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“Holding Forth The Word of Life”

Philippians 2:16

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It's Not Too Early to Start Making Preparations to Attend Camp!!

Spring has sprung at Camp Garwood! This past weekend we had the Brotherhood/Men's retreat. At one point during **The First Annual Camp Garwood Corn hole Classic Championship** Someone said, “Look at that!” And we all looked at the green fog (pollen) drifting across the ball field. Spring had definitely sprung! We had a great time, a huge Thank You to Bro. Baker, Jeff Reynolds and all the men that came. The only thing I could ask would be for more men to take advantage of this weekend. We have some great men in our work and it's a blessing getting to know them.

By the time you read this May will be coming to an end with 8 maybe 9 weeks until camp time. Are you promoting camp in your church? Are you praying for our speaker Bro. Dustin Wisely? For the campers, sponsors, committee? For other workers like Teachers and our cook? Bro. Rick is unable to attend this year so we will be breaking in a new cook. Be praying we make the right decision and that all things Dining Hall related go as smoothly as possible. Be praying for the band, “The Central Collective.” You can find their page on FB. Pray as they work on the songs and prepare for leading the service, that they themselves are led by the Spirit. Be praying for the campground itself. That the Lord would put His protective hands over the trees, buildings and equipment that He would hide our little valley from the Devil who would do damage if given the chance. Pray over the dorms, over the recreational activities, for good weather. There is no area of camp that doesn't need prayer.

As you invite, encourage and prepare your churches to support and attend camp. Be sure to review the camp rules. Be sure your adults perform the screening requirements. Please, Don't wait until the last minute to get these things done.

We have set June 26th as a work weekend. Come help us get the camp grounds ready. Several buildings have been adopted by various groups and churches. We do have a couple dorms and the Tabernacle is still unclaimed. The Tabernacle is a big job and requires moving heavy pews. Maybe a group of churches could work together to take on this task. 8,9,10 weeks will go by so fast. We are excited to hear the roar of

camp once again this year. We are praying for you and hope you do the same for us.

Blessings, Chris Polk
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Two

Ordinations

(YOU are invited to attend, if this announcement reaches you in time)

Please mark your calendars for a special day and join us May 16 at 2:00 p.m. at Landmark Baptist Church in De Soto, MO for Bro. Benjamin Kingston's ordination.

Benjamin, Jeff Moorman, and I have been going through two books on each side of the spectrum. One with a theological approach, the other a more business sided approach to ministry. The study has been rich and fruitful.

Please make this information available to your ordained brethren and church members so they can attend.

Bro. Jeff Moorman's ordination will be at Central Baptist Church on June 27 so please add that to your calendar.

Please contact me with any questions.

Ben Kingston 636-629-2526

NOTE: **Please pray for these two men and their churches as they begin their ministries and lead God's people. Pray for God to call more workers into the fields!**

One of Life's Most Precious Gifts

by Jeff Swart, BMAA President

One of the important leaders in the early church was a man named Timothy whose name means “one who worships God.” Paul describes Timothy's mother and grandmother in these words: “I have been reminded of your (Timothy's) sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also” (II Tim. 1:5). Paul said that faith in the Lord Jesus Christ “lived” in Timothy's grandmother and “lived” in Timothy's mother and now “lives” in Timothy. God wants us to have a “living” faith that is lived out through our lives and passed on to our children (II Cor. 3:2-3).

The Apostle Paul makes the following comment about Timothy: “...from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures...” (II Tim. 3:15). Paul stated that Timothy had learned the Scriptures from the mouth of his mother from the time he was an infant. Later in life, Timothy, whose heart had been spiritually prepared by his mother, was apparently led to Christ by the Apostle Paul (I Cor. 4:17; I Tim. 1:12; II Tim. 1:2).

We have noticed the spiritual training of Timothy and now notice the fruit of Timothy's life:

- He was an ordained preacher of the gospel (I Timothy 4:14; II Timothy 1:6,7).
- He had the spiritual gift of evangelism (Romans 16:21; II Timothy 4:5).
- He faithfully served Paul as a companion and fellow worker (Philippians 2:22).
- He became indispensable to Paul's ministry (Acts 17:14-15; 18:5; 20:4).
- At one point, only Timothy shared the same burdens as Paul (II Timothy 2:3; 3:14).
- He restored the backslidden saints at Corinth (I Cor. 14:17).
- He comforted the believers in Thessalonica (I Thess. 3:2).
- He pastored the church at Ephesus (I Timothy 1:3; 4:12).
- He suffered persecution (II Timothy 1:8; Hebrews 13:23).

Tradition says Timothy died as a martyr in Ephesus while attempting to stop a heathen procession in honor of the pagan goddess Diana. I personally believe that Timothy lived a godly life as the result of the godly influence of his mother Eunice. In my opinion, Ralph Waldo Emerson correctly made this observation, “Men are what their mothers make them.”

It was Solomon who wrote, “Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it” (Proverbs 22:6). Solomon stated a general principle that parents are to teach their children the ways of the Lord and when they are mature enough to make their own decisions, they will make their decisions based upon their previous spiritual training. I have often said that the second greatest gift that God could ever give you is a Christian mother and father. If you have, or in some cases had, a godly mother — please pause right now and thank God for one of life's most precious gifts.

Happy Mother's Day, moms!

via The Baptist Trumpet



NEWS BRIEFS



Please note: The first two articles in this section did not arrive in time for the April issue so I am putting them first this month. It was not the fault of the reporters but of our mail service.



Elder Eddie Conover
60 years in the ministry

Mt. Carmel, Ellisnore, is saddened to announce that our pastor, Elder Eddie Conover resigned February 28, 2021. He has pastored at Mt. Carmel for the last 37 years. He began preaching in 1961 at the age of 27 and spent the next 60 years in the ministry. From 1962-1964 he pastored at Friendship Baptist Church in Harviell, MO. From 1964-1970 he pastored Black River Baptist Church in Qulin, MO. He pastored

Emmanuel Baptist Church in Poplar Bluff from 1970-1984 and in 1984 he came to Mt. Carmel where he completed his 60 years of ministry. Bro. Conover turns 87 his next birthday. He has been having some difficulty with his eyesight. We have been blessed through the years under his preaching and he will be missed. Please remember him in your prayers as well as those of us at Mt. Carmel. May the grace of our Lord be with you all.

LeAnn Woodard, Reporter

Greetings from **Amity Baptist Church in Doniphan.** We have chosen to be "Safe" rather than sorry, therefore we have been having our services by way of Face Book live from our home since November. It is not the same as being gathered together in our church building but we are thankful that technology is available and someone knows what to do to make it work. We pray all is well and we will be able to gather in our building soon. If you are stuck at home, and want to join us, we start at 11:00 a.m., or you can watch later. The Face Book page is [Amity Missionary Baptist Church](#).

Ernie L. Cate, Pastor • Becky Cate, Reporter

Greetings from **Briar Baptist Church, Doniphan!** This entire year seems to be flying by! Which I guess is a good thing and you can say we have sure been busy. Our food pantry delivery is now an every week event instead of once a month. It is a great thing, but it is also so sad that it is needed by so many in our community. We were able to attend the Youth in The Harvest this month which was sponsored by Bethlehem M.B.C. The program was asking for prayer and giving praise reports. Everyone was to write 3 prayer requests on leaves, and then they were posted on a tree on a bulletin board. Then the 3 praises were written on flowers and posted on stems under the tree on the board. When finished it made a really pretty picture. Each of us left with the image of the bulletin board in our minds. The thought of this helped me remember the prayer request a longer period of time than just hearing the request spoken aloud. Because of conflicting schedules there will not be a Youth in Harvest Meeting for May but it will be at Black Creek M.B.C. in Poplar Bluff June 11th at 7:30. The Third Sunday Singing was held at Mt. Zion M.B.C. in Poplar Bluff April 18th. Enough singers were present to keep it going for the full hour and a half. This month it will be held at Friendship M.B.C. in Harviell, MO at 2:00 to 3:30. I am looking forward to it! Our prayer breakfast for April was on the 17th. We were blessed to have Bro. Rodger and Sis. Linda Payne as visitors to the breakfast from Springdale, AR. Sis. Linda is the sister of Bro. Bob Hill and she does a ministry for widows and

she has several widows in our churches that she ministers to and wanted to meet as many of them as she could on her visit. Our May Prayer Breakfast was moved to the 5th Sunday Associational Meeting on the 22nd at 9:00 at Black River M.B.C. And we will be meeting on June 19th at 9:00 at The Corner Café on Hwy 21 N just outside of Doniphan at the junction of K Hwy. May God continue to bless us all! Continue to pray for our country, our leaders, our Pastor's and the churches without Pastors.

David Grubb, Pastor
Yvonne Hill, Reporter

Greetings from **Lindsey Lane Baptist Church.** We pray everyone had a blessed resurrection day! With all that is going on in our country the old hymn keeps playing in my mind "I need thee every hour." Pastor Meade has been preaching a series of messages on the final sayings of Christ. It has been very uplifting and the reminders have been tremendous. Bro. Adam Coleman presented himself as a candidate for baptism at the end of services on 3/29/2021 and became a member of the LLBC family. We are so thankful for our youth! We enjoyed Palm Sunday with youngsters, and not so young, singing "Hosanna" as they marched into the sanctuary. We've had a series of special prayer meetings for our church and community. We also observed Good Friday with special services, and anticipated God's blessings on Easter Sunday. It has been a little over a year that covid hit, hit hard! With God's blessing and protection we are once again thankful for our worship and fellowship time! We had a washer tournament and time of fellowship near the end of the month. This was a fun time for all. We have several folks that are standing in the need of prayer. Sis. June Schultz is now in a new residence. We are planning on having sports camp in June. Pray for every-

one involved in this endeavor! This is a great outreach here in the area. Bro. Buddy Graham was recently promoted to Heaven. Our hearts are saddened by his passing but we praise God for his testimony and his love for his pastor and his church. The church was host to his home going service and ministered to his family. We praise God for healing for Joel Leal. He has had a serious case of covid and has been hospitalized for several weeks. Please continue to pray for him and his family. I thank everyone for praying for my oldest brother Fred. He had successful surgery to repair a hole in his heart. God is always so good! We thank God that the Parishes were able to travel to Texas to get acquainted with their newest grandson! Sis Eunice Gibson was able to be with us for the first time since covid hit! May God bless till we meet again.

Brian Meade, Pastor • Kathy Chapman, Reporter

Ozark Heights Missionary Baptist Church of Potosi sends greetings to all our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. God blesses us daily with the beauty of his love, accompanied by the beauty of the flowers and trees of Spring. We enjoyed a beautiful day Easter Sunday. The excitement was very noticeable with those who came out and worshiped. It has been a long winter; moreover it has been a long year. Last year we were only able to have an Easter parking lot service compared to this years excitement for worship by so many thankful for the blessing of new beginnings. The return of Spring with the beginning of new growth of the budding trees and blossoms were refreshing. It was even more refreshing to see all the young children running through the church yard in their colorful Easter outfits. It was a wonderful blessing to see the families and their children enjoying being together in the beauty of the sunshine. We have had many great messages brought by our pastor, Bro. Brian, encouraging us to keep the faith as we do God's work. God will strengthen us for the work ahead. We added 1 member, Sis Vickie Brand, who united with our church in April. As noted last month we enjoyed our first talent night in over a year. It was special to finally to be together in a time of worshiping with our talents, enjoying food and fellowship afterward. We have talent night every 4th Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. Feel free to come join with us and use your talent to praise the Lord. We had our Homecoming May 2nd with a large gathering that came out to worship and celebrate Ozark Heights 59th anniversary. We had food and fellowship following the morning service; Bro. Leonard Compton spoke to over 40 who stayed for the afternoon celebration; telling how the church began, along with the expansions throughout the years.

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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • April 2021

General Fund:

Checking Account:

Balance March 31, 2021		\$	30,918.19
April Receipts:			
Missions:	\$	3,189.83	
Total Income:	\$	3,189.83	\$ 3,189.83
Total Available			\$ 34,108.02

Disbursements:

Director, Salary	\$	450.00	
Secretary, Salary	\$	200.00	
Juan Fernandez, Support	\$	2,333.33	
Total Disbursements	\$	2,983.33	\$ (2,983.33)
Balance April 30, 2021:			\$ 31,124.69

Investment in BMA of Mississippi Revolving Loan Fund:

Balance March 31, 2021:	\$	107,953.03
Interest:	\$	532.37
Balance April 30, 2021:		\$ 108,485.40

Total of all Funds December 31, 2020: \$ 139,610.09

From Our Director...

Dear churches of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri:

I pray this article finds you enjoying the fellowship of our Lord. This will be shorter than normal because the lion's share of what I would put in this article will be discussed in detail on May 14 at our Missions symposium at New Testament in Sullivan, MO.

I've had a burden for some time now of raising the awareness of our national, state and local missions efforts in our local churches and have a 'benchmark assessment' to unveil at the symposium that I believe, accompanied with a missions pamphlet, will help our churches achieve this needed step of being aware of what we are doing in the area of missions and what we still need to do.

What I will be asking at the meeting is for pilot churches to try this emphasis by taking the benchmark assessment twice a year and employing the pamphlet to

increase the score on the assessment the next time it is given. I was pleasantly surprised at the response from Bethel when we rolled out the assessment and I am excited about the prospects of increasing awareness in our churches and ultimately increasing our missions effort within our work.

Personally, I have a low tolerance of someone "beating up" on the Lord's Church so please be assured that is not the intention. This is an effort to accurately assess where we are and make improvements as needed.

This Association and our individual churches are very faithful to financially support our local, national, and global missions efforts and this missions director is so thankful. However, it is time we look at the other areas we can support and make improvements where necessary.

May the Lord bless you is my prayer,
Ben Kingston

Remember our Missionary:

Please continue to lift up Bro. Juan Fernandez's family and ministry. Please read his article and support where you can.

On a local Association note:

Meramec churches, if you have not received an email with info for this year's Jesus Camp please contact me at 636-629-2526.

It is time to start promoting state camp and Jesus camp!

Note to All Pastors:

Please set aside **March 25-26, 2022** for our next Renewal Retreat where Dr. Hooks will discuss his new book, "*The Core Principle*." This book is an excellent candidate for a Bible study or Sunday school format.

BMAA Missions....

Reaching out to our Hispanic Family:

Belen in Overland, MO

First Home Bible Study:

We had the privilege to gather and lead our first home Bible study. Nahum and his wife Ermilanda welcomed us and God's word and prayer. This young couple asked for us to continue coming to bring God's word to their home. During our faith and fellowship time with this precious couple, we witnessed The Holy Spirit convicting the man of the house to commit to a new beginning trusting Jesus for Salvation and spiritual discernment and development to be the husband and father God wants him to be. Praise the LORD!

Will continue meeting Sundays 3:00 p.m. Soon the word spread out and hopefully next Sunday we will have two neighbors joining for Bible Study. We will be adding two songs of worship during this time and daily prayer and a 88 day plan to read the Bible will be also started. Thank you, Jesus!

Outreach

Daily Bible and Prayer at Noon:

These are events done at Bethany Building every day at noon and published via Facebook on [Juan Fernandez Page](#) and [Belen en Overland Facebook Page](#). The main point is to pray and listen to God's Word. In the book of Genesis at this moment we are studying the journal of faith in Abraham's life in Spanish. Please, like and share our video so this message gets to our Hispanic families in the area.

New Group for ESL class:

A new class will begin for our Hispanic Families in St. Charles area. We are hoping that this class will gather these families to learn more about the faith and fellowship existing among our BMA church in Missouri. We are hoping to connect with these families through the English Class more importantly with a message in the book of Proverbs and prayer for class dismissal.

ESL

We are so thankful for the time and effort to watch our daughter Victoria and Eleanor from our family in Bethany. Sisters Tiny, Darlene, Pam, Bro. Jim and Mary Hoffman are making possible to show our students the value and importance for us to teach class and show unity, care and love towards each other in this important outreach. This course will be completed the second week of June. We are currently receiving students Monday and Wednesday 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 4:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Soon Thursday and Friday 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in St. Charles. Please let Hannah Fernandez at 402 969 0119 know if you have a chance to participate in this outreach.

Coming Soon:

- New Home Bible Study members, New Songs for worship at Home Bible Study and a 88 days Bible reading plan to start on 5/9

- New Outreach English class in St. Charles, 5/7 to 6/25.

- Lindsay Lane Baptist Church in Florissant, MO, bringing ministry update 5/30

Thank you for keeping us in your prayer, feel free to text today your support in prayer at 618 581 8056. Let me know if you would like to have us in your service to bring a ministry update.

Dios le bendiga!

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We were thankful for those who stayed for the music that followed. Our music was an old fashioned theme brought by those attending the service. Our youth sang songs; as well as, many members and visitors who came prepared to sing. It was a blessed day. If it has been a while since you have worshipped with us; I would like to encourage you to come, experience the blessings God provides even in a world pandemic. We pray God's protection and blessings on all our brothers and sisters in the faith; as well as, all our sister churches. If you are unable to attend church, did you know you can join in by calling in and listen live on our Zoom broadcast? Contact Bro Brian for information to log into ZOOM.....501-650-2282

SAVE THE DATE: VBS JUNE 21ST - 23RD THEME: TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD

Brian Kingston, Pastor • Gary Gilliam, Reporter

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Salem, MO writes. At the time of our last report we were keeping Sis. Norma Neely in our prayers as she was at the bedside of her Mother. Since that report was written Norma's Mom, Sis. Sarah Asberry, made her trip to Heaven. Prayer is appreciated for her family in their loss. Our Average attendance has been up since Easter Sunday! We are Praising the Lord for those who have chosen to come and Worship with us. We voted in our last Business Meeting to reactivate our WMA and are excited to see how God will use this Auxiliary in our Church and our Community. It was a Blessing to have another former Pastor in the pulpit again. Thank you, Bro. Schatz, for coming to be with us and sharing a message from God's Word. Please continue to pray for us at Mt. Olive. God is working and we are ready to do our part!

Deiatre Gillam Reporter

Greetings from **First Baptist, Potosi**. "Thank you" to the volunteers who prepared meals for Celebrate Recovery in April. These include Fellowship Baptist Church, Well of Hope, Pleasant Hill Christian Church, and Jerry and Kathy Crocker. The meals were delicious and are a vital part of our Celebrate Recovery Ministry. Bro. Kevin, Celebrate Recovery Pastor, suffered an injury from a chain saw accident. He will not be able to use his left hand or arm for at least a month and then he will have physical therapy. We will certainly miss his guitar music. Please pray for him and his family. We have youth ready to go June 13-16 to Hannibal for Super Summer. Vacation Bible School is for children aged 4 – those who have completed 5th grade. Sis. Raven showed a video of what Bible School will be like. We are taking the Rocket Railway where Jesus' power pulls us through. It looks like a very adventurous trip. Teen Camp will be July 21-24 and then Kids Camp will be July 28-31. **HOPE** class started again on Fridays at 5:00. **Healing Our Past Experiences** guides women on a journey of healing from effects of all types of abuse, trauma, or misuse. New Member Class is at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. This is for new members or members who are interested in learning more about our beliefs. Sunday School classes are well attended, as is the Wednesday night services. COW (Church on Wednesday) is our youth ministry led by Bro. Kevin. He keeps them on their toes. Bro. Jim has been giving some powerful messages. Maybe things will finally get back to normal, but maybe we have a new normal if we even know what that means. I thank God every day for his love, blessings, and grace. Please pray for us as we pray for you.

Jim Ainley, Pastor • Deborah Rauhut, Reporter

We at **Ohlman Baptist Church, Bunker**, are excited that the Lord is blessing our church. April 1st, Bro. Terry Sharpe "officially" became the Pastor. April 11th, he administered the church ordinance of Baptism to five(5) young people. Then

on May 2nd, he baptized another young lady. Each Sunday, the church has been pretty full and many of us had to move from "our" pew to other locations in the sanctuary. (Some of us had to move from the back row all the way to the front row!) But that's okay. We have suspended our Wednesday Kids program for the summer and will start it back up in August when school starts. We will still have Wednesday night Bible study at 7:00 p.m. and if any young children are there, a teacher will be available. We just won't be feeding them. As this is being written, we are in a week of revival with Dr. C.R. Curtman as the Evangelist. He has brought soul-stirring, thought provoking messages each night. We will add more about this week in the June paper. Our report is short this month but just know that the Lord is working on us at Ohlman Missionary Baptist Church, Bunker, MO.

Terry Sharpe, Pastor • Janet Widger, Reporter

Cover Our Children

Isaiah 54:17

I pray that you cover our children. Give them the helmet of salvation to protect their minds against messages competing for their attention. Guard their hearts, Lord from anger, depression, anxiety, loneliness or anything that would make them feel unworthy of love. No weapon formed against them shall prosper. In Jesus' Name.

Psalms 91:10

Keep your hedge of protection around them as they sleep, as they go to school, as they participate in extra-curricular activities as they get jobs. Let them fear nothing. Let no evil befall them. I know that I can't be around them every minute. I thank you, Father, God, for never leaving them. In Jesus' Name, Amen!

Apply Philippians 4:6-7

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication

Camp Garwood Financial Report October 1, 2020 - April 30, 2021

General Fund:

Beginning Balance	\$ 3,510.49
Received	\$ 50,660.02
Balance	\$ 54,170.51
Disbursement	\$ (34,759.97)
Total Fund	\$ 19,410.54

Food Fund:

Beginning Balance	\$ 0.00
Received	\$ 0.00
Balance	\$ 0.00
Disbursement	\$ (1,139.15)
Total Fund	\$ (1,139.15)

Total All Funds \$ 18,271.39

Master's Builders Working in Arkansas

Nelda Malone, Reporter

On April 12th, The Master's Builders began work at Stoneridge Baptist Camp, Smithville, Arkansas. This project was scheduled for last year, but due to Covid, was postponed.

We had 15 men there to work on this project and enjoyed having Mike Shelton join us again. Mike is hoping to become a regular in our group, if the Lord allows.

Scott Small, director of Stoneridge, was there every day working, consulting, and running to get materials. He, and his wife, Myrtie, are a dedicated couple who are humble, faithful and hard working. They fed our group 2 meals a day (except weekends) and we so enjoyed our time with them and their family. We can never express what they mean to us!

While at Stoneridge, the Builders built a 12x56 back porch on the Director's house with a tin roof, handrails, and steps. They also built a 12x24 storage building with shelves, they remodeled one bathroom to be handicap accessible, they built a 24' wall in one dorm to divide it for summer workers, and they cut off the bottom of 22 doors. This was job #170 for the Master's Builders.

If you have questions about our ministry, or if your church has building needs, contact: Eddie Sikes at (479)462-1675, Mike Green at (972)935-3877 or David Axe at (903)918-0720.

Keep up with us day to day on Facebook! Rose Bittner does a wonderful job with pictures and info on what's going on each day. So "Like Us" at "The Master's Builders"(church arbor logo).



The Master's Builders at Stoneridge Camp

with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and you minds in Christ Jesus."

Question: "What does God mean when He says, I will have mercy on whom I will have Mercy?"

Exodus 33:19

ANSWER: After the Israelites sinned against God by worshipping the golden calf, the Lord was ready to send them to the Promised Land on their own without Him. (Exodus 33:3). But Moses interceded for the people (Exodus 33:12-17). During his private meeting with Yahweh, Moses asked God for assurances, one being, "Please let me see your glory" (Exodus 33:18, CSB). God answered, saying, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion" (Exodus 33:19).

Ever the faithful mediator Moses asked God not to destroy the Israelites but to stay with His people to lead them to the Promised Land. God agreed to live among them and come down to them in glory in His tabernacle. The Lord promised Moses, "I will indeed do what you have asked, for I look favorably on you, and I know you by name" (Exodus 33:17, NLT)

Moses, who had already received glimpses of God's glory at he burning bush (Exodus 3:1-22), on the mountaintop (Exodus 24:15-18), and at the tent of meeting (Exodus 33:12-23), asked to see more. He wanted a greater revelation of God's glory. The Lord's answer was part "yes" and part "no." God was willing to show all of His divine goodness to Moses. He was pleased to call out His sacred name, Yahweh, before Moses. And He was ready to reveal His sovereign mercy and compassion to Moses. God would show as much of Himself as Moses was able to bear, but there were limits. If Moses were to see a complete revelation of God's glory, it would be so overwhelming that it would destroy him (Exodus 33:20).

By not fully answering Moses' request, God was in actuality exhibiting mercy and compassion toward Moses. When He said to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy" in Exodus 33:19 the Lord meant that He shows mercy freely to anyone He chooses. The New Living Translation renders the meaning of the verse more explicitly: "I will show mercy to anyone I choose, and I will show compassion to anyone I choose."

Demonstrating mercy is one way God reveals His glory. The word "mercy" in Exodus 33:19 means "kindness, compassion, and forgiveness." When God said, "I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy," He meant that He would show kindness compassion and forgiveness to anyone He chooses.

God's mercy -- His wondrous compassion -- leads Him to forgive sinners and withhold the punishment that is justly deserved. After the Lord graciously led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt through the Red Sea, and toward the Promised Land they responded by revolting against God. Yet, because of the favor obtained through their mediator, Moses, God was pleased to lavish His mercy on them,

Exodus 33:19 is quoted in the New Testament by the apostle Paul in reference to the sovereignty of God: "For God said to Moses 'I will show mercy to anyone I choose and I will show compassion to anyone I choose'" (Romans 9:15, NLT). Paul meant that God's freedom is absolute. It is essential to

understand that, before God, humans have no rights or privileges. We have no claim of our own to God's mercy. That is why the concept and outworking of mercy are so crucial for sinners.

"I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy" means God's freedom to demonstrate mercy is not limited by anything but His own divine choice. God does not show mercy because humans deserve it. The Lord's favor cannot be earned by status, social class, or works of righteousness -- otherwise it would not be mercy.

The Lord said He had mercy on Israel because He was pleased with their mediator, the prophet Moses: "I will do the very thing you have asked because I am pleased with you" (Exodus 33:17). God chose to extend the grace, favor and love that He had for Moses to the children of Israel. The people were spared, by divine choice, through the merits of Moses, their mediator. This act was a foreshadowing of our basis of salvation in Christ

Humans cannot be saved based on their own efforts (Ephesians 2:8-9). The Bible says we are too sinful to merit salvation (Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:10, 23; Psalm 143:2). Our salvation hinges on the pleasure God takes in our Mediator -- the person of Jesus Christ, God's Son and our Savior (Hebrews 9:15; Galatians 2:16). Since God is pleased with Jesus (Matthew 3:17; 17:5). He is pleased with anyone who trusts in Him for salvation. Jesus is our Mediator accomplishing for us what Moses did for Israel, only in perfection.

Preparatory School in Little Rock, Arkansas. "It is so encouraging when CBC alumni, and former employees, give back to the College in such a meaningful way," said President Kimbrow. "I am so thankful to Cory and Cari for sharing God's blessings in

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Acts 16:25-34

This is the most important question any person could ever ask. It is being asked today, and many different answers are being given.

I. This question is unparalleled in its importance.

Hebrews 9:27-28.

- A. Because of condemnation of the soul.
John 3:17-21.
- B. Because of what God has done.
John 3:16, Galatians 4:4-5.

II. This question is unequaled in its seriousness.

- A. Because of what is at stake.
Matthew 16:26.
- B. Because lost man cannot please God.
Hebrews 11:6.
- C. Because heaven requires a saved soul.
John 10:9-10, 27.

III. This question is unrivaled in its urgency.

- A. Because today is the day of salvation.
II Corinthians 6:2.
- B. Because tomorrow is uncertain.
Proverbs 27:1, Matthew 6:34,
James 4:14.
- C. Because death is sure.
Job 14:1-2, 14-15,
19:25-27.

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their lives with CBC."

Cory and Cari (O'Dell) Calhoun are both Central Baptist College alumni who were raised in Bryant, Arkansas (Saline County), and Cari graduated from Baptist Prep. Cory received his Associates degree in General Education and then transferred to the University of Central Arkansas where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Economics before returning to CBC to serve as the Director of Admissions. Cari received her Bachelor of Science degree in Christian Counseling and then went on to the University of Central Arkansas and earned her Master's degree in School Psychology.

Cory and Cari currently reside in Rogers, Arkansas with their children Lincoln and Emery. Cory is the Senior Manufacturing Recruiter at Management Recruiters of Rogers. Cari is a School Psychologist with Bentonville Schools. Cory and Cari hope that by establishing this endowed scholarship fund, it encourages others to support scholarships at Central Baptist College.

Central Baptist College has over seventy endowed scholarships representing over \$3.6 million in contributions. Endowed scholarships serve as a lasting tribute, as contributions are placed in the permanent endowment and only a portion of the interest is awarded as scholarships. Endowed scholarships are awarded by vote of the CBC Scholarship Committee, taking into account the qualifications and eligibility of the applicants as detailed in the scholarship agreement.

Calhoun Endowed Scholarship Established at CBC

Central Baptist College President Terry Kimbrow is pleased to announce the establishment of the Calhoun Endowed Scholarship. The Calhoun Endowed Scholarship was established by Cory and Cari Calhoun and will give first priority to residents of Benton County and Saline County, Arkansas. Second priority will be given to graduates of the Baptist

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Preservation of God's Salvation Plan

Revelation 12:1-6

by Dennis Baker • President BMAMO Brotherhood

From the beginning, Satan has tried unsuccessfully to prevent the coming of the "promised Seed." Genesis 3:15, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

The establishment of the nation of Israel as chosen people has been God's avenue for introducing His salvation plan to the world. Matthew traces the lineage of Christ through Joseph via King Solomon back to Abraham. Luke traces the lineage of Jesus through Mary via Nathan back to Adam. The text, through the three characters of the woman or the nation of Israel, the red dragon or Satan, and the man child or Jesus Christ explains how Satan has stood over the woman Israel to destroy her child as soon as Christ was born into humanity. Since the beginning of time there has been a spiritual battle going on in heaven for the souls of mankind.

Genesis 6:5-10 records an attempt of Satan to prevent the coming of the "Promise Seed." "And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth." Satan had corrupted all of mankind except Noah and his family. Only Divine intervention preserved mankind from a total overthrow. The promise of Satan's defeat was preserved through Shem.

Satan attempted to break up the "royal line" by which the "seed of the woman" was to come. On the death of Jehoshaphat, his son Jehoram killed all his brothers with the sword reducing the royal line to himself. Jehoram had children but the Arabians killed all of them except Ahaziah as they fought against Judah. Ahaziah was the only living descendant of the "Royal Line" of the "seed of the woman" through David, Abraham, and Shem. Ahaziah had children but at his death in an attempt to destroy all the "royal seed" of Ahaziah, Athaliah his mother (II Chronicles 22:10) attempted to kill all the descendant of Ahaziah. Satan would have succeeded but Jehoshabeath the wife of the high priest, daughter of King Jehoram, "took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons that were slain and put him and his nurse in a bedchamber." (II

Chronicles 22:11). II Chronicles 23:3, "And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said unto them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD hath said of the sons of David."

When the time came for the "seed of the Woman" to enter the world the Devil used Herod to kill all the babies in Bethlehem two years of age and under. Satan though he had devoured the seed of the woman. Matthew 2:13.

When Satan saw Christ on the cross, laid in the sepulcher, the stone sealed and the watch set, Satan thought he had conquered the "seed of the woman." But when Christ was raised from the dead and ascended to the Father, Satan was defeated.

No wonder Jesus declared that He is the only way to heaven. Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." God has no other plan for the salvation of mankind. Romans 10:9-10, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." The death, burial, and resurrection were, and are, God's only plan for the payment of our sins. Since Satan's desire is to be like the most high it is no wonder that he has worked so hard to destroy God's plan of salvation. But it is more amazing that despite the failures of mankind and the power of Satan, God has preserved His salvation plan throughout history.

BMA of Missouri Brotherhood Retreat

submitted by Bro Dennis Baker

Thanks to the cooperation between the Brotherhood Auxiliary and the Camp Garwood Encampment Committee the 2021 Brotherhood Retreat was a great weekend! As Matt Bolen posted on Facebook, "Food, fellowship, and friendly competition, was a great weekend."

Our Friday evening meal was all you could eat fried catfish, alligator, and kettle apple and cherry pie. It was served outdoors around a campfire. Thanks Jeff Reynolds and Chris Polk. It was good to see and share life experiences with our brothers in Christ. Dennis Baker shared a devotional on the significance of II Samuel 6:22: "Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death." Michal's barrenness was a blessing from the Lord. It prevented Saul's family from continuing in Israel and threatening the throne of David. The Lord wanted the line and throne of David to be kept apart from any other dynasty, because David's line would culminate in the birth of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

Saturday morning breakfast was beacon, eggs, biscuits, and sawmill gravy. Dennis Baker gave a devotional from Psalm 65:1-13. The Lord is worthy of praise because He hears our prayer, judges righteously, and provides our needs.

After breakfast many enjoyed the First Annual Camp Garwood Cornhole Classic Championship. Some of the team name were Brother-In-Laws, Old Gravy, Polk Boyz, Mountain Men, Bros that Throw, Beilze Boyz, Double D's, and Wesco Winners. After fierce but friendly competition, and a lot of joking around, the Wesco Winners (Lonnie Polk and Joe McElroy) emerged as the winners defeating the Double D's (Dan Wisely and Dennis Baker). For pictures of the event visit Camp Garwood Facebook page. Honestly, Bro. Matt I did not know where that fifth bags came from! Thanks Joe McElroy and Matt Bolen for setting up and keeping the team scores.

The attendance was 24, and the offering was \$120.00.

It was a great weekend!

Preach or Plow??

Ephesians 4:4-16
via Bible in a Year

According to the family legend, two brothers, one named Billy and the other Melvin were standing on the family's dairy farm one day when they saw an airplane doing some skywriting. The boys watched as the plane sketched out the letters "GP" overhead.

Both brothers decided that what they saw had meaning for them. One thought it meant "Go Preach." The other read it a "Go Plow." Later, one of the boys, Billy Graham, dedicated himself to preaching the gospel, becoming an icon of evangelism. His brother Melvin went on to faithfully run the family dairy farm for many years.

Skywriting signs aside, if God did call Billy to preach and Melvin to plow as seems to be the case, they both honored God through their vocations. While Billy had a long preaching career his success doesn't mean that his brother's obedience to his calling to plow was any less important.

While God does assign some to be in what we call full-time ministry (Ephesians 4:11-12) that doesn't mean those in other jobs and roles aren't doing something just as important. In either case as Paul said, "each part [should do] its work" (v. 16). That means honoring Jesus by faithfully using the gifts He's given us. When we do, whether we "go preach" or "go plow," we can make a difference for Jesus wherever we serve or work.

Baptist Missionary Association Meeting

tentatively set for

August 2-4, 2021

at

Farley Street Baptist Church

in

Waxahachie, Texas

What Is A ChangeMaker?

by Dr. John David Smith • Executive Director of Missions • BMA of America

BMA Global Missions values multiplication and considers what God is doing in the nations as its highest goal. The New Testament pattern of multiplication is encouraged and evidenced in the primary areas of disciples, leaders, and churches. For those who have obeyed the command of Christ to practice Great Commission missions, there is no greater personal joy and no more accurate measure of ministry than when we pour our lives into others and they repeat the process! In missions lingo, this is called “indigenous missions.” The word indigenous simply means that something originates and belongs locally.

In BMA Global Missions we call these leaders ChangeMakers. **A ChangeMaker is an indigenous believer who, most of the time, has been won and discipled by a BMA missionary or another ChangeMaker and now carries out the ministry of go, disciple, plant, and repeat in their own country. Currently we partner with over 400 ChangeMakers globally.**

The biblical examples of “ChangeMaker missions” fill the pages of the New Testament and are especially visible with Jesus and his earthly ministry with the twelve and Paul in his church planting efforts. Some of the principles for ChangeMaker missions can be found from Paul’s words in **Colossians 4:7-15:**

7 Tychicus, a beloved brother, faithful minister, and fellow servant in the Lord, will tell you all the news about me. 8 I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that he may know your circumstances and comfort your hearts, 9 with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will make known to you all things which are happening here.

10 Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, with Mark the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him), 11 and Jesus who is called Justus. These are my only fellow workers for the kingdom of God who are of the circumcision; they have proved to be a comfort to me.

12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. 13 For I bear him witness that he has a great zeal for you, and those who are in Laodicea, and those in Hierapolis. 14 Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. 15 Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea, and Nymphas and the church that is in his house.

Paul is in prison and concluding his letter to the churches in and around Colossae. This passage is the ending of that letter, and he is greeting many in the Colossian churches in the name of some on his missionary team. It is in the names of these team members that we have a great opportunity to look into Paul’s multiplication ministry and see foundations for ChangeMaker missions.

ChangeMaker missions is based on outside partnerships that are the scaffolding, not the building. We certainly seek to enter partnerships with indigenous believers who are doing Great Commission ministry and especially those who are the fruit of our own missionary efforts. However, we do recognize that these outside partnerships are temporary, like scaffolding. They are intended to give support and structure until the permanent building (ongoing local ministry) is ready, then we take our scaffolding and go build in another place. Paul was a great leader, not because he got things done, but because he got things done through others! He had no intention of building his own private empire in any place; it was all about building the kingdom of God through the multiplication of disciples, leaders, and churches.

ChangeMaker missions is based on passing the baton, not paternalism. Historically, many involved in global missions talked much about passing the baton of ministry to indigenous leaders but rarely followed through. Paternalistic actions where one “partner” dominates the other was more of the norm. In Colossians 4, Tychicus, Onesimus, Epaphras, Luke, and Demas were all Gentiles while Aristarchus, Mark, and Justus were Jews. These men were from a myriad of places and backgrounds, but Paul’s aim was always the same: win, disciple, equip, and release into ministry around the known world. Paul really did not have to “pass” the baton because he included them from the beginning.

ChangeMaker missions is about lives changed by the gospel who are now repeating the process. Tychicus was the missionary mailman who delivered many of Paul’s epistles. He did this in spite of great personal peril in travel and deep personal sacrifice. Onesimus was the thieving runaway slave from Colossae who, according to history, later became the pastor of the church at Colossae. Epaphras started the church in Colossae; Luke was the beloved physician who wrote the books of Luke and Acts; Aristarchus was with Paul in riots, imprisonments, and shipwrecks.

Their stories were altered by Jesus and now they were sharing the story to the known world. That is ChangeMaker missions.

Added Note from BMA Seminary

Remember that in these days of very low CD rates, BMA Seminary annuity rates are very attractive. As an example, a 36 month certificate of deposit with a balance of \$10,000 is currently earning .50% APY. Compare this with the current Charitable Gift Annuity rate for a 75-year old (single-life) at 5.4%.

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.

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

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) 315-0931 or dbrandministries@gmail.com.

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.

BMA Seminary Sunday May 16, 2021

“Preaching through our doctrinal statement... Got my Greek New Testament out and read (the supporting passage) with ease. It was very edifying listening to the Lord speak through the original text. It’s more emphatic... I am thankful God gave me the opportunity to attend seminary and be taught by our professors. The tools I learned there are still a blessing and useful now... Keep at it.” –

Bro. Jake Vandenberg (MDiv 2007)

It was a blessing to receive Bro. Jake’s message recently. A young pastor is using serious tools to help our people understand the beliefs and practices upon which our association was founded. Bro. Jake is not alone in his appreciation of how your seminary has helped him to pastor his church. Just yesterday, I received a call from one of our former students to say that he was leading his church in Mississippi to begin supporting the Seminary monthly. We have even had a Southern Baptist church in Texas begin regular support of \$100 monthly. This church was unhappy with the liberal trajectory of some of the SBC seminaries. (Another SBC church began monthly support a few years ago.)

Anyone in the United States can easily observe that the trend toward liberalism in the country has accelerated and deepened lately. Many denominations have begun to follow suit. Rest assured the BMA Theological Seminary will hold to the inerrancy and sufficiency of the Scriptures. These principles lead us to teach that individual, autonomous churches are God’s means of advancing His Kingdom.

Also, the biblical pattern is for these Baptist churches to work together in an associational manner. To my knowledge, no other accredited seminary in the United States teaches this except your BMA Seminary.

Please remember to have special prayer at your church Seminary Sunday, May 16, 2021. Also, please plan to receive a special offering that Sunday for scholarships. These scholarships are used to help equip qualified men and missionaries with the same tools and beliefs that Bro. Jake received.

In His Service.

Dr. Charley Holmes, President • Dr. Philip Attebery, Dean