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“Holding Forth The Word of Life”

Philippians 2:16

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GO.DISCIPLE.PLANT.REPEAT:

Part One by John David Smith

The theme of World Missions Day 2021 is represented in four words: GO.DISCIPLE.PLANT.REPEAT. They are a reminder of what we are here for, who we are, and what global missions is all about. In 2 Timothy 2:1-7 Paul addresses Timothy, who is in Ephesus, the city where Paul started a ministry on his second missionary journey and spent a lot of time on his third missionary journey:

“You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor’s crown except by competing according to the rules. The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.”

GO.

First let’s consider the word go. The New Testament word missions comes from the word send, and its companion action is GO. So we are reminded first and foremost that we must be senders and we must be goers.

If there is no sending and there is no going taking place in our individual lives, our congregations, our local churches, and our associations, then we have lost sight of our purpose and what we are here for. Obviously Timothy was working in Ephesus where Paul had ministered for many years. They both had gone and they

both had been sent. So the first word we see from 2 Timothy 2 is GO.

DISCIPLE.

Next is the word DISCIPLE. Paul clearly tells Timothy in the same passage that he must disciple to the fourth generation: Paul disciplined Timothy, then there were faithful men, then others. Discipleship is absolutely the key to winning people to Christ and maturing them. The Great Commission doesn’t say simply “go and announce the gospel”. It says to “go and make disciples”.

Certainly in BMA global missions we are about making disciples who make disciples.

That is one of our values and one of the things we focus on. Notice that in the passage 2 Timothy 2:2, that the pronouns go from singular to plural. It’s “you Timothy” “you need to do this”. But then it becomes “many” and it turns into “faithful men” then to “others.” The singular leads to the plural and in discipleship we all must be investing our lives in the lives of other people.

Part Two

The third word is **Plant**, and of course that implies churches. In an unashamed way in BMA Global Missions we announce that we are local-church driven and that we are absolutely local church focused. We believe that the local church is both the source and the goal of New Testament missions.

The church is the one that sends and, of course, wins people to Christ, makes disciples, and gathers them in a community of believers who meet to worship God, obey the commands of Christ then scatter again to repeat the process.

In Timothy 2:2 Paul addresses Timothy as an individual working in a church at Ephesus, a city with a rich history in the New Testament. It’s estimated that 40% of all New Testament churches had some connection to the church at Ephesus. That’s how vibrant they were in the mission of God.

Paul ministered in Ephesus. Timothy did also, and Peter addressed the churches of Asia when they were under persecution. John no doubt wrote from Ephesus when he was at the end of his life. And Jesus spoke to the church of Ephesus when the seven churches of Asia were addressed in the first chapters of Revelation. Ephesus has a very key place in the New Testament.

In Revelation Jesus commended the Ephesus church for good works but then said “you’ve left your first love”, which was that drive and desire to fulfill the mission of Christ and make disciples in all nations. That mission marked the church at Ephesus for the first forty years when John writes and Jesus speaks in the book of Revelation maybe the institutionalized version, maybe all those good things we do in

2021 B.M.A. of America Meeting Postponed

From Jeff Swart, President of the BMAA

A zoom call was held Tuesday January 12th with the officers of the BMA of America, the Executive Directors of the departments of the BMAA, the directors or officers of the BMAA Auxiliaries, the BMAA Production Team, and Richard Smith, host pastor of the 2021 national meeting. The purpose of the virtual meeting was to discuss the feasibility of holding the national meeting at the regularly announced time in April 2021.

The decision to move forward with hosting a physical meeting of the national association in April 2021 was made the third week in October 2020. Since that time, things have changed. In the state of Arkansas, and in an around Waxahachie, TX, the number of new COVID-19 cases is setting a record almost every day. Our utmost desire is to protect the messengers of our churches and so, we felt that we needed to explore other options.

After more than an hour of discussion, it was clear that our mutual desire was to host a physical meeting of the BMAA in 2021 if possible. **Therefore, the 2021 national meeting of the churches of the BMA of America will be delayed until Monday August 2 thru Wednesday August 4, 2021, at the Farley Street Baptist Church in Waxahachie, TX. The meeting will be conducted with the same format as the 2019 national meeting with some minor changes to comply with local and state health regulations.**

The elected officers of the BMA of America will decide by June 1st if holding a physical meeting of our national association in August is still a viable option. If it is deemed necessary that we cancel our meeting together in August, plans for a Zoom meeting the BMA of America will be implemented and announced through our state papers.

I personally appreciate your patience with me during this unprecedented time in our nation’s history. I believe that my desires, and your desires, for our association are the same. I may take a different route to get where we all want to be, but I assure you that in time, we will all get there. The best thing that you can do is pray for your officers and if you do, I am convinced that we will do a better job. It is a great joy to serve such a fine group of pastors and churches!

church life and in Christianity begin to dominate the main thing. And so we see that we must plant churches.

Now we come to the final word: **REPEAT**. We must continue to multiply. We never get to the end of our mission. We never fulfill our mission. We never say we’ve done enough. We never do. So we repeat.

Certainly in 2 Timothy there is an element of the succession of leadership where Paul adds extra encouragement to Timothy to carry on the ministry. But this was more than just one time of encouragement. This was the norm of the entire New Testament. They were involved in and had the goal of multiplication:

GO . DISCIPLE . PLANT . REPEAT.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 02/28/2021



NEWS BRIEFS



Lower Doe Run Baptist Church, Ellington. What a few months of totally uncharted waters for our nation and our church. Isn't it wonderful that though the waves are overwhelming our God does not change at all. We can depend on His promises, His presence with us, and an anchor that holds. Our church has experienced the virus in most every family. One member lost her son and her sister from the virus. Another member lost her oldest son during the pandemic. Some have tried to stay home but finally went through the virus and survived. Our Pastor had the COVID in November through the Thanksgiving season. He still tires easily and now is facing surgery on his left shoulder within the next few weeks. Please pray for him. The Logan Creek Association will meet for the Fifth Sunday Sing at Ohlman but our group has opted to forego the meeting though we would truly love to fellowship with our sister churches. We long to attend the State WMA and Brotherhood that comes up in March. We were so thankful for those who helped our WMA fundraiser for BMA Disaster Relief. Through Pampered Chef and Valarie Fish we raised \$630. We helped feed churches in the Philippines, the Philippine Bible College students, one BMAP church by helping rebuild their building and helped a struggling church in Missouri. Till we meet!

Melvin Meade, Pastor • Carolyn Meade, Reporter

Landmark Baptist Church, DeSoto. I'm hoping that everyone is enjoying the new year so far. I don't know how it could be any worse than last year. We just need to keep praying for this virus to leave our country. But also totally believe that God has His merciful hand on everything. I didn't get a report in last month, so will try to catch you up with some events. December 13th, we had Friends and Family day/crafty Christmas. Items were donated for a silent auction by the members. A fun time was had by all that were able to attend. We thank the Hall family for all their hard work, including making lunch for all. (The Hall family and the Pages all had Covid in December, so we missed church several Sundays.) As far as I know, no one else has had it, but several were exposed and we kept the church doors closed several times. No services the first three weeks of January, but we are back in services now. We enjoy Bro. Benjamin's preaching and his youthful exuberance. We "old" folks are trying to keep up with him and love him so very much. Until the Lord's Return or next month Benjamin Kingston, Pastor • Sharon Page, Reporter

January has been a time of optimism, hope and much prayer for **Ohlman Baptist Church, Bunker.** January 3rd we were blessed to have Dr. C.R. Curtman fill in the pulpit. He fed us with the Word and encouraged us as we search for a pastor. It was also a great pleasure for me to be able to visit with him and Sis. Judy in the home of Larry and Juanita May during the afternoon. Then that Sunday evening in monthly business meeting we voted to call Bro. Terry Sharpe as pastor. This has been a time of much prayer for him as well as the church in coming to a decision. On Sunday, the 10th we enjoyed having Bro. Brendan Sanders from Friendship in St. Clair preach in both services. This was his third time to fill in and he has never hesitated to come when called. His parents came to hear him during the morning service and give him moral support. Bro. Brendan is young but has a desire to serve the Lord as a pastor in the future. In the meantime he is being mentored by his own pastor, Bro. John Dover. We thank the Lord for pastors who are willing to train and mentor younger men to follow in their footsteps. The 17th we enjoyed having Tim Chitwood from West Plains preach to us. He has family in the area and some of them were in attendance. The 24th Bro. Terry Sharpe

was with us and asked us to pray for him as he wants to do what is God's will in returning to the pastorate either at Ohlman or somewhere else. The 31st was a banner day for us. Bro. Terry Sharpe filled the pulpit for the morning service, we had a couple from the area come forward for membership on statement, we had lunch, we had a meeting with Bro. Terry about our call to him, then we hosted the Logan Creek Association 5th Sunday singing. About the couple that joined, we warmly welcome Bro. Randy and Sis. Marilyn St-luka. They are from the area and have been attending for quite a while participating in various aspects. They prayed about the decision and observed our services and ministry before making the move. We appreciate and respect that. About our meeting with Bro. Sharpe. We had several members in attendance in the meeting to hear what was on his heart and for him to hear from us. No decision has been made yet. He will be back February 28th to preach and has said that he will let us know at that time. We all are in agreement that while this could be an easy solution, we want it to be God's will, not what we think we want. We ask that each of you pray for him as well as Ohlman. About the 5th Sunday Singing. We had several stay after lunch for this and had members from Mt. Olive, Salem, MO join us. It was a great time of praising the Lord in song. Our Wednesday night ministry is still going well with an average of 15 to 20 younger children attending. We only had to cancel once due to snow. The best parts of this ministry is seeing some of these kids coming back on Sunday morning with their parents and the really best part of this ministry is that some are asking about salvation and what it means. We pray that God will continue to give our teachers wisdom and patience in answering the questions and explain to them

in words that they understand.

Janet Widger, Reporter

Greetings from **Bethel, Sikeston.** We have been blessed to still be having services with our Brothers and Sisters. We are still practicing social distancing and wearing masks and are so thankful and blessed that we are able to keep worshipping together. Bro. Billy has started a study on the Luke Warm Church on Wednesday nights, which has been very informative and enlightening, and opens our eyes to what the church needs to be doing. We need to be on fire for God, spreading the Gospel to a lost and dying world. Satan is walking about seeking whom he may devour, he knows his time is drawing near, it's closer now than it has ever been. On the 24th we had a prayer service with everyone in the church giving a request of what was heavy on their hearts. It was a very Spirit filled service... as we all gathered around the altar, made a circle and prayed for these requests and our country and leaders. On the 31st, Bro. Les Cantrell brought the evening message on Faith, which was a real blessing! We plan to start our Wednesday night classes again February 3rd and start Sunday School again on the 7th. We covet your prayers, as we continue to pray for you all.

Pastor, Billy Davis • Reporter, Joan Wood

HELLO to all from **Oak Hill, Alton!** We have not been having services at Oak Hill because of COVID-19. Some of our members have battled with COVID-19 and the Lord blessed them back to their health. January 11th one of our dear members, Bro. Dale Williams, went on home to be with the Lord. We started having preaching services at 11:00 a.m. January 17th. It is my understanding that we will have services like this for a while. We would like to ask that you would remember the Williams family and Oak Hill in your prayers for the passing of Bro. Dale. 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

Greetings once again from **Lindsay Lane Baptist Church, Florissant.** January came in with a bang as we were without power the first Sunday of the year. We have learned to roll with the punches as we worshipped In-N-Out homes. January 10th, we witnessed Christmas around the world as our children presented our Christmas program. It was a beautiful program filled with songs and lots of laughter. January 17th, we were

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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • January 2021

General Fund:

Checking Account:

Balance December 31, 2020		\$	36,463.74
January Receipts:			
Missions:	\$	3,358.61	
Total Income:	\$	3,358.61	\$ 3,358.61
Total Available			\$ 39,822.35

Disbursements:

Director, Salary	\$	450.00	
Secretary, Salary	\$	200.00	
Juan Fernandez 3mo	\$	7,000.00	
Garwood Loan Payoff	\$	6,500.00	
Total Disbursements			\$ (14,150.00)
Balance January 31, 2021:			\$ 25,672.35

Investment in BMA of Mississippi Revolving Loan Fund:

Balance November 30, 2020:	\$	107,411.56	
Interest:	\$	541.47	
Balance December 31, 2020:	\$	107,953.03	

Total of all Funds January 31, 2021:			\$ 133,625.38
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From Camp Garwood One of Our State's Greatest Mission Outreaches!

Mid winter report from Camp Garwood. The Short version: It's cold and lonely at camp!! But that will change soon enough. We are in the process of planning some Spring and Summer activities leading up to Summer camp 2021.

We don't know what to expect going forward but we are planning to have camp July 26-30th. Certainly there will be some changes and we will likely have fewer campers from normal, but we feel at this point we should be preparing for camp.

We ask that you pray for us, the committee, the sponsors, Speaker, teachers, band and the campers. Last year was disappointing for all of us. Pray this year is better than ever.

We will have online registration this year and everyone 18 and older will need to complete the adult screening process. We'll be posting more info as the year progresses.

You will see a brief financial report in this edition. We have several projects in the works and will be posting that info as they develop.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Chris Polk,

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Camp Garwood Financial Report 10/01/20 - 02/02/21

General Fund:

Beg Bal.	\$	3,510.49
Received		21,226.97
Balance		24,737.46
Paid Out		(4,408.58)
End Bal.		\$20,328.88

From Our Director...

A Page From My Heart

As you know, we have passed motions in both the Meramec Association and the BMA of MO to support Bro. Juan Fernandez as a North American missionary in the St. Louis region. We are not the lead in this effort, but God has used the fact that we are in a healthy financial situation to get this ministry started. Bro. Juan is excited to get started and so are we!

The Meramec Advisory Committee and Bro. Hoffmann met with Bro. Juan for prayer during his forty days of prayer campaign, Thursday, January 28th. It was a joy to hear what was going on and to pray for him and his family. He has joined Bethany Baptist Church and they have voted to allow him to use their building as home base. The hope is to build small Bible study groups in the area and eventually start holding services in the basement of the church. Bethany has wonderful facilities, and we are so appreciative of them assisting Bro. Juan in this effort. I know they are excited, also.

Bro. Juan received His citizenship last week, and we congratulate Him for that tremendous achievement!

He has expressed a desire for anyone in our work that has contact with Hispanics to please get their contact information to him so he can begin building bridges with them for the Gospel's sake. Currently, Bro. Juan is looking for people to reach in the St. Louis region, but I know He is open to any contacts. You can call or text those to Bro. Juan (618-581-8056) or myself (636-629-2526).

Please pray for Juan and his family as they dive into this wonderful ministry.

P.S. The following is from Bro Juan himself:

Hi! I'd like to add two items:

1. By God's grace this 2/8/21 my wife and I are celebrating our 7th anniversary and

2. this new stage of 40 days of prayer and evangelism prayers will be for protection and guidance as we will be knocking on doors in the neighborhood around to share the gospel from 2/1 to 3/12

This stage starts today. Also, we have a page in Facebook to connect with our Hispanic friends: [Ministerio para familias hispanas en Missouri](#).

Thank you, brother!!

Juan

Amen, Bro Juan!

So, if you will, dear reader, read this next part as a prayer:

Dear Father, you know

*Man's Laws Cannot Make Moral
What God Has
Declared IMMORAL.
Even if a SIN is
LEGALIZED, IT'S
STILL A SIN IN THE
EYES OF GOD!!*

and see the requests that are listed here from Brother Juan. We're praying first of all, that you would continue to bless the marriage and this family as they join hands and arms together in this ministry to reach the Hispanic community, and anyone that You bring them to, for Your glorious gospel. We pray for protection as they knock on doors and as they share your gospel in these next 40 days and beyond. We pray that you will give them souls for their labors and give them additional laborers to help in this effort. We ask all these things in your Son's holy and precious name, Amen.

Bro. Ben, BMAMO Missions Director

Note: See more from Bro Juan on page 5 (some of the above is repeated, but there are other new items from Juan).

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blessed to have Tyler and Emily Brantley in our services and fell in love with this young family. We are praying for them as they ready themselves for the mission field in Argentina. We were challenged not only to send missionaries but to be missionaries in our own communities, schools, work places, and in our own homes. These young families have many prayer needs. As we lift them up in prayer, let's remember them in this time of covid and quarantine. During the month of January we held a diaper drive for Thrive, a non profit Christian organization. Please keep Bro. Mike Jenkins in your prayers as he will be having hip replacement surgery this month. Also we extend sympathy to Sis. Mickey Henson in the recent passing of her sister. Our praise team has started practicing music for our Easter service. Praise God for His word in song! We are planning on hosting a Valentine Banquet February 12th. Of course, we will be social distancing! We are sharing our services on Facebook, and youtube. We are so thankful for Bro. Curt and Sis. Marley for making this possible. Continue to pray for LLBC and Bro. Brian as our shepherd. Brian Meade, Pastor • Kathy Chapman, Reporter.

Mission Sunday, February 28th!

Greetings from **Briar, Doniphan!** Well, the first month of 2021 is gone and to be honest it didn't seem any different than the whole year of 2020. But, at this time last year we had no idea what the year was going to hold for each and every one of us. As we look ahead in the next few months we still have no idea what is going to be in store but we do know who holds tomorrow and who holds our hands. It was so good meeting together with our brothers and sisters in Christ for the prayer breakfast. There were 13 of us present, representing 4 churches. This month we will be meeting again at the Corner Café on Hwy 21 just north of Doniphan at K Hwy on Saturday, February 13th. We will be preparing Valentine cards to hand out to each other, the other patrons of the restaurant and also the staff. When we do things for the other patrons and the staff we always share the gospel with them. We will share our prayer

request with each other, so we are all agreeing as one in holding these prayer request up to God our Father. If you have any special prayer request you would like for us to be praying for just let me know or Sis. Sharon Lourance. We will gladly share for you. May God continue to bless us all! Continue to pray for our country, our leaders, our Pastor's and the churches without Pastor's.

David Grubb, Pastor • Yvonne Hill, Reporter

We praise the Lord for what He is doing in our church, **New Testament, Sullivan.** We kicked off the new year with our Vision Service Sunday, January 3rd. We challenged our church with a new theme for 2021- "He Is Greater." This theme comes from 1 John 4:4- "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than He that is in the world." With that theme in mind, we also started the Five Day Bible Reading program as a church family to encourage one another to read and study God's Word for the purpose of knowing the truth so we

can be better prepared to combat the false teaching of the day in which we live. We praise the Lord that we also had a new family join the church in January. Please pray for the Flowers family that they will feel welcome and that they will get to know more people in our church and other churches in our BMA association. We had a special service on Sunday, January 17th for Sanctity of Human Life. We had a special emphasis and time of prayer and gave a love offering to the Lifeline Pregnancy Center in Cuba, MO. We also encouraged our church family to volunteer at Lifeline and shared with them specific areas that they could get involved in and help. We enjoyed a time of congregational singing and special music during our Fifth Sunday Singspiration on Sunday, January 31st. Anyone is welcome to join us in the future for these special Fifth Sunday Singspiration services.

Josh Wright, Pastor

First Baptist Church, Potosi, began 2021 with five baptisms which included a mother and daughter. We are continuing with the two services, one at 8:00 and one at 10:00. We have not brought Sunday School classes back due to classroom size; however, Bro. Kevin is teaching a Defenders class at 9:00. There is plenty of room to social distance and he has had many in attendance. GMA has changed days and has moved to Wednesdays at 5:00. Hopefully, this will allow those who are in after school activities to be able to attend. Wednesday's are full of activity. FBC Kids and Adults meet for the FBC Kids opening service. Then the children go to their area and the adults split into two classes. The women are led by Sis. Jaclyn Rowe and the men are led by Bro. Jim. Finally, the youth meet for their lesson and activities presented by Bro. Kevin. Celebration Place still is going strong and receiving new people every week. Several members continue to watch the Sunday service on-line to protect themselves from COVID. God will never leave us; He is still working all around us so we must continue to read the word, pray, and praise Him. Please pray for us as we pray for you.

Jim Ainley, Pastor • Deborah Rauhut, Reporter



POUND IN A PURSE



Dear Church Ladies of Missouri BMA,

Kewanee Baptist and First Baptist of Matthews would like to invite you to our event, **POUND IN A PURSE**. We did this last year and it turned out to be a **GREAT** fundraiser for our WMA National Project. This year our project is **CAMP GARWOOD!**

What takes place at this event is you get to bid on a purse of your choice and inside this purse will be a pound of something. This is done in a silent bidding fashion and at the end of the bidding you will be able to reveal what's inside!

This will take place at Matthews' fellowship hall on **March 13, 2021** from **11AM to 3 PM**.

We will be serving a lunch and our speaker this year will be **Deanna Wisely George**.

Please let us know if you plan to attend and how many ladies from your church. This is not a WMA event, this is an event for all ladies from our churches.

We look forward to seeing as many ladies as possible. We love our camp and what a great way to support it.

Your Pound in a Purse Committee

Respond to Terri Adams 573-380-0331 or TLAdams_@hotmail.com

Correspondence From Our BMAA Seminary

Please Note: This letter was written and sent before the end of 2020 but we did not receive it until late in January 2021. Therefore, although it is outdated the need is still current and we pray many will be moved to help one of our departments in need.

Doing Old Things in a New Way Making Disciples in a New Format

The spring semester of 2020 was impacted at the seminary in the same way most of our churches were. In mid-March all classes moved to our online platform for the rest of the semester. Additionally, the May graduation ceremony was moved to the end of the summer.

When the fall semester began, we returned to training students to be disciple-makers (as always), but with a new twist. All classes have utilized our online platform augmented by "Oxford Tuesdays." The Oxford Model, used at major institutions since the middle ages, focuses on one-to-one tutoring/mentoring rather than lecturing to larger groups. In many ways the "Oxford" format is like the practice of Jesus Himself. He at times preached to multitudes, but He also worked with the twelve disciples in a more personal manner.

This semester, even though assignments and resources are online, the faculty are on campus all day on Tuesdays to meet students for individual mentoring. The come and go format has been enhanced by a community lunch with a devotional and prayer time. We have had the blessing of being led by a

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l to r: Victoria (4) Elanor (2) Juan & Hannah

Bringing Hispanic families together to receive, understand, and serve in the Great Commission
#disciplemakingdisciples

We Have Been So Blessed!!!

- Beginning in September 2020 we joined the BMAA and began building relationships with pastors and churches in the BMA churches of Saint Louis and Missouri. This partnership with all of you is a huge blessing to us!
- We became church members at Bethany Baptist Church with Bro. Hoffmann - they will be our sending church.
- We had a prayer meeting with BMA Pastors in the area (Brothers Mike Hearst, Ben Kingston, Justin Arender, Brian Meade and Josh Wright). We prayed about this ministry and for a fruitful harvest.

Lifeword and the Mission of God

By Holly Meriweather

Four years ago when the Lifeword Cloud was being conceived and implemented, Executive Director Donny Parrish gave team members their roles in its development. An exciting time for all of us, we prayed for God's guidance and favor as his plans became a reality. Thankfully, Donny is not just a vision caster; he's also a "pray-er." And pray we did . . .

Looking back at that time period of the unknown, we can see how God worked in incredible ways including the addition of a team member, Director of Internet Broadcasting & Digital Strategy Jon Dodson, who had many years of experience in marketing, website management, and digital strategy. He brought many new ideas to the table and knew that the success of a ministry included both video and print content. That meant someone would need to manage the daily blogs published on lifeword.org.

With guidance and advice from Jon and the Lifeword team, I am honored to be that person. There was a lot to learn in the months before Lifeword went live in September of 2018. So I began assembling a talented team of people that includes more than just professional bloggers and writers. That team also includes ministry leaders, stay-at-home moms, pastors, church planters, retirees, missionaries, BMA staff members, counselors, and high school and college students. Currently English-only, Lifeword's blog will soon include more languages, meaning more people reached with the gospel.

Jon says, "God has truly blessed Lifeword.org with an amazing team of writers that daily produce gospel-centered content. Blogging has allowed Lifeword.org to daily publish content that search engines absolutely devour and visitors continue to love to read more and more.

- God has provided funding for me to begin as a full time missionary. (I dunno about this one)
- In January I finally became a US citizen!!!
- My wife and I will be celebrating our 7th anniversary on February 8!

What we have accomplished:

- 40 days of Prayer for Vision and Discipleship process for Ministry.
- Church Planting training in Spanish and English with National Office.
- We've built a list of Hispanic prospects to plant the seed of the Gospel and be potential ministry partners.

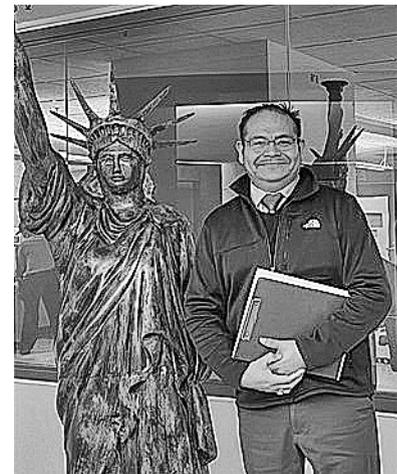
Would You Join Us In Prayer For:

- Next 40 days prayer and evangelism, for each family that will be visited to present the gospel? (Contact, Conversion, Planting, Harvesting, Leadership.) This is our discipleship process. Salvation of each one of the family members and start church in homes.

- Our Live messages on Facebook Sundays at 2:00 p.m. And daily Prayer and devotional broadcasting through the Psalms This is an outreach on Facebook to families in the area.

- Monthly visits to churches in the state to present and promote Hispanic Ministry outreach and connect with potential core team members and prayer partners.

- Prayer for summer outreach in the times of COVID. We have ministry friends who have a sports ministry outreach during the summer. We are looking for oppor-



Finally, A U.S. Citizen!!
1/27/2021
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Naturalization.
St. Louis, MO

tunity and volunteers who would like to reach out to the community through sports.

Lord willing, together we can accomplish the GREAT COMMISSION!

"AND THE THINGS THAT YOU HAVE HEARD FROM ME AMONG MANY WITNESSES, COMMIT THESE TO FAITHFUL MEN WHO WILL BE ABLE TO TEACH OTHERS ALSO." 2 Timothy 2:2

Bro. Juan Fernandez

Baptist Publishing House
Spring Curriculum is Ready

We will be finishing the book of Acts this Spring starting with the lessons which start March 7, 2021.

Contact baptistpublishing@gmail.com to order curriculum for all ages. In addition to the adult curriculum for adults Baptist Publishing House prints an entire line of children's curriculum. They have been working hard to make sure our children have access to solid, biblical, and Gospel saturated materials.

Order yours TODAY!!

Have you registered your church for World Missions Day 2021 February 28?

There's still time to let us know you're planning to celebrate global missions on that day (or any day you choose). When you go to <https://bmamissions.org/worldmissionsday/> to register your church, we will send your pastor a free BMA Missions polo. You can also order or download posters, bulletin inserts, a promotional guide and a World Missions Day video featuring four of our more than 500 ChangeMakers from around the world.

On the website, you can also order GO.DISCIPLE.PLANT.REPEAT T-shirts. That's our theme for this year.

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WMA & GMA NEWS

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State WMA & Brotherhood Meeting

at

Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, DeSoto
March 6, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.

Come Meet our New Missouri Missionaries
(Juan & Hannah Hernandez)

Morning Message • Bro. James Hoffmann
Alternate • Bro. Benjamin Kingston

Lunch will not be served by the church
A list of restaurants will be provided

Letter From National WMA President

February 3, 2021

Dear WMA and Women in Women's Ministries in the BMAA,

You may have heard that the National BMAA meeting has been postponed to August 2, 3, and 4, 2021 at Farley Street Baptist Church in Waxahachie, Texas. Pres. Jeff Swart will re-evaluate the Covid situation in June to see if it is safe for us to meet in August and if not, the meeting will be virtual. For the National WMA to be prepared either way, it will be necessary for us to vote on the items of business by email or mail. We will move forward with our plans for the Women's Conference on Tuesday, August 3rd and pray that comes to fruition.

URGENT REMINDER!

The Treasurer's fiscal books will be closed February 28th. Offerings collected by then will be shown on the current year's report, however money for the current project (Missionary Care) will be accepted through April 1st and shown on the next year's report. Any offerings after April 1st will go to the new project. Our goal is \$85,000.00. Our current balance is \$45,997.00. Let's reach down deep and give as the Lord leads!

Please consider this our Business meeting. We need 3 messengers from your group to vote on each of the 3 items of business.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1) When the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer have completed closing out the books, the jobs of the new Treasurer and new Assistant Treasurer will begin and the Recording Secretary's minutes will reflect that so the new Treasurer and new Assistant Treasurer can open a new bank account in the state where the new Treasurer resides. Do you approve?

2) Do you approve of the recommended officers for 2021-2022 to take office August 3rd after the National meeting, whether it is in person or virtual with the exception of the Treasurer's and Assistant Treasurer's offices. They are:

Recommended Officers for 2021-2022

President - Charlotte Johnson of Gilmer, Texas
1st Vice Pres. - Brenda Hornaday of Palestine, Texas
2nd Vice Pres. - Cindy Allen of Jacksonville, Texas
3rd Vic. Pres. - Kelly Williams of McNeil, Arkansas

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Recording Sec'ry - Jessica Haden of Mt. Olive, Mississippi
Assist. Rec. Sec'ry - Jodi Rhea of Wynnewood, Oklahoma
Treasurer - Janet Widger of Salem, Missouri
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Assist. Director of Youth Auxiliaries - Katy Nix of Magnolia, Arkansas
GMA/YLA Promoter - Lane Flynt of Mt. Olive, Mississippi
Assist. GMA/YLA Promoter - Hayley Rasco of Waxahachie, Texas
Sunbeam Promoter - Sandra Kizer of Pittsburg, Texas
Assist. Sunbeam Promoter - Linda Dertinger of Soso, Mississippi
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Pianist - Linda Strickland of Bella Vista, Arkansas
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2022 Chairman - Beth Caldwell of Lucedale, Mississippi
2023 - Diana Morris of Brownsboro, Texas
2024 - Connie Reifsteck of St. Louis, Missouri
Salary and Expense Committee
2022 Chairman - Glenda Chamberlain of Gilmer, Texas
2023 - Sherry Laminack of Greenwood, Arkansas
2024 - Pat Duncan of Hardy, Arkansas
Inspirational Resource Committee (formally Study Book Committee)
2022 Chairman - Pat Quesenbury of Arlington, Texas
2023 - Kirby Pool of Gilmer, Texas
2024 - Valarie Fish of Emerson, Arkansas

Advisory Committee

Bro. Charles Johnson of Gilmer, Texas

Bro. David Kizer of Pittsburg, Texas

Bro. Randy Rhea of Wynnewood, Oklahoma

3) Do you approve of the Darlene Carey Institute as the National Project for 2021-2022?

Your cooperation and participation will be greatly appreciated! I never would have dreamed we would have to conduct business this way but with the Lord's help, we will get it done.

Please send me your votes as shown below. Thank you in advance! I am really praying the Covid virus will be under control and we will be able to meet together in August. Be safe and God bless!

Sincerely,

Jodi Rhea

National WMA President

Please send your vote by email to mrsrsrhea75@gmail.com or by mail to Jodi Rhea, 40156 E. CR 1631, Wynnewood, OK. 73098.

I need to have your votes by February 28, 2021.

Example:

Jane Doe

First Baptist Church

Fort Worth, Missouri

1) Yes or No

2) Yes or No

3) Yes or No

"What Is America's Hope?"

by Dr. John Adams, Executive Director Moral Action

What is America's hope? We must claim God's promise of healing. II Chronicles 7:14. God says, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." We must meet several conditions before healing can come:

First, God's people must humble themselves before a holy and righteous God. We must become broken in our souls and spirits in order for our Father to renew us.

Second, we must pray. We must renew our daily fellowship with the Father. Our Father desires to spend time with us, but do we desire to be in His presence? Prayer is essential.

Third, we must turn from our sin. How can we do this? Dr. Adrian Rogers said that we must "name it, nail it and forsake it." We must identify and confess our faults to the Father. John said, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness". (I John 1:9).

Fourth, we must not carry our guilt around. Every believer must "nail" his sins to Christ's cross. They have been paid for by Christ's blood, and they will not be held against us. Paul declared, "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross" (Colossians 2:14).

The songwriter wrote,
My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought,

My sin not in part, but the whole;

Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.

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

None That Doeth Good!

Romans 3:10-12, 17, 20

by Dennis Baker, Brotherhood President

All humanity is guilty of sin or rebellion against God. God is revealing Himself to mankind through divine revelation in nature and the written Word. The murderer and the "good person" are equally guilty of sin. Mankind can never improve on his depraved nature to the point that he is good enough to satisfy God's requirement for salvation! Therefore, the whole world is guilty before God and in need of a Savior!

V. 10, "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one." Psalms 14:1, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good." The terms "doeth good" and "righteousness" refer to the same thing. They mean to be right with God. To be right with God is different than trying to be right with some individual. When we have a difference with friends we may or may not be to blame, but to continue our friendship we must find some way to compromise. But if we are going to be right with God, we must play according to His rules. God's salvation is a take or leave it proposition. God has worked out a plan of salvation that is true to His character and nature. To be right with God means to accept His way of salvation. No one can be made right with God based on his or her own righteousness.

V. 11, "There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God." God is not concealing Himself from mankind. In contrast to the belief that religion is an evolutionary process in which man searches for God, God is out in the open telling everyone that they are a sinner and offering salvation to all who will trust in His provision. Luke 19:10, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." People do not understand spiritual truth, nor do they diligently seek after God. At best, people are satisfied with being religious. I Corinthians 2:14, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

V. 12, "They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one." Mankind has turned away from God's way. Man's ways are useless to God or His good purposes. Apart from God, people lack true goodness and kindness. While some unbelievers are gracious and kind their acts ultimately have no value because they do not come from believing hearts that seek to glorify God. Even a "good person" can rebel against God and seek his own welfare through goodness.

V. 17, "And the way of peace have they not known." Because the unbeliever is willing to believe Satan's lies they do not know the truth of God's peace. Romans 5:1, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

V. 20, "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin." No one can earn the privilege of going to heaven by obedience to the law's requirements. The Law was never intended to be a means of salvation. The primary purpose of the law is to reveal sin by pointing out the individual's need of salvation. Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Mankind does not have the ability to appease God's anger and judgment for sin! Humanity's deficiencies, depravity, and guilt cannot be changed apart from being made righteous through Jesus Christ. There is none good!

**Men, Don't
FORGET!
THE STATE
BROTHERHOOD
meets March 6th
at Landmark
Baptist Church in
conjunction with
the State WMA.**

**All our men are
encouraged to
come and enjoy
the fellowship and
worship.**

Are you boasting of your own self-righteousness and defending yourself before God? If so, then perhaps you have never been saved by God's grace.

When people see themselves as God sees them, conviction of sin follows and the need to ask for God's forgiveness will result in salvation. The whole world is guilty before God and in need of a Savior.

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variety of guests. BMAA Director of Missions, Dr. John David Smith; missionary-in-residence, Dr. Ricky Williams; BMATS Trustee Bro. Josh Bullock (Wyatt BC, El dorado, AR); and BPH trustee Bro Justin Cameron (Good Hope BC, Columbia, MS) are just a few examples.

The pandemic also affected the seminary in another way similar to our churches. Attendance is down about 35%. The result is that tuition income is also down by about 35%. This follows a summer semester in which we had practically no tuition income. Budget planning for the next fiscal year begins very soon and the seminary needs to address the current shortfall, approximately \$70,000. before the end of the calendar year.

Since many of our churches and individuals assess their giving at this time of year, please pray for our churches

Announcement

Brotherhood Retreat

We are planning to resume the
Missouri State Brotherhood Retreat
Friday April 30, 2021 & Saturday May 1, 2021
at Camp Garwood.

Program

Friday Evening 7:30 P.M.

Supper

Devotional and Fellowship

Saturday 7:30 A.M.

Breakfast

Fellowship-Corn Hole & Ladder Jacks

Lunch

Dismissal

**We encourage the men and young men from
both the BMA of Missouri and
the Meramec Association
to come and enjoy a great time of
fellowship with the Lord and each other.
Bring your friends who do not attend church.**

**There is no cost for those attending, but
an offering will be taken to help with expenses.**

**Lodging is available
in the Camp Garwood dorms.**

**Bring personal items,
sheets, blankets, sleeping bag, and pillow.**

**We encourage you to practice Covid-19 guide-
lines of social distancing and wearing a mask!**

**Questions: contact Dennis Baker 314-471-8665
email bsafety4332@gmail.com**

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Fifth, we must "forsake" wickedness. When we forsake a wicked life, we literally run from it. Paul told Timothy, "Flee also youthful lusts..." (II Timothy 2:22). Are we willing to forsake the worldly lifestyle and embrace righteousness? Will we let Jesus lead us?

When these conditions are met, our Father will forgive us. He will wipe the slate clean, and give us a fresh start. He will fellowship with us and bless His children again. Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20). Glory! Our American and Christian hope is Jesus, God's only Son.

and their members that the would give as the Lord leads before December 31, 2020.

Consider these requests during this holiday season:

A) Pray for our potential students to have more stability in life and particularly in finances so they can maintain enrollment in school more consistently.

B) Pray that our churches and members will be led to be generous in their giving to alleviate the seminary shortfall (approximately \$70,000).

In Christ's Service,

Dr. Charley Holmes, President BMAA Seminary

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Missionaries to Transition Back to the United States

Big News — As you know, we came home on furlough in March in hopes of returning to the Philippines in August. Due to travel restrictions set forth by the Philippine government we are still unable to return. It has been nearly 11 months and at this time we feel that God has closed the door on a possible full-time return to the Philippines. We will continue to stay involved in a logistical support with the work there and I (Jimmy) plan to travel back and forth a couple times a year. While this was not our plan when we returned home, this was the Lord's plan, and we trust that He is working all things out.

A little over three and a half years ago our family said yes to God's call "to go." While we had a location on a map, we had no idea the adventure that God had ordained ahead of us. We could not have dreamed or imagined all that we would get to be a part of! As we prepared to go, there were four primary areas we felt the Lord had called us to be a part of:

- **Setting up a model of discipleship.** Julie and I were able to disciple around 65 future pastors and church planters. This was a 13-month process of meeting weekly. Not only were we teaching them what it meant to walk with Jesus daily, but we were also able to show them how they were to disciple others. Many of them are already making disciples today!

- **Establishing a 1st-12th grade academy.** In August of 2019 this became a reality with the beginning of a first grade on our college campus. In August of 2020 a second grade was started, and the plan is to continue adding a grade each year until we reach grade 12. From the beginning, it has been our desire for the academy to be run by the Filipinos. Today they are in full control of the daily operations of the academy.

- **Helping the BMA Bible college to be more financially self-supportive.** While this process is not complete, things have been set in motion for this to happen over the next several years. For now, it is vital that funds from the US continue to come to support the Bible college. The new academy will eventually underwrite around 40% of the college's operating budget. 40% will continue to come from the US through student scholarships and the remaining 20% will slowly be taken on by the Filipino churches. Last month, one of the Philippine churches gave over \$1,000 to the college — the largest gift ever received from one of our churches there!

- **Helping plant new churches.** We have had many opportunities to help and partner with new church plants in the Philippines, but we have worked directly with two of them regularly. It has been encouraging to see Pastor Genesis and Pastor JR grow to love the community they are working in, and God is doing an incredible work through them even in the midst of a pandemic.

Throughout our time in the Philippines, we have seen God do some extraordinary things! Many have placed their faith in Christ, disciples have been made, churches have been planted and a new grade school began. We give God all the credit for the work that has been accomplished.

We also want to thank you for your prayers and financial support during our time on the field. Through your willingness to be used by the Lord, souls have been saved and lives have been changed. Without you, we would not have been able to do the things we were able to do! You have truly made a difference to the uttermost parts of the world.

So, we are asking that you continue to give through April as we officially end our full-time missionary status in June. (If you want to continue to support mission work in the Philippines there are several areas of need. I'd love to talk with you further about how you can help.)

I'll continue my teaching responsibilities at the college,

An Atheist's Last Words Before Death

"Until this moment I thought there was neither a God nor a Hell. Now I know and feel that there are both, and I am doomed to perdition by the just judgment of the Almighty."

Sir Thomas Scott •
Chancellor of England

2021 February Daniel Springs Camp Article

Exciting things are happening at Daniel Springs Camp as we anticipate a busy spring and summer. We are so excited about summer 2021 and the amazing opportunities God has in store for all of us to be a part of sharing the amazing message of salvation.

February is busy as we continue to accept applications and interview for our summer staff positions. This is one of the biggest blessings each year, seeing high school juniors and seniors and college students come from different walks of life to explore the possibility of investing in summer ministry at Daniel Springs. Over the last 5 years, it has been an amazing journey to see how God has brought some great young adults to invest in each other, campers, adult sponsors and then to watch their personal relationship with the Lord be strengthened. This summer adventure starts out as a group of individuals and as the summer progresses, we have seen lifelong friendships form.

Plans and details are being worked on for the March Missions Month. March is set aside for individuals and groups to come and work on projects at the camp. No matter if it is just you, your family, a small group or a large group we would love for you to come and spend time with us at the camp and help us continue to make Daniel Springs Camp a place where people meet and grow in their relationship with each other and the Lord. These projects vary from construction, demolition, minor and major repairs, cleaning, sorting, painting, power washing and many other projects. If you want to come by yourself or bring a group of any size, we would love to see you.

I know many are wanting more details about what our summer schedule is going to look like. We are currently working out the details of the health and safety guidelines we have to follow. We will hopefully have this information ready to begin sharing with you near the middle of February.

If you have any questions about March Mission Month, have a student that would like more information about being a summer staffer, or have questions regarding the summer schedule, feel free to contact us by phone at (903) 685-2433 or email us at info@danielspringscamp.com.
Jason Prewitt • Camp Director

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.

Matt Barker of Nixa, is available for pulpit supply or as the Lord leads. Contact him by phone (501-408-9500) or by e-mail: mattbarker1988@gmail.com

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.

Douglas Brand, a member of Fellowship Baptist Church in Potosi, MO is available for pulpit supply or as the Lord leads. He also has experience in music ministry. Contact him at (573) 315-0930, (573) 315-0931 or dbrandministries@gmail.com.

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

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.

Notice these Church mailing address changes, Please!

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