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Philippians 2:16

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Are You Prepped and Ready For the National Meeting?

By *Clif Johnson*, President • BMA of America

The arrangements are made, and your BMA national departments and agencies are putting last-minute touches on their reports to give you all the information you desire and the victories and accomplishments for the kingdom in the last seven months. Add to that the numerous other BMA-driven ministries. In other words, we are preparing for you!

Now the question becomes, “Are you preparing for the meeting?” One of the best ways you can prepare for the meeting is to go to bmaamerica.org/2022-department-video-reports to see video reports from our department leaders. These videos allow you the opportunity to see and hear extended reports from our departments, giving you more information than you would otherwise receive at the national meeting itself. Don’t let the Wednesday morning session be the first time you hear from your department leaders. Rather, take advantage of this opportunity to become acquainted with all that your BMA ministries have accomplished in 2021.

In addition to watching the video, here are other ways you can prepare for our national meeting:

- Make sure you have made hotel reservations. Visit bmaamerica.org/2022-hotel-reservations to do so today. (You can also find all informatoin related to the national meeting at Baptist-Trumpet.com/BMAA2022.)

- Call or text your pastor friends to make sure they will be coming with you, even arranging to travel together. I think we can all agree that one of the best parts of the national meeting is getting together with long-time pastor friends and making new friendships with other brothers and sisters.

- Pray for the unity of our association. It seems we live in the most hostile and divided time I have ever seen, but the one place where there should

be unity is within the church and within the churches of the BMA.

- Pray that you will have a heart ready to worship the Lord and receive His Word during our worship services and breakout sessions.

Once again, it is my great honor to serve the churches of the BMA, and I look forward to having a great time of celebration with you very soon!

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April 18-20, 2022
Springfield, Missouri

Why Is The Ressurrection of Jesus Christ Important??

via GotQuestions.org

The resurrection of Jesus is important for several reasons. First, the resurrection witnesses to the immense power of God Himself. To believe in the resurrection is to believe in God. If God exists, and if He created the universe and has power over it, then He has power to raise the dead. If He does not have such power, He is not worthy of our faith and worship. Only He who created life can resurrect it after death, only He can reverse the hideousness that is death itself, and only He can remove the sting and gain the victory over the grave (1 Corinthians 15:54–55). In resurrecting Jesus from the grave, God reminds us of His absolute sovereignty over life and death.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is also important because it validates who Jesus claimed to be, namely, the Son of God and Messiah. According to Jesus, His resurrection was the “sign from heaven” that authenticated His ministry (Matthew 16:1–4). The resurrection of Jesus Christ, attested to by hundreds of eyewitnesses (1 Corinthians 15:3–8), provides irrefutable proof that He is the Savior of the world.

Another reason the resurrection of Jesus Christ is important is that it proves His sinless character and divine nature. The Scriptures said God’s “Holy One” would never see corruption (Psalm 16:10), and Jesus never saw corruption, even after He died (see Acts 13:32–37). It was on the basis of the resurrection of Christ that Paul preached, “Through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin” (Acts 13:38–39).

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not only the supreme validation of His deity; it also validates the Old Testament prophecies that foretold of Jesus’ suffering and resurrection (see Acts 17:2–3). Christ’s resurrection also authenticated His own claims that He would be raised on the third day (Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:34). If Jesus Christ is not resurrected, then we have no hope that we will be, either. In fact, apart from Christ’s resurrection, we have

no Savior, no salvation, and no hope of eternal life. As Paul said, our faith would be “useless,” the gospel would be altogether powerless, and our sins would remain unforgiven (1 Corinthians 15:14–19).

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25), and in that statement claimed to be the source of both. There is no resurrection apart from Christ, no eternal life. Jesus does more than give life; He is life, and that’s why death has no power over Him. Jesus confers His life on those who trust in Him, so that we can share His triumph over death (1 John 5:11–12). We who believe in Jesus Christ will personally experience resurrection because, having the life Jesus gives, we have overcome death. It is impossible for death to win (1 Corinthians 15:53–57).

Jesus is “the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep” (1 Corinthians 15:20). In other words, Jesus led the way in life after death. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is important as a testimony to the resurrection of human beings, which is a basic tenet of the Christian faith. Unlike other religions, Christianity possesses a Founder who transcends death and promises that His followers will do the same. Every other religion was founded by men or prophets whose end was the grave. As Christians, we know that God became man, died for our sins, and was resurrected the third day. The grave could not hold Him. He lives, and He sits today at the right hand of the Father in heaven (Hebrews 10:12).

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BMA of Missouri
Missions Symposium
May 20, 2022
&
Mid-Year Business
Meeting
May 21, 2022

Both meetings at
Bethel Baptist Church, Lonedell, MO

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NEWS BRIEFS



Greetings from **Lindsay Lane, Florissant**, as we welcome Spring, we thank God for all His promises! We busy ourselves with the time change, plans to attend the national association in Springfield, spring cleaning, etc., But how about a renewal of our walk with God!! Bro. Brian's granny, Sis. Ruth Hewitt is in need of our prayers as she is facing health issues. Our men folks are excited about the Renewal Weekend at camp Garwood. (From all reports it was a success, thanks to all involved.) Our praise and worship team under the direction of Bro. Mike McKenzie is practicing for our Easter service. Some will be attending the revival at Faith. Our Sunday evening Bible study is learning about angels. Attendance is increasing every week. We are still on Facebook and streaming live thanks to Bro. Curt and Sis. Marlee. Bro. Mike is challenging us each week with a new song. As we celebrate the Easter story please pray earnestly for Ukraine as well as for our loved ones. Our Lord is coming back and soon! Are you ready? May God bless till we meet again.
Brian Meade, Pastor • Kathy Chapman, Reporter

Lower Doe Run Baptist at Ellington, is looking for **large print** Heavenly Highway Hymnals. Our congregation loves the old hymns but the regular print is hard to read. If you know where we could find some of these let us know, 573-631-9158. The Lord continues to bless us with opportunities to serve in our community. Please pray for our shut-ins and those in Nursing Facilities. Betty Rayfield is near family in Macon, MO., Thelma Hoffmann is near family in Ohio. Don Hoffmann is in the Baptist Home in Ironton, MO. Ethel Kuntz is with her daughter in Ellsinore, MO. Frieda Williams is home. Helen Morris, our song leader, is home with Bronchitis. We are always encouraged in the Word. Hebrews 12:1-2 reminds us of the cloud of witnesses that compass about us. We have so many that have gone before and left a precious legacy. We are looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. In closing, we are reminded of the song, "My House is Full, but My Fields are Empty." There is still much to do as we watch and wait for His coming.
Melvin Meade, Pastor • Carolyn Meade, Reporter

Briar, Doniphan informs us: Our Reporter, Yvonne Hill and her husband have recently moved to Tennessee to be closer to family. They will be greatly missed. The church members asked me to do reports to the paper, so bear with me as I attempt to do so. The members of the Briar Church recently celebrated their pastor, David Grubb's birthday with cake and ice cream in the fellowship hall after services. It was a time of fellowship and visiting with the members and visitors in our church. We have had some first-time visitors recently, and are blessed to see them return for continued services.
David Grubb, Pastor • Jeanette Heavin, Reporter

We have had a good month at **Landmark, DeSoto!** We've welcomed back into our membership the Kevin Saylor family. Kevin, who is an ordained deacon, his wife, Marilyn, and their adult daughter, Beth. We are so pleased to have them back and pray that we can be a blessing to them. We've also had the usual sickness. Sis. Truelove, has finally had the surgery that the powers that be put off for so long. Hopefully she will recover quickly and soon be able to be back in worship service with us. Bro. Denby had a couple of suspicious tumors removed and as far as I know hasn't received the results. Also we've had so many prayer requests on the prayer chain as usual. Sometimes the prayer chain is used for good news, and that's always a blessing. There may be other things that I should report, but my poor brain just won't bring them to the

forefront. I apologize to those that I may have missed.
Benjamin Kingston, Pastor • Sharon Page, Reporter

Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston. We rejoice in getting our permanent audio system installed during March. As of this writing (4/1), we have all materials on hand and are doing the physical labor of getting our permanent video system installed. We have been attempting to bolster our online presence by posting more of our Sunday messages and also writing and posting regular devotionals on our Facebook page. We are thankful that is paying dividends. We've had one lady begin attending our services due to our online outreach and we've seen it generate new interest among others.
Rodney Dunlap, Pastor

Greetings from **Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church.** Welcome Spring! We pray you all are doing well! We are gearing up for several activities in the next couple of months. We are looking forward to the Camp Garwood retreat on April 8-9th. On April 12th, our SEMO District WMA will meet for their quarterly meeting. At this meeting, the WMA ladies will present Bro. Chris Polk with the check to Camp Garwood from the Pound-in-a-Purse fundraiser. On May 1st, we will have our annual Youth Fundraiser including a silent auction and live baked goods auction. This will take place after the morning services on Sunday, May 1st. We invite everyone out! I've heard there might even be a custard pie to bid on! On May 15th, we will be honoring our 2022 high school senior graduates. We have two graduating from our church, Avery Fowler and Alyssa Woods! Congratulations girls! We wish you the best on your future endeavors! On Sunday, May 22nd at 2 p.m. we will have our GMA Coronation Services at 1st Baptist Matthews. Please

come to support our girls who have worked hard all year! On June 4th, some of our youth will be traveling with 1st Baptist Matthews youth to St. Louis to hand out flyers with Bro. Fernandez. This will be a promotion to invite kids to their VBS which will be held July 11-15th. Our VBS will be held June 6-10th. The time will be announced soon. Our GMA girls will be headed to National Camp at Daniel Springs Baptist Camp in Gary, TX June 15-18th. Some of our youth and leaders will be headed back to Texas June 29th for the SOAR conference. Be in prayer for those traveling and those leading worship, preaching God's Word, giving devotionals, etc. Revival will be held July 11-15th with Bro. Webb Manley. Please join us if you can. Please "like" our Facebook page, Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church, to keep up with future events.
Dan Wisely, Pastor • Lisa Cox, Reporter

March, just like the past two months has flown by at **Ohlman, Bunker.** On the 5th, Bro. Terry Sharpe, Juanita May, Angel May and Janet Widger enjoyed a trip to Matthews, MO for the MO WMA annual meeting. The 6th we were blessed to have Bro. and Sis. Miceal Quillman with us. They talked about their future place of service in Zambia, Africa. After that we enjoyed hearing him preach. Then of course we had to have a bountiful lunch which enabled several to speak to them about their mission ministry. March 22nd, we were saddened for his family but rejoice for him when Michael Lanham went to be with the Lord. He had been in an auto accident in late January and never fully recovered. Bro. Terry Sharpe officiated at the service and a meal was served to the family at the Ohlman fellowship hall after the burial. The Ohlman ladies as well as ladies from the churches in the Bunker community provided an abundance of food as usual. Continue to pray for the Lanham/May families during this time. We have had several visitors for our Sunday morning worship service, causing some of us to change from our normal pews. This is a good thing though. Our Wednesday night youth program is still being well attended. All three busses are put into service, again a good thing! They pick up youth and adults in three different directions of the church: Big Creek area, Reynolds Community and the gazebo in downtown Bunker. We are thankful for the men of the church who drive, the ladies who provide food every week and most of all the teachers who spend time in preparation to teach, many times not knowing how many to prepare for. Soon we will be advertising at the Blake Skaggs Mini Buckers arena. This is an activity that some of our young boys partici-

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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • MARCH 2022

General Fund:

Checking Account:

Balance February 28, 2022		\$	27,312.76
March Receipts:			
Missions:	\$	3,749.94	
Insurance, Garwood	\$	<u>2,439.60</u>	
Total Income:	\$	6,189.54	\$ 6,189.54
Total Available			\$ 33,502.30

March Disbursements:

Director, Salary	\$	450.00	
Secretary, Salary	\$	200.00	
Juan Fernandez/Support	\$	2,333.33	
Renewal Retreat Exp.	\$	<u>1,882.41</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$	4,865.74	\$ (4,865.74)
Balance March 31, 2022:			\$ 28,636.56

Investment in BMA of Mississippi Revolving Loan Fund:

Balance February 28, 2022	\$	110,128.33	
Interest:	\$	<u>0.00</u>	
Balance March 31, 2022	\$		\$ 110,128.33

Total of all Funds March 31, 2022: \$ 138,764.89

Midyear Financial Report Missouri Missionary Baptist October 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022

6 Month Summary:

Balance: October 1, 2021	\$ 11,392.37
Receipts:	\$ 9,475.15
Total Available:	\$ 20,867.52
Disbursements	\$(12,661.17)
Balance: March 31, 2021	\$ 8,206.35

Monthly Income:

October 2020	\$ 1,030.16
November 2020	\$ 1,533.06
December 2020	\$ 1,236.13
January 2021	\$ 1,078.68
February 2021	\$ 1,235.02
March 2021	\$ <u>3,362.10</u>
Total Income (6 months)	\$ 9,475.15

6 Month Expenses/Category:

Printing	\$ 1,110.00
Editor	\$ 5,600.00
Mailer	\$ 810.00
Postage	\$ 2,095.31
Adobe	\$ 77.94
Internet	\$ 555.83
In Design	\$ 125.94
Computer	\$ 1,986.12
Supplies	\$ <u>300.03</u>
Total (6 months)	\$ 12,661.17

A Few Words

From our Editor

I apologize for the paper being a little later this month, partly because the month started a little earlier in the week but mostly because we have been having computer problems for over a month.

A great blessing this past month is that our offering for March was the best they have been for several months. The midyear financial report (printed above) shows that we had over \$3,300 income which is almost three times our average for the other five months this first half of the associational year which began October 1, 2021.

But, during the month of March your Editor and publications committee agreed that we needed a new computer and thanks to the good offering we were able to purchase what we needed without depleting our bank account.

Thank you for giving extra in March even though most of you did not know about our need. God knew of our need and led many of you to help meet the need!

Thank you also who are so faithful in sending articles and news items to help fill the paper with information that helps our readers know what is going on among our churches and associations.

There is another problem that I am hearing about concerning the paper. Several have contacted me to inform me that they are not receiving their paper. There could be several reasons for this including poor service through the Post Office, change of addresses without notifying the editor of your changes, lost addresses, etc. If you are not receiving your paper please contact me and I will check my mailing list and see if I can get things corrected.

Thank you for your cooperation and help in these matters. I desire to serve our readers the best I can and want to do what I can do to help when help is needed!

James Hoffmann, Editor

From Our Missions Director...

Dear BMA of MO Churches:

Dear Missouri Churches,

What a wonderful men's Renewal Retreat we had! Special thanks to:

Dr. Gavin Hooks, who was our speaker that spoke on his book 'The Core Principle,' which is love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.

Bro. Chris Polk and his crew for preparing and serving our meals – it was tremendous!

Every man that was able to be there just had an amazing time! I want to encourage you, men, please mark March 24-25, 2023 on your calendar for our next Renewal Retreat per approval at our semi-annual meeting and the Meramec annual meeting as they fund the event.

Our annual Missions Symposium is right around the corner – May 20 at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Lonedell, Missouri beginning at 6:00PM. Bro. Larry Wood will speak to us about his missionary efforts in Ukraine, the three churches that have been planted there, and about church planting in general. Bro. Juan Fernandez will give a report and I will give a report as your missions Director. I'm so looking forward to this meeting. We will begin at 6:00PM, take a half hour break at 7:00 p, and will end somewhere in the neighborhood of 8:30 p.m.

Please plan to come! There are two hotels in the area: Super 8 and Pinemark, where many of you stayed last year when the Mission Symposium was at New Testament. Please invite your church folks and let's pack this event out for brother Larry and brother Juan. I know that you're going to be blessed as we come and hear about missions and see how we can be more involved as a Church and as an association in our missions ef-

fort. The semi-annual association meeting will also meet at Bethel church at 9 AM that Saturday, May 21.

If you have any questions about Mission Symposium, please do not hesitate to contact me 636-629-2526 and if you have questions about the semi-annual meeting on Saturday, Bro. Jerry Adams is our moderator, so he's the one to contact about that.

I look forward to seeing you on May 20 and 21. May the Lord richly bless you
Ben Kingston

Are You Really Interested??

In the months of April and May our churches have many meetings to take care of business, enjoy fellowship with one another, and encourage one another. If we are really interested in these matters we should do our best to attend these meetings and grow with one another!

pate in and it is becoming a great, well-attended family event. The advertizing is a sign that will hang in the arena noting that Ohlman is a sponsor. We pray that this will be a great way to reach out to many letting them know that Ohlman is a loving church.

Terry Sharpe, Pastor • Janet Widger, Reporter

Greetings from **First Baptist Church, Potosi**. Finally, I am over all my sicknesses and feel like writing this article. When I miss church, it seems as though nothing goes right. Basketball is over for UPWARD and the children in FBC Kids Club Spring Choir began practicing in March. Their performance will be Easter Sunday during the 10:00 service. There was a good turn out for the men's breakfast held on Saturday, March 26. The women are preparing for their retreat April 29-30 at the YMCA. The first one was a great success. Celebrate Recovery has new people almost every week. Overflow has helped so many people in need with clothing and food. We are not taking donations of clothes right now, but on April 15, tables in the Life Center will be loaded with winter clothes, coats, etc.; Anyone who wants may begin preparing for next winter and there will be no limits on how many items you may take. We continue to have HOPE classes and some are about to finish the 12-step program for CR. We have group Bible Studies going on all the time. Leaders are preparing for summer activities with our youth. Since I missed a lot of church services, I have not kept up with everything that is going on. The one thing I know for sure is that we love the Lord and desire to serve Him to the best of our ability. Please pray for us as we pray for you.

Jim Ainley, Pastor • Deborah Rauhut, Reporter

Hello from **Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Salem**. Our Monthly Fellowship Event for March was March 13, 2022. We met at Montauk Campground. We had one Visitor! PTL! Our Pastor, Bro. Larry, brought a Devotional as we all sat around the campsite. After some input and discussion on the Devotional and Scripture we had a time of Prayer. It was a great time of Fellowship and we Pray it was a Witness to those in the surrounding campsites. Sunday, April 3, 2022 we had 6 Visitors in our Morning Worship Service. We are preparing for our Easter Presentation for Easter Sunday before the Morning Message. Some of our Members are going to make a trip to attend the Easter Walk 2022 presented by one of our Sister Churches, Bethel Baptist Church, in Lonedell, Missouri. We are Praying for our Pastor, his Wife, and other Members who will be attending the National Meeting of the BMAA Meeting in Springfield Missouri, April 18-20, 2022. Mt. Olive WMA will have three Members attending the National WMA meeting Tuesday, April 19, 2022. We want to Thank You for the Prayers you Pray for us at Mt. Olive. We love and appreciate each one of you! We know God is at Work here and we want to continue to be about our Father's Business! To God Be the Glory!

Larry Nash, Pastor • Deiatre Gillam, Reporter

HELLO to all from **Oak Hill, Alton!** March 20th, Sunday night, we started watching Dr. David Jeremiah preaching a series of sermons "Where do we go from here." There are ten different messages we have seen three messages. The first one was Socialism, second Globalism, and third Pandemic. Dr. David ties it all together with the times we are living in and he does a lot of research and studying. PRAISE THE LORD on little Carstyn's health. The Lord has really blessed him. April 22nd, they have scheduled a surgery to clean out all of what is left of the tumor in his neck but first they plan to run some tests to make sure everything is dead regarding the

tumor/cancer. April 9th, we have planned a wedding shower for Preston Nix and Mya Shield's at 3:00 p.m. We are excited for them as they start their marriage with the Lord leading them. We are a little sad at Church because we are missing one of our dear members, Bro. Roy Nix. He has had some issues with his health and we really do miss him. We would like to ask you for your prayers for him and his family. One of our dear ladies, Sis. Susie Vancamp fell and broke her hip, some ribs, and bruised a shoulder. She is receiving physical therapy and is in a lot of pain. We would like to ask you to remember her in your prayers. Bro. Jerry and Sis. Sharon Bettis' son Jason fell and had to have some stitches and now they found out that where he had to have stitches is bleeding on his Brain. Please remember them in your prayers also. We want to wish everyone a wonderful and blessed Easter! While you celebrate Easter, please remember what our Lord and Savior did for you! 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

The Lord's blessings to you all from **Stony Point, at Mineral Point!** We are still praising God for saving the soul of DeLaina Stegall in our morning service Sunday March the 6th! Angels rejoice and a new child of the King is born. Just doesn't get any better than that! March 14th our youth were treated to a bowling night. It is great to see them learning to enjoy the sweet fellowship of the Lord. March 25th & 26th Bro. Claude attended the Men's Renewal Retreat at Camp Garwood. March 17th our area suffered the loss of Bonne Terre police officer, Layne Burns (306) when he was shot and killed while responding to a disturbance call. His partner was shot and seriously injured. On

March 27th, more than 30 members of Stony Point gathered before Sunday services on a hill overlooking the funeral procession route with flags raised in honor of this fallen officer. The love that was shown that morning is a true witness of our loving our neighbor and showing the world Christ's love for all of us.

Claude Evans, Pastor • David Hughes, Reporter

Happy Spring to all, from **Bethel, Sikeston!** We will be reporting on the months of February and March since I failed to send one in last month. God is blessing us with beautiful spring weather! He is also blessing us with new members! February 6th Sis Heather Sisk and children Reese and Elijah came forward during the evening service and requested to join the church. They were accepted and given the hand of fellowship and hugs. That same evening Bro. Troy Sisk preached a great message on surrendering our whole life to God. We have started making plans for Vacation Bible School with Sis. Lisa Pipkin and Sis. Keeley Bolen leading the program this year. March 6th Bro. Les preached the morn service and Bro. Troy brought the message for the evening service due to Bro. Billy being ill. Some of our ladies have been working on spring cleaning in our kitchen, and closets that were in bad need of straightening and replacing some old worn out things with new ones. We are so thankful for Bro. Joe Mcelroy for building us a couple new closets in the fellowship hall; one for storing chairs with an easier way of moving them around. And an extra one for just storage. He also installed some badly needed lights in our pantry and upstairs storage room and replaced our bathroom fixtures in the fellowship hall and in two bathrooms off the sanctuary. He did an awesome job! For the past few wed nights we have been studying the Book of Ruth, and what a blessing it has been! We are having a three day revival April 4-6th. The speaker will be Bro. Daniel Fraser from Victory Baptist Church in Wickliffe, KY. We are praying for a great turnout. Please be in prayer for Bro. Fraser and for God to move in a mighty way! April 24th Bro. Michael and Sis. Ruth Poirier will be with us for the morning service. We will follow with a dinner in the fellowship hall. Happy resurrection day to you all!! May god bless you all!

Billy Davis, Pastor • Joan Wood, Reporter

We thank God for each of our brothers and sisters. We hope this letter finds you well. It has been a great month at **Ozark Heights, Potosi**, as we see the new life that Spring brings. As always, we are thinking about our shut-ins who can't be in attendance and want you to know we miss you and if there are ever any needs please remember to reach out to your brothers and sisters in Christ. We are glad that Bro. Bob Dement is back home and doing better after a stay in the hospital. We had Brotherhood Thursday March 10th and 24th continuing our study on the Authentic Manhood series. This has been one of the best studies and have several visitors who have joined this study that meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7p.m. The WMA met on Thursday March 17th studying the book of Joshua, followed by a fun filled Taco dinner. The WMA meets on the 3rd Thursday at 7 p.m. Sunday March 14th the church held a baby shower for Jennifer Eddleman who is expecting April 5th. March 27th, we enjoyed Youth Sunday. Our youth group provided the music, took the offering and Bro. Coby Litton provided a great testimony and devotional for our Sunday morning worship. We are so proud of our young members who are growing in their service the Lord and take increased interest in serving our church. Sunday evening talent night, we had a talent packed service with several specials in song filling our hearts with praises to our Lord. Followed by a meal and fellowship. We are so thankful to see visitors coming on a regular basis and joining with us in serving the Lord. It is a

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Misión Bautista de Saint Louis, MO

Isaiah 61:1-3

Greetings, Dios le bendiga!

We enjoy bringing this ministry update with a deepest joy and thankfulness for your kind words of encouragement, financial gifts, and prayers for this ministry. We continue carrying out faithfully the work of evangelism, prayer, and discipleship that the Lord Jesus Christ sends us to accomplish on this side of eternity. It is always a privilege to hear from you and visit with you when the Lord allows us to do it. We are looking forward to visit Brother Mike Hearst sometime soon this month for a Sunday evening of worship and fellowship. This wonderful time of visiting with bro Mike will be right after our annual meeting, what a wonderful opportunity to get together as association in the beautiful state of Missouri.

Prayer Network

This is a very special time to pray for each one of the contacts we have. Every day we hear of situations where God is working on these families. We mention the request and intercede for salvation for each one in the family members who live in the area and their home countries.

Daily Bible Reading

Every day after praying I read a passage of scripture that we follow up with questions and answers time. We are hoping that soon we can see many of these people who ask questions to come to join us for worship and service with us. This guide we follow comes from the American Bible Society, such a blessing!

Education Outreach

We have five new students this semester; two come from Mexico, one from Cuba and two from El Salvador in the church building at Bethany; the other group gets together at Faith's Building in St Charles. All these students are from Mexico. We have a devotional at the end of the class, we listen to situations that we add to our prayer/intercession time. God is always working on these students. We have been able to meet the husband and father of one of the students, these men are thankful for the help and support for our community, they are willing to have spiritual conversation but not open to receive Christ as Lord and Savior. Keep praying for our students and their families. We also would like to express the deepest gratitude to Mrs. Mary Hoffmann on coming to help taking care of Victoria, Eleanor and Juanito. Mrs. Mary has such heart for our children, thank you very much for loving them and supporting our ESL outreach as we are reaching out to these families, thank you!

Bible Outreach

Every Saturday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Bibles are being handed to people who visit local businesses. We have been blessed by several business owners that have allowed me to bring a table and bibles to hand out to their customers as they come to their stores. We are so blessed to learn more about our Hispanic families who are growing in number, unfortunately they are not learning about God since Bibles are not a priority. We need to get more Bibles, if you'd like to participate in donating Bibles contact me. I am going to purchase Bibles that are easy to read and understand since most of the people I have encountered are facing challenges to read and understand Scripture and most of these folks are Hispanic that don't read/speak Spanish.

Discovery Bible Outreach

We have started a new discovery bible group this past Sunday. This is Jose, Meylin, Angel, and Christopher. We met them last year through our ESL outreach. We lost contact with them because of COVID and now we are reunited in purpose to begin a new stage in their spiritual walk together as family this precious family lives in Florissant.

We continue gathering with Nahum, Ermilanda, Abraham and Isaac in Chesterfield. Please continue praying to start our 3rd Discovery Bible Group soon. We have so many contacts that

enjoy our friendship and help but are not ready to start a relationship with Jesus. Pray that we can see Gods glory in each one of the contacts we have in our prayer and those who God will add. We are praying intentionally for two men; would you keep them in your prayer? Valentin from Florissant and Leopoldo, both these men have lived in this country for the last 20 years. We have a good relationship since we are from Mexico and have more things in common, but our prayer is that each one opens their heart to Gods word and their marriage and family members are transformed into Gods design.

We have lost total contact with Mr. Ernesto. We continue reaching out in prayer for him and his family in his home country.

Summer Children's Outreach

Prayer Walk, VBS, Discovery Bible Croup. We are so blessed to have been in contact with Sis. Karen Magee. GMA's and Trail Life Groups will partner with us this summer. We can't wait for what the Lord has in store for all of us involved. I am preparing the flyer at this moment, which we will be handing out, inviting kids to come and have lives transformed for eternity... Lots of fun and laughter!!! We are so looking forward to an AWESOME, BLESSED, COURAGEOUS team of volunteers to expand Gods kingdom among our community here in ST. LOUIS!!!

We are hoping to follow up the week of VBS with an Exciting Week At Camp Garwood and the rest will be opened to God's leading as we are hoping and praying to develop meaningful relationship to expand God's word and spiritual community we have been longing and praying since 12/2020 when we were blessed to have joined the BMAA. To God be the Glory. Thank you, Sis. Karen, for your enthusiasm and prayer as we continue preparing for this effort! You and each one in your church and ministry are such blessings.

Pray for the following:

- Family Health
- Salvation and Service of each one in our contacts.
- That our service to the LORD might be joyful, faithful, and fruitful.
- A new home suitable for our family and ministry needs.
- Healthy spiritual partnership with local churches for ministry growth.

Gracias, Dios le bendiga!

Thank you, God bless you.

Juan Fernandez

Thoughts About Ministry in 2022

By Allan Eakin, Associate Editor Baptist Trumpet

In February 2021, the Baptist Trumpet published an article titled, "Thoughts About Ministry in 2021" based on a webinar presented by Brotherhood Mutual Insurance. With attendance patterns shifting dramatically and most desperately wanting things to return to a pre-pandemic normal, church leaders were struggling and seeking insight. Brotherhood Mutual's webinar was beneficial. The take-aways from that webinar were:

- **Nothing takes the place of in-person worship.**
- **Embrace digital based ministry, it's here to stay.**
- **Digital ministry doesn't need to be a high-end production to be effective.**

In recent weeks, pandemic restrictions have officially been relaxed. The reality is that many churches have been moving back to "normal" for some time. People are ready to see COVID-19 in the rearview mirror. It is time to review and reassess

church ministry for 2022.

Here are a few thoughts. The list is not exhaustive, but could be a good starting point:

- **Don't return to pre-pandemic norms without good reasoning.** For the last two years, people have longed for things to "return to normal." Unfortunately, normal from two years ago has been completely erased for some churches. Therefore, resist the tendency to reconstitute past activities or programs just because you had them prior to the pandemic.

In some ways, the American church was pruned. Pruning, done correctly, can be a good thing. Evaluate everything and resume only what is truly beneficial to the mission of your church.

- **Weaknesses in ministry were exposed, therefore, address them.** Several years ago, during a Multiplication Workshop, Dave DeVries presented a wonderful analogy between the American church and a chess game. In chess, the queen is the most powerful piece. However, skilled chess players learn to play the game without relying on the queen so much. DeVries compared the Sunday morning gathering of most churches to the queen in a chess game. Churches were depending on Sunday morning to accomplish the majority of her ministry. For a while, many churches had to learn to function without their queen (Sunday morning gatherings). The absence of the queen exposed many areas that need strengthening in local churches. Make plans to address those weaknesses in ministry.

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Missouri State WMA Meeting

The 53rd Annual Meeting of the Missouri WMA met March 5, 2022, with First Baptist Church in Matthews, MO. There were approximately 40 ladies present. Fourteen churches were represented and there were two visitors from Arkansas.

After opening song and prayer the men left for the Brotherhood meeting.

President Sharon Page called on Sis. Laura Polk for the Welcome. The response was given by Sis. Barbara Williams. The committees and visitors were recognized. Sis. Sharon gave a devotional on 'Encouragement.' After a song and prayer, an offering was taken up. Sis. Sharon then called the meeting to order for Business.

Sis. Janet Widger reported on the Ladies Retreat. The date is September 9-10, 2022, at the Aviator Hotel and Suites in St. Louis. The hotel is located on Lindbergh Blvd. at I-55. The speaker will be Lori Cline.

Officers for 2022-2023 are:

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Project for 2022-2023:

25% General Fund
25% Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper
25% Juan Fernandez Work Fund
25% Mickeal Quillman Support Fund

The 2023 Missouri WMA meeting will go to Zion Baptist Church in St. Louis, MO on March 4. Meeting will start at 10:00 a.m.

The men rejoined the ladies for the morning message. Bro. Chris Polk introduced our speaker, Missionary Bro. Mickeal Quillman. He and his wife will be leaving in July for Zambia, Africa. Bro. Quillman's message was 'The Stages of Discipleship.' He read from John 1 and talked about 1) Come and See; 2) Follow Me; 3) Go and Fish and 4) Go and Bear Fruit.

After a wonderful meal prepared by the host church, the ladies met back to finish business.

2nd Vice-President Kari Hartlein introduced Valarie Fish, from Emerson, AR, to come and give the program. Valarie spoke on 'Restored in Jesus.' Valarie also blessed us with a couple of songs.

After the installation of new officers, announcements and prayer requests were made. Dismissal prayer by Laura Polk.

Looking For About 20 Ladies Or Groups who Will Contribute Center Pieces For The Tables At The 2022 MO WMA Sponsored Retreat, September 9 And 10. You Can Be As Creative As You Like, Using Items For Kitchen, Bath, Snacks, Etc. They Do Not Necessarily Need To Be A Flower Arrangement. These Will Then Be Used As Attendance Prizes. Contact Any Of The Committee Members. Amy Asher, Tanya Hutton Or Janet Widger

ANNOUNCING

2022 Missouri Women's Missionary Auxiliary Sponsored Retreat

September 9, 2022 – September 10, 2022

Speaker: Lori Cline, Little Rock, AR

Theme: *"Broken and Beautiful"*

Early Fee: \$60.00 (includes all 3 meals)

no outside food or beverages are to be brought in to hotel

Late Fee after August 26, 2022: \$65.00

checks payable to: MO WMA

Mail To: Janet Widger, 5014 Hwy N, Salem, MO 65560

Aviator Hotel & Suites

6921 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63125

314-892-3600

Group Name: Women's Missionary Auxiliary of Missouri
code: wmam9922

Room Rates: \$100.00 plus tax
queen up to 4 persons / king up to 3 persons
we have 30 blocked rooms

rooms not reserved by August 10, 2022

will be released to general public and rate will not be guaranteed

REGISTRATION

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5014 Hwy N Salem, MO 65560
Before August 26, 2021. After that date, fee will be \$65.00.
fee includes 3 meals

Camp Garwood News

Greetings from Camp Garwood! It's with a heavy heart we had to cancel the Spring Retreat. Heavy because of the passing of Roger Garza, this is Ricks brother. When our brothers and Sisters in Christ mourn. We mourn. Please be praying for Rick, Marla and Darla as they adjust to life without their brother. Roger was well known in our small community and will be missed by everyone who knew him. He had a good testimony of faith and was faithful to share his love for the Lord.

It also saddens me to cancel the retreat because I know several we're planning to attend. I'll be reaching out to pastors and we'll try to get another retreat scheduled.

With Spring we've begun doing a few things at camp. Regular maintenance, working on equipment. We don't have any large projects planned but there are several smaller things that need attention. Some fascia material coming loose, leaks, busted toilets, painting etc. Several have adopted buildings. I don't have the list with me but I know the tabernacle, class areas and a dorm are still available.

We look forward to seeing everyone. Please continue to pray for camp. We're expecting the Lord will do great things. Our Theme: Forward in Faith, reminds us that spiritual growth is key to the Christian walk. Our foundation is faith. Building on that faith is virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and charity. (2Peter 1:5-7)

Pray for our speaker Jordan Bowen, our worship leaders: Central Collective, our teachers, committeemen, Church Sponsors, and most of all pray the Lord is preparing the hearts of the campers to hear and respond to His word.

We love you guys and hope to see you soon!

Chris Polk • PO Box 271 • Matthews MO 63867

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• **Be intentional about evangelism.** To draw on a baseball analogy, when a team is beat handily, the coach will often refocus on the fundamentals of the game. Evangelism should be the fundamental aspect of all churches. Let's be more intentional about evangelism.

• **The importance of small groups.** Over the last year, pastors heard people say repeatedly, "I sure miss being with my Sunday School class!" or "I can't wait for my small group to start meeting in person again." Larger in-person gatherings are certainly vital and necessary to the body-life of any congregation, but small groups are vital and necessary also. In those small group settings, real discipleship and ministry takes place, community is built and life-long relationships are forged. More than ever, the last two years should have galvanized a church's commitment to smaller gatherings, whether that be Sunday School classes or community groups.

• **Relationships, not activity, is real ministry.** During the pandemic, people seemed to check on others more often than prior to the pandemic. Pastors and churches became creative in how they cared for one another. Short, but meaningful videos abounded. Zoom video conferences were abundant. Social media served a positive role. Old-fashioned phone calls were regular activities.

Church members were more intentional about checking on other church members. Family checked on family. Friends reached out regularly to friends. Keep it up! That relationship building was wonderful. Add in-person relationship building to the mix and you will have a much healthier church.

• **Accept that some church attenders will not return.** Churches must stop obsessing over the people that are not returning. No church wanted to lose attenders. No church leader liked having attendance drop. The challenge is not to stop caring, but to stop obsessing over lost attenders. If churches continue to obsess over lost attenders, they will continue to

Commendation for Charity Baptist Church, Columbia

The Meramec Landmark Baptist Association would like to commend Charity Baptist Church of Columbia, MO for nearly 35 years of faithful service to the Lord.

Charity Baptist Church was started in 1987 as a Meramec Landmark Baptist Association mission point by the late Bro. Jim and Sis. Yvonne Ford. The sponsoring church was Springdale Baptist Church of Fenton, MO (now disbanded). The late Eugene Bowerman was the pastor of the sponsoring church.

The Michael Hearst family went from Westview Baptist Church in Jefferson City, MO to help the Fords with the new mission/church plant. It was while Bro. Hearst was at Charity Baptist Church that he surrendered to the Gospel ministry and was called to pastor Westview Baptist Church in Jefferson City, MO.

Through the years, many fine people came through the doors at Charity Baptist Church. We particularly express our appreciation to Janet Danklef and her late husband, David, who along with Shawn Dey, faithfully served Charity Baptist Church for many years up until the time of its closing.

Bro. Hearst and Westview Baptist Church assisted with overseeing the care and sale of the Charity Baptist Church property after the doors were closed in March 2020.

The property was sold by the Charity Baptist Church Corporation in January 2022 to Redeeming Grace Church of Columbia, MO.

The Charity Baptist Church Corporation agreed to distribute the proceeds from the sale of the property to the Meramec Landmark Baptist Association and to various BMA ministries and missionaries.

It is our prayer that through these distributions God's work will continue to bless others who are faithfully serving him in the years ahead.

Submitted by Bro. Josh Wright,

Pastor of New Testament Baptist Church, Sullivan Missouri

Central Baptist College Hosts 2022 Scholarship Gala

Announces \$510,100 raised for student scholarships

Central Baptist College hosted its third annual Scholarship Gala on April 2. The black-tie optional event featured keynote speaker, Alex Kendrick, and was held at the Conway Expo Center.

The proceeds of the event benefit student scholarships, and Central Baptist College President Terry Kimbrow announced \$510,100 had been raised through event sponsorships and private donations.

The theme of the event was "*Courageous Faith*" and the program focused on the mission and ministry of Central Baptist College which is "the integration of Christian faith and academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment." The emcee for the night was Yalanda Merrell, Director of Audience Engagement at Lifeword.

Following the opening prayer by David Watkins, BMA Pastor and CBC Board Member, CBC Dining Services, under the direction of Chef Jill McCollum, served a delicious meal.

The highlight of the evening was Alex Kendrick, who shared his amazing story on the founding of Sherwood Pictures. Kendrick shared many stories of how God has worked in his life as a writer and director. Throughout the night, he encouraged the audience in many ways. "We must fight for the hearts and minds for the next generations to love the Lord, to know the Lord, and to make truth the foundation of education which comes from God's word." In his closing comments, he reminded us to live the life of Jeremiah 29:13- "*You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.*"

After the keynote speaker, the Central Baptist College Fine Arts department provided the entertainment. The CBC Band was led by Dr. Danielle Hodges. The band performed Havana Nights featuring soloists Jarett Maxwell, Jeremiah Dodson, and Emily Owen and Such Small Things, featuring soloist Abigail Weihe. The Central Baptist College Choir, under the direction of Mr. Jim Turner sang Daniel, Servant of the Lord featuring soloists Caleb Allen and A.J. Woodraska. The piano used in the performance was provided by Steinway Piano Gallery of Little Rock.

lose more.

What conclusions have you reached about ministry post-pandemic? What change is your church making? I would love to hear from you. (associateeditor@baptist-trumpet.com)

After his closing comments, President Kimbrow asked the Central Baptist Choir to sing one more song – *Courageous Faith*. Words were written by Christine Harris, wife of alumnus David Harris, and Assistant Professor of Music Mr. Jim Turner. In his announcement of the \$510,100 total that had been raised through this event for student scholarships, President Kimbrow acknowledged 65 event sponsors, and many

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blessing to see the spiritual growth from all aspects of our worship. Please come and join us if you have opportunity. Bro. Bill Gau, Sis. Sara Eye and the choir have been working on the music for our Easter service. We are so thankful for their efforts to bring beautiful and inspirational music to worship our Lord and Saviour.

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Worship Service 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening Bible Study 6:00 PM
Wednesday evening Bible Study and Roots to Wings Youth Group 7:00 PM
Until next month we will lift the names of our sick and shut-ins before the Lord, looking forward to seeing them joining us again in the future.
As well as, asking God Bless each of our sister churches in their efforts to take the Word to a lost and dying world.
Bro. Brian Kingston, Pastor
Bro. Gary Gilliam, Reporter

The Master's Builders 175th Job

March 14, The Master's Builders began their 175th job in Gary, Texas. Jason Prewitt, Camp Director at Daniel Springs Encampment, had a few projects that the Builders could help with.

Daniel Dorm, their event center, needed some more room in the kitchen and bathroom areas. This event center has been such a blessing to the camp. The kitchen and bathrooms, on the west side of the building, were extended into unused space which will give them more room for use with larger groups.

The men also added 8 RV electric hookups and 3 water spickets to outside wall on the west side of Daniel Dorm. This will allow people with campers to use the event facilities at Daniel Dorm.

The Summer Staff Break Room, which was built in 2020 by The Master's Builders, was converted into a Staff Residence for Morgan Sandifer. The men added a bathroom/closet to the 18' X 24' building, which already had a kitchen, washer/dryer, and appliances.

While at Daniel Springs, The Master's Builders had the opportunity to hear more about the work called "Kingdom Kids" in Haiti from Holly Greer who mentors and cares for her "street kids." Joy and love overflow from Holly as she talks about her kids there!

You can follow the work of The Master's Builders on Facebook! Like us at "The Master's Builders" (arbor logo). Rose Bittner does a wonderful job keeping our posts up to date!

Thank you to all our men and women who work with this ministry! To all who have gone before us and the ones God will provide for the future. To God be the Glory!

If you have questions about this ministry or if your church has building needs, please contact, Eddie Sikes at 479-462-1675, Mike Green at 972-935-3877, or David Axe at 903-918-0720.
Nelda Malone, Reporter

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The Word of God guarantees the believer's resurrection at the coming of Jesus Christ for His church at the rapture. Such assurance results in a great song of triumph as Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15:55, "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" (cf. Hosea 13:14).

The importance of the resurrection of Christ has an impact on our service to the Lord now. Paul ends his discourse on resurrection with these words: "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58). Because we know we will be resurrected to new life, we can endure persecution and danger for Christ's sake (verses 30-32), just as our Lord did. Because of the resurrection

of Jesus Christ, thousands of Christian martyrs through history have willingly traded their earthly lives for everlasting life and the promise of resurrection.

The resurrection is the triumphant and glorious victory for every believer. Jesus Christ died, was buried, and rose the third day according to the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). And He is coming again! The dead in Christ will be raised up, and those who are alive at His coming will be changed and receive new, glorified bodies (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). Why is the resurrection of Jesus Christ important? It proves who Jesus is. It demonstrates that God accepted Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf. It shows that God has the power to raise us from the dead. It guarantees that the bodies of those who believe in Christ will not remain dead but will be resurrected unto eternal life.

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additional individuals and businesses who made contributions towards the total. "I am beyond grateful for the generosity of so many," said President Kimbrow. "The Central Baptist College Board of Trustees, businesses, not only in Conway, but across the state of Arkansas, and other individuals who are such faithful supporters of Central Baptist College all came together to make this an unforgettable night for the support of Christian Higher Education."

Contributions are still being accepted. To contribute visit cbc.edu/gala and complete the online giving form. Checks may be mailed to Central Baptist College, 1501 College Avenue, Conway, AR 72034 with "2022 Scholarship Gala" on the memo line of the check. For more information contact Jessica Faulkner, Director of Alumni and Public Relations at jfaulkner@cbc.edu or 501-205-8800.

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ing lives through education that integrates Christian faith and academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment, and is a four-year, private, liberal arts college owned and operated by the Baptist Missionary Association of Arkansas. CBC offers approximately 40 baccalaureate degree programs, 16 athletic teams that compete in the AMC conference of the NAIA, and 6 fine arts performance groups.

For more information about CBC visit cbc.edu.

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.

Searching for A Pastor

My name is Harold Smith and I serve as interim pastor at West Park Baptist in Ozark, AR. We are a BMA church seeking a full time pastor. Our search committee asked me to advertise our search among the BMA in neighboring states through the end of May.

Any preacher interested may contact us for more information and a possible appointment to visit with us.

West Park Baptist Church
P O Box 541 • Ozark, AR 72949
or pastorharold@att.net

*He is not here:
For He has risen,
as He said.
"Come, see the place
where the Lord lay.*

Matthew 28:6