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Attention All Churches

New Testament Baptist Church in Sullivan, MO is still planning to host the 2020 BMA of Missouri **Mission Symposium & Mid-year meeting on Friday & Saturday, May 15th & 16th.** We hope that you are making plans to join us!

The theme for our Mission Symposium will be **“Helping Our Churches Excel.”** This theme is based on I Corinthians 14:12b *“...seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.”*

The Missions Symposium will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 15th. The Mid-Year Meeting will be Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. Please feel free to contact New Testament Baptist Church with any questions you may have about these meetings: (573) 468-3334.

Please note: If it is necessary to cancel these meetings your Missions Director and the Host Pastor will make that decision on **May 1, 2020.** A note will be posted on the BMA of MO website on that day with information about the status of the meetings. Check bmamissouri.org May 1, 2020 for our decision.

James Hoffmann, Missions Director

Josh Wright, Host Pastor

A Word About the “News” in This Issue!

Every day for the last few weeks, there have been daily news flashes in almost every area of our lives. Cancellations, changes in plans, reversal of rules, new ideas, and almost every other type of changes you can think of have affected our daily lives and ministries.

The “News” contained in this issue of the *Missouri Missionary Baptist* is probably not “News” to many of our readers or it may not be up-to-date because about the time we get it ready to print it changes! But I am doing my best to keep

you informed about what is going on in our work in Missouri and around the world in the Baptist Missionary Association of America.

Also, since we are a monthly publication some of our churches will not have time to get a ballot to vote on items that need our attention in the national association or have time to react to other things that are announced without much notice.

Because things are happening quickly I think it will be a good idea for us to get accustomed to using our state website to stay aware of what is going on.

Earlier this month your editor was sent information about the churches needing to vote on some issues in our national association, but this is the first opportunity I have to get that information to you because of our schedule for printing. I contacted Bro. Brad Miller, or web master and a member of Bethel, St. Clair, after I received the information and he graciously put a notification with contact information in it on the web, but I have no way of knowing how many saw that. If we started checking our website regularly it would be very helpful in times like we are experiencing now.

Anytime you have special announcements or news items that you feel we need to send immediately please send them to me and I will work with Bro. Brad to see what we can do about reaching others with that news.

This is not for items that can go on facebook, but for things that we deem important enough to let our churches know as soon as possible.

There are two websites that each of us should check every few days during the time we are unable to have public services where we usually get the needed information that keeps us involved in the work of the Lord.

Our BMA of Missouri website is found at bmamissouri.org and the BMA of America website is found at bmaamerica.org. There are numerous BMA churches, schools, and other departments that also have facebook pages from which you can glean helpful information. Let’s use it!!

Cancellation of 2020 BMA of America Annual Meeting

from Jeff Swart, President of the BMA of America

We, the officers of the Baptist Missionary Association of America, in consultation with the department and agency directors, the Coordinating Council, and the national meeting production team, have cancelled the 2020 BMA of America national meeting. The reasons for this historic decision are based on several lines of reasoning.

The CDC strongly recommended that groups of 50 or more be cancelled for the next 60 days. The city of Dallas, sister city to Waxahachie where our meeting was to be held, passed a city ordinance prohibiting gatherings of 500 or more. We feel that as believers, we need to lead the way in submitting to the authority of our governmental agencies in non-faith matters.

Many of the attendees of our annual meeting are older saints which are at a higher risk to experience complications if they contract the coronavirus.

Attendees at our meetings also come from many different areas of our country and even foreign countries, which could contaminate attendees or spread the virus when they return home.

And, there is a strong possibility that if the meeting was held this year that many people would just not come. It is just common sense that has led us to cancel the 2020 meeting.

In light of the fact that we are experiencing a national emergency, we are suspending the Statement of Principles of Cooperation for this associational year to allow our present slate of officers to continue to serve another year and to allow Luis Ortega to preach the 2021 annual message.

Because the commissioning service for our newly elected missionaries is always a special time for the missionaries, their families, and the members of our churches—we have decided to hold this extraordinary service on the Wednesday night of SOAR this July in Grapevine, Texas.

Since Pastor Richard Smith and the people of Farley Street Baptist Church in Waxahachie, Texas, have worked so hard to prepare for our coming this year, we have decided to allow Farley Street to host the 2021 national meeting, to go to Springfield, Missouri, in 2022, and then to Antioch Baptist Church in Conway, Arkansas, in 2023.

Because there is some business that must be conducted this year, a ballot will be mailed to the churches of the BMA of America to give every church the opportunity to vote on these important items of business. Each church will have one vote and the ballot needs to be returned by Wednesday April 29th, the day that these issues would have been voted on should we have met this year.

If you have made reservations at a Waxahachie area hotel, please contact that hotel and cancel your reservations so that you will not be charged for your rooms.

The officers of your association are dealing with problems that we have never dealt with before and so, we would sincerely appreciate your continued prayers on our behalf.

If your church has not received the voting information you can find a link to it on bmamissouri.org



NEWS BRIEFS



Greetings from **Briar, Doniphan!** All of our functions at Briar have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak until further notice. God's Word directs, informs and encourages us in 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, *"But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober."* He continues in verses 16-18, *"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."* As we all know, only God, knows when this will come to an end! It may be by the time you are reading this we could all be back to normal. May God continue to bless us all! Please continue to pray for our country, our leaders, our Pastor's and the churches without Pastor's and all of the families who are affected by the COVID-19. David Grubb, Pastor • Yvonne Hill, Reporter

Greetings from your brothers and sisters at **First Baptist Church, Potosi.** March began with our 64th Annual Friends' Day including a baptism. God has blessed us with many new members. It is amazing to me that our little community has so many churches of so many different faiths, but we still have people who do not know Christ. Our youth group (COW) receives the Word from our youth pastor, Bro. Kevin Smith on Wednesday evenings. Right now we are averaging around thirty each week. When these students tell others what they are learning it helps to spread the gospel in the community. We have four groups who meet on Wednesday evenings. FBC Kids Choir, COW, regular Bible Study, and now Sis. Jaclyn Rowe is teaching a women's Bible Study. We are so thankful for those who teach and for those who attend these services. Our nursery is getting a complete makeover along with some other classrooms. We have many very talented and creative members and it is unbelievable how beautiful these rooms are now! Celebrate Recovery celebrated four years with bands from several area churches. It was a great time of worship. March 15th three children and one adult professed their salvation and want to be baptized. Once again Bro. Jim will be baptizing a father and son during the same service. God is doing great things. As I continue with this article, the whole world has changed. All activities at the church are canceled, so leaders, pastors, and teachers began online devotionals and Bible studies. My grandson preached at the drive-in theater for his church and anyone in the community. I watched Pastor Jim and then went to the drive-in. I watched several services that were posted on facebook or other sites. I had a Sunday full of worship as I pray you did also. As we end the month of March and things begin to look bleak for some, we must remember to pray and stay in the Word. We must pray continually for those who have to work the front lines in any type of service to the community. I miss my forever CR family, my church family, and my own family. Please pray for us as we pray for you. Jim Ainley, Pastor • Deborah Rauhut, Secretary

Greetings once again from **Lindsay Lane Baptist Church, Florissant.** We have turned our clocks back and look what we've encountered! Everyone is encouraged to stay home! As we are anticipating God's promises we are so thankful for His goodness, mercy and grace. Many of our membership have been sick, in the hospital but we praise God for healing. Pastor
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Brian has been helping with his parents plus keeping his flock in check! Please keep the Albert Meade family in your prayers. Bro. Benjamin Kingston filled in for pastor as he was with his folks. We enjoyed meeting him and hearing what God is doing in his life. Our AWANA program is on hold right now as well as any other gatherings. We were able to have the Men's Forge Group and Saints Alive meetings in February but then—! Our pastor along with many others have become full time televangelists! We thank God for the ability to get messages to His people. No, it isn't the same but just maybe we were getting too satisfied and God decided to change things! Please keep the Agnes Jody family in your prayers due to her recent Home going. Please keep our church in your prayers. Brian Meade, Pastor
 Kathy Chapman, Reporter.

Greetings from **Ozark Heights Baptist Church, Potosi!** I hope this finds you well in these trying times we are in. Starting this Sunday we will be having a drive-in service at 11:00 a.m. We will try to continue the sermons on our facebook page as well! Let us be encouraged by our Lord Jesus Christ and not discouraged by the times, for our Christ is the Great Physician! If you know of anyone in need in the Potosi area during this time please let us know so we can help them. Have a good month and God Bless!
 Brian Kingston, Pastor

HELLO to all from **Oak Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Alton!** We hope everyone is well. The last time we had services was March 15th and some of our members were missing. We all need to pray to the Lord for a cure of the Coronavirus. I know people do not like to stay home, but we have to stop the spreading of the Coronavirus. The Lord blessed us with brains and

common sense! I think it is time we start using it and hopefully the virus will stop spreading and the Doctors and Nurses will find a cure. Starting this Sunday March, 29th we will have preaching on Facebook at 10:00 a.m. This will be something new but I think that it will be GREAT!! Until next month I hope I will have some good news to tell you but until then we will be praising and honoring our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God Bless!!
 Edward Casey, Pastor • Jennifer Williams, Reporter

Landmark, DeSoto says, Well! March started out just like normal, but we can certainly say it hasn't ended up that way. We had two ministers bring God's Word to us before we had to shut down because of the Virus. We are grateful to Bro. Doug Asbury and Bro. Bryce Wilson for those messages. Denver and I attended the annual State WMA and Brotherhood at Bunker on the 8th and enjoyed the day. The drive was beautiful that day, too. There was good attendance and, good food and I especially enjoyed Bro. Terry Sharpe's message. Sorry if you missed it. We have had so many sick among our members, their families and their friends. Today I especially want to ask that you remember Bro. Delmar Holt. He's in the hospital in Festus, just waiting for the Lord to call him home. He's had a myriad of health problems. We praise God that none of our members have been affected by this terrible virus that has us all staying home and practicing social distancing along with scrubbing our hands regularly. We just pray that it will leave our country soon. We had church by phone with several of our members yesterday. We may not be able physically to go worship in our church buildings but that doesn't mean that we cannot reach out to our church members and our families. We are still searching for a bi-vocational pastor and hope to have one very soon.
 Sharon Page, Reporter

We are sorry there are no more reports from our churches in this issue. Perhaps the reason for this is the abrupt changes that churches have had to make during this season of quarantined or perhaps it is because our deadline for material was one week earlier than usual due to my request, for various reasons. I did send out two notices about the early deadline, but maybe some article contributors did not receive them. I hope no one was inconvenienced by this.

I want to use this opportunity to encourage all of us to pray for one another during this crisis. Our God is faithful and we can rely on His Word as we seek His will each day. We look forward to what is ahead as we serve Him!!

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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • March 2020

General Fund:

Checking Account:

Balance February 29, 2020		\$	28,133.57
March Receipts:			
Offerings:	\$	4,925.70	
Camp Ins. Reimbur.	\$	<u>6,085.29</u>	
Total Income:	\$	11,010.99	\$
			<u>11,010.99</u>
Total Available			\$
			<u>39,144.56</u>
Disbursements:			
Director, Salary	\$	650.00	
Office Expense	\$	<u>180.97</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$	830.97	\$
			<u>(830.97)</u>
Balance March 31, 2020:			\$ 38,313.59

Bank of America Savings Account:

Balance February 29, 2020		\$	1,101.14
Interest:	\$.02	\$
			<u>.02</u>
Balance March 31, 2020:			\$ 1,101.16

Investment in BMA of Mississippi Revolving Loan Fund:

Balance February 29, 2020:		\$	105,749.33
Interest:		\$	<u>593.21</u>
Balance March 31, 2020:			\$ 106,342.54

Total of all Funds March 31, 2020: \$ **145,757.29**

John Meriweather Serves The BMA

In 2013 the churches of the Baptist Missionary Association of America made the historic move of relocating much of its departmental structure to Conway, Arkansas. The dream of a unified vision, the benefits of a Shared Service Team and the savings of thousands of dollars derived from this integration have been a tremendous victory for our association. The move has given BMA Missions and Lifeword unprecedented synergy and effectiveness in reaching around the world with the gospel. And when DiscipleGuide began to suffer and eventually dissolve its ministry, many of its functions were seamlessly absorbed into this new structure that was already in place.

One of the great highlights of this move has been the success story of the BMA Service Teams. These are specialized employees that are not limited to serving one BMA department but have a wide range of expertise shared by different departments. Information Technology (IT) services, media production, building maintenance, financial accounting, and human resource experts make up the BMA Shared Service Team. They support the needs of our missionary family around the world and are integral to making the worldwide ministries of the BMA effective and efficient.

God has given the churches of the BMA an experienced professional to shepherd this area of ministry. John Meriweather holds a degree in business management from the University of Central Arkansas. He comes to BMA America after serving with Acxiom Corporation from 1990-2016. Acxiom leverages data and information services and technologies to support the marketing strategies of (primarily) Fortune 500 companies. Serving in numerous client management and operational leadership roles during his time at Acxiom, his last role was Vice President of Client Implementation Services – leading the teams that design and implement marketing services solutions for new and existing clients. John's business acumen helps to bring a high level of professionalism and efficiency to the management of the BMA Service Teams.

"I never imagined how my skills and experiences could be used in ministry," said Meriweather. "It has been an incredible experience to see how God shaped my heart and opened opportunities in my life to serve him in a ministry capacity where my skills and experience can be leveraged for his glory. And I've continued to be amazed at how he is able to reshape and leverage previous skills in new and exciting ways."

John has been married to his wife, Holly, since 1990, and they have three grown children, Landon, Sidney and Olivia. Last year they welcomed their first grandchild, Phillip. To connect with John and to find out more about his service to the BMA, e-mail him at john@bmaamerica.org.

From Our Director...

I am so impressed with the positive response we are witnessing among our churches as we seek ways to keep our ministries on focus during this pandemic!

Rather than bemoaning the fact that we are encouraged to not meet in large groups in our worship facilities in order to keep the spread of the virus down, many of our churches are devising ways to worship on-line, or with "drive-in" services, or various other ways.

God is showing us that we can do things differently when necessary and "different" isn't always bad! In fact, some of the things we are learning during this crisis may be incorporated in our methods in one way or another when all this is over.

We certainly look forward to things getting back to "normal" but we might be surprised what "normal" will be this time next year.

Be faithful to God and His Word at all times!

GOODNEWS 4 UKRAINE

It has been awhile since we have sent an update about the ministry here in Ukraine. We had a very busy Christmas season and a full schedule during January and February. There is an article about our winter ministries included in this newsletter that will update you on everything that has been happening.

Many of you have asked about COVID-19 in Ukraine and how it has affected us and the ministry here. We were originally under a strict quarantine until April 3rd however, today it has been extended to April 24th.

We, like most of you, are only allowed to leave our homes for essential and necessary purposes. Restaurants and cafes are closed except for some offering take out or delivery service. Most businesses other than essential services are closed or employees are working from home.

Schools and Universities are closed but unlike the United States they are not having online classes. Meetings of ten or more people are prohibited and gathering with anyone other than immediate family is discouraged.

Our church is using social media, zoom, and other technologies to conduct services and bible studies. Tammy and I will begin teaching online English next week using Zoom! This will be a new experience for us but we believe it will be very effective. Our first lesson will center around COVID-19 and how it is affecting our students lives. This will give us wonderful opportunities to talk about God and His faithfulness and share the gospel.

It really is no different here than anywhere else in the world right now. Many people want to know how they can find hope in these difficult days and we are glad to share with them about Jesus Christ. Thank you for your financial and prayer support,
Larry & Tammy Wood



Be a “Camp DEWr” in 2020

A “Camp DEWr” is an individual who gives \$ 75.00 or more to camp in a year. It is a great way for YOU to support camp.

“Camp DEWr” receive a free T-shirt and will have a special retreat weekend open only for DEWrS **June 19-20, 2020**. DEWrS get special recognition camp week.

It is time to apply for your membership for 2020 to the camp! If you were a “Camp DEWr” last year you must renew you status for 2020. Therefore if you renewing or joining for the first time send your \$ 75 or more to Sis. Laura Polk at P.O. Box 271, Matthews, MO 63867. For more information call her at (573)472-1038, or email her at campgarwood@gmail.com.

A “Camp DEWr” weekend is a special retreat. We’ll have special guests and activities planned.

Opportunities in the Middle of Limitations

by John David Smith, Executive Director
BMA of America Missions

In 1 Kings 17 Elijah is divinely sustained with water from a brook and food brought by ravens during a drought. The location and the sustenance was all given by God. This is what we would call **SOLITUDE**. Solitude can be defined as an intentional separation for the refining of our soul. This is us running **TO** God.

Solitude is necessary because we tend to substitute intimacy with God with busy-ness for God. The most important things found in solitude are the provision and presence of God! Notice that the brook dried up . . . solitude is temporary, and it is intended for us to find strength and direction to move on in obedience . . . not stay forever.

In chapter 18, Elijah is used by God for one of the great power/truth encounters of all the Bible. The prophets of Baal are supernaturally defeated by the power of God. Much could be said about letting our guard down after a great victory and when things seem like they couldn’t get any better . . .

In chapter 19, Elijah finds himself isolated in a cave. Unlike the current situation where we are mostly obligated to stay away from others because of Coronavirus, Elijah’s isolation was voluntary . . . self-inflicted. It was a spiritual and emotional isolation, not merely physical. He had just witnessed God use him in a supernatural way on Mt. Carmel, and now he is cowering in a cave because Jezebel had threatened his life.

This is what we would call **ISOLATION**. Isolation is what we crave when we neglect solitude. Isolation is running **FROM** God. Here are the four lies of isolation:

- 1) I am the only one.
- 2) Nobody understands.
- 3) There is no hope.
- 4) God cannot resolve this.

God ministered to Elijah in his isolation by giving Elijah a clear picture of himself, renewing his lost perspective, giving him a plan . . . (in other words, Elijah, get up and get busy . . . fear and self-pity are not the proper responses . . . we need active obedience to clear commands), and telling him to rely on people.

There is great joy in the presence of God, the provision of God, and in active obedience to his commands. Finding that joy begins with surrendering to him. May we all use our present circumstances as a time of solitude, not isolation. May

Food For Thought...

by Don Burke, Pastor Breton Creek Baptist Church, Potosi, MO

Saturday morning. I sit here in my study at home – the second weekend that the church I pastor will not be meeting because of concerns over the virus. And I sit here knowing that between now and this time next week I will be faced with evaluating the situation and deciding the course for myself and those impacted by my decisions.

I have friends here on facebook – good, respectable friends, many of them fellow Christians – who share their thoughts on the virus and how we should be handling it. These good folk run the full spectrum from thinking this whole thing is a government or deep state conspiracy we must fight in the name of liberty; to an effort to shut down churches and all things Christian that we must fight in the name of Christian and first amendment freedom; to all the panic (and more) is totally justified and those failing to social-distance themselves 110% and take all other precautions are nothing short of the Son of Perdition. And like I say, these are good folk that I think a lot of and I would trust my life to – yet there is a whole spectrum where good folk are landing on this issue.

But with so wide a scope..., where is the right place to land? What do I use – and what do I encourage others use – to make our best decisions at times like this?

From my nearing-sixty years of life here on this planet I’ve come to realize this: We can base our perspective upon what we feel (including what we fear), or what we know. I’ve always found the latter to give me the best results.

So, the question becomes what is it that I legitimately know that legitimately speaks to the situation?

- I know that I personally know very little to make a fully-informed decision upon. Yet ultimately I will have to make the best decision I can in spite of what all I do not know.

- I know the mainstream media cannot be trusted to tell the full unbiased truth.

- I know that social media (as a whole) can be trusted even less.

- I know that few of us (myself and those I know well enough to trust) are medical experts in this area to be able to evaluate the situation divorced from the impact of others. I also know that the “experts” paraded around before us, I do not know well enough to know what bias or agenda they may have.

- I know that since we are not medical experts in this field what we do “know” has itself been run through someone else’s filter – and very likely several someones with several vastly different filters before it got to me.

- I know that a doctor I put great trust in has told me directly that of everything we’ve been told much of it is not the full truth. He also said that we need to respect the virus for what it is, but not make it into what it is not.

- I know that there is an element of this world that wishes to thwart all things church and Christians. But I also know that in this particular case the government is not shutting down all forms of church ministry. So if this is a government conspiracy against the church, someone’s doing a pretty rotten job of it.

- I know that God demands that we give governing authorities due honor within their scope of authority. I also know that when the government demands that we as Christians do something that God says is a sin we have a mandate to refuse. So then the questions here are, (1) Does the government have the authority to try to protect its citizens? (I’m inclined to

think it does.), and (2) Does God say that it is a sin to not meet in His house for a Sunday or two? (I do not recall any scripture that says that. Furthermore, if it does there are a lot of Christian folks out there who miss that much for vacation or a softball tournament!)

- I know that if the news about the virus is even remotely correct, most will get over it; yet there are serious consequences to many who get it.

- I know that I want to be reasoning and not reactive in my response to the chance of endangering others – but I know that I don’t personally know enough to know specifically where that line is drawn.

- I also know that lots of other folks are in the same kind of position I am in, making decisions based upon what little information they have available, and almost all of it second hand – and they, too, are making their best call, even if they come to different conclusions than I do. I know I thus need to extend to them the same latitude that I want others to give me in making my call.

- As a point of personal reflection, I know we assume (that with which we “fill in the gaps in our knowledge” when we don’t know all the pertinent details) says more about us than we realize.

And so here I sit, partially stunned with the realization of how little I know, along with the realization that by this time next week I have to again make a decision based upon my best call in spite of what all I do not know.

I also realize that in the likely event that this situation is not resolved sooner rather than latter, people will become even more polarized in their thinking, even more vocal in their expressing it, and even more volatile and reactionary in their defending it. And as these things get foreseeably worse, it will be even more important that we strive to know the truth, for truth brings freedom and gives us a solid foundation on which to stand.

It is Time to Make A Decision!

The following article by Pastor Tom Smith is offered to make us realize we will be well prepared if we make up our minds now as to whom we will follow when put to the test!

“What Is the Mark of the Beast and The Dangers & Consequences of Taking It?”

Right now, in the midst of all of the COVID-19 conspiracy theories. . . End Time discussions. . . if Jesus’ Return is imminent, etc. . . it’s good that we step back and take a look at things in light of Scriptures.

John’s Revelation has been a “hot topic” subject ever since he wrote it from the isle of Patmos, probably around AD 95 or 96. There’s probably no other book in the Bible that’s been so hotly discussed, debated and disdained—even among professing Christians.

Why is that?

Partly because some want to interpret it strictly as historical—i.e., it was intended to give hope to other struggling, persecuted, first century Christians. Then, there are those who see it as totally futuristic and interpret the “seven churches of Asia” (Rev. 2 & 3) as “church ages” instead of literal churches existing in Asia Minor, now known as modern-day Turkey.

And, then there are others (like me) who interpret John’s Revelation as part literal, part symbolic and part futuristic. Even then—as it is in the other views—it’s still a tough Book to understand and one on which we should be legalistic or dogmatic in our interpretation.

That being said, there have already been a diversity of opinions as to what’s meant by the “Beast” and the “Mark of the Beast” in Rev. 13:15-17, 16:2 and 19:20. And, down through the centuries people have interpreted the Beast as various murderous tyrants or dictators like Hitler. In fact, recent generations have even come up with elaborate numbering systems which give a number to each letter of the alphabet and “proves” that someone is the Anti-Christ.

But, in each case they were wrong.

So, that brings us back to the purpose of this article: what is the “Mark of the Beast?”

Down through the years some have thought it meant having the number “666” tattooed to one’s forehead and/or hand, much like the victims of the Holocaust had a number tattooed to the inside of their arm. But, when you understand that the number “6” in Jewish numerology is the most despised number of all. . . because it falls just short of the perfect number “7”. . . then you realize John was basically saying “6 to the nth degree,” i.e., the epitome of evil.

So, then, what else could it be?

Back in the 1990’s while we were still serving as missionaries in the Philippines, I came across an article by a man who’d been working in R&D (research-and-development) on a small Remote Frequency Identification Device (RFID) chip for the government and the military. As they finished developing it, he learned that it would be powered by lithium and he objected because of it being radioactive; he was overruled.

So, he resigned his position and took another job. Then, he began researching the meaning of the word “Mark” in the original Greek of the N.T. (“charagma”) and discovered that it meant “to scratch, etch, sculpt, engrave, etc.”—but it also means “to sharpen, drive in a stake, pierce, etc.” And, suddenly, he realized that’s exactly what a hypodermic needle does when it pierces the skin—and that’s how the chip will be implanted.

He also discovered that the best places to insert the chip is in the forehead and/or the hand because of easy accessibility and temperature in those locations. And, on further research he discovered that lithium produces boils when it leaks under the skin—which is exactly what happens after someone takes the Mark of the Beast (government).

We also read in Revelation this Mark will not only be used for “beneficial” purposes like personal I.D. and medical history (like the ones in our pets), but it will also be required for “buying and selling” (Rev. 13:15-17)—which means those that don’t take it won’t be able to purchase things.

All of this comes as we move to a cashless society, which makes the current discussion about “digital dollars” and “digital wallets” much more interesting. And, when coupled with the “digital ID” proposed under ID 2020, we realize we’re much closer than we realize to the End Time scenario described in Revelation (Rev. 16:2).

Think about it:

For many years now we’ve utilized “smart chips” in our credit cards, debit cards, military I.D.s, etc. Likewise, the use of fingerprints and retina scans to identify us has become much more prevalent.

Thus, could it be these were “precursors,” i.e., a desensitizing of us so we’d more readily accept the coming Mark of the Beast?

For years veterinarians have been inserting these chips into our pets so they’ll be more easily found (through GPS tracking) when lost, in addition to having all their medical records available with one scan.

Consequently, there are people all around the world who’ve already had smart chips inserted into their bodies for the above mentioned reasons: easy identification, ready accessibility of medical records, etc. And, it would seem the next (logical) step would be to insert it in response to the current COVID-19 pandemic as a means of identifying who’s had it, recovered, been vaccinated, etc., to keep it from further spreading.

This would also help military commanders to know where there troops are in times of war, how to better strategically position them, etc., in addition to doing away with the chips in military IDs.

And, what’s wrong with “all of the above?”

Well, in Revelation those who take the “Mark of the Beast” are pledging allegiance to the Beast, i.e., the government or One World leader (possibly head of the U.N.?). In fact, some believe a part of this will include a “One World Religion,” where everyone embraces “the same god” (regardless of what name you give him/her)—all for the purpose of respect and tolerance in a pluralistic (or is that polytheistic) society.

That’s why John referred to it as “worshiping the image of the Beast” (Rev. 16:2; 19:20).

In Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego’s day this would have been the equivalent of kneeling down to Nebuchadnezzar and his 90’ statue of himself (Dan. 3). And, in the first century, it’d be pledging allegiance to (basically worshiping) Caesar by renouncing one’s Faith and saying “Caesar is lord.”

But, the three Hebrew teenagers and the early Christians knew they couldn’t do so without abandoning their own Faith. They also knew God had said “You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make unto you any graven image or likeness of anything. . . and you shall not bow down to them or serve them—for I the LORD, your God, am a jealous God” (Ex. 20:3-5).

And, that’s why so many Christians have been martyred through the years: all because they refused to deny their Faith by “trampling underfoot Jesus’ precious Blood. . . crucifying Him afresh. . . and bringing Him to an open shame” (Heb. 6:6; 10:29) by their cowardice betrayal.

If Pre-Tribulation Rapture proponents are right, then we Christians won’t have to face this dilemma of saying “Jesus is Lord” or denying Him by taking the Mark—for we’ll be whisked out of this world before the seven-year Great Tribulation begins.

However, if the Post-Millennialists or A-Millennialists are correct. . . and we do have to go through the Great Tribulation. . . and have to choose what we’ll do with regards to the Mark.

. . . take it or starve (or worse, be killed). . . then the “cost of discipleship” will be much greater than anything we’ve ever had to face.

We’ll have to decide whom we’ll serve: “God or Mammon” (Mt. 6:24).

And, that’s why we, like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego should decide ahead of time what we’ll do when the heat’s on (Dan. 3:15-18)—for Victory is determined before entering the Battle when the pressure’s on.

Therefore, Beloved, stay faithful and focused in “the Race that is set before you” (Heb. 12:1-2). “Settle it, therefore, in your hearts not to meditate before giving an answer (or make a decision)—Lk. 21:14. That way you won’t run the risk of being cast into the Lake of Fire with the Beast and False Prophet when Jesus, the “King of kings and Lord of lords” comes again (Rev. 19:11-21).

May our prayer today be like that of the early Christians: “Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus” (Rev. 20:20). Then, let us heed Jesus’ Admonition to “watch and pray—for, in such an hour as you think not, the Son of Man comes” (Mt. 24:42, 44; 25:13).

Let it be, O Lord, let it be.

***Faith doesn’t
always take you
out of the problem,
Faith takes you
through the
problem.***

***Faith doesn’t
always take away
the pain,
Faith gives you
the ability to
handle the pain.***

***Faith doesn’t
always take you
out of the storm,
Faith calms you
in the midst
of the storm!***

WMA & GMA NEWS

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State WMA Meeting Report

The 51st annual meeting of the Missouri State Women's Missionary Auxiliary met with Ohlman Missionary Baptist Church in Bunker, MO on Saturday, March 7th at 10:00 a.m. Bro. Van Widger and Sis. Kari Hartlein led the congregation in singing "Won't It Be Wonderful There" and "Standing On the Promises". After prayer by Sis. Sharon Page, the Brotherhood left for their meeting.

Sis. Janet Widger gave the Welcome for Ohlman. Gifts were presented to the President, Sis. Barbara Williams. The response was given by Sis. Ladonna Baker from Zion.

After Sis. Barb welcomed our visitors she gave a devotional using **II Kings 5:1-15 "Mission Positive"**.

The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Williams. She called for the reading of the Secretary's report. It was read by Assistant Secretary, Sara Buckley. Report approved as read.

Treasurer Connie Reifsteck gave the Treasurer's report. After motion and second was made, there was some discussion and the motion carried.

Sis. Carolyn Meade (Bible and Tract Distributor) and Sis. Tracy Goede (Historian) gave verbal reports. Their reports were accepted by a motion and second. Carried.

Assistant Youth Promoter Terri Adams reported on meetings coming up for the GMA. April 3-4, 2020 will be the GMA House party (Friday evening) and State Meeting on Saturday at First Baptist Church in Potosi, MO. The State GMA Retreat will be July 10-11, 2020 at Camp Garwood. A motion and second was made to accept verbal report. Carried.

The Ladies Retreat report was given by committee member, Sis. Ladonna Baker. This year's retreat will be September 11-12, 2020, at the Drury Inn in Arnold, MO. Speakers will be Sis. Pat Quesenbury and Sis. Fran Hoover. A motion and second made to accept report. Carried.

Newly Elected Officers for 2020-2021:

President: Sis. Sharon Page - Landmark

First Vice President: Sis. Ruth Gibson - Stony Point

Second Vice President: Sis. Kari Hartlein - First Matthews

Secretary: Sis. Norma Womble - Zion

Asst. Secretary: Sis. Sara Buckley - Bates Creek

Treasurer: Sis. Connie Reifsteck - Zion

Asst. Treasurer: Sis. Juanita May - Ohlman

Bible and Tract Distributor: Sis. Carolyn Meade - Lower Doe Run

Historian: Sis. Tracy Goede - Zion

Youth Promoter: Sis. Lisa Cox - Kewanee

Asst. Youth Promoter: Sis. Terri Adams - Kewanee

Since the National WMA will meet in Springfield, MO in 2022, a motion and second was made that the President, First Vice President and Second Vice President serve a three-year term. This motion carried.

Sis. Amy Asher of Loyalty Baptist Church in Sparta, IL was elected to serve through 2023 on the Retreat Committee.

The annual message was delivered by Bro. Terry Sharpe. Scripture reading from Proverbs 27:17, "*Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.*"

After a delicious lunch prepared by host church, business continued. The Resolutions Report was read by Sis. Ruth Gib-

son.

Final registration report given: 16 churches represented with 17 messengers and 36 visitors making 53 total present.

Final finance report: Offering today was \$207.00 and \$25.00 for the 2019 Project. A motion and second was made to accept registration and finance reports. Carried.

The 2021 WMA meeting will go to Landmark Missionary Baptist Church in DeSoto, MO March 6, 2021. Annual speaker will be picked by host church.

Sis. Terri Adams presented a program on "**Mission - Possible**" using Matthew 19:26 and Philippians 4:13.

After recognition of the New Officers, Sis. Janet Widger dismissed the meeting in prayer.

President, *Sharon Page*
Secretary, *Norma Womble*

2020 Resolutions Report

In light of the world condition with sin increasing every day,

Be It Resolved:

- We encourage each lady to pray for our country
- For our moral standards
- For the upcoming election of our President
- For all members of Congress

Revelation 22:20 ".Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

Humbly submitted,

Ruth Gibson

Connie Reifsteck

Coronavirus and BMA Missionaries

by *Holly Meriweather*

Coronavirus has caused concern, panic, even terror all over the world. Although "social distancing" is recommended, there are stories of compassion like the young lady who shopped for an elderly couple terrified to enter a grocery store and the man who gave \$100 tips at restaurants in his city.

It's a chance for Christians to do what they do: Meet people's needs, both physical and spiritual, something our missionaries do instinctively.

Executive Director John David Smith says, "Early on (in this crisis) some of our missionaries could have gotten out, but they chose to stay because they would have lost all credibility when they returned. They put themselves in greater levels of risk for the cause of Christ. It's what the missionary spirit is all about."

Our missionaries around the world are familiar with risk. Also, their ministries are in countries with poor infrastructure, mass transit ill equipped to handle the population, and financially-strapped economies. Coronavirus may have brought life to a stand still, but not their mission work:

One of those countries is India, where the first death reported in the country was just 100 meters from the Prakash family's home in Gulbarga, which is currently on high alert. Their primary ministry work is to the 1,500 children in the schools where Prashant is administrator. Also, the churches and church plants he and his team visit are in rural areas with limited access to more supplies than just masks and sanitizers. In addition, Golda Prakash says "it's difficult for people in our town to understand the seriousness of the matter."

Sam Jordan, missionary to Jordan, recently received a container filled with mixed rice through a partnering agency. During a time of diminished supply chains, he praises the Lord for those supplies being distributed to Syrian refugees at their camp and church facilities, his team's largest area of ministry. Please pray for the refugees, especially these days, because of the coronavirus. They live in very difficult situations with little means to purchase basic personal hygiene products.

In Lebanon, Middle East coordinator Charlie Costa says that coronavirus has further complicated the financial crisis there. Because of the country's ongoing economic problems and inflation, bank withdrawals are restricted to \$100 a week. In addition, ministry work and other gospel activities in the Middle East have halted because of travel bans in the region.

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Sofilthy's Attic

by *Barbara White*

Hunkered Down

Because of these crazy times that we're going through because of supposedly the corona virus, I have been hunkered down at home.

When I first heard of this virus I said that I may have been exposed because I used to type on a Smith Corona Typewriter, but the situation quickly became too serious for a remark like that.

I don't know what Hunkered down means and I tried to look it up and Mr. Webster didn't know what it was either. But because of its usage I think it means to hide from something.

I was thinking about stories of people in the Bible who hunkered down or hid from something. Some that came to mind were:

Josiah was hidden for 6 years.

Moses was hidden for three months.

The spies hunkered down while Rahab covered them with stalks.

Jesus hid himself when the Jews were going to stone him

David was hunkered down when he asked God to hide him "*under the shadow of Thy wing.*"

I've decided that "hunkered down" is not a bad place to be. via *The Mississippi Baptist*

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

The Providence of God: The Captives Return to Jerusalem

Ezra 1:5 - 3:13
by Dennis Baker

The proclamation of King Cyrus to grant freedom and to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem was the beginning of a spiritual revival among the Jewish captives. God stirred the hearts of the captives to invest in the work of the Lord. When God ordains the end (the rebuilding of the temple) He also ordains the means to the end (a people willing to go to Judah and work).

The people invested in the work of the Lord even before they settled in their houses. They gave their offerings willingly and according to their ability. The tribal leaders and Zerubabel the governor gave generously, and the people followed their example, Nehemiah 7:70-72.

Before the temple was completed, Joshua (Jeshua) restored the altar, and offered sacrifices commanded by the law. It wasn't necessary for the temple to be completed for worship to begin. It's not external furnishings, but what is in the heart that concerns God the most.

King David once asked the question, Psalms 11:3, "if the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do." There is only one answer: lay the foundation again! That's what spiritual revival is all about, getting back to the foundations of the Christian life, and making sure they're solid: repentance, confession, prayer, the Word of God, obedience, and faith.

As the people laid the foundation of the temple they gathered together, stood together, and the Levites sang together. (Vs 1, 8, 9) The tasks of the people were varied, but they all had one goal, working together to lay the foundation. Philippians 2:2, "Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind." When the foundation was furnished the priest and Levites praised the Lord with singing and giving of thanks to the Lord. The people united their hearts and voices in praise to the Lord for His goodness to them.

Worship was interrupted as the young men shouted for joy and the old men wept. The old men had seen the original temple before it was destroyed. It is unfortunate when the unity of God's people is shattered because generations look in opposite directions. The older men were looking back and longing for the good old days, while the younger men were looking around with joy. Both of them should have been praising the Lord for what He had accomplished.

We cannot ignore the past, but the past must become a rudder to guide us and not an anchor to hold us back. God's people are a family, not a family album filled with old pictures; They're a garden, not a graveyard covered with monuments to past successes.

Every local church is but one generation short of extinction. The older believers need to challenge and equip the younger believers and set a godly example before them. The future of the congregation is in jeopardy. The church is a family, and as a family grows and matures, some things have to fall away, and other things take their place. To some "change" is associated with "compromise," but where there's love, "change" becomes a partner with "cooperation with one another and concern for one another."

The revival in Jerusalem began because God stirred the hearts of individuals. May God stir our hearts. When God stirs our hearts, we will get back to the foundations of the Christian life.

BMA Missouri Brotherhood Auxiliary Meeting

The annual meeting of the Brotherhood Auxiliary was held March 7, 2020 at Ohlman Baptist Church, Bunker, Missouri. The attendance was seventeen, representing nine churches. The offering was \$88.00. Bro. Roy Callahan Treasurer's Report showed a balance of \$492.56.

Officers elected for the 2020-2021 associational year were: Bro. Dennis Baker, President and Bro. Roy Callahan, Secretary/Treasurer.

Bro. Dennis Baker gave a devotional from Ezra 1:1-4, The Providence of God, Proclamation of Cyrus for Building the Temple. Three spiritual truths that can be learned from Cyrus's decree to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem are: 1) God is faithful to His Word, 2) God is in control of the nations, and 3) People don't have to be Christians for God to use them.

A vote was taken and approved, to continue having a brotherhood retreat once a year on the first weekend of May. The 2020 retreat was scheduled for May 1 & 2 with activities including Corn Hole and Yard Golf competition.

There was good interest for supporting the brotherhood program with some churches committing to contribute an offering of \$100.00.

Presidents Note: Due to Coronavirus restrictions that President Donald Trump has asked the citizens of the United States to observe, there will be no Brotherhood Retreat for the year 2020! Hopefully, we will be able to schedule a retreat the first weekend in May 2021.

Pray for Brotherhood of the BMA of Missouri!
Dennis Baker • President

From God's Word & My Heart
by Pastor Ben Kingston • Bethel Baptist Church • Lonedell, MO

What Should Be Our Response....

For what, or as what, do you want to be remembered? As a pastor I have some things for which I do want to be remembered and many that I don't!

One of those things for which I do not want to be remembered is the two extremes of a position. For instance, in this difficult, unprecedented time, men are doing one or the other. They are overreacting or underreacting.

Case in point: a few pastors have ignored their governmental leaders and were hosting church services despite group restrictions. The result? Breakouts of the Covid-19, and in one church a death of an elderly member.

The other reaction would be to just hold up in the house and watch hours of Netflix and let the world fend for itself. I want to go on record and say that I do not want to be remembered for either side of this situation. I do not want to overreact or underreact.

What is the spiritual opposite of an over action? A healthy, God-led response! Ahhh, there it is! The word that we need in this hour: **response!** What should be our response to all of this? Well, I guarantee you it should not be an act of defiance or neglect, but a well prayed-for and thought-out response.

In writing this article, I am presently doing just that. In preparation for an Easter that will be Bethel's first in her 121-year history that we may not host a service to worship the resurrection of JESUS Christ.

So, what will we do? I don't know! But again, I guarantee we will respond!

Pastors, deacons, Sunday school teachers, AWANA leaders, lay leaders, and laymen and women: let's seek God in this difficult time and reassure Him that He has our attention, our love, and our loyalty. Let's ask Him for the proper response to our community and our world at this most pivotal time.

God is trying to reach a lost world to Himself! Let's join Him in that effort with a well prayed-through response!

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Mid-Year 2019-2020 Financial Report

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October 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020

Balance: October 1, 2019	\$	2,756.90
Receipts:	\$	<u>9,263.29</u>
Total Available:	\$	12,020.19
Disbursements:	\$	<u>(9,948.56)</u>
Balance: March 31, 2020	\$	2,071.63

Thanks for your support of this ministry!

Stan & Donna Scroggins *Philippine Missionaries on Furlough*

On March 14 the president of the Philippines, to stop the spread of coronavirus to the 7000 island of the country, shut down all inter-island travel by air and by boat. Because of this Donna and I had to leave our island before the ban was put in place in order to be in Manila for our international flight to the United States on March 19th.

We couldn't believe how a city of 22 million was completely shut down. For five days we camped out in our hotel room with no restaurants available for meals. We found a convenience store and was able to buy Ramen Noodles.

The main issue for us was lack of information and bad information. Not knowing flight status, cancellations and schedule changes was a nightmare. We were really totally fine just inconvenienced.

When departure day finally arrived you can't imagine our joy, first to be able to get to and enter the airport, then to see our departure plane arrive.

We ended our final week at the Bible College with Student Week. It is a full week of fun activities and community service projects. This year Donna was in charge of the week's events.

Our first stop after leaving the Philippines was Los Angeles. Our plan to visit a few local BMA churches was inhibited. However, we were able to do a live feed with Calvary Baptist Church in LaVerne, California. It was so much fun to meet a few of the folks and be hosted by Pastor Lincoln Dial.

So much fun to watch our son-in-law preach and worship with our daughter Leslie and three grand girls Ava Grace, Eddy Rose and Joy Tatum.

Even through we are 8000 miles away ministry still goes on. Early in January the Philippine shut down in coming and out going flights to China. This abated the spread of the coronavirus in the county. Next, inter-island travel was shut down. In a third world county like the Philippines if a person contracts the virus they have no resources to fight it. No medicines, no access to medical care. Now there is a complete travel ban - all local transportation is shut down. So, Filipinos have no way to get around. Day passes are required to travel to the market.

You can't believe the hardships imposed on our own BMA churches and families. In a country 99% Catholic this means that our Baptist families can't avail of the support being provided. We must intervene on their behalf. So, we missionaries are sending funds back to the Philippines to help our especially vulnerable families. Missionary Kevin Bermao is purchasing and preparing rice for distribution to our people in the mountains. \$250.00 can provide rice for 50 families for a week. Go to bmamissions.org if you can help us provide for our BMA families.

Darlene Carey Christian Academy

Progress was really moving forward until the coronavirus shut down construction. Fund raising continues for the building. \$10,000 will build one class room. It would be great to finish both buildings at one time before labor and material cost increase.

2020 Furlough • March 19 - July 27

It has been two years since our last furlough and we need to enlist about ten new supporting churches. Please consider inviting us to learn more about missions in Asia and the Philippines.

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Pray that the good news would have an open door, and that God would protect his people in the Middle East.

"There are opportunities in limitations," Smith says. "It's an opportunity to talk to an audience with hearts and ears that are somewhat more softened and a little more open to the gospel. We abide by the guidelines for precaution, but we look for opportunities to exalt the name of Christ. Our missionaries will be greatly limited but opportunities will appear, and they will be looking for them."

Some of the issues paralyzing the countries where our missionaries serve are the same worldwide: closed schools and churches, canceled meetings and events, and empty shelves in the stores. Americans, while inconvenienced, don't have the paralyzing issues that the Prakashes, the Jordans and the Costas do.

Of course, it's not just our missionaries who are called to look for opportunities. Christians are called to offer comfort during uncertain times, and there are already many examples of their sacrifices.

Follow BMA Missions on Facebook for updates, go to <https://bmamissions.org/missionaries/> to pray for them by name then find them on Facebook.

Update on Just the Crumbs/ BMAA Disaster Relief Ministry

Just the Crumbs arrived in Nashville on March 12 and immediately began setting up to be ready to replace Mercy Chefs, who were pulling out on Sunday. We began feeding Monday, March 16. We have averaged feeding between 3 and 4 hundred per day. Our most difficult challenge has been the continuous rain and wet ground where we are set up. God has provided us a tremendous group of volunteers from TX, IN, KY, AR, MS, Mexico, Brazil, and, of

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 until a request is received to remove it.

Douglas Brand of Farmington, member of Fellowship Baptist Church in Potosi, MO; is available for pulpit supply or as the Lord leads (have experience with Music Ministry). If you have any questions, you can contact Mike Jarvis (573-854-9075) or Larry Lovvorn (417-766-4077) for references. Contact Doug at 573-315-0930 or 573-315-0931, email dbrandministries@gmail.com

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Caleb Houston, youth minister of Kewanee is available for weekend revivals, youth events, and pulpit supply. Contact him at 573-521-7826 or calebhouston@yahoo.com.

Brian Adams, a member of First Missionary Baptist Church of Matthews is available to preach or as the Lord leads. Contact him by e-mail at bkadams27@yahoo.com or by phone 217-779-9264

Denver Page, a member at Landmark, DeSoto, MO is available for preaching as needed. (636) 942-3503

James Hoffmann, is available for pulpit supply. Contact him at 314-277-8644 or by e-mail at jmhoff@charter.net.

If you are a preacher and a member in good standing of a Baptist Missionary Association of America church and would like your name added to this column please contact the editor using the information on page 2.

Daniel Springs Camp Adjustments

Due to the current situation with COVID-19, Daniel Springs Baptist Camp is making the following adjustments:

The price increase planned for April 1, 2020 will no longer take place. All registration prices will remain the same as last year. Go to www.DanielSpringsCamp.com for all the details and deadlines on registration.

The 55th Anniversary Celebration previously set for April 18th, 2020 is postponed until further notice.

If other changes are necessary, we will communicate them as soon as possible. Feel free to email jason@danielsrpiungscamp.com or call (903) 685-2433 if you have any questions.

Like all of you, we are watching and praying, knowing God is in control. We are praying that God's strength and wisdom give all of us direction and opportunities to show the world that He is the only peace in all circumstances.

Jason Prewitt • Camp Director
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course, TN. We have partnered with the awesome organization, Connect Nashville, to reach this community. Our needs remain the same: food or monetary donations. We have agreed to stay as long as the need and resources last. We have permission to stay at this location for at least another 2 months as needed. Nashville is on lockdown due to COVID-19, but our services have been deemed essential, due to so many of the elderly and others that are in need. We are complying with all the safety measures put forth. All volunteers have been told if they feel vulnerable and want to leave to feel free to do so. Pray for us and the people God allows us to minister to. Thank you to all the BMA Churches and Individuals who have helped us continue this service thus far. Contributions can be made through BMMA Mission Office or

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