God.

Let us reverently bow before the holy Child whose innocence restores to mankind its ancient glory; and let us pray that He may be formed in us, the hope of glory.

Don't fail to note His humble parentage. His mother has been described simply as "a virgin," not a princess, or prophetess, nor a matron of large estate.

True the blood of kings ran in her veins; and her mind was not a weak and untaught one, for she could sing most sweetly a song of praise; but yet how humble her position, how poor the man to whom she stood affianced, and how miserable the accommodation afforded to the new-born King!

Immanuel, God with us in our nature, in our sorrow, in our lifework, in our punishment, in our grave, and now with us, or rather we with Him, in resurrection, ascension, triumph, and Second Advent splendour.

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

Take A Stand, and Withstand

Ephesians 6:13

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"Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

A man who won't stand for something will inevitably and tragically fall for anything. God has extended the call to each one of us to, "Take a Stand!" Young man, it is up to you to lead your home and teach your family to take a stand for the Lord. They will learn best by your example, for learning is more caught than taught. *"Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth."* (Ephesians 6:14a) The truth is like a girdle that is worn around your mid-section. It helps support and strengthen your backbone. The truth is the only thing that will make a wishy-washy, spaghetti backbone straight and strong. It will also turn a faint heart into a lion heart. So, study the Word of Truth, believe the Word of Truth, live the Word of Truth and you will stand tall and strong with an upright heart. (Psalm 119:7)

"And having on the breastplate of righteousness;" Ephesians 6:14b) Young man, do you want muscles? Do you want your chest to bulge in all the right places? Then put on and wear the breastplate of righteousness. A breastplate is a protective piece of armor made of hardened material that bears the embossed image of the perfect manly physic. The breastplate that we are asked to put on is the breastplate of the righteousness of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ Himself has embossed that breastplate and when we wear it we appear to have muscles and strength that we don't really possess. In truth, our weakness is hid in His great strength. We who are weak are now made strong in the righteousness of Jesus Christ. We are now able to stand, not in our strength, but in His.

"And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace:" (Ephesians 6:15) You need the right kind of footwear to make you stand. The only footwear that will keep you from slipping or stumbling as you fight the good fight, is the gospel of peace. Notice, it is not the gospel of anger, or the gospel of bitterness, or malice, but it is the gospel of peace. You must prepare yourself to walk in the peace of the gospel. You can't stay mad and upset when things don't go your way. Get over it! Bitterness is what grows if you don't. For you to maintain a good witness for the gospel's sake, you must stand firm in peace and walk worthy of the vocation wherewith the Lord has called you.

"Above all taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench the fiery darts of the wicked." (Ephesians 6:16) Above all, keep your shield of faith up in front of you and stay behind it. We are called to walk by faith not by sight. Some walk nonchalantly along with their shield at their side, as though faith was only an advisor in their life. Some are guilty of getting ahead of their shield because they won't exercise their faith and wait on the Lord. A shield behind you won't do you much good. For the evil one will fire deadly darts at you, and let me assure you, he is accurate. Only your shield of faith will quench those fiery darts.

"And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." (Ephesians 6:17) Make

sure your helmet is the right one. The helmet of salvation is the very first thing that Jesus Christ issues to every believer. Every army has it's own particular head covering. But only the helmet that Jesus provides will protect you from death's eternal crushing blow. Some people possess the right helmet but they don't know how to properly wear it. They have it on backwards or sideways or some other way. Their view is obstructed and they can't even tell you for sure if they're saved. Then there are those who have helmets that are made of earthly material. They disintegrate after a period of time or after a few battles. My friend, make sure of your salvation. Then and only then are you ready to pick up that two-edged sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. Remember it has two edges, it will cut coming and going. In other words, it will cut you as well as your enemy if you're not careful. So, make sure you handle it with respect and care.

Come now, valiant brethren and answer the call to stand. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day. And having done all, you will STAND!

Makin'

Preachers

*The Rantings and Ravings of
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There's a strange notion goin' about nowadays about the highest callin' in the world, the call to preach. This callin' is sacred and it comes from God and not man....or woman and it ain't for women either, but that's another rant. This "profession" as some would call it is unlike anything else in the world. It's hard to define and no one really understands it except the man who has been called. Plain and simple, God calls men to preach His glorious gospel

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Prisoners Bible Crusade report:

Free Bibles to Chaplains for Inmates in the USA

This praise note: In the month of Oct. 2012 PBC reached another milestone. 200,096 KJV Bibles into prisons! Plus 13,725 Spanish Bibles; total 213,821.

This update on the project of printing the Gospel of John/Romans bilingual English/Spanish books for Spanish speaking prisoners in the USA.

Victory Baptist Press in Milton, FL is now set up to print them. I hope to have some in hand to send into prisons before the end of year. The cost will be about \$2,000. Any Help will be appreciated.

Report for 2012 through October 31: 4,876 KJV English Bibles; 520 Spanish Bibles; Total Bibles: 5,396; 350 New Testaments; All Study Books 2,600; 1,048 Study helps. Total for all Bibles and materials to date in 2012 is 9,010. These were sent into 42 prisons. Chaplains report 975 people saved (21,264 since 1/1/2000). 4 new Chaplains requesting Bibles for the first time in 2012.

PBC's Evangelistic Team has conducted 15 Worship services in prisons in 2012.

(Since 1973: 213,821 Bibles; 58,449 New Testaments; Total Bibles & materials: 628,723.)

Again I want to thank each and every one for your prayers and thoughts during my recent by-pass surgery. I had a triple by-pass October 8th and now I am getting better each day. Doctor tells me it will take time.

Our thanks for your prayerful support of this Bible Ministry to people in prison!! God blesses through your prayers and support to give the Holy Word of God to Prisoners.

Isaiah 55:11 inside prisons!

and man should never forget that it's God's gospel and God calls whoever he wants to, not based on talent, pedigree or intellect, but by his sovereign will. He may not always call the qualified, but He qualifies the called by virtue of the calling. God has called many a man to preach that didn't meet worldly standards, and then God used them in a mighty way. Only God can take a crooked stick and draw a straight line with it.

This call is usually explained as a burden or a heaviness of heart to get the message of God to people. God puts the burden in the man and when God puts it in, brother it's got to come out. Jeremiah must have been a Baptist preacher, cause he preached his heart out, nobody listened to him and he got discouraged. He finally said that he would

not speak in His name anymore, but the fire God put inside his heart got a hold of him. Jeremiah said, "Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay" Jer. 20:9.

Sometimes good intentioned folks look at a nice young man and tell him he ought to "go into the ministry" like it's actually his choice. Nobody needs to "go into the ministry." Men who are called of God need to submit to the calling and will of God to preach the word of God as it is, to men as they are today. The next time you hear someone say that some man ought to go into the ministry, tell them, with charity, to stay out

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which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

None of us will ever arrive at a full understanding of life because we are humans. We are not perfect. But we have a perfect heavenly Father who will guide us to take an action, speak up with love, and accept and forgive. We don't look and dwell on past mistakes. They are covered by the blood of Christ and redeemed. We must move forward to a better life, a higher calling that God in Christ has for us. And it will be pressing on. Life isn't a walk in the park. It is a pressing on towards the future.

Take time to do what is the right thing to do in relationships. We can all look back and see where we could have done better at parenting. Any married person can honestly examine themselves and know they could have been a better spouse at times. The list goes on and on. Start doing something about it. Make a phone call. Write a letter. Send an encouraging card. Take someone to breakfast or lunch for no reason. Send some flowers. Do something. Take an action. The things you “didn't do” cause our regrets. If you still have breath, you still have an opportunity to change things. You may have been distant years ago to loved ones. You may not have shown enough affection to your family. It is never too late to start. People

may think you are not genuine at first. Hug them anyway. People may think you have an ulterior motive for doing something nice; but take them to dinner anyway.

Your adult children may say, “I wished you had done that for me when I was a kid.” You smile and say, “I wished I had done that also for you. I am growing and learning how to live more like Jesus, and I don't want to miss another opportunity with your children. Join us for some fun. It's never too late to have a happy childhood.”

See, it doesn't matter what other people think. God knows your heart. If you flubbed up all your life, God gives us second chances. We can still be all that He desires for us to be. Don't put off doing nice things for those you love. Life is short. No guarantees of tomorrow. While we don't want to live a life of worry about death and disasters, we should live every day like it is our last. It really cuts down on the arguments. It wouldn't be important if this was your last day. It also pushes you to be kind to one another. Ephesians 4:32. Be kind. Look for ways to show love. Let the Holy Spirit lead you. There are coworkers, family, friends, church members who have shown you kindness. Do something for them. Do something to people who don't like you and make them your friend. Even if people don't respond correctly, you are not doing it to gain their approval. You are doing it to honor the Lord. Don't be sorry later on and wished you had done something nice for someone and didn't. Before it is too late----DO!

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of God's business. Some preacher's sons sometimes think they should follow in Papa's footsteps and they start preaching and Mama approves it, therefore they are Papa called and Mama sent. Any man in the pulpit who is not called of God needs to quit and go make an honest livin' doing else.

My advice to any man who thinks he is called of God to preach is: don't, unless you can't help it. If God puts some preach in a man, it will come out. The fire will burn inside until the man just can't contain it. If a man can keep from preaching and still be happy, then He wasn't called. And we don't need any more uncalled preachers. But woe unto the man God calls if he preach not the gospel.

As a follow up on talkin' about the need of a preacher to be called of God, there's something else that needs straightenin' out and that's concerning the education of the preacher. Some folks glory in the ignorance of a preacher and don't think he should darken the door of a Bible college or seminary. Now sometimes, they are right, but that's only because so many schools nowadays have strayed away from teachin' the unadulterated truth. But if a God called man gets a chance to go to a good, sound institute or school, then he's a brick shy of a load if he doesn't take advantage of it.

The problem with the thinking of some folks is that a man goes to school to “make a preacher.” Well, schools don't make preachers, God does. He calls them and the callin' of God on a man is as important for him in preaching as a cat having a climbing gear. I mean it's necessary. And there have been many great God called men with no formal training who could preach circles around Dr. Doodledigger from the Ragwood Institute. However, there's nothing

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.

Billy Davis, a member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Sikeston, is available for pulpit supply or as the Lord leads. Contact him at 573-48-9652 (home) of 573-521-8028 (cell) after 4:00 p.m. -8-

Caleb Houston, youth pastor of Kewanee Baptist Church, is available for weekend youth events, pulpit supply, and preaching appointments as the Lord leads. Contact him at 573-521-7826 or calebhouston@yahoo.com. -8-

Pastor Search

Lindsay Lane Baptist Church, Florissant, is seeking a part-time or bi-vocational pastor. Resumes can be sent to Mike Jenkins: mbjjenkins@gmail.com or LLBC, 920 Lindsay Ln, Florissant, MO 63031.

Southeastern Baptist College President Search

The Board of Trustees of Southeastern Baptist College, Laurel, Mississippi, is seeking candidates for the position of President. Send resumes to the Board of Trustee's Chairman, Richard Welborn, 811 CR 31, Heidelberg, MS 39439 by January 30, 2013.

wrong with a good Bible college or seminary. The call is more important than the college, but the college is important too.

When's there's a job to do, a smart man will use every tool available. Would you rather hoe a corn row with a dull hoe or a sharp one? If you saw a man trying to cut a board with a pocketknife, when a saw was within reach, why you would think he was stark ravin' mad for not using the right tool. Sound doctrinal Bible teachin' and classes on understanding the Bible and pastoral ministry are tools. They don't make a preacher, but they can help make a better preacher.

If nothin' else, a little learnin' can help the preacher become all things to all men, and I'm not talkin' about compromising, I'm talking about being well rounded and knowing how to stand in the pulpit and not murder the English language. (Of course, I know many a preacher

who's well rounded from too much fried chicken, but now I've gone to med-dlin'). Preacher, when God calls you, then you are officially God's representative and you wouldn't want anyone to misrepresent you. Every preacher is obligated to be the best he can for God, and go the third mile if necessary, to present God effectively to people that God “might by all means save some” to quote a well educated preacher from the Bible, Brother Paul. And remember, when Festus told Paul, “much learning doth make thee mad”, that was nothing more than a lost man's opinion.

Even I went to the institute and got educated a little, yet I sometimes make an English teacher's toenails curl. So when folks point out my “ain'ts” and dangling participles, I just remind them that I've come a long way over a shaky bridge. They should have heard me before I went to school. At least I went.

