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Philippians 2:16

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2021 BMAA National Meeting August 2-4

Farley Street Baptist Church, Waxahachie, TX

72nd Annual Meeting Of The BMA of America

By Jeff Swart, BMAA President

We are pleased to announce that the 72nd annual session of the Baptist Missionary Association of America will be held Monday, Aug. 2 thru Wednesday, Aug. 4 at the Farley Street Baptist Church in Waxahachie, Texas. By now, all our older pastors and church members, who were most susceptible to the adverse effects of COVID, have had the opportunity to be vaccinated, and we believe that we can host a national meeting that will be safe for those who attend.

The theme of this year's meeting will be “*Missions: Think Globally But Act Locally.*” It seems both Scriptural and logical to “think globally” — support missionaries around the globe, and at the same time, to “act locally” — share the gospel with our neighbors next door or across the street. During the time we are together, we hope to share some ideas that will increase the effectiveness of missions in our local churches that will impact our missions footprint around the world.

The hotel information is the same as it was for the 2020 meeting, and we are asking our state papers to republish this information for the convenience of our churches. (See page 5 for this information and to view the Program for this meeting.)

Please pray for your officers and the national meeting production team as we plan a meeting that will glorify the Son and edify the messengers and guests of our churches. We look forward to seeing you in Waxahachie as we set a course for the coming year.

ChangeMakers & 2021 World Missions Offering

by John Meriweather

Sunday, May 2nd was an exciting day for BMA Global Missions as the first BMA church in Paraguay was commissioned. Divine Grace Baptist Church was born from the church planting ministries of two ChangeMaker missionaries: Brother Regino Acuña Cossio and Divine Grace Pastor Ivan Philippini.

As my former pastor Henry Horton would say, “GLORY! That’s shoutin’ news!”

Through your prayerful and generous support that prioritizes kingdom expansion, God is using BMA churches to fulfill the mission of God. This year our churches have once again demonstrated this commitment to His mission: To date \$487,000 has been donated to the Jerry Kidd World Missions Offering! GLORY!

Dr. John David Smith says,

“We have no higher calling and privilege than to be involved in God’s global mission by obeying the commands of Jesus to make disciples and plant churches. We are thankful for men like Bro. Regino and Pastor Ivan who invest their lives in the lives of others every day. This multiplication ministry is happening in almost 80 countries through BMA Global Missions. Thank you for your partnership in the gospel and for blessing others through your prayers and support on World Missions Day.”

With donations still coming in, we pray that our 2021 offering will exceed \$500,000. BMA Missions appreciates the churches, families, individuals, and businesses that contributed. We are humbled by your support and more encouraged than ever that in these darkest days God is on the move and we want to go with Him. GLORY!

It’s not too late to send in your offering. DONATE ONLINE or mail checks to:

BMA Missions – Jerry Kidd World Missions Offering
PO Box 878
Conway AR 72033

Jeff Mooreman’s Ordination

June 27th 2:00 p.m.

Central Missionary Baptist Church, Union MO.

Ninety-Third Semi-Annual Meeting of the BMA of Missouri

Finally feeling a little less pressure from the pandemic threats that prevented our semi-annual meeting of 2020, the Association once again met for the mid-year meeting on May 15 at New Testament Baptist Church in Sullivan.

Host pastor Bro. Josh Wright gave a welcome and opening prayer, then Bro. Juan Fernandez shared the morning devotional on Prayer, taken from Romans 8:26.

Moderator Jerry Adams called the meeting to order. The normal slate of reports was presented for the State and some of the National Departments.

The Association was blessed to receive its first report from our new Missions director, Bro. Ben Kingston. Bro. Ben encouraged all our churches to consider participating in a program he is introducing that will encourage our members to learn more about our work for the Lord and inspire them to help us carry out God’s work according to His will. In this program each church will go through what Bro. Ben calls the “*BMA BENCHMARK ASSESSMENT.*” In this manner each pastor and church will be able to evaluate their strengths and weaknesses and what they need to do to make corrections to help them accomplish God’s will for them. Bro. Ben passed out guidelines for that program and will be working with our pastors and churches to implement the goals needed.

The Missionary Committee met and presented the guidelines for support of Bro. Juan Fernandez who is a missionary of the BMA of America and is working in Missouri to reach the Hispanic population with the Gospel.

After a rising vote of appreciation to the host pastor and church for their hospitality by the Association, Bro. Dan Wisely gave the annual message on “What are Our Orders?”

A delicious meal was provided by the host church and enjoyed by all before we headed for home rejoicing over a great time of praise and fellowship.

by Bro. Don Burke, Clerk

It’s Time to WORK at CAMP!!

Now that May is over we can get back on our regular camp every weekend schedule. We have a lot to do in 8 weeks. If you adopted a dorm, remember this plan is to help get camp ready, not just sweep up a little and make a punch list for Chris. I’ll have toilet valves and seats, light bulbs, milgo, door knobs etc. available as needed to get your buildings ready. Each bunk in each dorm will need to be wiped down with milgo so please plan to spend some quality time. Not just a quick trip to work 30 min and then go play half a day at the river.

There are 7 Saturdays till camp!

June 26th Work day

July 9-10 GMA. Retreat

See ya soon!

CHRIS



NEWS BRIEFS



Bethel, Sikeston sends Blessings to all! God continues to bless us with visitors each week. We had one come forward to be saved (praise God) ! Bro., Gary Lindsey came forward requesting Salvation and expressed his desire to be baptized. He thought he had been saved earlier, but had really been struggling about it, so he wanted to make sure this time. Following his profession of salvation, he was baptized the following Sunday and given the hand of fellowship and lots of hugs, of course! You don't leave a service at Bethel without a Hug or a handshake. A wonderful Mother's Day Service was prepared for all the Mother's, The ladies had a delicious meal served to them and were given a plant and a card made by the younger children. Poems were read and special songs sung to fit the occasion. It was all very much appreciated. Congratulations to our Graduates, Aaron Beardsley, Maddie Seabaugh and Brandy Bower. Sis Tanya Hutton presented them with a gift from the church. We had snacks and a Celebration after the evening service. Everyone is looking forward to our upcoming VBS and the kickoff in June. We are counting on lots of Children to attend this year. Also, we are looking forward to Camp Garwood in July and are praying for many souls to be saved! We appreciate and love our Pastor, as he continues to bring us powerful sermons from the Word of God. Have a Happy and safe 4th of July!!

Billy Davis, Pastor • Joan Wood, Reporter

HELLO to all from **Oak Hill, Alton!** I'm sorry you haven't heard from me or Oak Hill in the last couple of months due to my Dad passing away. He went home to be with the Lord February 26th. March 7th we started having Sunday School, day and night services, and Wednesday night services. Thank the Lord we haven't had any problems. April 7th Shaunda Shields was saved by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. April 18th we had our Graduation Dinner at Oak Hill. We had two Girls, Mya Shields and Kaylee Kemper graduating from Alton High School. May 2nd we baptized three new members: Shaunda Shields, Tristan and Hope Drake. Two members, Jerry and Linda Richardson, joined by statement that day also. We had a special Baptizing that same day as Monty Casey, whose Church didn't have a baptistry so they gave Bro. Ed the authority to baptize his brother. May 7th was Alton High School Graduation. May 17th Carstyn Casey, Chad & Abby's little boy had a knot on his neck and his doctor requested it needed to be looked at by a specialist. They took him to the Children's Hospital in St. Louis and discovered his problem. He has cancer in that knot. Thank the Lord that is the only spot that has cancer and the kind of cancer is curable. He had a Chemo treatment and then they came home. Our Sis. Shaunda Shields had a bad stroke but she is home and recovering. May 30th we had Monty Casey's funeral at Oak Hill, he was buried at River Baptist Church Cemetery. Bro. Ed. Preached his funeral he said he never thought that he would be preaching his brother's funeral two weeks after he baptized him. June 13th, if the weather warms up, we are baptizing Dalton Davis, Sidney Loger and Tina Bates in Katie's creek by Bozemill. June 25th & June 26th we are planning on have Vacation Bible School (VBS). Until next month when I hope I will have some more good news to tell you we will be praising and honoring our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God Bless!!

Edward Casey, Pastor • Jennifer Williams, Reporter

Yes, **Stony Point, Mineral Point,** is very much alive in the Lord's work! Just a few of the blessings He has poured down from heaven include: our parking lot has been repaved. Sunday school is back!!!! Our attendance is back to 90+% and sometimes 100%+ of pre-pandemic levels We have seen fi-

nancial blessing beyond our imagination. And, above all these things, we have experienced spiritual growth and maturity that has left Bro. Claude nearly speechless. Bro. Claude and Sis. Bea attended the mission symposium in Sullivan. We were thrilled to hear the announcement during services on Sunday the 30th that Bro. David Evans and Sis. Debbie Coleman are engaged and to be married in July. We love them both so much!

Claude Evans, Pastor • David Hughes, Reporter

May was a busy month for **Ohlman, Bunker!** The first week we enjoyed hearing great messages from Dr. C. R. Curtman each night of Revival. Our Music Director had arranged for special music each night from various groups which was a blessing. The Brotherhood fed everyone on Friday night with a "fish" fry, with the ladies providing the side dishes and deserts. We have been blessed with high attendance on Sunday mornings, not so much on Sunday nights though. This is a matter of prayer for us as we wish to see our members grow in the Lord and be committed to serve him. Our church membership has grown and for that we are very thankful. On Sunday, May 2nd, Sis. Callie Sutton was baptized, then on Sunday, May 9th, Sis. Jodi Moss was baptized. On Sunday, May 16th, Bro. Lawrence Sherrill, Sis. Tracy Gant and Sis. Madison Gant presented themselves for church membership on a promise of letter. On Sunday, May 23rd, Brooklyn Houston presented herself as a candidate for baptism. This will be scheduled to take place in the next few weeks. Then on Sunday, May 30th, Sis. Jamie Lanham, Bro. Brett Tesar, Sis. Erin Tesar and Sis. Carrison Tesar presented themselves for church membership on a promise of letter. We rejoice with these new additions and are looking forward to what

God has planned for each of them. During the summer we do not have the Wednesday night children's program in order to give our workers a time of rest and spiritual growth. We will start back up in August when the Bunker School district schedule resumes. We have many that need prayer for physical health reasons, please remember them.

Terry Sharpe, Pastor • Janet Widger, Reporter

Greetings from **Briar Missionary Baptist Church.** The old adage "April shower's bring May flowers" has certainly been true for this year. My knock out roses seem to be a brighter red this year and my neighbor's yellow flowers are such a bright yellow also. God has so much beauty in His creation here on Earth and I just can't wait to see His beauty in Heaven! I hope all the Mother's had a very blessed Mother's Day! With May having so many graduations, state meetings, associational meetings and other obligations we didn't have Youth in Harvest at all and we moved the Prayer Breakfast to the 4th Saturday of the month before the associational meeting. Due to a family obligation we were unable to attend the 5th Sunday meeting and the prayer breakfast, but we are looking forward to the prayer breakfast on the 12th of June at the Corner Café just North of Doniphan, MO on Hwy 21 North. The 3rd Sunday Singing was held at the Friendship M.B.C. in Harviell, MO. A time of fellowship and singing praises to God was enjoyed by everyone who attended. June 20th the 3rd Sunday Singing will be held at our church in Briar, MO. Everyone is invited to attend. 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

Greetings from **Lindsay Lane Baptist Church, Florissant.** Summer is quickly approaching and we are gearing up for sports camp June 21st thru June 25th. This is a great opportunity to get out in the community. Working together is what it's all about. Bro. Meade and Bro. Crawford recently attended the ordination service for Bro. Ben Kingston. We are so thankful God is still calling and for those answering the call. We are still asking prayer for Sis. Brittany Coleman and Joel Leal. He is facing a possible double lung transplant due to complications from covid. She is a young wife and mother and is having heart issues. We know the great physician and leave them, as well as many others, in His Hands. We are praising God for the increase in attendance in our Sunday School. With the mandate lifted, a lot of our folks are leaving their masks at

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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • May 2021

General Fund:

Checking Account:

Balance April 30, 2021 \$ 31,124.69

May Receipts:

Missions:	\$ 3,249.95	
Total Income:	\$ 3,249.95	\$ 3,249.95
Total Available		\$ 34,374.64

Disbursements:

Director, Salary	\$ 450.00	
Secretary, Salary	\$ 200.00	
Juan Fernandez, Support	\$ 2,333.00	
Meeting Expense	\$ 108.86	
Total Disbursements	\$ 3,091.86	\$ 3,091.86
Balance May 31, 2021:		\$ 31,282.78

Investment in BMA of Mississippi Revolving Loan Fund:

Balance April 30, 2021:	\$ 108,485.40	
Interest:	\$ 0.00	
Balance May 31, 2021:	\$ 108,485.40	

Total of all Funds May 31, 2021: \$ 139,768.18

BMAA Missions Updates

Salomón Lino: ChangeMaker in Bolivia

From Church Planter Trainer Buddy Johnson:

Salomón Lino is pastor of Cristo Salva Baptist Church in Santa Cruz, Bolivia and director of BMA Bolivia Seminary there. He was saved as a teenager, and after his call to ministry he studied and graduated from the seminary.

Since the virus outbreak he has produced radio programs from his church. It was my honor to preach twice on Easter Sunday during his broadcasts. Here is his ministry update:

“By the grace of God, the Lord’s work in Bolivia is marching forward. Our plans this year include efforts to strengthen, solidify, and teach our existing missions in Santa Cruz, Oruro, Cochabamba, Camiri, San Ignacio, Tarija, and Guayaramerin. Also, we have a new mission in the city of Trinidad, Beni, where Bro. Juan Cueva is pastor and Bro. Lander Hablet is his assistant.

“Our Bible institute continues giving classes in our seminary and in some of the churches. We are working on making changes that will help us do a better job as we carry out the Great Commission.

“Also, I must mention the situation that we are going through with corona virus in our country. Our work has been affected! We are not able to carry on in a normal manner. Our government had declared quarantine and we are not allowed to leave our houses, walk in the streets, nor visit other people. One person per house may leave one time each week to buy food.

“Even at this, the number of infected people increases. We are preaching by way of Internet and radio and we trust our Lord to use our efforts to save other people. For the time being, technology is a tool that our Lord is using for his glory. We pray that the situation will get better in the near future.

“We thank God that the pastors, missionaries, and brethren are all well up until now. We are praying for you and the Lord’s BMA America churches, and we feel certain you are praying for us.”

George Luther: Missions India

I was born and raised up in India. I came to know the Lord in 2001 and sensed the Lord’s call into ministry the following year but was reluctant at the beginning. Eventually the Lord made it very clear and I surrendered to full time ministry.

As a young man I had a lot of ambitions. I was pursuing my secular degree but when God called me to his service, I lost interest in secular education and began to pursue spiritual education. I completed my bachelor of religious education in India and master of arts in Christian education at BMA Seminary in Texas. I graduated in 2008 and returned to India as a BMA Missionary.

My wife Shirin and I have a six-year-old daughter, Samantha, who is six, and together we serve the Lord in the state of Karnataka. Shirin was working as a software engineer when we married, but she also quit her job to focus on ministry. She is very people-oriented and has always been wonderful ministry support to me in reaching out to people.

Our ministry is to the rural areas of our state and includes training leaders, equipping them for ministry, planting churches and strengthening believers through discipleship programs. My vision has always been to train believers and leaders so they can multiply.

Our goal is to produce quality disciples and leaders through relational discipleship and encourage and equip them to reproduce disciples and leaders. Because of this vision, we started a Bible training program in Gulburga, India, where people from all over come to study and be equipped for ministry.

Please continue to pray for us and that God will enable us to do more in the coming days.

...From our Missions Director...

A Page From My Heart

What an amazing May it has been for the Kingston family and the State Association!

The Kingstons saw their youngest graduate High School and leave for an 11 week camp for the summer. We saw our oldest son be ordained to the ministry and then Dawn and I spent the last week on vacation because our February trip was upended due to my having covid! We ended our trip by swinging through Little Rock, AR to visit my 80 + year old mother! So to say it has been a busy month would be an understatement but it was a good month!

Bethel is firing up for VBS this week which I am sure many of you are doing at your respective churches.

On a Director of Missions note, my cup is full from the Missions Symposium and the State Meeting that we had on May 14th and 15th at New Testament Baptist in Sullivan.

Special thanks to New Testament and Bro. Josh Wright and His family for the amazing way they carried out the host duties! The facilities were top notch and the food was excellent as well along with the tremendous hospitality. Their goal was to bless the association and I would say, “Goal Accomplished!”

I was excited about the reception of the “**bmamo benchmark assessment**” that was presented and we had at least five churches mention that they would like to be pilot churches. The Hope and goal is to have all of our bmamo churches involved with the benchmark assessment

If you as the pastor want more information or were not able to be with us and you would like to discuss this with me please contact me at your convenience

I will be with Bro. Terry Sharpe soon and at Stoney point on July 14th. If you are close to these churches please try to attend so you can hear more about this exciting effort to raise

the bar of missions awareness in our work.

The date is not set with Bro. Sharpe yet, but I will get word to those churches in his area when it is.

Or if you would like to schedule a Wednesday evening with the missions director through the summer there are a few dates left.

On a closing note, please pray for Bro. Juan and the missions effort in which he and his family is involved. They saw a precious soul come to the Lord this week. So proud of them and the work the Lord is doing through them.

Also please pray for protection for our camps this summer and everything that involves. From protection from thieves, to protection of our campers, to the salvation of many souls.

May the Lord bless you is my prayer:

Ben Kingston,
Director of Missions
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home! We encourage those who wish to do so, to do as they feel led. We are looking forward to having Bro. Juan in our services on the 30th. Sis. Loleta shell has been church clerk for several years and she recently resigned from that position. We thank God for her faithfulness and her devotion to the Lord! We are also gearing up for our Awana program to start up in September. Please keep LLBC in your prayers.
Brian Meade pastor • Kathy Chapman reporter.

Greetings from **Ozark Heights, Potosi!** We had a great turn out for our 59th Homecoming Sunday May 9th. We enjoyed a spirit led sermon by our pastor, followed by a wonderful dinner prepared by the ladies in our fellowship hall. Later in the afternoon we enjoyed an old fashioned singing. Many stayed and sang specials along with visitors that joined us and provided beautiful singing. We were excited to have Bro. Leonard Compton join us throughout the day and provided an interesting presentation about the charter members, initial building along with the additions through the years, as a mission arm of First Baptist Potosi. We continue to have good attendance in Sunday School, our adults have been meeting together in the auditorium and our youth all in one class. As of June 6th we will break up and have original classes; as well as, restart our Beginner and Junior churches. We were pleased to have Bro. Brendon Sanders from Friendship Baptist, St. Clair, preach for us Sunday evening May 23rd; he provided a wonderful message on strength in prayer. Sunday evening May 30th we had a Memorial day presentation led by Bro. Gary Gilliam and Sis. Erin Kingston which was followed by talent night with food and fellowship.

Dates to remember: June 15th Brotherhood & June 16th WMA, a workday on Saturday June 12th to help prepare the retreat center for church camp in July.

Ozark Heights is looking forward to Vacation Bible School and invite you to bring your children 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. June 21st through 23rd. There will be a pool party 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday June 24th at Bonne Terre city pool. Jeff Mooreman's ordination June 27th 2:00 p.m. Central Missionary Baptist Church, Union MO.

Please keep all our brothers and sisters who are unable to come out to worship in your prayers, they are so missed. May God Bless you all.

Brian Kingston, Pastor • Gary Gilliam, Reporter

Greetings from **First Baptist Church, Potosi.** We were busy during the month of May with many of our members attending school functions for their children. Everyone was ready for school to be out. It has been a rough year, but our teachers and students achieved their goals. Bro. Jim was ill for two weeks; Bro. Roger Silvey filled the pulpit one Sunday and Bro. Kevin preached the second Sunday. Bro. Kevin had surgery on his hand and still cannot use that arm or hand. He has a long recovery time including physical therapy. Bro. Jim baptized several when he came back from his illness and the graduates from high school and college were recognized. Many things are back to normal, but we are holding back a little for some activities. Covid lifted its ugly head with a few of our families. We thought we were through with that terrible virus. Teens leave in June for Super Summer. Many will return with their hearts filled with God's love. Then July comes with all the camps. We are continuing both sermon times with Sunday School between them. Celebrate Recovery still grows with new people each week. It is amazing the number of people who give up a Friday night to come to the church to receive help and guidance in their trials of hurts, habits, or hang ups. Please pray for us as we pray for you.

Jim Ainley, Pastor • Deborah Rauhut, Secretary

BMMA IN ST LOUIS
Hispanic Missionary Outreach 6/2021

“Belen”

PRAISES

... *“brethren pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you”... 2 Thessalonians 3:1*

There is joy in heaven, after several visits to our 1st home Bible study and presentation of the gospel with care and clarity in Chesterfield, MO, Nahum Jeronimo confessed and trusted in Jesus for forgiveness and salvation for eternity, this past Monday, on memorial holiday. We are continuing to meet at his home Sundays at 4:00 pm. Will start now a discipleship and will baptize him soon. Pray for his wife to follow Jesus as well and become a faithful laborer for the kingdom.

Praise the Lord for new contacts in the Hispanic community, new doors open to hear the gospel and participate with the Great Commission. A Family friend of our ESL students expressed a desire to start attending to the building at Bethany for Bible Study at 12:00 noon on Sundays.

We praise the Lord for you, and your family that support our Prayer Network in daily prayer to strength and help present the gospel to each one in our community.

For a new room available to reach our community in Faith Baptist Church in St Charles. We are having an ESL outreach in the building, we have new students arriving every Thursday and Friday from 4:30-6:30 pm.

In May we gladly participated in the following events:

- New Testament Baptist Church: Missions Symposium updated on ministry and shared a devotional on how prayer leads Gods work for Salvation.
- Bethany Baptist Church: Fill in the pulpit in two occasions with message of Abrahams life transformation into a friend of God.
- Lindsay Lane Baptist Church: Presenting ministry update and Sharing the importance of Prayer Support for the Gospel to be presented.

This month of June we pray the Lord continues blessings us with:

1. A Healthy baby into our family. June 9th we will know whether it is a boy or girl. Thank you for praying for Hannah's health during these first months.
2. Ceremony of Trimester Completion of our students in ESL Class. Each one of the students will have 1-3 minutes to introduce themselves and speak about their activities in English. After, the ladies will prepare traditional authentic Salvadorian food to share with families and guest who wish to join us.
3. We are joining Lindsay Lane Baptist Church during their Sports Camp Summer event to reach out to Hispanic Families in the area.
4. Will continue Prayer Network and Bible reading every day at 12:00 noon in Bethany Baptist Church in Overland, MO

The Hispanics who attended the first ESL Class Fellowship at Bethany



Juan Fernandez at Mid-year Meeting

Group speaking in English to show what they have learned



**72nd Annual
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August 2-4, 2021
Farley Street Baptist Church, Waxahachie, Texas
Program**

Monday Afternoon, August 2

1:30pm National WMA Officers Meeting - Heritage Baptist Church, Waxahachie, TX
2:00pm Seminary Trustees Meeting - Farley Street room 1408
3:00pm WMA Business Meeting - Heritage Baptist Church, Waxahachie, TX

Monday Evening, August 2

6:00pm Registration - 2nd Floor Mezzanine Worship Center
7:00pm Welcome - President - Farley Street Worship Center
7:05pm The Martin's Concert
8:15pm President's Message - Pastor Jeff Swart
Initial Associational Business

Tuesday Morning, August 3

8:30 am BMA Orientation for New Pastors and Churches - Farley Street Room: Parlor
8:30am Registration for Women's Ministry Conference - Heritage Baptist Church, Waxahachie, TX
9:00am Women's Ministry Conference - "Share the Vision" - Heritage Baptist Church
9:00am National Brotherhood Meeting - Farley Street Room: Choir Room 1207
9:30am Committee Meetings, Missions Advisory Committee -Farley Street Room: 1408
Moral Action•Farley Street Room:2405, Baptist Publishing House•Farley St. Room: 2409

9:30am **Breakout Sessions**

&10:45am **Faithful Corporation** - Electronic tools for Bible Study including Logo software - Farley Street Room: Worship Center
Jason Prewitt, Daniel Springs - Involving Junior High, High School and College Students in Ministry - Farley Street Room: 2401
Jon Dodson, Lifeword - Website - Your Church's Front Door - Farley Street Room: 2413B
Bruce Bruinsma, Envoy Financial - Retirement Reformation - Farley Street Room: 2402
Gary Rohmayer, BMA Missions - Spiritual Dynamics - Farley Street Room: Student Center
Dr. Philip Attebery, BMA Seminary/Baptist Publishing House - Teach for Results - Farley Street Room: 2410

Tuesday Afternoon, August 3

3:00pm BMA Missions Legacy Awards - Farley Street Worship Center
4:00pm BMA Town Hall Meeting - Farley Street Worship Center
5:00pm Seminary Dinner - Heritage Baptist Church, Waxahachie TX

Tuesday Evening, August 3

7:00pm Worship Service - Farley Street Worship Center
Annual Message - Luis Ortega
Election of Officers, Business as needed

Wednesday Morning, August 4

8:30am BMA Associational Business - Farley Street Worship Center
BMA Foundation
Moral Action Agency
Baptist Publishing House
Daniel Springs Encampment
Ministers Resource Services
BMA Theological Seminary
Lifeword
Missions Department
Miscellaneous Business

Wednesday Afternoon, August 4

2:00pm Associational Business if needed - Farley Street Worship Center

Wednesday Evening, August 4

7:00pm Missions Commissioning Service - Farley Street Worship Center

Ministry Display Area

Farley Street Gym

Monday, August 2nd
6:00pm - Opens
9:30pm - Closes

Tuesday, August 3rd
9:00am - Opens
9:00pm - Closes

Wednesday, August 4th
9:00am - Opens
9:00pm - Closes

**It's Time to
Make Your Reservations**
BMAA Committee on Arrangements

The 2021 session of the Baptist Missionary Association of America will meet August 2-4 at the Farley Street Baptist Church in Waxahachie, Texas. The church and hotels are looking forward to our meeting there. Please make your reservations early. Call the local hotels directly to make your reservations. Local telephone numbers are included below. You must identify that you are with the Baptist Missionary Association of America. Also, when making your reservations, be sure to let them know you want rooms in the block for the BMAA that begins on August 1. Your stay does not have to include the night of the 1st, but that will make sure you get the BMA block rate.

The Fairfield Inn and Suites will serve as our headquarters

hotel for the annual meeting in Waxahachie.

Fairfield by Marriott, 2020 Civic Center Lane: (Standard 1 King or Standard 2 Queen: \$135.00). Telephone reservations: 972-937-8886. Reservation cutoff date is July 11, 2021.

In addition to the headquarters hotel, additional facilities are available in the area. Following is a list of properties that have blocked rooms for the BMA meeting.

• **Best Western Plus**, 1701 North Highway 77:

**Benjamin Kingston Ordained
as Pastor of Landmark, DeSoto**



Benjamin Kingston

What a privilege it was to share in the blessings of the Ordination of Benjamin Kingston at Landmark Missionary Baptist Church. It was May 16th, 2021, the church was filled with friends, family and many ordained men who were there to encourage and support this church and their Pastor.

Landmark Missionary Baptist Church opened the meeting requesting the ordination of Benjamin Kingston and a Presbytery was formed. We are thankful for Bro. John Dover as he was elected as our Moderator and did an excellent job in helping us organize the service. Bro. Brad Banderman presented Benjamin by sharing stories of Benjamin's involvement in Youth Ministries at Bethel Baptist Church and the strong character and example we have witnessed in this young man's life. Bro. Ben Kingston lead in the examination by asking questions of doctrine and Benjamin's understanding of God's calling upon his life. Also, others of the Presbytery examined Benjamin and with unanimous consent it was recommended to continue the ordination. Following, each of the Presbytery came to pray and give words of encouragement to Benjamin.

Following was a powerful message given by Bro. Mike Hearst, Pastor of Westview Missionary Baptist Church in Jefferson City, MO. The message was, "What is Our Part" with the text taken from Ezekiel 37:1-14. A phrase Bro. Mike used that has stuck with me was, "we must do what we can do, but we cannot do what must be done." What a challenge for us to do our part in service, in ministry and in prayer, but we know that only God can do what must be done in the hearts and changed lives of the individuals to whom we are ministering. May God richly bless Bro. Benjamin in ministry, in his personal life, and in future endeavors. We pray God's blessings upon Landmark Missionary Baptist Church.

We thank you for inviting us along in this journey as God continues to use us as His Churches and as an Association of Churches.

Your Fellow Servant in Christ,

Brian Meade, Pastor of Lindsay Lane Missionary Baptist Church of Florissant, MO.

(Room Rate: \$99.99). Complimentary hot breakfast buffet daily. Telephone reservations: 972-938-1600. Reservation cutoff date is July 18, 2021.

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• **Hampton Inn**, 2010 Civic Center Lane: (Double Queen: \$120.00; King standard, \$120.00). Hot breakfast daily. Telephone reservations: 972-923-0666, EXT 0. Reservation cutoff date is July 20, 2021.

• **Holiday Inn Express & Suites**, 984 North US 287 Bypass: (Single King, \$139.99; 2 Queen, \$139.99; King Suite, \$169.99). Use Group Code: BMAA 2020. Telephone reservations: 972-938-3300. Reservation cutoff date is July 1, 2021.

• **La Quinta Inns & Suites**, 311 Stadium Drive: (Standard room, \$104.00). Hot breakfast buffet daily. Telephone reservations: 972-937-5525. Reservation cutoff date is July 1, 2021.

All room rates quoted above are subject to all local taxes. — Jerome Cooper, Bill Thornton, and Daniel Williams

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Share The Vision

The 2021 National WMA Women's Conference will expand on the previous theme of "Catch the Vision." This year we will learn to "Share the Vision." The key verses of the theme come from Acts 26:19-20. **The meeting will take place at Heritage Baptist Church in Waxahachie, Texas, on August 3, 2021. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.** Then a short business meeting will be followed by the women's conference from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch (\$15) will also be available for those who wish to remain at the church to eat.

The keynote speaker for the event will be Sabrina Clayton, a talented vocalist and inspirational speaker from Fulton, Mississippi. Valarie Fish, vocalist/writer/speaker/encourager from Emerson, Arkansas, will bring the special music.

The conference will also include four choices of breakout sessions to attend.

Judy Biggers of Springfield, Arkansas, will present **Share the Vision through Gospel Music.**

Pat Quesenbury, who lives in Arlington, Texas, will bring a session to **Share the Vision through Women's Ministries.**

Those who wish to **Share the Vision through the Written**

Word will hear from Jackie Ricks of Mineola, Texas, who wrote Baptist Publishing House literature for 14 years and has published 3 Bible studies and 8 Christian fiction books.

Kim Mobly and Penny Jacobs of Oklahoma, will present **Share the Vision through Community Outreach.**

To register, send information for each lady attending to President Jodi Rhea at Jodi Rhea, 40156 E CR 1631, Wynnewood, OK 73098 or email her at mrsrsrhea75@gmail.com. Include name, church name, whether you will be attending the conference part and whether you will have lunch. \$15 for lunch will be collected at the door.

The National WMA urges all ladies to attend the Women's Conference. It has been a great addition to our national meeting the last few years. We hope to see you there!

Jackie Ricks, Editor • National WMA

BMA Seminary's Sixty-Fourth Commencement

Twenty-six individuals received a degree from the Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary of Jacksonville, Texas during commencement exercises conducted Saturday, May 15, 2021. The event occurred in the seminary's Dorman Memorial Chapel.

Justin M. Cameron of Columbia, Mississippi; Shawn M. Figart of Lewisville, Texas; James L. Franklin, Jr. of Mau-melle, Arkansas; Carrie L. Klapper of Georgetown, Texas; Matthew J. Monds of Canton, Texas; Drew E. Scott of Pennington, Texas; Lucas P. Sheeley of Palestine, Texas; Tony R. Tucker of Palestine, Texas; and Brian Upchurch of Purdon, Texas received the Bachelor of Arts in Religion degree.

Jared Jimenez of Bronx, New York; Jeremy A. Langley of Emerson, Arkansas; Jorge A. Meza of San Luis Potosi, Mexico; Steven R. Miller of Lubbock, Texas; John K. Rudrapaty of India; and Brian N. Vaughn of Sulphur Springs, Texas received the Master of Arts (Pastoral Theology) degree.

Phyllis Jean Shipp-Hedrick of Burlington, North Carolina; Jeffrey M. Hill of Royal, Arkansas; Ruby Hollie of Palestine, Texas; Mae J. Johnson of Tyler, Texas; and Sonja L. King-Harris of Columbus, Georgia received the Master of Arts (Religion) degree. Jimmy Tollison, II of Springdale, Arkansas received the Master of Arts in Church Ministries degree.

Haitao He of Guangdong China; Chris Z. Mindi of Le-ander, Texas; Frances U. Thomas of Flint, Texas; and Aaron S. Wilson of Lufkin, Texas received the Master of Divinity degree.

Tom E. Mitchell of Little Rock, Arkansas received the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree for distinguished service to the Baptist Missionary Association.

Dr. Eric Goble, Pastor of the Brister Baptist Church in Emerson, Arkansas presented the commencement address. Goble earned a Master of Arts in Church Ministries degree from BMA Seminary and a Doctor of Educational Ministry degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Goble has pastored the Brister church for 38 years.

BMA Seminary provides accredited theological education to qualified individuals by seeking to equip them for Christian service and leadership roles. The seminary supports the educational needs of the Baptist Missionary Association of America and other groups who share a like commitment to the authority of Scripture by offering certificates, associate, bachelor, and masters' degrees.

Dr. Philip Attebery, Dean

ing over the computer. They also gain help with learning the language there, spending two to three hours a day in a coffee shop studying and making friends with the ones who come in. They have learned a most important lesson to "wait on God."

In Ukraine, "Christian" simply means being part of the Orthodox Church. Yet, many don't even know who Jesus is. Sometimes the people ask Tammy or Larry for "help" and what they mean is "prayer." They don't understand all the concepts of Christianity that most of us grew up with. It usually takes about three years for a person to move from being interested in the gospel to being a follower of Christ in Ukraine.

The Wood family came home on furlough during the pandemic of 2020. In that time, they also got the corona virus. Besides causing health problems at the time, it also slowed them down some. They returned to find the work was continuing. Now they are back for a brief stay for family reasons. The Sunday before they left was Easter Sunday in Ukraine. That was May 2, 2021. Seven members were baptized into the Water of Life Baptist Church in Lutsk that day. Larry and Tammy are excited to see what happens while they are away as the new believers trust Jesus to give them new hope in Him.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

(Detach & copy for each person attending)

RETURN TO:

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NAME: _____

CHURCH: _____

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ATTENDING LUNCHEON: YES/NO

WMA Mission Article...

From No Hope to New Hope

submitted by Jackie Ricks • National WMA Editor

The people in Ukraine believe they have no future because they have a "God void." Therefore, they have no hope. They just exist from day to day, going about life as if it's a drudgery. Larry and Tammy Wood spend their days in Ukraine trying to offer the people hope—the hope that can only come through God's Word and Jesus Christ.

The Woods have spent over the last 2 years in the country, learning the language and helping organize churches. They had a plan, but so did God. Needless to say, God showed them how much better His plan was. They had hoped to organize a church after many months. Instead, God worked things to get the Water of Life Baptist Church going by November of 2019, just after three months on the field. Within a year that

group averaged 65. A second church plant, Grace Church is also moving along. God's time line is faster than the Wood's.

You may wonder how the work is growing so fast. Well, besides the fact that God is obviously in it, the Woods use the concept of teaching the English language to gain the confidence of the people. At first, they were able to teach in person, as they had done many times before on mission trips. Now, however, due to the pandemic, they have to use the virtual teach-

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

Beware of Empty Philosophies

Colossians 2:4-7

by Dennis Baker, President of BMAMO Brotherhood

There was once a pastor who was concerned about some unsavory businesses that had opened near a school. His protest led to a court case, and the defense attorney did all he could to embarrass the concerned pastor.

"Are you not a pastor?" the lawyer asked. "And doesn't the word pastor mean 'shepherd'?"

To this definition the pastor agreed.

"Well, if you are a shepherd, why aren't you out taking care of the sheep?"

"Because today I'm fighting the wolves!" was the pastor's quick reply, and a good answer it was.

Because of the enemies that were attacking the church in Colosse, Paul offered encouragement that would help them overcome their enemies. He encouraged them to continue making spiritual progress in their Christian life.

There is a need for spiritual progress because Satan is deceptive. Satan uses enticing words to lead believers astray. Satan is a liar and by his lies he leads believers down the wrong path. John 8:44, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." In order for the believer to have spiritual discernment, it is important for the believer to continue to grow in his knowledge of biblical truth.

Paul used several vivid pictures to illustrate spiritual progress. In verse five the words "order" and "steadfastness" are military terms. They describe an army that is solidly united against the enemy. "Order" describes the arrangement of the army in ranks, with each soldier in his proper place. Not everybody can be a general, but the general must have an army to fight the enemy. "Steadfastness" pictures the soldiers in battle formation, presenting a solid front to the enemy. Christians ought to make progress in discipline and obedience, just as soldiers on the battlefield.

The Christian life is compared to a pilgrimage, and believers must learn to "walk." We are to walk in Christ the same way we originally received Christ-by faith. The false teachers wanted to introduce some "New truths" but Paul encouraged them to continue in Christ. The only way for a believer to make spiritual progress in his Christian life is by faith. Hebrews 11:6, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

The word "rooted" in verse seven is an agricultural term. The tense of the Greek word means "once and for all having been rooted." Christians are not to be tumbleweeds that have no roots and are blown about by every wind of doctrine. Ephesians 4:14, "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." Nor are we to be transplants that are repeatedly moved from soil to soil. Once the believer is rooted by faith in Christ, there is no need to change the soil! The roots

draw up the nourishment so that the tree can grow. The roots also give strength and stability. The words "built up" is in the present tense: "being build up." When we trust Christ to save us, we are put on the foundation; from then on, we grow in grace. Continual growth should characterize every Christian's walk with Christ.

It is the Word of God that builds and strengthens the believer. Christians who study the Word become established in the faith. Satan has a difficult time deceiving the Bible taught believer.

The word "abounding" pictures a river overflowing its banks. The believer's first experience in the Lord was drinking the water of life by faith. The well should become a river of living water, which gets deeper and deeper as we grow in our spiritual life. John 7:37-38, "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."

"Thanksgiving," a thankful spirit is a mark of Christian maturity. When a believer is abounding in thanksgiving, he is really making spiritual progress!

By reviewing these pictures of spiritual progress, we see how the growing Christian can defeat the enemy and not be led astray. If his spiritual roots are deep in Christ, he will not want any other soil. If Christ is his sure foundation, he has no need to move. If he is studying and growing in the Word, he will not be enticed by false doctrine. And if his heart is overflowing with thanksgiving, he will not even consider turning from the fulness he has in Christ. A grounded, growing, grateful believer will not be led astray.

doors.

Arkansan Shaun Merrell has lived more of his life outdoors than indoors. Whether it's fishing, trapping or hunting deer, turkey, rabbit, squir-

National Galilean Camp 2021

By Kenneth Colvert • National Galilean Director

Galileans are set for National Camp. Dates, June 25 -28, are firm this year. We appreciate your understanding about last year's camp and are so thankful for all who attended. Furthermore, all were safe and Covid free! We are looking forward to a more normal camp with fewer restrictions this year. This writer is praying more Galilean groups will be able to attend.

This will be the 5th year to meet at StoneRidge Baptist Camp in Smithville, Arkansas. What a great place to call home. Scott Small and his staff always outdo themselves to ensure a safe and quality camp experience for all. Roger Pearce will serve as camp Pastor again. He was such a blessing to us last year.

The camp fee, \$71.50 per camper, is due upon arrival at camp. Make checks payable to StoneRidge Baptist Camp. Groups will need to pre-register by June 11. Registration will begin at 1 p.m. on Friday. Camp will dismiss around 10 a.m. on Monday. Visitor's Night will be completely restored this year and will be held on Sunday evening. The Advancement Service will begin at 7:30 p.m.

All camp leaders are so excited about camp and are looking forward to seeing you there.

For more information about this year's camp visit The National Galilean website: galileans.com. If you have questions about camp or the Galilean Ministry, feel free to text or call me at 479-629-3258 or e-mail krcolvert@cox.net.

rel or waterfowl, his love for the outdoors runs deep. Like most outdoorsmen, he is also quite a storyteller, which sometimes means using visual aids like a snake or an alligator. Shaun has worked at the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission almost 24 years and enjoys educating people and connecting them with the outdoors.

Lifeword team members met Shaun and his wife Yalanda, a former television anchor, in 2019 when she became a board member, then began hosting mission:world.TV for Missions. Shaun has broadcast experience as well with a midday show called Wild Wednesday on KAIT in Jonesboro.

Shaun says, "When I'm outdoors, I can't help but think about God's creation, where there's always something that can be applied to Christian life. For this show, I want to, first of all, spread the good news of the gospel while giving insight to things that are relevant to the Bible and to spiritual growth for believers."

"I'll also be telling stories and sharing tips and tricks from my outdoor experiences that may help someone who already loves nature. Or maybe encourage someone to go outdoors and understand that feeling of being in the woods to hear a turkey gobbling, or on a lake and see the bobber go up and down, or what it feels like to be on a deer stand and see a deer come into view. No matter what, I promise we'll have a lot of fun along way!"

The son of a BMA preacher, Shaun and his parents served in Louisiana, Tennessee and Arkansas churches. Currently a member of Highland Hills Baptist Church in Highland, Ark., he enjoys assisting with leading worship and has served in other areas — such as youth ministry — throughout the years. The Merrell family (including son Hunter) trains Labrador and golden retrievers, a side job they enjoy very much. When he's not working or at church, he's likely in the woods or on the South Fork River near their home in Cherokee Village.

Lifeword Executive Director Donny Parrish says, "Shaun is one of those rare finds. He is a creative, he's funny and he has a story to tell. He uses his background as an expert in wildlife to share the gospel of Jesus with others, and we're blessed to have him on our team."

Lifeword Premieres New Show...

"Outdoors With Shaun Merrell"

You can find the premiere of this new show by visiting Lifeword's Facebook page (facebook.com/lifeword) and looking for the "Outdoors with Shaun Merrell" video called, "The Nickname — Encourager," or visit <http://cutt.ly/merrellout>

This Is A Pandemic

by David Grubb, Pastor of Briar Missionary Baptist Church

Note: January 27, 2021 I prepared this editorial comment to a text and subsequent sermon about the situation we faced April 5, 2020.

We now have a Vaccine that was planned and paid and planned for under the Trump administration and is now being distributed during the Biden Administration. Scientists and researchers developed, tested, and distributed this vaccine.

Presidents do not manufacture research and distribute vaccines.

God has shown us the way out of this forest of darkness and death.

You ask how did God do it? Those who survived developed antibodies to fight this disease which gave us a template for survival.

Today, as your pastor I invite you to join hands as brothers and sisters in Christ and American Citizens. Pray for the future, extend your hand, heart, and resources to one another. The difference will be made in Main Street America because we all came together and worked together.

Written April 05, 2020, 11:01 a.m. Screen shot January 28, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Thank you each for your thoughts and prayers for those who are sick and the families who have and will lose lives during this pandemic.

No family, individual, and community will be completely spared from this pandemic.

In my opinion God has allowed this to happen so we can stay at home and pray with our family members in our home. It seems at this time that God has placed special restrictions upon the way the virus is transmitted. This transmission distance is very different than the common flu.

I believe God wants us to spend this time with our families. Spend time, which is precious telling family members you love them. Also, tell them specific things they have done that's brought joy and happiness to our lives.

We should not think this is going away soon. We have

grown up in a world of ready vaccines. This strain of virus was not foreseen. However, it is real and it is deadly.

The Church is comprised of the people. I cannot pretend to tell any the mind and thoughts of God. However, This isn't the first a pandemic has threatened the world. Christians will walk by faith, and prayer. The Church has faced tragic pandemics before and she will be stronger because of this pandemic. It has interrupted our lives and we are not accustomed to this interruption and we want our normal lives back. We must remain separate while this storm passes over.

I have said from the pulpits over the years, God can and in my opinion will bring our world to a stop so that we realize that he is God and he is in charge. We must be patient and remain at home during this pandemic.

You and your families, in the Church and the community, are in our prayers as we ask for your prayers.

To answer your question about Easter, This does not change Easter! Our Risen Lord is on the throne. This will build our faith because we are required to walk by faith on a daily basis.

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.



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