

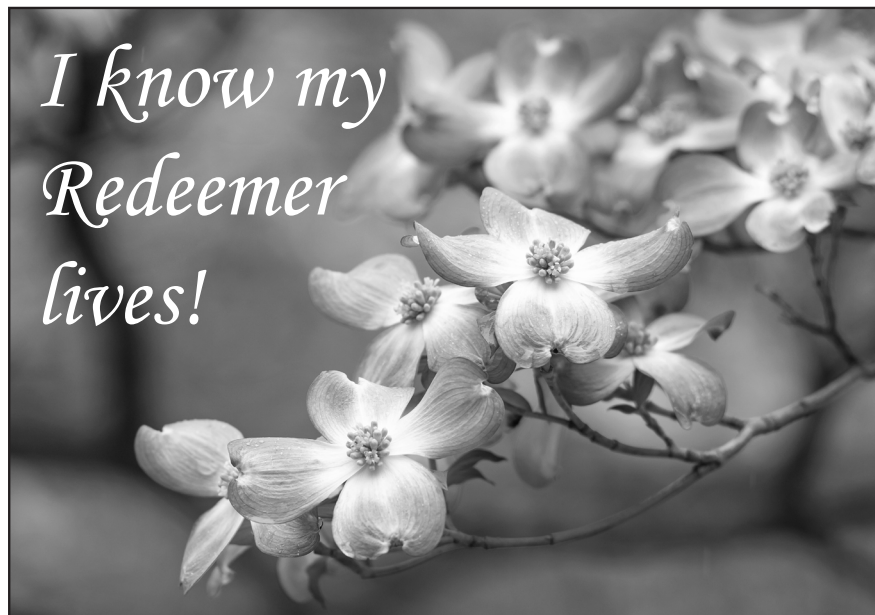
# The Missouri Missionary Baptist

“Holding Forth the Word of Life” – Philippians 2:16

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*I know my Redeemer lives!*

## National Brotherhood to Meet

Mark Jones, President • National Brotherhood

The BMA of America Brotherhood will meet at Antioch Baptist Church in Conway on April 26 at 9 a.m. Our speaker will be Scott Small, the camp director at Stoneridge Baptist Camp in Smithville, Arkansas.

We need the men of the BMA to attend this meeting to strengthen our men’s ministry. We also need men who are willing to stand up and be an officer. Several men stepped down, and a couple more are stepping down as we speak, so we encourage other men to step up and be the leaders God has called them to be.

Our theme this year will be “Faithful Men,” II Tim. 2:1-2: “*You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men....*” (ESV).

Let’s encourage one another to do as the Scripture says in our churches and communities.

## State Officers, Local Officers – You’re Invited for Lunch!

Donny Parrish, Executive Director • Lifeword

The Coordinating Council of the BMA of America invites everyone attending the BMA National Meeting that serves in the role of a state director or state officer to join them for lunch on April 26 at the BMA Global Missions Center. Your Coordinating Council has a burden and a heart to help our churches maximize the opportunities that having thriving local associations afford our association. They not only want to enjoy fellowship around lunch with you, but they want to dialogue about how to make your local associations count for the Kingdom!

So leaders, plan to share a meal with your Coordinating Council at the National Meeting and dream about what your local associations can accomplish for Christ! The lunch will be provided by BMA Global Missions



## BMA of America National Meeting April 25-27, 2023 – Conway, AR

### Tuesday Morning, April 25

**Location\***

9:00 Tours ..... BMA Global Ministry Center

### Tuesday Evening, April 25

6:00 Worship ..... Antioch Baptist Church

• Antioch Worship Band

• President Dr. Clif Johnson

7:30 Meet Your Missionaries (Fellowship Time)..... Antioch Baptist Church

8:45 Close

### Wednesday Morning, April 26

7:30 Breakfast provided by CBC ..... Central Baptist College

8:00 New BMA Pastors’ Orientation ..... Central Baptist College

9:00 WMA Meeting ..... Central Baptist College

9:00 Brotherhood Meeting ..... Antioch Baptist Church

9:30 Pastors’ Conference..... Antioch Baptist Church

• The Leadership Imperative / Dr. Steve Crawley

• Preventing Abuse & Protecting Your Church / Brotherhood Mutual

• Helping Members with Mental Health Needs / Lee Poe

• Leading for Growth / Pastor Bill Eliff

• Spanish Speakers Breakout / Elvis Garcia

10:30 Tours (until 1:30) ..... BMA Global Ministry Center

12:00 State and Local Leaders Lunch..... BMA Global Ministry Center

### Wednesday Afternoon, April 26

1:30 Worship / Pastor David McMurray ..... Antioch Baptist Church

3:00 Legacy Missionary Service..... Antioch Baptist Church

• Introduction of New BMA Missionaries

### Wednesday Evening, April 26

6:00 BMA Dinner on the Ground ..... Conway Expo Center

8:30 Close

### Thursday Morning, April 27

8:30 BMA Department Reports ..... Antioch Baptist Church

12:00 Close of National Meeting

*\*Important Conway Addresses*

Central Baptist College – 1501 College Ave. • Antioch Baptist Church – 150 Amity Rd.

BMA Global Ministry Center – 611 Locust St. • Conway Expo Center – 1505 E. Oak St.

## BMAA Meeting Dates and Deadlines

Here are some dates and deadlines to keep in mind while you prepare to attend the National Meeting next month. You can find more information about each item in last month’s *Missouri Missionary Baptist* paper.

National meeting dates..... April 25-27

Special hotel rates expiration ..... March 25

Registration/payment for "Dinner on the Ground" ..... April 1

Registration/payment for WMA luncheon..... April 12

and Lifeword, but we need to know if you are coming so that we can prepare. Please email Jennifer Harrell at [jennifer@lifeword.org](mailto:jennifer@lifeword.org) and simply say “I’m coming to lunch!”

*(via Baptist Trumpet)*

## State Missions

In light of the information regarding upcoming events that needs to be shared in this month's paper, I am going to dispense with the series on discipleship and tomato plant comparisons. Please know that I will revisit it in our next article.

Most likely, the missions trip that I am telling you about today will either be well on its way or ended by the time you receive this edition of the paper. I wanted you to know that back in 2018, the Meramec Association set aside funds to send at least four people to Tigbawan, Southern Leyte, Philippines to observe and support the soon-to-be named New Testament Tigbawan Baptist Church begun by New Testament Baptist Church in Sullivan.

One thing after another hindered that trip from happening, and then, of course, Covid broke out. Now here we are in 2023, and the church is ready to ordain their pastor and go self-support! Isn't that amazing?

So, we have amended that original motion to reflect the financial reality of international travel today. Bro. Josh Wright, Sis. May Lohman, Bro. Melvin Meade, and Bro. Tony Kingston are going on that trip now to help ordain their pastor, Jay-R Suico, and to oversee the organizing service where they will become a full-support church. Please pray for God to richly bless this group and the church in this endeavor.

Secondly, we will be experiencing our annual renewal retreat March 24-25. Beginning at 6:00 p.m. we will have dinner, followed by our first session with Bro. Josh Wright on the topic of 'men mentoring men.' This is a specific ministry that he was first exposed to at a large church up north years ago, and God has used it to bless him and many other men.

Following breakfast on Saturday morning, I will lead the second session on the topic of 'fathers mentoring sons.' This approach is covered in the book "Raising a Modern Day Knight."

Mid-morning will be session #3 from Brian Kingston on 'churches mentoring men.' Bro. Brian has been taking a church approach to mentoring the men that God has been sending him, so we will hear what God has been doing.



### MISIÓN BELÉN (Bethlehem Mission)

Juan Fernandez  
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*Psalm 20:1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble!  
May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!*

**Daily Prayer Network:** #prayernetworkmo #redeoracionmissouri phone # 314-415-0248

God continues showing his love, mercy, and grace by allowing us to be on the ground knocking on doors in the community to share the gospel of Jesus Christ, His work, His church and His coming. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers to continue bearing fruit for eternity. Pray that each one of the students of English will become faithful laborers for the kingdom.

**Sunday morning 10:45 a.m.:** We continue being blessed to gather. This has been two months in a row that we are gathering to study God's word in Spanish and Portuguese. Praise the LORD!

#### **Upcoming Events:**

##### **Prayer Walk**

- Every day, 12:00 p.m. – We are focusing our efforts on Cherokee St.

##### **Class of English as Second Language, March through May.**

- Monday and Tuesday, 7:00-8:30 p.m. – Lindsay Lane in Florissant
- Wednesday, 8:00-9:00 p.m. – Florissant
- Thursday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. – Ladies Class, Overland
- Thursday, 7:00-8:30 p.m. – General Group, Overland
- Friday, 7:00-8:30 p.m. – St. Charles
- Saturday, 9:00-11:00 a.m. – Overland

##### **Discovery Bible Group**

- Sunday, 4:00 p.m. – Chesterfield; Nahum and Ermilanda
- Monday, 4:00 p.m. – Chesterfield; Hamid
- Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. – Kirkwood; Gerson Tejada.
- Thursday, 3:00 p.m. – Pacific; Adan

##### **Easter Celebration**

- Friday, 7:00 p.m. – Seven Words of Jesus on the Cross
- Sunday, 7:00 a.m. – Early service of praise and worship

Thank you and God bless you as you partner with us in this amazing work of GRACE!  
In His service, Juan Fernandez.  
Acts 20:24

We will dismiss following lunch on Saturday, no later than 2:00 p.m.

Prayerfully, one if not all three of these topics will be helpful and useful to you in your effort to impact the lives of men. Several men are coming with me, and we have one church that has 17 men coming! We are greatly looking forward to what God is going to do.

Please bring what you need for one night's stay: bedding (sheet, blanket, pillow), clothing, and personal hygiene items. I am so excited about soaking in God's Word with each of you and discovering how to reach the men in our sphere of influence.

Thirdly, I am excited to tell you that this year's Missions Symposium will be the ordination of Bro. Juan Fernandez on May 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Kewanee Baptist Church. Please have the ordained brothers of your church plan to come, as well as anyone that would like to hear about missions and see one of our missionaries ordained for the gospel ministry.

The following motion was made and approved in the February 19, 2023 business meeting of Bethany Baptist Church, St. Louis: "Motion that Bethany Baptist Church call for the ordination of Bro. Juan Fernandez in conjunction with the mid-year meeting of the BMAMO at Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church, May 19-20, 2023. Details to be worked out with the officers of the Association."

Our BMAMO mid-year meeting will be the following day, Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at Kewanee Baptist Church.

I look forward to seeing you all at both of these meetings.  
Bro. Ben Kingston

#### FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS February 2023

<u>Checking Account:</u>	
Balance Jan. 31, 2023	\$ 23,959.02
<u>Income:</u>	
Missions	\$ <u>2,815.20</u>
Total Income	\$ <u>2,815.20</u>
Total Available	\$ 26,774.22
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Director, salary	\$ 450.00
Secretary, salary	200.00
Juan Fernandez, support	<u>2,333.33</u>
Total Expenses	\$ <u>(2,983.33)</u>
Balance Feb. 28, 2023	\$ 23,790.89
<u>BMAMS Revolving Loan Investment:</u>	
Balance Jan. 31, 2023	\$ 221,550.54
Interest	<u>0.00</u>
Balance Feb. 28, 2023	\$ <u>221,550.54</u>
Total in All Accounts Feb. 28, 2023	\$ 245,341.43

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## WMA

### YOU ARE INVITED TO LUNCH WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023, CENTRAL BAPTIST COLLEGE

The WMA of BMAA wishes to recognize and honor the wives and widows of ministers for serving or having served in the ministry along with their husband. If you are a wife or a widow of a minister you will be our guest. However, you must register by April 12, 2023.

Mail to: WMA of BMAA • PO Box 23 • Salem, MO 65560

Text: (314) 566-7794 • Email: jawidger@hughes.net

To assure that you are registered, you will receive a response.

If you are not a wife or a widow of a minister but wish to participate in the luncheon in conjunction with the annual WMA of BMAA meeting, the cost will be \$15.00. You must register by April 12, 2023.

Make check payable to: WMA of BMAA

Mail to: WMA of BMAA • PO Box 23 • Salem, MO 65560

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Yes, I (we) wish to participate in the luncheon on April 26, 2023.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MINISTER WIFE/WIDOW: YES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MINISTER WIFE/WIDOW: YES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2023 MO WMA SPONSORED LADIES RETREAT

DATE: September 8 & 9

(Begins at 3:00 pm on the 8th. Ends approximately 4:00 pm on the 9th.)

LOCATION: Drury Plaza Hotel Cape Girardeau Conference Center  
3351 Percy Dr. • Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

ROOM RATE: \$135.00 (plus tax) • (includes “kickback” dinner & hot breakfast)

CALL: 1-800-325-0720 • GROUP NUMBER: 10034537

HOTEL CUTOFF DATE: August 17, 2023

RETREAT REGISTRATION FEE: \$60.00 • (includes lunch on Saturday)

REGISTRATION CUTOFF DATE: August 25, 2023

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MO WMA

% Janet Widger • 5014 Hwy N • Salem, MO 65560

SPEAKER: Christy Horton

MUSIC WORSHIP TEAM: Molly Kingston & Rie Owens

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#### REGISTRATION FORM

(Mail form and payment to address above.)

For lunch, the caterer will make provisions for diabetic and gluten-free needs,  
but you must specify these when you register.

Name	Church	Phone # 1 per group	Diabetic	Gluten free

## “Let Love Overflow”

Charlotte Johnson, President • National WMA

The National Women’s Missionary Auxiliary (WMA) will meet on Wednesday, April 26, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Burgess Auditorium at Central Baptist College in the Cooper Complex. This conference is for all women of BMA churches.

Diane Spriggs will be the guest speaker and she will speak on “Loving the Unlovable.” Diane is a writer for Lifeword and editor emeritus for the Baptist Trumpet, a ministry where she faithfully served for over 40 years, the last 15 as editor. She speaks at various women’s meetings regularly.

Lunch will be across the street in Mabee Student Service Building. If you would like to eat, please send \$15 to Janet Widger, P.O. Box 23, Salem, MO 65560. You must register by April 1. Minister’s wives and widows will be our guests, but you do need to register with Janet if you plan to eat.

There are breakout sessions after lunch you may also attend:

- “Loving Young Mamas” with Lauren Crawley,
- “Splish Splash” with Jessica Willems,
- “Loving Missionaries Well” with Sidney Wines,
- “Prayer” with Cindy Allen, and
- Breakout session for Hispanic Women with Belinda Caudle.

## Brotherhood

### Men, Mark Your Calendars

- Men’s Retreat – May 5-6, at Camp Garwood. Theme: Be God’s Men. Speaker: Jerry Adams. Activities include crawfish boil and fish fry; fellowship around the campfire; cornhole tournament, skeet shooting, and axe throwing.

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## Updates from Our Churches



### Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston

We marked a bittersweet first during February: a homegoing in our building. Roy Johnson was not a member, but did attend here. He fought a long, hard battle with cancer and other complications, but had the testimony that he knew that he knew Jesus, and we had a houseful to celebrate his going home.

Our overseas ministry reported to us there was physical opposition at one of their services this past month. The minister has started working with a third group of people about five miles beyond where he's currently working. "Working with" meaning offering them food assistance and church services, with the church services consisting of videos of our services translated into their language. The best news this month is the profession of faith of Jakiah. Praise God!

*Rodney Dunlap, Pastor*

### Lindsay Lane, Florissant

Greetings from Lindsay Lane. We are enjoying blessings from God! We are so excited to have John and Cari Belmar join our membership!

We are so thankful to have the freedom to worship! Bro. Brian is still preaching the anointed word and not backing down!

February was a busy month for us! Saints Alive met on the 14th. Mike McKenzie serenaded us with the song Unchained Melody and then

gave a very timely devotional on God's unchanging love. On the 17th we enjoyed food, fun, and fellowship at our Valentine banquet. Sister Amy never fails to keep us on our toes with fun games! We love and appreciate her so much, as well as George and Teri Kreig. They always thrill us with the wonderful decorating they do for all the events we have! Thank you Sister Dawn for being our designated driver! Some of us, including myself, do not drive after dark. What were you thinking?

I truly enjoyed a visit from sisters Carolyn and Glenda on the 24th. Having family around is so important! Our church family is important also! Don't ever think you're unimportant! In God's eyes we are His chosen ones!

We have so many prayer needs, including our churches, pastors, workers, missionaries, and our country. Satan is working day and night to get as many followers as he can!

Pray for the home school coop that is using our facilities. We ask for continued prayer for Holden May and family as he is still having health issues. Our church van was recovered after being stolen. It is at the body shop waiting for parts.

We are enjoying getting to know our missionary families a little better from the booklet our pastor has made available. Please pray for all of our BMA churches and

the national meeting in April. Let us stand firm and not be swayed to become independent! Until next time.

*Brian Meade, Pastor  
Kathy Chapman, Reporter*

### Bethel, Sikeston

Greetings to all. We had a blessed year in 2022 and are looking for great things to happen in 2023. We have so much to be thankful for.

God has blessed our church with faithful and dedicated members. We are so thankful for Sis. Darcee Saucedo for getting together a ladies' prayer meeting on Monday nights and a ladies' small Bible study group on Thursday nights. Bro. Billy has started a Bible study on Wednesday nights in Hebrews. This is a very good study!

We had our 5th Sunday night singing on the 29th of January, which was a real blessing. A couple of members surprised us with their first time to do a special. It was a Spirit-filled night singing praises to our Lord! The ladies served refreshments afterwards and we had a great time of fellowship.

We are thankful for and appreciate our deacons, Bro. Matt Bolen and Bro. Joe McElroy. They do so much to help our pastor, plus they have many things they do for all of us! Bro. Matt Bolen keeps us updated on our missionaries as he makes paper copies of their reports for members to take home and read. He also reads an update

from each one that has the most recent information. We appreciate them both very much. But then we appreciate all of our members as we work together to further God's kingdom!!

As February starts we continue to have good attendance, for which we are thankful! Some of our members went to Matthews MBC for a Bible trivia fund raiser for Camp Garwood, and they won first place! Congratulations to our members that took part in this trivia competition. February 19th missionary Bro. Elvis Garcia and his wife were with us during the evening service. Bro. Elvis gave a wonderful message and update on their ministry. He also showed us some pictures of their mission work.

God bless all.

*Billy Davis, Pastor  
Joan Wood, Reporter*

### Lower Doe Run, Ellington

What a beautiful day for the Lord to come again! We rejoice in His goodness and we feel His blessings day by day. Some family members have returned to worship with us. We still pray for others as we visit and encourage.

Another dear member went home to be with Jesus this month. Sister Betty Louise Rayfield passed from this life on February 28, 2023. She was the last charter member of the church. The church held a mid-day lunch with her family and close friends before the funeral. She left a wonderful testimony. We ask you to pray for members that are going through physical pain and family sickness and problems.

The Ladies Bible Study continues to meet every Wednesday afternoon. We are studying a 10-week study titled "Going Up" written by Valarie Fish. When the leader is unable to meet with them, the ladies study a chapter in Proverbs that corresponds with the date. If it happens to be on the 10th they study

Proverbs 10. They have also put beautiful valances on the sanctuary windows. They plan and prepare every Sunday's lunch. We have a great group of godly ladies.

As of this date our pastor is planning a 10-day mission trip to the Philippines. Please pray for the group of four from New Testament Baptist Church in Sullivan, MO. They will be helping in the organization of the New Testament Baptist Church in Tigbawan Leyte and ordination of the pastor. Bro. Melvin hopes to visit some of the pastors he worked with 30-40 years ago.

*Melvin Meade, Pastor  
Carolyn Meade, Reporter*

### Stony Point, Mineral Point

Hello to everyone from Stony Point! Although not back to pre-pandemic levels, our attendance continues to grow week to week and we are very thankful.

We have been blessed recently with two professions of faith from Sharon Missey and Brandyn Phillips. We are excited to see souls saved and service begun for Jesus. He is worthy.

Stony Point is beginning a fledgling ministry to become more personally involved with our BMAA missionaries. We will keep you updated as the Holy Spirit leads. We continue to gather our "penny march" money to be used to purchase solar lights for Bro. Mickael Quillman in Zambia, Africa. The money raised during World Missions Day will purchase native language Bibles for Bro. Mickael.

The Lord continues to bless and we give thanks to Him for everything!

*Claude Evans, Pastor  
David Hughes, Reporter*

### Oak Hill, Alton

Hello to all from Oak Hill! We are missing our dear Bro. Jerry Richardson who had a heart attack and went home to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Friday, February 17th. Please remember

## ~ Upcoming Events ~

**Revival** – March 21-23; Ohlman, Bunker; Ben Kingston evangelist; 7:00 p.m.; fish fry dinner before service on 23rd

**Renewal Retreat** – March 24-25; Camp Garwood

**MO GMA Sleepover and Annual Meeting** – March 24-25; First, Matthews

**CBC Scholarship Gala** – March 28; "Fearless Faith"; Speaker: Harry Miller; Conway Expo Center; 6:00 p.m.

**Easter Walk** – March 31-April 2; Bethel, Lonedell; 6:00-8:30 p.m.

**BMA of America National Meeting** – April 25-27; Antioch, Conway, AR

**Men's Retreat** – May 5-6; Camp Garwood

**Homecoming** – May 7; Ozark Heights, Potosi

**BMA of Missouri Mid-Year Meeting** – May 19-20; Kewanee, New Madrid

**SOAR Student Conference** – July 3-5; Gaylord Texan Hotel, Grapevine, TX

**WMA Sponsored Ladies Retreat** – September 8 & 9; Drury Plaza Hotel Cape Girardeau Conference Center

*Send event info to mmbpaper@gmail.com.*

Sis. Linda Richardson and his family and Oak Hill in your prayers.

We have been having some unusual weather. One day it is warm and nice, the next day cold. But the Lord has blessed and kept his protective hand over us and kept us safe.

We are ready for spring when things come back to life and flowers bloom and trees bud and things turn green. A friendly reminder: this Saturday, March 11th, make sure and set your clocks forward one hour or you will be running late for Sunday school class on Sunday. Next month I hope I will have some more good news to tell you. Until then we will be praising and honoring our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

God Bless!!

*Edward Casey, Pastor  
Jennifer Williams, Reporter*

### **Ohlman, Bunker**

A lot has happened at Ohlman the past two months.

Our Sunday morning service attendance has been great with almost a full house every Sunday.

Our Wednesday night student ministry is keeping us busy, averaging 50 youth unless school is cancelled or there is a sports event. Our buses are overcrowded. It keeps the few workers that we have there on Wednesday night busy doing multiple duties. These are good "problems." We are thankful that we can reach many of the community youth who may never hear the gospel at any other time.

On the first Monday of each month, we have SALT (Spreading Abundant Life to Teens). It has been well attended and makes use of the new multi-purpose building. This program is for teens only and they have to provide their own transportation. Even though there is adult supervision, they plan their own devotional and activities.

Speaking of the new building, it is safe to say that it is almost completed. We have been blessed with generous donations in both finances

and materials from individuals and businesses. Most of all we are blessed with men and women of the church who have spent many hours of labor on this project.

Our ladies hosted a day of worship and fellowship on February 25th. Several from the area churches as well as some of our sister BMA churches attended. Gloria Houston from Kewanee did an excellent job as speaker and our Praise and Worship Team blessed us with their talent.

For prayer requests we ask that you continue to pray for Holden May.

Pray for the family of Danny Skaggs who went to be with the Lord on February 19th.

Pray for the family of Billy Ray May (uncle of Larry May, Sr.) who passed away on February 26th.

Bro. Terry Sharpe officiated at both services and our ladies, with help from others, provided a meal for the families.

*Terry Sharpe Pastor  
Janet Widger, Reporter*

### **Ozark Heights, Potosi**

Greetings to all our brothers and sisters in Christ, as we turn the corner to spring. Winter is always a hard time of the year for most but more so for our shut-ins. The combination of the cold weather and the lack of color to be found makes it more so, when unable to get out and be part of the church. We want you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers. We hope you can join with us again once the weather warms.

We had a young man make a profession of faith following worship service Sunday, February 19th, followed by a baptism the following Sunday.

Bro Bill Gau is opening the church for what is being called Reflection night at Ozark Heights Missionary Baptist Church the 3rd Friday night of each month, 5 until 8 p.m. It is a time of reflection and prayer. Come for a minute or the whole 3 hours. As quiet background music

plays, the worship auditorium will be open. Just come in and take some time talking to the Lord.

Our men meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We are coming together, building stronger relationships with the Lord and each other.

Our ladies meet the 3rd Thursday of the month with Bible study and fellowship growing stronger women for the Lord.

Sunday school is at 9:45 followed by worship at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday evening Bible study is at 6 p.m.

Wednesdays we have Bible study while the youth have Roots to Wings at 7 p.m.

Our Valentines dinner was different this year as we not only were presented a great meal by the youth group but also had a stirring Murder Mystery Theater, with several dressed in costume and making the theater come to life in the fellowship hall. I must say it was quite an interesting night and wonderful meal followed by great fellowship. By the way, Bro Brian's character was the guilty party.

Sister Connie became a grandma this month. Congratulations on the new granddaughter.

We would like to invite you to our Homecoming service on May 7th representing 61 years that Ozark Heights

Missionary Baptist Church has shared the Lord in the community. After service we will have our meal in the fellowship hall and music by Bro. Jimmy Gillam following that. You are welcome to come to all services, or after your services come for the meal and music.

We were excited to see Sis. Doris Crocker and her family with us; it was answered prayers. We have been missing her and hope the warm weather brings others of our shut-ins back to worship with us.

We pray God will bless each of you.

*Brian Kingston, Pastor  
Gary Gilliam, Reporter*

### **Kewanee, Kewanee**

Greetings from Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church.

Spring is almost here and KMBC has sprung into action! On Sunday, March 5th, two followed the Lord in scriptural baptism. Welcome, Esmae Cooper and Dan Hutton! We also had Lord's supper that evening.

Some of our ladies attended the State WMA meeting on March 4th. Caitie Cox attended VSM weekend in Conway to prepare for her upcoming mission trip to Romania. Please keep her team in your prayers as they plan and prepare. They will be hosting a VBS for around 500 kids.

The "Pound-in-a-Purse" fundraiser will be Saturday, March 18th, at 1st Baptist Matthews. This fundraiser will benefit Camp Garwood. The event is from 11-2 and lunch will be served. All are welcome to come eat and bid on a purse with a "surprise" pound of something inside!

On March 24-25, the State GMA house party and meeting will be held at 1st Baptist Matthews.

We have several graduating seniors this year. We plan to host a graduation celebration on April 30th during our evening services. Our annual youth fundraiser auction will be held on Sunday, May 7th, immediately following morning services. We will grill hamburgers and hot dogs, have a silent auction, and have a "live" baked auction. All proceeds go to our youth for trips and youth events.

On Friday, May 19th, we will have the Mission Symposium/ordination service for Bro. Juan Fernandez. May 20th is the Associational Meeting at KMBC. Please make plans to attend.

Our VBS will be June 5-9. Our summer revival will be held July 10-14 with Bro. John David Smith. Please "like" our Facebook page, Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church, to keep up with future events.

*Dan Wisely, Pastor  
Lisa Cox, Reporter*

## **Camp Garwood**

Greetings from Camp Garwood. With spring comes many opportunities for coming to camp! Here is a list of upcoming camp events. Be sure to mark your calendar and help us promote in your church.

March 25-26 ..... Renewal Weekend, hosted by Bro. Ben Kingston

April 20-22 ..... NMCC FCA Weekend, Sis. Gloria Houston

May 5-6 ..... Brotherhood Retreat, Bro. Brian Buckley

June 23-24 ..... GMA Retreat, Sis. Lisa Cox

June 30-July 1 ..... Baptist Publishing House Weekend, Bro. Jordan Tew

July 31-Aug 4 ..... Camp Week, Bro. Jordan Bowen, Gateway to God, John 14:6

Just a reminder that anyone 18 and older is required to read our child protection policy and complete the adult screening process. Both of these are available on the BMAMO website [bmamissouri.org](http://bmamissouri.org).

We have begun the process of getting camp ready. We've had to replace the primary water system tank and piping. Beyond that we'll begin cleaning and a few other small projects.

We look forward to seeing everyone!

*He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.*

## BMA Seminary Accreditation Reaffirmed

In December 2022, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) reaffirmed its accreditation of the BMA Seminary's associate, bachelor, and master levels of study. The commission reaffirmed the seminary's accreditation for the maximum ten years. Although SACSCOC requires a customary fifth-year interim report, which will be completed in 2028, the seminary is accredited until 2032.

This follows several years of institutional self-reflection and reporting. It also follows a similar process through which the seminary sought reaffirmation of its accreditation with the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools (COAATS). In 2021, that commission reaffirmed its accreditation of the seminary's master's degree programs until 2031.

Both of the seminary's accrediting entities are peer organizations that seek to help member institutions maintain quality and integrity regarding agreed upon standards of higher education. Standards pertain to areas such as: institutional mission, planning and evaluation, faculty credentials, governance and administration, student achievement, learning resources, and physical and financial resources.

In its final action letter to the BMA Seminary, the Commission on Accrediting recognized certain distinctive strengths of the institution. First, "Consistent with its mission statement, the school embodies the confessional stance of the Baptist Missionary Association, guided by a high view of the inspiration and authority of Scripture." Second, "The school embodies a relational community of faith and learning." Third, "The faculty and staff are deeply committed to the mission of the institution, manifested by their personal and vocational engagement in the student's intellectual, human, spiritual, and ministerial formation."

According to BMA Seminary President Charley Holmes, "Accreditation is a challenging process that requires the attention of administrators, faculty, staff, and trustees. It is a blessing to see their efforts recognized and rewarded by our peers. It is also a blessing to know that our students will continue to earn accredited degrees as they prepare to serve in various ministries of Christ's kingdom."

## CBC Annual Scholarship Gala 2023

CBC's 4th Annual Scholarship Gala will take place on Tuesday, March 28, at 6:00 p.m. at the Conway Expo Center. The black-tie optional event will be catered by Central Baptist College Dining Services under the direction of Chef Billie Rodriguez. The night will be a celebration of Fearless Faith and will feature keynote speaker, Harry Miller. The proceeds from the event will benefit the Central Baptist College Scholarship Fund which supports institutionally funded scholarships.

Sponsorships are still available by calling Amy Reed at 501-205-8934 or areed@cbc.edu.

## VSM Training Weekend

from BMAA Missions Department

About 50 students and leaders joined us in Conway this weekend to train for Volunteer Student Mission trips! These students are from Arkansas, Missouri, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, and Oklahoma, and they are going to Romania, Puerto Rico, Portugal, and Costa Rica to serve this summer. Will you pray with us for them as they continue preparing to go?

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Caitie Cox from Kewanee was one of the students attending the training weekend. She is preparing for a mission trip to Romania this summer. (Photos by Lisa Cox.)



## R & R Retreat is Back

Paul White, Executive Director • BMA of Ark. Missions

We are happy to announce that, having endured COVID, which interrupted it for the last couple of years, the R & R Retreat is back and better than ever. Years ago, God laid it on my heart to have a retreat for preachers where they could have fun and enjoy some wonderful worship times. It is called R & R (Relax & Refresh) because we want those who attend to go home rested, relaxed, refreshed and ready.

Churches or individuals, this is an opportunity for you to give your pastors and preachers of all ages a break. Pay their expenses, and you'll be glad you did. Preachers need to be on the receiving end sometimes.

This time is designed to give ministers an opportunity to be themselves while enjoying great food, good facilities and wonderful times of music and worship. Your time is your time – there will be a schedule, but attend all or none, it's up to you. But I will warn you, you are not going to want to miss a single service.

The facilities are good and the beds are not too bad, but the food is delicious! Not only do we worship in the truest sense of the word, but we actually have fun between times. Activities during break times will consist of pistol and rifle marksmanship, axe throwing, horseshoes, bean bag toss, basketball free throws and hammer throwing, just to name a few. Equipment and ammunition will be provided.

There are no pre-set speakers for the few days we are there. When you arrive to check in, you are invited to drop your name in the bucket, and names are drawn after everyone arrives to see who preaches. Who knows, you may be on the program! That is why we say, "Bring your best sermon and leave your tie at home." Singers and musicians are needed as well.

This is a very laid-back, come-as-you-are event. The Jonesboro Association of Missionary Baptist Churches is the one who underwrites this camp. That way we can keep the cost as low as possible. The cost per guest is \$80 and includes snacks, drinks, five hot meals and two nights of lodging. (I know it is hard to believe!) If you would like to attend and cannot afford it, contact me or Ken Beaver for special scholarships.

All preachers really ought to make the effort to come. You will be glad you did, and your people will be glad, too. We even have a guarantee – if you don't enjoy it, you don't have to come back!

The R & R Retreat begins at noon on Tuesday, March 28, and will wrap up after breakfast on Thursday, March 30. It will be held at StoneRidge Baptist Camp in Smithville, Arkansas.

For more information, including a tentative schedule, and to register, visit BaptistTrumpet.com/RR2023. You can also contact me or Ken Beaver if you have any questions. Everyone who registers will be given the chance to win a new Heritage single-action .22 pistol.

We only have room for 300, so register soon! See you there.

### *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them through his blood.*

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

## Revisiting the Week that Rocked the World

Never before and never since has a single week impacted so much of mankind's history – with nothing short of mankind's eternity held in the balance. And it all hangs upon the activities of one man – Jesus.

Sandwiched between the peaks of shouts of “Hosanna” at the Triumphal Entry and “He is risen” on that first Easter morning, this week was chock-full of teaching and tender moments; of intense questions in the Temple and even more intense prayers in the Garden; and of the unspeakable sufferings of the death on the cross. And all these things Jesus did for you and for me.

The chart at the right includes the various events of this most important week as recorded by the various gospel writers. As we enter the Easter season, consider revisiting these events by re-reading the stories. Putting yourself in the place of Jesus or of the many standing nearby, ponder the happenings of that week. Feel the highs, and experience the lows. So relive the events that we share the vision of, “Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.... Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.” (Hebrews 13:12, 15)

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## Celebrating 25 Years as Pastor

Bethel Baptist Church of Lonedell recently honored Bro. Ben Kingston, along with his wife Dawn, for his twenty-five years of pastoring that church. The celebration included a dinner, tales and testimonies from many impacted by their ministry, and the performance by a local Southern Gospel group, *Final Authority*, from Sullivan, Missouri.



Ben and Dawn Kingston



Brad Banderman and Mandi Miller, emcees for the evening

## The Week That Rocked the World

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
<b>Sunday</b>				
• The Triumphal Entry	21:1-11	11:1-11	19:29-44	12:12-19
<b>Monday</b>				
• The barren fig tree is cursed		11:12-14		
• 2nd cleansing of the Temple	21:12-17	11:15-18	19:45-48	
<b>Tuesday</b>				
• The fig tree explained	21:18-22	11:19-25		
• Conflict in the Temple	21:23-27	11:27-33	20:1-8	
• Parable of the two sons	21:28-32			
• Parable of the vineyard	21:33-45	12:1-12	20:9-19	
• Parable of the marriage feast	22:1-14			
• Paying tribute to Caesar	22:15-22	12:13-17	20:20-26	
• The Resurrection	22:23-33	12:18-27	20:27-40	
• The Great Command	22:34-40	12:28-34		
• David's Son and Lord	22:41-46	12:35-37	20:41-44	
• Jesus denounces the Pharisees	23:1-39	12:38-40	20:45-47	
• The widow's gift		12:41-44	21:1-4	
• Christ's second coming	24:1-51	13:1-37	21:5-38	
• Parable of the 10 virgins	25:1-13			
• Parable of the talents	25:14-30			
• Sheep and the goats	25:31-46			
• Jesus predicts His death again	26:1-13	14:1-2	22:1-2	
• Judas agrees to betray Jesus	26:14-16	14:10-11	22:3-6	
<b>Thursday</b>				
• Preparations for Passover meal	26:17-19	14:12-16	22:7-16	
• Jesus rebukes the disciples at the meal	26:20	14:17	22:24-30	
• Jesus washes the disciples feet				13:1-20
• Jesus names Judas as His betrayer	26:21-25	14:18-21	22:21-23	13:21-30
• The New Commandment				13:31-35
• Jesus predicts Peter's denial	26:31-35	14:27-31	22:31-34	13:36-38
• Instruction for the moment at hand			22:35-38	
• Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper	26:26-29	14:22-25	22:17-20	
• The Way; The Comforter				14:1-31
• The Vine and Service				15:1-27
• The Spirit's Presence				16:1-33
• Jesus' Intercessory Prayer	26:30	14:26		
• Jesus' Prayer at Gethsemane	26:36-46	14:32-42	22:39-46	18:1
<b>Friday</b>				
• Betrayal and arrest	26:47-56	14:43-52	22:47-53	18:2-11
• <u>Jesus' trial before the Jews</u>				
• Trial before Annas				18:12-14, 19-23
• Trial before Caiaphas	26:57	14:53	22:54	
	26:59-68	14:55-65	22:63-65	18:24
• Peter's denial of Jesus	26:58	14:54		
	26:69-75	14:66-72	22:54-62	18:25-27
• Trial by the whole Sanhedrin	27:1	15:1a	22:66-71	
• The death of Judas	27:3-10			
• <u>Jesus' trial before the Romans (Pilate, Herod)</u>				
• Jesus' 1st appearance before Pilate	27:2,11-14	15:1b-5	23:1-5	18:28-38
• Jesus sent to Herod Antipas			23:6-12	
• Jesus' 2nd trial before Pilate	27:15-26	15:6-15	23:13-25	18:39-19:16
• Pilate finds no fault			23:13-16	
• Dream of Pilate's wife/demand for Barabbas	27:19-21	15:6-10	23:18	
• Jesus scourged				19:1-5
• Pilate's decision to crucify Jesus	27:23-25		23:20-25	19:7-15
• Soldiers mock Jesus	27:27-30	15:16-19		
• <u>The Crucifixion of Jesus</u>				
• Jesus led to the cross	27:31-34	15:20-23	23:26-33	19:16-17
• Jesus' first 3 hours on the cross	27:35-44	15:24-32	23:33-43	19:18-27
• Jesus' last 3 hours on the cross	27:45-50	15:33-37	23:44-46	19:28-30
• Events accompanying Jesus' death	27:51-56	15:38-41	23:45,47-49	
• Jesus' side is pierced				19:31-37
• <u>The Burial of Jesus</u>				
• Jesus' body is buried by Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus	27:57-60	15:42-46	23:50-54	19:38-42
• The women watch at the tomb	27:61	15:47	23:55-56	
<b>Saturday</b>				
• Tomb is secured by the Roman guard	27:62-66			
<b>Sunday</b>				
• Resurrection and related events	28:1-15	16:1-14	24:1-43	20:1-25

## Ministers & Ministry Opportunities

Entries are published at the request of the individual or entity listed and should not be considered as an endorsement by the Missouri Missionary Baptist or the BMA of Missouri.

**Caleb Houston**, youth minister at Kewanee (New Madrid) is available for pulpit supply. Contact him at 573-521-7826 or calebhouston@yahoo.com. (0123)

Ministers and ministries must be associated with the BMA. Entries for available preachers and for churches seeking pastors or staff will be published for three consecutive months; others will be limited to a single issue. Listings may be resubmitted quarterly, subject to editor approval. Send entries, including the name of the church of membership, to mmbpaper@gmail.com.

## Hotel Information for Mid-Year Meeting

Bro. Dan Wisely, host pastor for the BMA of Missouri mid-year meeting, has provided the following phone numbers for motels in Sikeston.

Pear Tree Inn.....573-471-4100  
 Drury Inn .....573-472-2299  
 Hampton Inn.....573-621-4100  
 Holiday Inn Express .....573-475-9522

## What's Happening?

What is happening at your church? Are you making plans for VBS, revivals, and other activities? Does your local association have an annual or mid-year meeting coming up?

Especially as spring and summer approach, you may be working toward activities that you want to share with others in our state. We would like to focus on those items in an "Upcoming Events" format in the paper.

If you will send us information about your plans, we will be glad to share them with our readers. For events scheduled in the distant future, we will keep the information on file and run it as the date approaches.



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## Deaths

**John Alec, "Jack," Wilkerson**, 92, of Potosi, went to his heavenly home on February 9. He was a member of First Baptist, Potosi, where he served as a deacon for several years. He had previously also served as a deacon at White Oak Grove Baptist Church.

**Rosie Charline Austin Melton**, 87, of Potosi, went to be with her Lord and Savior on February 17. She was the widow of Kenneth Melton, who pastored several churches in Missouri, as well as in Arkansas, Illinois, and Kansas.

**Bernadine "Bee" Thompson**, 92, passed away on January 17. She was a dedicated and faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ and served as church pianist at Westview Missionary Baptist Church of Jefferson City for over 25 years.

**Bro. Ray Fowler** went home to be with the Lord on February 28. He was a member of Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church for 73 years. He was a strong man of faith and served as a Sunday school teacher. He is remembered for his love of his family, his never-ending sense of humor, his entertaining storytelling, his heckling of local referees and umpires, being the local historian, and his love of farming.

**Betty Louise Rayfield** was born in Ellington, Missouri, on March 20, 1928. She departed this life on February 28 at the age of 94. Betty was a member of the Lower Doe Run Missionary Baptist Church, where she was the last living charter member. She was the church secretary and treasurer for over 50 years. Betty enjoyed quilting, reading, and gardening. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family.

If you would like to share information about the deaths of members of your church, we can include that in the paper. You can send us the person's name, where they lived, church where they were a member, brief mention of their work (deacon, teacher, etc.), and we will print the notice in this section. We also try to print full obituaries for pastors, pastors' wives, and other prominent leaders as we are provided with the information and as space allows.



**EASTER** Bethel  
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Friday, March 31 | 6:00 - 8:30pm  
 Saturday, April 1 | FREE event!  
 Sunday, April 2 | Handicap access

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