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Philippians 2:16

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SPRING REVIVAL

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church
968 North Highway 68 Salem Missouri
May 22-25, 2022 • 7:00 p.m. Nightly
Sunday night – Bro. Melvin Meade
Monday night – Bro. Terry Sharpe
Tuesday night – Bro. Brian Meade
Wednesday night – Pastor Larry Nash
Music Director: Sis. Deiatre Gillam
Song Leader: Bro. Steve Gillam
Special Music Nightly
**Refreshments after Service

United By The Word

A Summary of the BMAA Annual Meeting

by Jeff Herring, Executive Director Baptist Trumpet

The 73rd annual meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association of America met in Springfield, Mo., April 18-20. The theme of the meeting was “Preach the Word,” and I believe the entire meeting displayed a remarkable spirit of unity based on the preaching of the Word of God.

The meeting began with a welcome from Gary Longstaff, pastor of Grandview Baptist Church, which served as the host church for the meeting. Those in attendance also heard from Springfield, Mo. native and former US Attorney General John Ashcroft.

The opening session featured a message by BMA President Dr. Clif Johnson (See the printed sermon on page 1 or visit Baptist-Trumpet.com/BMAA2022 for the complete video.) It was a challenging reminder to keep the Word of God at the heart of what we do and allow it to combat the hostile culture we are currently facing. It was also a reminder that “preaching the Word” is not limited to preachers. All Christians have the responsibility to consistently live out and share the Word with those around them. He closed the session by inviting pastors who were 65 and older to come forward and step out in the aisles. He then encouraged all younger pastors to find an older pastor and spend some time praying for each other.

Tuesday began with the National Women’s Missionary Auxiliary Conference which met at Grandview Baptist

Church and the National Brotherhood Meeting which took place at the convention center. There were also seven breakout sessions offered at 9:30 & 10:45 a.m. that attendees could choose to attend.

The Tuesday afternoon session began with the welcoming and seating of messengers from six petitioning churches:

• Immanuel Baptist Church of Littleton, Mass.; Paul Bren-

nan, pastor.

• StonePoint Church, Cummings, Ga.; Todd Cox, pastor.

• Connection Point Baptist Church, Jonesboro; Chad White, pastor.

• Midway Baptist Church, Batesville, Miss.; Dr. Kenneth Pollock, pastor.

• Cain Baptist Church, Van Buren; Jim Tollison, pastor.

• Redeemer’s Love Church, Houston, Texas; Spencer Simpson, pastor.

After some associational business, those in attendance were able to hear from Jason Goodwin as he preached about the “Sufficiency of the Word.” Bro. Goodwin was asked to fill in since the planned speaker, Justin Peters, was not able to attend due to illness.

The session also included a time of worship in song led by Jack Daniels, minister of music at Garrett Memorial Baptist Church in Hope (where President Clif Johnson is pastor), along with Charlotte Ritchey and the praise band that volunteered their time for the duration of the meeting. The BMATS Singers (Dean of Students Dr. Phillip Attebery, Dr. David Hellwig and Administrative Assistant to the President Keri Southern) also shared some special music prior to the message.

After the Tuesday afternoon session concluded, the annual BMA Seminary Dinner was held and Richard Smith, lead pastor of Farley Street Baptist Church in Waxahachie was presented with the Kellar Award for 2022.

The Tuesday evening session began with the election of the associational officers as required by the Principles of Cooperation. President Johnson explained that, according to his understanding they were

REMEMBER!!

Mission Symposium - May 20th 6:00 p.m.

MidYear Business Meeting -

May 21st 9:00 a.m.

at

Bethel Baptist Church - Lonedell, MO

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confirmed by the parliamentarians, since the current officers were not elected to the positions in which they are now serving, they are still eligible to be elected for the first time by the association. Dr. Clif Johnson, pastor of Garrett Memorial Baptist Church in Hope was elected to serve as president of the association and Charles Johnson, pastor of Rosewood Baptist Church in Gilmer, Texas was elected to serve as the first vice-president. Gary Longstaff, pastor of Grandview Baptist Church in Springfield, Mo. was elected as the second vice-president.

Randy Shepherd, pastor of Spring Lake Baptist Church in Texarkana, Texas, was elected to serve another term as recording secretary, with a term to expire in 2025. Jerome Cooper (term

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An Urgent Word From Our Clerk

It’s the first week of May, the 2021 Minutes are printed and should be in my hand by the end of the week. It’s hard to believe that this makes the 14th edition of the Minutes that I’ve had the opportunity to work on for the churches of the BMA of MO. And may I say thanks to all the people who have helped in sending reports and other countless ways through all those years

With the printing complete and final cost for that project now in hand, I can more accurately estimate our yearly expenses against the Minute Fund. My best guess is that \$3,000 will be spent for printing, shipping, clerk hire and miscellaneous items between now and our annual meeting in October. And the current balance in the Minute Fund is \$3,060. (The annual income for the year is about \$700 shy of covering estimated expenses.) This is just a little too close for my comfort. In a more typical year I would have already written a check for annual clerk hire, but with a margin this close I can’t make that payment until all others expenses are paid and I know sufficient money is available.

So, as we approach our Semi-Annual Meeting this year be aware that our income for the year is seriously below our anticipated expenses, and please consider an offering to the Minute Fund to help bring those number more in line with each other. And even if we don’t reach that level, just know that any amount will help keep us from totally depleting our funds. But most of all we must realize that overall we do need to bring our annual offerings up if we’re to keep this from ing an ongoing long-term problem.

Thanks. Don Burke, Clerk



NEWS BRIEFS



Greetings from Ozark Heights: There are so many wonderful things that have been taking place here at Ozark Heights. Our youth group is growing; not only growing in number, but in spirit. They have been providing lots of great special music for the church. It is refreshing to see them from such a young age getting up in front of the church and singing. The Holy Spirit has been moving hearts through salvation and membership. God has blessed Pastor Brian with strong, heart stirring messages declaring each has a purpose; no matter our age, to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in all that we do. We are seeing so many come together both young and old. Bro. Brian and Bro. Tim attended the men's retreat at Garwood at the end of March and both men enjoyed their time. Now they are excited to go back again in May. Hopefully they come back from axe throwing with all their digits. Famous last words "watch this Bro Tim." We had an amazing Easter Sunday worship with Bro. Bill Gau and Sis. Sara Eye providing an Easter Cantata presented by our choir. We were blessed to have a great turn out for Easter Sunday. Followed with the little ones getting to search for colorful eggs. It was great to see the toddlers running, laughing and having fun together on what turned out to be a beautiful afternoon. We have recently started our 3rd book on Authentic Manhood in our Brotherhood on 2nd and 4th Thursdays May 12th and 26th at 7p.m. Brotherhood will then go to once per month starting in June. We will meet every 2nd Thursday June through August. The ladies WMA will meet for their business meeting on the 3rd Thursday, May 19th at 7p.m. They meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7p.m. if anyone would like to join them. We have Bible study every Sunday evening at 6p.m. and Wednesday evenings at 7p.m. We have Talent/Fellowship night every 4th Sunday evening at 6p.m. with singing, testimonies, readings, along with great food and fellowship. The pre-teens meet every Wednesday for Roots to Wings at 7p.m. The church has been very busy preparing to celebrate our 60th homecoming Sunday May 1st. We are looking forward to seeing visitors from years past join us and take part in our service. We are so thankful to God, who has continued to direct our church through the years, providing Ozark Heights Missionary Baptist church with strong pastors and dedicated members. We continue to pray for our members who are unable to get out to serve in their church home. We know your desire and know that God will continue to bless the efforts that you have made through your many years of dedicated service. It is our turn to help you if you have any needs, please reach out to us. 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 reach out to the lost. John 4:35 *"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."*
Brian Kingston, Pastor • Gary Gilliam, Reporter

Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston. We've had parts issues getting our video system completed, but were thankful that during April we got one of the TVs operational. We were blessed the last Sunday in April in that we had two with us--from different households-- because they had found us through Facebook. One was a former member who had moved away several years ago, which translated into a couple of locations ago and a couple of phone numbers ago for us. She had moved back within 15 miles of us, discovered us online, had started attending our Zoom services, and then made the decision to come to a physical service. The other was a first-time visitor who had been following us online for a couple of weeks and

then paid a visit to a physical service.
Rodney Dunlap, Pastor

Greetings from **Lindsay Lane Baptist Church, Florissant.** We welcome in another month. Some days we have all four seasons in one day! God is keeping us on our toes! We enjoyed the National Association so much, we cannot wait to see what God is going to bless us with! We were challenged by all of those that spoke! The focus was "To Preach the Word! The band was great as they led us in worship. We were blessed to stay in a great old house, There were a few challenges, but we had great fellowship and a lot of good laughs and our van driver was the best! Nine of us shared the house. Thursday morning six of us drove to Potosi to pay our respects to the Wayne Gibson family. Bro. Wayne will be missed but we know he is resting in the arms of Jesus! No longer suffering. We know God will give strength to the family and Sis. Ruth. We ask for prayer as Lindsay Lane Baptist Church will be working with Bro. Juan as we work with him reaching out to the Spanish speaking community in Florissant. We will need an army of volunteers and are trusting God to provide! We wish all mothers, grandmothers, aunts, child care workers, and foster mothers a blessed Mother's Day! Children are a blessing from the Lord! The men at Lindsay Lane will be preparing breakfast for all on Mother's Day! We thank God for our faithful men! We are thankful for Bro. Dennis Shell being elected to the Moral Action Committee! He is very concerned about what is happening in our country! May God bless as we preach the Word to the World!
Brian Meade, Pastor • Kathy Chapman, Reporter

Greetings from **Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church.** We held our annual Youth Fundraiser on May 1st and

the weather was great! We had a great day fellowshiping and raising money for our youth. Our high school seniors will be graduating soon and on May 15th we will be honoring our 2022 high school senior graduates. The two we have graduating from our church include Avery Fowler and Alyssa Woods! Congratulations girls! Sunday, May 22nd at 2 p.m. we will have our SEMO District GMA Coronation Services at 1st Baptist Matthews. Please come to support our girls who have worked hard all year! Mrs. Kay Kimes will give the charge. Keep her in your prayers as she prepares for this. 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. We would like to encourage other churches to plan to help if possible. Our VBS will be held June 6-10th from 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. each morning. 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. The MO State GMA Retreat will be held at Camp Garwood on July 8-9, 2022. We will be ordering T-shirts for this retreat. If you'd like to order, please contact Lisa Cox. Orders are due by June 1st. Mrs. Deiatre Gillam will be the speaker for the retreat. Please be in prayer for her as she prepares to talk to our girls. 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

Happy Mother's Day, from **Bethel, Sikeston.** We started April off with a spirit filled revival! We were blessed to have Bro. Daniel Frazier from Victory Baptist Church in Wickliff, KY come preach for us! All 3 nights we received a great blessing as he preached out of the Book of Joshua. God blessed us with a large crowd every night! We were all revived and greatly blessed! We were also blessed with a record crowd on Easter morning. Our prayer is that they go home with God's message in their hearts and the lost will come to accept Christ as their Savior! Bro. Dave Maynard preached for us on Wednesday night of the 20th, the anniversary of his salvation. He brought an inspiring message from the Book of 1st Peter on being holy! We all should examine ourselves to be more holy and to become more like Christ in our daily walk. On the 24th

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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • April 2022

General Fund:

Checking Account:

Balance March 31, 2022 \$ 28,636.56

April Receipts:

Missions:	\$	3,374.91	
Insur., Garwood	\$	100.00	
Renewal Retreat, Reim.	\$	941.20	
Total Income:	\$	4,416.11	\$ 4,416.11
Total Available			\$ 33,052.67

Disbursements:

Director, Salary	\$	450.00	
Secretary, Salary	\$	200.00	
Juan Fernandez, Supp.	\$	2,333.33	
Director, Meeting Exp.	\$	33.41	
Total Disbursements	\$	3,016.74	\$ (3,016.74)
Balance December 31, 2020:			\$ 30,035.93

Investment in BMA of Mississippi Revolving Loan Fund:

Balance March 31, 2022:	\$	110,128.33
Interest:	\$	543.10
Balance April 30, 2022:	\$	110,671.53

Total of all Funds April 30, 2022: \$ 140,707.36

BPH Summer Theme

Is God faithful despite my sin? That's a question we would all love to have answered, as none of us are sinless. The truth is that God is faithful to His people, even when they sin against Him. What a wonderful truth!

This summer's quarter of the Baptist Expositor is titled "Blessed Deceivers" and will be an in-depth study of Genesis 24-36.

This unit is part three of four in our series on Genesis. It emphasizes a great deal of deception by: Isaac, Jacob, Laban, Rachel, Simeon, and Levi. Despite all their acts of deception; however, we particularly see Isaac and Jacob's faith progressively increasing and God remaining faithful to His covenant promises.

Through this study, you will see Isaac and Jacob's increasing faith and understand that God remains faithful to His covenant promises regardless of man's deception and failures.

Dr. Philip Attebery, Bro. Ryan Burchett, Dr. David Hellwig, and Bro. Jordan Tew wrote this study.

You may order it at baptistpublishinghouse.com and by calling 800-333-1442. The summer quarter begins Sunday, June 5th. **Christ Alone, Jordan Tew • Executive Director**

Cooperation. They were approved, discussed and set aside to be voted on in the next session. Following the approval, Bro. Swart submitted his resignation as chairman of the Coordinating Council due to health reasons. He stated that Paul White, previous chairman and president of the association, has agreed to serve in the role. Jordan Tew was elected as the new executive director of Baptist Publishing House. All other department leaders were re-elected.

The Wednesday afternoon session began with a report from National WMA President Charlotte Johnson. She shared that they had 175 ladies attend the Women's Conference on Tuesday morning and that they raised over \$65,000 for this year's project—the Darlene Carey Academy in the Philippines. BMAA Missionary Tammy Wood shared at the Women's Conference about the relief efforts for the Ukrainian people and after she spoke, they collected approximately \$9,000 for the BMA Ukrainian Relief Fund. The National WMA chose Daniel Springs Baptist Camp for this year's project, with the goal of raising \$60,000.

The second annual Legacy Missionary Awards followed, and President of Missions Dr. John David Smith shared that the main criteria for being chosen as a Legacy Missionary is to have served for at least 30 years in God's global mission as part of the BMAA Missions team. Prior to the introduction of the Legacy Missionaries, he challenged the audience with the question, "How will you outlive your life?"

The following Legacy Missionaries were presented for 2022: John & Shirley Ladd, Marvin & Helen Lloyd, Dale & Barbara Thornton and the late Don & Linda Newsom.

Following the recognition ceremony, which included a time for the missionaries to share, Johnmichael Poulin (who serves as the field coordinator for Southeast Asia for BMAA Missions) shared a challenging message about taking "All the Word to All the World."

The final session of the meeting was held Wednesday night, and it is always a highlight of the meeting as all newly elected missionaries are able to be presented. **President of Missions Dr. John David Smith began the evening by giving his annual report. (He would normally present this during the Wednesday morning session, but his arrival at the meeting was delayed because his mother-in-law passed away on Sunday). After recognition of the newly elected missionaries, those that are currently serving, along with the missions office personnel were invited to come to the stage for the commissioning prayer that was led by BMAA Missionary to Ecuador Buddy Johnson.**

From Our Director...

Dear churches,

It's hard to believe, but here we are in the fifth month of 2022. In the state association that means Missions Symposium and the mid-year state meeting of our associated churches.

This year's meetings will be held at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Lonedell, MO on Friday, May 20 – Saturday, May 21. We cordially invite EVERYONE to worship and learn about our missions efforts abroad and here in the state of Missouri.

The Missions Symposium will begin Friday, May 20 at 6pm with worship in song, then Bro. Larry Wood will present his ministry, church planting in Ukraine, and his new efforts.

We will have a small break for refreshments, then resume with special singing and a report from Bro. Juan Fernandez on his work with Hispanics in the St. Louis area. Bro. Juan has been seeing wonderful seed planting and harvest.

We may have a surprise guest missionary speaker,

then I will close out the evening with a report of the BMAMO efforts.

On Saturday, May 21 we will begin at 9am. Bro. Jerry Adams will lead our Association through the mid-year meeting and Bethel will provide a lunch for all attendees.

Please pray that there will be a sweet Spirit and the Lord will be lifted up in these meetings.

It's my sincere desire to see us encouraged and challenged by what God is doing to reach a lost world to Himself. **Ben Kingston**

• **UNITED from Page 1** • to expire in 2023) and Greg Medenwald (term to expire in 2024) are the other **elected recording secretaries.**

Richard Smith preached the annual message, entitled "Preach the Powerful Word." After an introduction to the sermon, special music by Shelby Race, music minister at Calvary Baptist Church in Fairfield, Texas, was shared during the sermon. Bro. Smith

then challenged those present from Ezekiel 37 concerning the "dry bones" coming to life as the Word of the Lord was shared. The challenge was to know the Lord and make Him known by preaching the Word to spiritually dead people so that the Spirit of God can move as only He can because He is our only hope. The video of the sermon can be found at BaptistTrumpet.com/BMAA2022.

The Wednesday morning session was the time set aside to hear from all our departments about the work that God has been and is doing. A video of each department's report from this session will be available as soon as possible at BaptistTrumpet.com/BMAA2022 in the next few weeks. Chairman of the Coordinating Council Jeff Swart presented the recommended changes to the Principles of

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Bro Mike Poirier and his wife, Ruth, were with us during the morning service. Bro. Mike preached a powerful message and gave us a report on his ministry and some of his mission work in Haiti. They brought a young couple with them that are just getting started in missions work. Pueblo, his wife, Carla, and their 3 month old baby are going to Alberta, Canada to start their mission there. We are so grateful for young people like this who step out in faith to do the lord's work. We had a dinner prepared after the service and got to visit with them and to learn more about their work. They all need our prayers. We observed the Lord's Supper during the evening service. We are planning a celebration for our high school graduates this year on the 22nd. We are so proud of Samantha McElroy and C J Posey, as they reach this goal! Plans are underway for our VBS to be the second week in July. We would love for you to bring your children and join us if you can. May God bless you all!

Billy Davis, Pastor • Joan Wood, Reporter

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Salem. We are Praising the Lord for what He is doing here! Sunday, April 3, 2022, we observed the Lord's Supper after the Morning Service. Sunday evening, April 10, some of us attended the Easter Walk at Bethel in Lonedell, Missouri. What a Blessing to walk through the Presentation! Sunday, April 17, we had an Easter Presentation before the Sunday Morning message. We were very Thankful for 6 Visitors who chose to spend their Easter morning with us at Mt. Olive! Sunday, April 24, we had 3 more Visitors! Please say a Prayer for Sis. Elaine Stricklin. Her Sister, Pat Wells, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, April 30, 2022. We want to invite everyone to our Revival May 22 – 25, 2022. This will be Sunday night through Wednesday night at 7 p.m. each night. Sunday night – Bro. Melvin Meade. Monday night – Bro. Terry Sharpe. Tuesday night – Bro. Brian Meade. Wednesday Night – our Pastor, Bro. Larry Nash. Please keep us in your Prayers as we prepare for the Revival and for each night as we gather in His House to Worship and hear from God's Word. Thank you as always for your Prayers!! We love staying Busy for Jesus!

Larry Nash, Pastor • Deiatre Gillam, Reporter

Greetings from the **Lower Doe Run Baptist Church.** We are so thankful for the young people of the church that came back for a visit. Alexis, Jayden, and Cayson Barker blessed our group Sunday. Other family members visited this past month and one man visited 2 weeks in a row. Continue to pray for those who aren't able to be out to worship with us. Highlights of the past month were the National BMAA in Springfield, MO. This reporter was able to attend most of the sessions. What a great honor it was to represent our church and to meet, greet and fellowship with so many, physical and spiritual families I had not seen for months or years. Imagine meeting those that were so dear through the years we were missionaries in the Philippines, traveling on furlough throughout the USA. In revival mode, listening God's men preach the Word, honoring those who have faithfully paved the missionary trail. Some of us had a problem understanding the recommendations presented, not having a paper copy. We are so thankful for those leading the National WMA. We were blessed to hear the speakers and rejoice to hear how our giving helps give joy to others. We were happy to join other churches and individuals in April to be involved and presenting a monument contract for a dear departed Brother in the ministry, Elder Emory Shelton, to his widow, Connie and their daughter, Sarah, and grandson, Colton. Some of those contributing met at Charity Missionary Baptist Church on Monday evening for refreshments and fellowship. As for upcoming events, we are continuing our lunch fellowship every Sunday, and leading Ladies Bible Study each

Wednesday afternoon. Sis. Edith had open heart surgery and we are praying for full recovery. Sis, Kathy had eye surgery and Sis. Janet had hip replacement. Pray for these. We are anticipating a trip to Macon MO to visit our only surviving Charter Member, Betty Rayfield, this month of May. God bless all who are preaching the Truth.

Melvin Meade, Pastor •

Carolyn Meade, Reporter

HELLO to all from **Oak Hill, alton. MO!** April was a mixed emotional month at Oak Hill. April 2nd was a happy occasion as my cousin Betty Sue Chronister married Bro. Worth Carswell. April 5th our dear sweet Bro. Roy Nix Passed away and went on home to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We had his funeral April 9th at Oak Hill and burial at Many Springs Cemetery. We really do miss him at Church. He was our Adult Sunday School Teacher and a Deacon. We would appreciate your prayers for his family and Oak Hill. April 30th, we gained two members; Randy Williams and Patty Williams. We had originally planned to have Bro. Preston Nix and Sis. Mya Shields wedding shower April 9th but had to postpone it until May 14th. We have two High School graduates at Oak Hill: Lane Shields and Anna Shield. They will be graduating from Alton High School. May 29th we will be having our Fifth Sunday Dinner and Graduation Dinner together. If you are in our area on the 29th of May stop by and eat with us and help us celebrate with our graduates. Sis. Susie Van-Camp is recovering and having therapy. Bro. Jerry and Sis. Sharon's son Jason is doing good as he is progressing back to his normal self. I know both of them would appreciate prayers for themselves and are thankful for the ones that were already lifted up to the Lord. June 4th Bro. Preston Nix and Sis. Mya Shields will be getting married at Oak Hill. June 18th is Bro. Colby Kernodle and Sis. Kaylee Kemper's

wedding shower. On the 24th and 25th we plan to have a two-day Vacation Bible School. The theme of it is "Under the Sea". Saturday 25th we will have a Fish Fry at Oak Hill to help close our Bible School. July 3rd Bro. Colby Kernodle and Sis. Kaylee Kemper are getting married at Pine Meadows Venue in Willow Springs, MO. Until next month I hope I will have some more good news to tell you, but until then we will be praising and honoring our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! God Bless!!

Edward Casey, Pastor • Jennifer Williams, Reporter

First Baptist Church, Potosi, was full of activities during the month of April. The #FBC KIDS provided the music for Easter Sunday/Resurrection Sunday. They did a fantastic job. Raven Porter, Director of Children's Ministry, many volunteers including the music director, Laurie Franklin, worked with these children every Wednesday evening. The end result was a huge blessing and around 40 children participated. Celebrate Recovery celebrated its sixth anniversary with worship, testimony, gifts, and praising God for his goodness. Several of our students have been honored this year for music, sports, business, and other educational efforts. We have gained new members through baptism in April. Baptism is such a beautiful ordinance. The second FBC Women's Retreat was held at the YMCA Trout Lodge on April 29-30. It was titled "Power of Prayer" and the speaker was our own Debbie Ainley. There were over 50 women in attendance. A new men's Bible study on the gospel of Mark will meet on Thursdays at 6:30 pm beginning May 5. Raven Porter has already put volunteer sign up sheets for Vacation Bible School. July will be here before you know it. Brother Kevin is preparing the youth for Super Summer which will be held in Hannibal on June 13-17. Teen Camp is July 20-23 and Kids Camp is July 28-30. Our newest outreach, The Overflow, is reaching many people. On April 15, they held a complete give away of winter clothes with no limits on numbers. The only donations being accepted currently are non-perishable food items: canned fruits & vegetables, boxed meals & pastas, etc. As of now they have plenty of personal hygiene items and clothing. This is a vital community ministry and is reaching even the homeless. The homeless come in and take a shower, get food, and clean clothes. This ministry survives only due to the volunteers who work every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and whenever needed. The Overflow is open to everyone. As we continue on in the month of May, please pray for us as we pray for you.

Jim Ainley, pastor • Deborah Rauhut, reporter

Camp Garwood	
October 1, 2021 - April 30, 2022	
General Fund	
<i>Beginning Balance</i>	\$1,495.83
<i>Received</i>	30,229.14
<i>Paid Out</i>	10,810.32
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$20,914.65
Food Fund	
<i>Beginning Balance</i>	\$0.00
<i>Received</i>	631.96
<i>Paid Out</i>	555.71
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$76.27
Insurance	
<i>Beginning Balance</i>	\$0.00
<i>Received</i>	0.00
<i>Paid Out</i>	7,539.60
<i>Ending Balance</i>	-\$7,539.60
Total all funds	\$13,451.32
Balance on Tractor Loan	\$4,000.00

MISSION IN ST LOUIS

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Home Bible Study

We are so happy to announce that the Salazar Family has been participating in our Discovery Bible Group outreach. This family lives in Florissant. We have been gathering since 4/2022. We met Jose and Meylin Salazar through our ESL class back on February 2021. Ever since then they have been participating with this ministry.

Discipleship

We continue our series on prayer with Nahum and Ermilanda in Chesterfield. Ermilanda has joined the Bible Study as we go through different passages in Scripture that teach us the importance of prayer. Nahum has been able to express his desire to continue learning and will soon start the next level on discipleship. He has been blessed and expresses his gratitude for you prayer.

English Class Ministry

We will complete 80 hours of English class this coming 5/10. My wife Hannah is doing a wonderful job in teaching English to non-native speakers.

Praises and Prayer:

- Praising God for each family and church who have donated to our ministry and have invited us to their churches!!! We have been blessed with your kindness and hospitality beyond measure, God bless you.

- We are praying to start 3 more home Bible studies with our contacts or others God brings to us. Currently we have one at the Salazars Family in Florissant and Nahum Geronimo and Ermilanda in Chesterfield. We hope soon this prayer is answered!

- Wisdom and direction as we engage in the community and begin our search to move closer

- Prayers for men of peace in each community. We are visiting business owners, public events, where Hispanic are participating and make new contacts for eternity.

In his Service:

Juan Fernandez. Dios le bendiga!

Vacation Bible Club For Kids

The week of July 11-15 at Bethany Baptist Church Building will be receiving kids ages pre-k to 5th grade. We are so excited, and can't wait for what the Lord is preparing for each one of the families that we will be serving these days.

On 6/4/2022 we will be handing out flyers informing and inviting the families in the area around the church building.

GMA's in New Madrid have been such blessing and encouragement to plan, pray, and participate in this outreach! We are so blessed to have them ready to come and bring joy and enthusiasm to bless these families and the work for our mission in the Overland area. We are hoping to expand our outreach and have more volunteers involved.

The **VBC 2022** will be carried out during the evening hours from 6 to 8:00 p.m. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to learn how to pray and join us in this wonderful time of the year! We are hoping to provide a good healthy, generous snack for each one participating. We will be asking if you and your family would like to help in providing a snack or two. Let me know if you are interested. We are seeking the Lord to bless us with faithful laborers to continue this Kids Club throughout the years to come!!!

Bible and Evangelism:

Every day, I walk around the neighborhood greeting people and seeking to engage in spiritual conversations. The Lord has blessed me with valuable, relevant conversations where I have learned more about the struggles of our community; needs and expectations. The presence in the neighborhoods has been such a challenge as some people are skeptical on what is my job and motivation to talk to complete strangers about Jesus. Every day we find divine appointments. The challenge arises as I mention the discipleship process where I request a person to commit to discipleship.

Camp Garwood Needs Us!!

As we begin the transition from Spring to Summer things really begin to heat up around camp. (Pun intended). This has been the most difficult Spring I remember. Our schedule has been nuts! So much so I pulled out my mileage logs from years past just to check if I was mis-remembering. Sure enough we usually have 16-18 trips to camp by May. This year there's only been eight. Hopefully that will change this month.

You will notice on the financial report we have paid the tractor down to \$4,000.00 and have a nice balance going into Summer. That is largely due to the WMA Pound in a Purse and a generous gift from Kewanee MBC. Several others have sent special gifts or had special fundraisers and we appreciate each one. Some may ask, If you have that balance. Why not pay off the tractor loan? The answer: We want to see the food bill first, then we hope to pay off the loan. We know food costs will be higher than in the past. The question is how much higher.

With that being said, We are raising the per camper cost. For the past several years we have said camp costs around \$85. Our expenses continue to increase across the board. Elec, materials, Insurance and food. This year we are asking \$100 per camper. This is not an actual fee, it's only a suggested amount.

Several groups have adopted buildings to help get our facilities ready. We look forward to working with everyone this summer. If your group would like to help, give us a shout and we'll plug you in somewhere.

Continue to pray for our speaker, Jordan Bowen, we are excited to see him again this year. Also the Central Collective band as they prepare to come lead the worship services. We'll be introducing a couple new teachers this year. Be praying for them and all the teachers as they prepare class lessons. Also

our kitchen staff and sponsors from each church. It takes a lot of folks for camp to come to fruition. Pray the Lord protects, gives insight and blesses each one.

As a reminder the camp theme is Forward in Faith from 2 Peter 1:5-7. Camp week is July 25-29th.

Our daughter Abby designed the shirts this year. We will be posting pictures soon on the FB page.

This past weekend (4/29-30) at camp the SEMO association held a Prayer Retreat. We had a total of 7 sessions. The first 3 focused on building a prayer structure in the church. Using materials provided by Healthy Church Solutions and the Activate program. On Saturday we had four sessions for personal evaluations and prayer. I believe everyone left renewed and spiritually challenged. I look forward to planning similar retreats in the future.

Earlier we mentioned some special offerings. Those

included monies sent in the memory of Bro. David Griggs, Sis. Linda Dickinson, and most recently Bro. Wayne Gibson. I'm certain there will be other mentions of Bro. Wayne in this issue. Bro. Wayne served as the camp director from 1989-2000.

In 1991 or 1992 Bro. Wayne called me to work on an A/C unit. I didn't know him. He didn't know me. Besides a working of the Holy Spirit, there is no explanation for how I ended up in this position.

I fixed the AC. At the semi annual meeting in 1998, my pastor and my brother volunteered to mow the camp grounds for Bro. Wayne. They never mowed. I did. As I was mowing, I'd see things and think, we could do this or that needs something. Soon Bro. Wayne was giving me a spending limit. Then asking me to plan a retreat. Still he didn't know me. Not really. I remember one winter retreat we both slept in the cooks quarters. With no heat we about froze but I cherish that memory. Thinking back now, that was when he decided to slip me into the director position. He told me, "You're already doing the job, there's not much more to it." That's probably the only lie he ever told.

I'm so thankful for those times working with Bro. Wayne before becoming director. We didn't talk a lot in recent years but I counted him as a dear friend, brother and mentor. When he gave me the keys to camp each door had a different key so there was a huge ring of keys. One of the first things we did was change all the locks to the same key. Every time we talked I offered to give the keys back. He always said no.

We know, for Bro Wayne the words of Paul reign true. "To live is Christ, and to die is gain." I'm forever thankful he made that call!

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2022 National WMA Women's Conference

The Women's Conference, sponsored by the National WMA, began at 9:00 a.m. At Grandview Baptist Church in Springfield, MO.

Sharon Page, Missouri President, gave greetings from the host state.

Charlotte Johnson, National WMA President, welcomed everyone to the conference.

Bettye Wilson led us in the opening prayer. Praise and Worship was then led by Judy Wallace, song leader.

Lisa Rust, National GMA Promoter introduced Lydia Dunlap, National Miss GMA to lead in our morning devotional. Lydia read Acts 13:47 speaking to us on three methods of preaching the gospel to non-believers.

Charlotte called for Tammy Wood, Ukraine missionary wife, to give an update on the status in the Ukraine. Tammy read Romans 8:28 speaking on Hope during this difficult time. Brenda Hornaday, 1st Vice President, led in prayer for this ministry.

A special offering was taken for the relief effort for the Ukraine ministries with \$5,859.40 being collected.

Judy Wallace led the congregation in singing the WMA theme song "Called".

Kelly Williams, 3rd Vice President, then thrilled the ladies with door prizes.

Barbie Reynolds sang a special during which the project offering was taken with \$1,062.00 given for the 2021 project, The Darlene Carey Academy.

Charlotte Johnson, President called the business meeting to order. There were no Petitionary letters. A motion and second were made to accept the reports in the program booklet. Motion carried.

Jessica Haden, Recording Secretary, read the officers recommendations:

1) That the offering collected at the meeting designated for general fund be designated for the Ukraine relief. As posted on social media.

2) That we give \$2,000.00 from the general fund to the Ukraine relief over and above what has been designated.

3) That we give \$2,000.00 from the general fund to "Just the Crumbs ministry."

4) That we give \$1,000.00 from the general fund to "Water for Christ."

5) That we give \$1,000.00 from the general fund to BMMI.

6) That we give \$1,000.00 from the general fund to Moral Action.

A motion and second was made to accept these recommendations. Motion carried.

A motion and second was made to vote on all officers at one time. Motion carried.

The new officers for 2022/2023 are as follows:

President – Charlotte Johnson

First Vice President - Brenda Hornaday

Second Vice President- Cindy Allen

Third Vice President – Kelly Williams

Recording Secretary- Jessica Haden

Asst. Recording Secretary- Jodi Rhea

Treasurer- Janet Widger

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Sunbeam Promoter- Sandra Kizer

Asst. Sunbeam Promoter- Linda Dertinger

Song Leader- Judy Wallace

Pianist- Linda Strickland

Project Promotion Committee- Diana Morris-Chairman,

Connie Reifsteck, Theresa Reus

Salary & Expense Committee- Sherry Laminack

- Chairman, Pat Dunan, Martha Langley

Inspirational Resources Committee-

Kirby Pool – Chairman, Valerie Fish, Susie Edgar

Advisory Committee- Bro. Randy Rhea,

Bro. Kenneth Strickland, Bro. Ken Williams

Beth Caldwell, Project Promoter, gave a report on the Darlene Carey Academy project with a video presentation. The total money raised for this project was \$65,237.40. Beth then recognized the churches giving to the project with certificates. The top contributor, Grandview Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo was given the President's Award.

We only had one project nomination, Daniel Springs Camp, presented by Rosewood Baptist Church, Gilmer, Tx. A goal was set for \$66,000.00. A motion and second was made to accept this nomination as the 2022/20223 project. Motion carried.

Cindy Allen, 2nd Vice President, introduced the conference program "Be Intentional" and keynote speaker, Judy Biggers.

Barbie Reynolds sang a special. Judy Biggers challenged us to be intentional as Nehemiah was intentional in his prayer, planning, purpose, priorities, and praise, Nehemiah 1:1-11. Jodi Rhea, Assistant Recording Secretary, gave the speaker the right hand of appreciation.

Cindy Allen, 2nd Vice President, presented the 2022/2023 Theme, "Let Love Overflow" I Thessalonians 3:12. Cindy then installed the officers challenging them to let Jesus' love Splash everywhere and on everyone with whom they come in contact.

Kelly Williams gave away more door prizes.

Charlotte Johnson recognized the ministers' wives and widows and presented them with a gift. Mrs. James Schenrock was the oldest minister's wife of 63 years, in attendance.

Barbie Reynolds sang a special. Belinda Caudle closed in prayer and asked a blessing on the noon meal.

During our noon meal, Special Guest speaker, Angelyn McMurray, spoke with us about We Are Free ministries, which help victims of human trafficking.

After lunch, ladies could attend two breakout sessions: Intentional with Faith Sharing led by Kelly Johnson; Intentional Hospitality led by Diana Morris; Intentional Discipleship led by Mandi Townsend; Intentional Transformation led by Judy Wallace. We had 175 ladies in attendance.

-Submitted by Jessica Haden, Recording Secretary

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 not reserved by

August 10, 2022

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

REGISTRATION

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Send Fee of \$60.00 per person payable to:
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Before August 26, 2021. After that date, fee will be \$65.00.
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Encouraged to Praise the Lord

Psalm 150:1-6
by Dennis Baker

Reading and studying the psalms we encounter joy, sorrow, tears and trials, pain and pleasure, but the book of Psalms closes on the highest note of praise! Like the book of Revelation that closes the New Testament, the final Psalm says to God's people, "Don't Worry-this is the way the story will end." The final psalm gives a summary of some essentials for true worship. "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord."

I. The Focus of Worship, The Lord, Vs. 1:6.

A. Jehovah (Yahweh) is the covenant name of the Lord. It reminds us that He loves us and has covenanted to save us, keep us, care for us, and eventually glorify us, because of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross. The covenant was not sealed by the blood of animals but by the precious blood of Christ.

B. God "is the powerful name" of God (El Elohim) and reminds us that whatever He promises, He is able to perform. Worship is not about the worshipper and his needs; it is about God and His power and glory.

C. We should bring our burdens and needs into the sanctuary, but our focus should be on the Lord. I Peter 5:7, "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

II. The Place of Worship: Heaven and Earth, V 1.

A. The "firmament" is the great expanse of heaven. The "sanctuary" was the Jewish tabernacle or temple where the priests and Levites led the people in praising God. We know that the Lord does not live in the structures that we design and build, but there is nothing sinful about setting aside places totally dedicated to worshipping the Lord. The early church met in the temple, in upper rooms, in private homes, and even in synagogues, and when persecuted, they met in caves and underground burial chambers.

B. People who say they can "worship God in nature" need to be reminded that the God of nature has revealed Himself in Jesus Christ and commanded us to gather together with other believers. Hebrews 10:25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." We can worship at any geographic location, for our God fills heaven and earth.

III. The Themes of Worship: God's Acts and Attributes, v 2.

A. The Old Testament is a record of "the mighty acts of God" as performed for the nation of Israel. The exodus of Israel from Egypt, the conquest of the Promised Land, the expansion of David's kingdom, the deliverance of the Jews from Babylon, and the restoring of the nation. In the gospels we see the acts of God as done by Jesus Christ, and in the Books of Acts and Epistles we have the record of the Holy Spirit's mighty acts accomplished through the people of God.

B. The acts of God reveal the character of God, His holiness, love, wisdom, power, and grace. Israel had a calendar for special feasts to help remember who God was and what God had done. There is nothing wrong with the church having a similar calendar for the great events in the ministry of Christ. However, we must beware lest the routine use of the calendar becomes more important than the meaning of the days, or that the observing of these days is a means of salvation. We cannot precisely measure the depths of all that God is or all that He has done. Psalm 106:2, Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? who can shew forth all his praise?

IV. The Means of Worship: Musical Instruments and Human Voice, VS 3-6.

A. When used correctly, by God's grace and for God's glory, the human voice is the most perfect musical instrument

in the world, but we find no prohibitions in Scripture against using man-made instruments in the worship of God.

B. The psalmist seems to be describing an orchestra that has string instruments. The trumpet was the shofar, a ram's horn that the priest and Levites used along with the harp and lyre. The timbrel was probably what we know today as a tambourine. There were two kinds of cymbals, smaller ones that gave a clear sound and larger ones that gave a loud sound.

C. The final verse sums it up. Whether you can play an instrument or not, no matter where you live or what your ethnic origin, male or female, young or old, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord."

Conclusion:

The breath that God gives should be used to praise Him. As long as we live, we should praise our Creator. By His breath God created all things and by our breath we should adore Him. The book of Psalms begins with God's blessing on the righteous and concludes with all of creation praising its loving Creator.

(Editor's Note: I am unable to print any pictures in this issue as I am trying to get a new computer set up for the paper.)

Spotlight on Missions

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**Mickeal & Sharon
Quillman • Zambia**

The past month has been a whirlwind --- the past year aactually! This journey started in June of 2021, but we didn't really start traveling to fundraise until November. We got three visits in before the holidays shut us down. Since then we have visited 24 churches in 17 weeks and spent 4 more weeks in Africa.

A Faithful Servant Called Home

Wayne Noel Gibson of Valles Mines, Missouri, was born April 2, 1942, a son of the late Noel Gibson and Wilma Louise (Robinson) Gibson. Wayne went to his heavenly home, for which he longed, Sunday, April 17, 2022, having reached the age of eighty years and fifteen days.

October 13, 1962, Wayne was united in marriage to Carolyn "Ruth" Richeson by Elder E. Freeman Gibson at Bethel Baptist Church, Potosi, MO. They spent over 59 wonderful years together.

Those who remain to cherish his memory include his wife, Ruth Gibson; children: Bradley Gibson, Angie Winschel (husband, Don), Cindy Mickan (husband, Doug); grandchildren: Tony, Cheyenne, Kaelyn (husband, Jeff), Erich, Saigel, and Sennett; great-grandchildren: Averi, Wade, Devin, Paris, and Dillon; siblings: Juanita Blount, Ladonna Baker (husband, Dennis), Lisha Nation (husband, Mark); in-laws: Bob and Arline Richeson, Faye and Paul Eye, Dow Ratliff, and Donna Gibson. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Wayne was preceded in death by his brother, Dwight Gibson; father-in-law and mother-in-law: George and Mary Belle Richeson; brother-in-law, Dale Blount; and sister-in-law, Laverne Ratliff.

Wayne surrendered to the ministry when he was 19 years of age and was licensed as a minister in 1961 by Bethel Baptist Church, Potosi, MO and ordained January 26, 1963 by Zion Baptist Church, St. Louis, MO. He pastored many churches throughout the years including Valley Park Baptist, Willow Springs Baptist, Bethesda Baptist, Temple Baptist, Wildwood Baptist, and Landmark Baptist. He loved reading and studying his Bible, other faith-based books and wood working. One event he looked forward to attending was the National Quartet Convention with Ruth throughout the years. Wayne also held many offices through the years with the BMA of Missouri, many local associational offices and served as superintendent at Camp Garwood.

Visitation for Wayne was Thursday, April 21, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at DeClue Funeral Home. A Funeral Service followed at 2 pm, officiated by Elder Claude Evans. Interment was at Redbud Memorial Gardens in Potosi.

This past week, however, was the most packed week we've had! We loaded the vehicle and set off for the national meeting in Springfield, MO after Easter services at our home church. (This was the first weekend we've gotten to be back at Temple in many weeks, and it was refreshing to spend such an important day with family and friends.) The weather turned off on the cool side for our trip to Springfield, but with the air-conditioning out in the SUV, we weren't complaining one bit!

We spent three days standing at our display table at the meeting and met so many new people and passing out our prayer cards. It was such a wonderful time of fellowship and making great connections. We loved getting to put personalities to these new Facebook friends we had made!

Wednesday, at the Association, we were commissioned by the BMA to officially serve in Zambia as missionaries. Seeing all the missionaries, current and former, who joined us onstage to pray over us as we begin our journey was awe-inspiring.

We spent an extra night in Springfield before we started our trek to our next weekend with churches in Livingston and Port Arthur, Texas where we were welcomed and treated to some fine hospitality.

As this is being type, we are on our way back to Jonesboro to jump back into the craziness of life.

Please pray for us as we continue travelling and preparing to make the move to follow God's leading to minister in land of Zambia, Africa.

Central Baptist College Earns Military Friendly School Award for 13 Consecutive Years

Central Baptist College has once again earned the Military Friendly® School designation for the 2022-2023 year. Institutions earning the Military Friendly School designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. More than 1,800 schools participated in the 2022-2023 survey with 665 earning the designation. The 2022-2023 Military Friendly Schools list will be published in the May issue of G.I. Jobs magazine and can be found at www.militaryfriendly.com.

Methodology, criteria, and weightings were determined by Viqtory with input from the Military Friendly® Advisory Council of independent leaders in the higher education and military recruitment community. Final ratings were determined by combining the institutions survey scores with the assessment of the institutions ability to meet thresholds for Student Retention, Graduation, Job Placement, Loan Repayment, Persistence (Degree Advancement or Transfer) and Loan Default rates for all students and, specifically, for student veterans.

CBC President Terry Kimbrow said, "It is an honor to earn the Military Friendly School designation for the 13th year in a row. Central Baptist College has a long tradition of working with students who serve or have served in the military. We are devoted to helping veteran students, and their families, realize their goal of obtaining their college degree. We will continue to do whatever it takes to honor their service to our country."

Military Friendly® National Director of Military Partnerships, Kayla Lopez stated, Military Friendly® is committed to transparency and providing consistent data-driven standards in our process. This creates a competitive atmosphere that encourages institutions to consistently evolve and support their programs. Award level schools have gone beyond that standard, Showing true commitment and dedication in their efforts. The Military Friendly® benchmark promotes positive educational outcomes and support services that better the educational landscape and provide opportunity for the Military Community."

For more information about Central Baptist Colleges student veteran programs, visit CBCs website at cbc.edu/military or contact admissions@cbc.edu or 501-329-6873 to speak with a CBC Admissions staff member.

About Military Friendly® Schools:

The Military Friendly® Schools list is created each year based on extensive research using public data sources for more than 8,800 schools nationwide, input from student veterans, and responses to the proprietary, data-driven Military Friendly Schools survey from participating institutions. The survey questions, methodology, criteria and weighting were developed with the assistance of an independent research firm and an advisory council of educators and employers. The survey is administered for free and is open to all postsecondary schools that wish to participate. Criteria for consideration can be found at www.militaryfriendly.com.

CBC offers an Associate of Science degree in Military Technologies. To admitted students, CBC also offers the following benefits to our service men and women: CBC has a School Certifying Official to process enrollment certifications for VA GI Bill Education, Federal Tuition Assistance, tuition discounts of up to 25% for qualifying soldiers and their dependents, free evaluations of AARTS/SMARTS military transcript, and participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program.

In addition to the Military Technologies Associates degree, CBC offers over 40 degree programs. Twelve of these degree programs are offered in the (PACE) Professional Adult Col-

lege Education program. The PACE program offers the working adult the opportunity to work full time and obtain their college degree.

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Central Baptist College Honors Three in White Coat Ceremony

The Central Baptist College Math and Science Department recognized three students for their academic excellence by awarding them with white coats in a private ceremony held Monday, April 25. This event marked the eleventh White Coat Ceremony to be held by the College. Each student achieved academic excellence, completing rigorous academic requirements set forth by Math and Science Department faculty, and were approved as a recipient for her white coat.

"At most institutions, the white coat ceremony is a rite of passage; it is a way of welcoming new students into the medical profession," said Dr. Gary McAllister, Vice President for Academic Affairs. "At Central Baptist College, the white coat symbolizes the high expectations that science faculty have for their students. This ceremony is intended to impress upon our students the need to excel in their study of science, to love others and show compassion, and to pursue their profession with diligence and integrity."

The 2022 ceremony included a prayer of blessing led by Dr. Rachel Scott, Associate Professor of Biology, and the presentation of the honorees and their white coats by department faculty and the 2021 white coat members.

The 2022 White Coat Class is listed below with their major:

- Taylor Collins, Associate of Arts General Education-Science
- Jeremiah Sanchez, Bachelor of Science in Biology
- Austin Teal, Bachelor of Science in Biology

CBC Math and Science Department faculty include Judy Gabbard, Math and Science Department Chair and Professor of Science; Dr. Elizabeth Gomez, Natural and Social Sciences Division Chair and Professor of Chemistry; Dr. Rachel Scott, Associate Professor of Biology; and Dr. Mi-Seon Seong, Associate Professor of Biology.

From the Math and Science Department, Central Baptist College offers the following bachelor's degrees: Bachelor of Arts in Biology, Bachelor of Science in Biology, Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Molecular Biosciences. Additionally, minors are offered in Biology, Chemistry, Math, and Science. To learn more about the Math and Science Department at Central Baptist College visit cbc.edu or contact CBC Admissions at admissions@cbc.edu or 501-329-6873.

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, MO 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.

**Remember the BMA MO Mission Symposium May 20th
and our Mid-Year BMA MO Business Meeting May 21st!
Your presence in needed and appreciated!!**