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

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Missions Symposium Ordination

The 2023 BMA of Missouri Missions Symposium was held May 19 at Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church. The special program for the Symposium was the ordination of Bro. Juan Fernandez, Hispanic missionary to the greater St. Louis area.

The service began with remarks by Missions Director Bro. Ben Kingston as well as Bro. John



David Smith and Bro. Larry Barker from our national BMA Global Missions department. After additional remarks from Bro. Juan, the presbytery was dismissed to organize.

From the presbytery of ordained ministers and deacons the following duties were assigned: moderator – Bro. Ben Kingston; clerk – Bro. Bryan Buckley; questioning of candidate – Bro. Larry Barker; ordination prayer – Bro. John David Smith; presentation of Bible – Bro. James Hoffmann; ordination sermon – Bro. Brian Meade.

Bro. Juan and his wife Hannah shared their testimonies

of salvation and God's leading in their lives. Then Bro. Juan answered several questions confirming his agreement with various elements of the BMA doctrinal statement.

Bro. Meade's stirring charge was based upon Paul's admonition to Timothy, found in 2 Timothy 4.

While the ordination was officially under the authority of Bethany Missionary Baptist Church in Overland, MO, Bethany had asked the officers of the State Association if the Symposium could be used to conduct the ordination so that the whole Association could share in the occasion. Bethany had members present to formally approve the actions taken.



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A Thank You Note

Bro. James Hoffmann

Bethany Missionary Baptist Church thanks our BMA of Missouri officers, pastors, and deacons for helping make the ordination of Missionary Juan Fernandez a very spiritual and moving service as we met at Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church for the Friday evening service May 19, 2023. It was a blessing to have several of our Missouri ordained brethren gather for this service, as well as BMA of America Missions Executive Director, John David Smith, and Director of North America Church Planting, Larry Barker, as they joined us representing our

Kewanee Welcomes Semi-Annual Meeting



The 95th Semi-Annual Meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri was held at Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church on Saturday, May 20, 2023.

The meeting began with a devotional by Bro. Ben Kingston from Proverbs 14:4. Moderator Brad Banderman opened the



business meeting with a body of 27 messengers and several other individuals in attendance.

Directors and representatives from the various departments gave their respective

reports. Business items of note included the following:

– Bro. Brian Whitlock was approved to finish out the term of Bro. Matt Baker (2025) as a trustee for Camp Garwood.

– In response to instructions given at the last annual meeting, the Special Missions Committee offered a recommendation on distribution of \$109,000.00 presented to the Missions office upon the disbanding of First Landmark Missionary Baptist Church of Carthage, Missouri. The Association approved the following recommendation:

- \$30,000.00 to State Camp Garwood
- \$30,000.00 to Meramec Retreat Center
- \$25,000.00 to the Missouri Missionary Baptist paper
- \$20,000.00 to the Kenneth E. Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund
- \$4,000.00 to the Missouri State Minute fund

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national Missions Office in Conway, Arkansas. Bro. Juan is our Hispanic Missionary presently working with the BMA of Missouri and the Meramec Association in Missouri.

The folks at Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church and their pastor, Bro. Dan Wisely, were excellent hosts and made everyone feel welcome.

It was a great time of fellowship and rejoicing with our brothers and sisters in Christ! Our deepest appreciation to all who were involved in this special service!

State Missions

Dear BMAMO Churches,

Another tremendous missions symposium and mid-year meeting in the books! Shout out to Bro. Danny Wisely and Kewanee Baptist Church for being wonderful and gracious hosts. They have a beautiful facility and an even more beautiful body of believers. We were well cared for.

The highlight of the weekend was the ordination of Bro. Juan Fernandez. It is always a treat to be a part of anyone's ordination, but to be a part of one of our national missionaries' that serves our association by planting a mission in our own state is a rare privilege. Bro. Juan, we love you and your family. We are so grateful of the tireless service you are giving to the Lord and His work. It was a rare blessing also to have our Missions Director John David Smith and one of our operational Directors, Larry Barker, with us as well.

The mid-year meeting was a special blessing to hear the good reports from each department, especially the challenges and opportunities our WMA and the Brotherhood are involved in.

Something we failed to do, was to celebrate the departments and ministries that received a financial blessing during the missions committee and approved in the general session afterwards. It's never a blessing to hear about the disbanding of a sister church, but when God takes that negative and turns it into a positive, that should be celebrated. We will be getting those checks to those ministries soon.

Here is a breakdown of the approved division of the \$109,000 to various state ministries:

- \$30,000 to Camp Garwood
- \$30,000 to Meramec Retreat Center
- \$25,000 to Missouri Baptist paper
- \$20,000 to Kenneth E. Gibson Seminary Grant fund
- \$4,000 to minute fund

I know these ministries will greatly benefit from these funds. I ask all of you reading this to join me in thanking the Lord for Landmark Baptist Church in Carthage, Missouri in blessing the Lord in their church life and in their closing. We give God all the glory for blessing these ministries with these funds.

Remember to schedule a Wednesday night with me this summer for an opportunity to share the work of missions in the state of Missouri.

May the Lord richly bless you is my prayer.

Bro. Ben



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Editor's Note: Because of computer problems, Bro. Juan was unable to share his regular monthly report. He did send a copy of the flyer they are using to publicize their upcoming VBS, along with these brief comments:

We are having some volunteers coming to help with decorations, games, snacks, etc.

We are planning to have some days prior to the missionary outreach going door to door and handing out fliers around in the neighborhoods.

FOR KIDS!

Vacation Bible School.



Following Jesus Changes the Game

We are signing up kids ages 4 to 12 years old.

Monday- Friday
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
July 10-14
SIGN them UP TODAY!!

11211 Midland Blvd Overland, Mo 63134

FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS May 2023

<u>Checking Account:</u>	
Balance April 30, 2023	\$ 23,103.63
<u>Income:</u>	
Missions	\$ 2,946.95
MLBA retreat reimb.	685.08
Total Income	<u>\$ 3,632.03</u>
Total Available	\$ 26,735.66
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Director, salary	\$ 450.00
Secretary, salary	200.00
Juan Fernandez, support	2,333.33
Director, mid-yr mtg.	392.19
Juan Fernandez, nat. mtg.	674.74
Total Expenses	<u>\$ (4,050.26)</u>
Balance May 31, 2023	\$ 22,685.40
<u>BMAMS Revolving Loan Investment:</u>	
Balance April 30, 2023	\$ 222,916.26
Interest	0.00
Balance May 31, 2023	<u>\$ 222,916.26</u>
Total in All Accounts May 31, 2023	\$ 245,601.66

WMA

Ladies, take note of the details of this upcoming event, paying particular attention to the registration cut-off date. And remember that you do not have to be a member of a WMA to attend.

GOD'S BEAUTIFUL DESIGN

for Women

2023 MO WMA Sponsored Ladies Retreat

September 8 & 9

(Begins at 3:00 pm on the 8th & ends at 4:00 pm on the 9th)

Registration Fee: \$60
(Includes Lunch on Saturday)
Registration Cutoff:
08.25.2023
 Checks Payable to: MO WMA
 c/o Janet Widger 5014 Hwy N
 Salem, MO 65560

Location:
Drury Plaza Conference Center
 3351 Percy Dr
 Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Includes: "Kickback" Dinner & Hot Breakfast
 Room Rate \$135.00 Plus Tax
 Call: 800.325.0720 Group Number 10034537
 Cutoff Date: 08.17.2023

Speaker: Christy Horton
 Theme: "What is A Girl To Do" - Titus 2 Me and You
 Music Worship Team: Molly Kingston & Rie Owens

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JESUS CAMP WEEK
SUN, JULY 16 – SAT, JULY 22

KIDDIE CAMP SUN–WED
Boys & Girls Grades 1–5

TEEN CAMP WED–SAT
Boys & Girls Grades 6–12



Brotherhood



This past month has been busy for the State Brotherhood. On May 5-6 just over fifty men and boys met at Camp Garwood for the Men's Retreat. Our men provided us with fried fish, boiled crawfish and the trimmings. Bro. Jerry Adams gave two messages. And the retreat was topped off with cornhole toss, skeet shooting, and knife throwing.

On Saturday morning, June 3, we met again – this time under a shade tree at Sunnen Lake near Potosi – for a fishing tournament and fish fry.



Retirement of Chaplain (Colonel) Kevin Guthrie

After serving 37 years in uniform, Chaplain (Colonel) Kevin Guthrie has retired from the U.S. Army. A ceremony was held at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama on May 5, 2023. Kevin served 16 years as a commissioned officer in the Arkansas and Louisiana Army National Guards, and while in the Guard, he earned his Master of Divinity degree at the Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary. He then entered the active Army as a chaplain endorsed by the BMAA.

Kevin wrote about his military experience, "I've witnessed amazing things in my journey. I traipsed in the tops of mountains with heroes, tread where my guardians had wings and weapons, ran with friends who are as close as family, and prayed with warriors whose ferocity in battle is unmatched. I've been immersed in a culture of loyalty and professionalism with companions whose courage is legendary, and whose commitment to freedom extends to all Americans. I've seen great heroes fall in combat like giant redwoods because they cared for a cause far greater than themselves, loving not for their lives as they spat in the very face of danger."

Kevin completed his ministry in the military serving at the highest levels of the Army. He worked for the Army's Chief of Chaplains in the Pentagon for seven years before finishing as the senior chaplain for the four-star headquarters of the U.S. Army Materiel Command located on Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama.

In the ceremony, Chaplain Guthrie received the Legion of Merit for his life-long career, and Karol receive the Distinguished Spouse Award for her civilian service in support of soldiers and their families throughout the years.

Kevin said, "I'm proud to serve with the best this nation has to offer... amazing heroes, all of them. You're blessed beyond measure to have them at the ready. God bless America. Thanks be to Christ Jesus for the opportunity to serve."

Kevin and Karol are retiring to Royal, Arkansas where they will be close to family and friends.

Photo: L-R: Chaplain (Colonel) Kevin Guthrie; Spouse Karol; Daughters Kaylee L. and Kimberlee R.



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Updates from Our Churches



Landmark, DeSoto

Hello to all of God's kids from Landmark in DeSoto! Hope everyone has been enjoying the beautiful weather. Everything is growing... the trees, the flowers, the grass -- ESPECIALLY the grass. So we're giving a big shout-out to Bro. Dale Hawkins for diligently mowing and taking care of the church lawn and grounds. Thank you, Bro. Dale, and God bless you!

If you happen to be in the DeSoto area on Sat., July 8, come by the church for our fundraiser barbecue. Lots of good food and fellowship.

Please remember Bro. and Sis. Crites in your prayers. Sis. Crites' sister went home to be with the Lord this past week. Our sympathy and condolences go out to them and all their family.

God is still blessing us. One of our members had a pretty large skin cancer removed and the doctors were concerned that it might have metastasized. BUT the lab results showed it had NOT! Prayer still works, folks!

We're also still being blessed with visitors at our services, and God's messages are being delivered through Bro. Crites' preaching. We enjoy some pretty lively Sunday School discussions too.

May the Lord keep blessing you all month and beyond.

*David Crites, Pastor
Barbara Williams, Reporter*

Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston

We congratulate Zee, Rachel, and Eli Dunlap upon their high school graduations.

We're thankful that God continues to use our teaching ministry. Our outlines continue to go to a prison in Arkansas, our overseas ministry, and members of other churches, and we weekly have people from outside our own congregation joining our Sunday night Zoom Bible studies. Our overseas ministry reports to us that they are again conducting public services and normal ministry.

Rodney Dunlap, Pastor

Lindsay Lane, Florissant

We are thankful to let you all know our surprise trip was to the Botanical Gardens then lunch at Joey B's! There were seven of us and did we have a blast!

Mother's Day found the men folks cooking breakfast for everyone. It was delicious and we were thrilled to have several visitors along with several former members. Our little Ben, along with Mom and Granny's help, made magnetic butterflies for everyone, along with a hug from him!

Bro. Mike McKenzie is having some serious health issues. Please keep him in your prayers as well as Shelia Shell's father. Our hearts are grieving due to the passing

of Bro. Brian's grandmother. Her funeral was held May 30th in Ellington. Several from LLB church made the trip down to support the family.

Our VBS will have come and gone by the time you read this. We are excited about this endeavor.

We were very excited to know Bro. Brian was selected to preach at Bro. Juan's ordination service. Even though he said his knees were knocking, God saw him through the service.

'Til we meet again, may God bless!

*Brian Meade, Pastor
Kathy Chapman, Reporter*

Bethel, Sikeston

Blessings to all. We are enjoying this beautiful weather with all of the beautiful scenery that God has given us to enjoy! We have so much to be thankful for!

We honored our mothers on Mother's Day with a beautiful poem read by Sis. Mattie Bolen and a song sung by Sis. Shelly Kinder. All mothers were called to the front, and each was given a card made by our little ones with a picture of our Bethel kids in it. Also our teens handed out to each one a potted plant. And of course we got plenty of precious hugs from them all. What an awesome Mother's Day it was. To top it off our pastor preached a wonderful

message about mothers!

Just a reminder our VBS kickoff is Sunday evening the 11th at 6:00 p.m., and VBS is June 12-16, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

We filled baby bottles again this year to help fund Aspire. They are doing a great service and need all the support they can get! We are looking forward to getting started on replacing our carpet.

June 4th Bro. John Beardsley came forward during the morning service and requested to move his letter from another church to Bethel. He was accepted and given the hand of fellowship as he was welcomed into our church family. God is good all the time!

May God bless you all!
*Billy Davis, Pastor
Joan Wood, Reporter*

Oak Hill, Alton

Hello to all from Oak Hill. We had a great week during our revival. We enjoyed great singing, some testimonies, and awesome preaching.

We also had two young ladies, Haley Kernodle and Kaylee Kernodle, go to El Salvador and experience a little of what our missionaries go through while in a different country with different cultures. After they report on their trip and experiences, I will share on what they learned and experienced.

We are very excited about our Vacation Bible School "Rainforest Explorers, Jesus Leads the Way." On Thursday & Friday, June 29th & 30th, we will meet from 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m.. On Saturday, July 1, we will meet in the afternoon from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

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*

Lower Doe Run, Ellington
Summer Greetings! We have enjoyed God's blessings

upon the church even with much sickness and grief. We celebrated the life of Ruth Huett in visitation and funeral with her children and loved ones last week. Her grandson, Brian Meade, gave a great eulogy and gospel message. Her daughter, Dianna Meade, sang "Her First Days in Heaven." The church served lunch to a large group after the funeral. Pray for Brother Albert and Sister Dianna as they adjust life without her physical presence.

We enjoyed revival services at Bates Creek and Mt. Olive. We represented at the National Association in Conway, AR. What a blessing to see all the missionaries and especially the commissioning service.

We enjoyed hearing Brother Dale E. Fish preach one weekend. We completed the 10 week WINGS Bible Study with an average of 12 ladies every Wednesday.

It is so good to hear reports within the community of prayers being answered by God. At the end of each Sunday service we place those with great need in a circle and we pray for them. God has blessed.

We look forward to the church camps in July and some VBS invitations to join and help. Our church will host the Logan Creek Association August 12. Come fellowship with us.

*Melvin Meade, Pastor
Carolyn Meade, Reporter*

Westview, Jefferson City

Pastor Benjamin Kingston and Emma Anderson have announced their engagement to be married. A September wedding is being planned.



~ Upcoming Events ~

MO GMA Retreat – June 23-24; Camp Garwood

National Galilean Camp – June 23-26; Stoneridge Baptist Camp, Smithville, AR

VBS – June 26-30; Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston; 6:00 p.m. nightly

VBS – June 29 - July 1; Oak Hill, Alton; Thurs. and Fri. 5:30-8:00 p.m., Sat. 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Baptist Publishing House Weekend – June 30-July 1; Bro. Jordan Tew; Camp Garwood

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

Revival – July 10-14; Kewanee; John David Smith, evangelist

Jesus Camp – July 16-22; Grades 1-5, Sun.-Wed.; Grades 7-12, Wed.-Sat.; Meramec Retreat Center

BMA of Missouri Camp – July 31-Aug. 4; Jordan Bowen, speaker; Camp Garwood

DEWr Weekend – Aug. 18-19; 7 p.m. Fri. through Sat. afternoon; Camp Garwood

WMA Sponsored Ladies Retreat – Sept. 8-9; Drury Plaza Hotel Cape Girardeau Conference Center

Send event info to mmbpaper@gmail.com.



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– Bro. Josh Wright, along with his father-in-law Chuck Tedrow, shared about a visit to Minneapolis with Bro. Michael Strong. The Association voted to send \$5,000 to help with some immediate needs in the ministry there.

After the conclusion of the business, Bro. Dan Wisely, pastor at Kewanee, shared a message from Psalm 27:11-14. Then the host church provided a delicious meal for all.



~ **Shoebboxes Provide Hope to Ukraine** ~

Angela Rice, Short-term Missions Coordinator

He is able.

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. (Ephesians 3:20)

I met some people recently who so motivated my heart and inspired me to be a better person. I had a hard time figuring out how to process the thought of living and serving during a war and how to describe these precious people. I finally came up with the word hero. These guys are heroes to me.

Webster defines a hero as “a person of distinguished courage or ability, admired for his or her brave deeds and noble qualities.”

Yes! That was good, but even greater is a hero of the faith . . . an everyday person who says yes to God and opens his or her heart and life to God, allowing God to do his work in and through them.

Let me introduce you to heroes of the faith that I met recently! I want you to pray for these guys. They desperately need your prayers.

We went on a mission trip in January to Poland to work with Ukrainian refugees. We asked if our Ukrainian pastors could come and spend time with our team. These pastors and their families are heroes. When the war started in Ukraine, no one really expected it. People began to panic and scatter. Many were crossing the borders. Several of our pastors started serving the long lines of hungry and cold people that were waiting to cross into other countries. For months they served in this way.

Each of these families had the option to leave Ukraine. They all are young and very smart. Most of them have young children, but they choose to stay.

I listened to a 13-year-old tell me about the bomb shelter at their school and what they do in the shelters at home, as if it were so normal . . . I have no experience with this. She was the sweetest young lady with the biggest smile. It is really cold in Ukraine during the winter. It never got above freezing when we were there. They talked about only having electricity for a few hours a day, and it is so cold!



As we returned from our trip, shoeboxes and supplies were sent into Ukraine, and the pastors that we met began to spread them out. They went to four siblings that had watched as a Russian soldier killed their dad in their front yard. They were given to a group of children orphaned from the war, children at the pediatric hospital and the cancer hospital, children abandoned because parents couldn't take care of them. Shoeboxes were given in churches, schools, hospitals and even to the soldiers at the front lines. And every time a shoebox was given, they received food and supplies, but the best part is that Jesus was shared.

Right now in Ukraine, the church is where you go to get supplies. Churches are full. Many are coming to Christ during this tragedy. Praise God for that.

For over a year, these families have served the poor, heartbroken, cold, and hungry people of Ukraine. I asked why they stayed and the reply was this: “God's plan for our lives has not changed just because war broke out. If anything, we are doing much more ministry than ever before. God gives us everything we need to minister. Many people are coming to Christ right now. The church is full every service.”

And it is not at all because of these guys themselves – they are everyday people, just like you and me – who said yes to God, and they opened their hearts and lives to God, allowing HIM to do His work in and through them. These friends are heroes of the faith.

They know that they have what they need because of God.
He is able to give them comfort.

He is able to give them rest.

He is able to supply their needs.

And He is able to supply your needs also.

You can be a hero of the faith . . . have you ever considered that? Open your heart and your life to God and let him be in control.

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. (Ephesians 3:20)

Pastors Come Be a Part of a Barnabas Touch Team Today!

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. 2 Timothy 2:2

What is Barnabas Touch? Barnabas Touch is the teaching and training ministry of Evangelistic International Ministries. It began over 20 years ago and was led by the late Larry Markum. Bro. Larry, who had served as a BMAA interstate missionary, had a heart to help international church planters and pastors have a better understanding of Baptist doctrine, sermon preparation and study, and church policy, as well. After Bro. Larry's passing, Barnabas Touch was then led by Bro. Danny Bullock.

Beginning in 2014, and under the leadership of Bro. Danny, EIM focused on the country of Tanzania. EIM began leading 3 teams a year to Tabora, Tanzania and partnered with the BMAA Seminary in Jacksonville, Texas to train and teach 22 Tanzanian pastors. As President of the BMAA Seminary, Dr. Charley Holmes traveled several times to help in teaching Baptist doctrine, evangelism, and what it means to be associational in practice. Bro. Phil Knott, who was serving at the time as the Africa Coordinator for BMAA Global Missions, as well as 17 other BMAA pastors, taught with us in teaching classes such as church planting, Old and New Testament survey, a study of the Pauline Epistles, the BMAA Doctrinal Statement, sermon prep and how to study the Bible. In the Spring of 2018, we completed our training with each student having received 150 hours of Biblical study. At the end of our 3½ years of teaching and training, the BMAA Seminary gave each pastor a certificate of completion. This certificate has been recognized by the Tanzanian Government as a certification of a higher education.

EIM has been asked by BMAA Global Missions to replicate in Ghana, Africa what we had done in Tanzania. Our Barnabas Touch team to Ghana will be led by Jason Goodwin. We want to begin in September of 2023. Pastors, we need you to join us and help in teaching other men. The cost of each trip will range from \$2,750 – \$3,000 based on airfare at the time. The cost will cover airfare, lodging, food, and transportation. If you are unable to travel, would you consider giving \$50.00 monthly to help with the cost of feeding and travel for the international pastors and church planters attending the Barnabas Touch training and teaching?

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Visit our website at www.eimworldwide.org for more details concerning our Barnabas Touch ministry, as well as other ministries that EIM is currently doing.



Bro. Juan and Hannah questioned by Bro. Larry Barker



Bro. Juan and Hannah and family



Bro. Jim Hoffmann presents Bible to Bro. Juan



Bro. Larry Barker, Bro. Juan, Bro. John David Smith and Bro. Ben Kingston

New Option for Master of Divinity Degree

The Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary is pleased to announce the opportunity for prospective students to enroll in a Master of Divinity degree program that does not require biblical languages.

The seminary's traditional MDIV requires students to complete hours in both biblical Greek and Hebrew. The traditional option remains available for MDIV students. The new option, that becomes available during the Fall 2023 semester, allows students to take either Greek or Hebrew. The new option also allows students to take neither language but to replace them with robust courses in biblical hermeneutics, use of digital language tools, and exposition of books from the Old and New Testaments.

The new degree option may be ideal for those interested in beginning an MDIV, transferring from another seminary, or returning even after a substantial absence from seminary studies. BMA Seminary is willing to consider requests for extensions to the time limit that could allow former students to complete a degree even after a significant delay in their studies. Contact us and let us consider what we might do for you.

CBC 2023 SOS Announced

Central Baptist College is pleased to announce the 2023 Student Orientation Staff (SOS), a group of upperclassmen students whose primary role is to help new students feel welcome at CBC. SOS team members are selected based on maturity, work ethic, friendliness, and value-driven leadership. New students entering CBC are faced with numerous questions related to registration, housing, financial concerns, personal identity, and academic survival. Each SOS member plays a vital role in helping to answer these questions.

SOS is led by the Student Activities Coordinator, Blake Pittman. Under Pittman's leadership, SOS members are empowered to plan and implement activities to help new students feel at home with the CBC family.

The 2023 SOS Team Members include Heidi Maxwell, sophomore from Saint Clair, MO.

SOS students attend every Connect Day and coordinate M.U.D. Week (Mustangs Under Development). All new students must attend one Connect Day to register for classes. The 2023 Connect Days are scheduled for June 13, July 25, August 1, and August 22. To RSVP for Connect Day, visit cbc.edu/orientation. For questions, contact Marieca Ashworth, Director of Student Services, at (501) 205-8826 or mashworth@cbc.edu.

Preach the Word; be instant in season and out of season.

Serving the Servants: 2023 Global Care Conference

Margaret Anderson, BMA Global

At the end of April, a decades-old dream came to fruition: our BMA missionaries and church planters came together in the same location at the same time for the same purpose. The 2023 Global Care Conference in Hot Springs, Arkansas, was a time of spiritual renewal and fellowship for all who attended.

Stan Scroggins, who retired from missionary status in April but still serves as regional coordinator for Asia Pacific, described the conference as “masterful in every way! It was obviously spirit-led by the entire missionary care team, especially Jonathan Montgomery and Drew Cline.”

Jonathan Montgomery, Director of Missionary Care, planned and executed the event, and South City Church of Little Rock provided the sessions, worship, and kids’ ministry each day.

Jonathan says, “The focus of our Missionary Care ministry is to come alongside our missionaries with the aid, encouragement, and support they need to better allow them to carry out the Great Commission. The Global Care Conference was a special blessing

for our care team to encourage our missionaries, church planters, and their families while allowing them to meet and encourage each other as well.”

Our overall goal for the conference was to encourage our people who are so faithfully serving on the mission field, but we also wanted to give our missionaries an opportunity for mutual encouragement as they fellowshiped with one another. Most of them had never met in person, so it was an excellent opportunity for them to make connections that will continue to grow as they return to the field.

Landon Risner is a high school senior, and he and his family serve in Romania. He says, “In my opinion it was very uplifting and a really good way to connect with other missionaries I have never met.”

Creative Access Missionary AJ describes the conference as “such an encouraging and relaxing time.” She says, “It was so special to spend time with and meet other missionaries all across the globe. It was special to spend time in prayer, worship, and fellowship with them. One of my favorite parts was getting to play mini golf with missionaries serving in four different countries!”

The dream for a global conference is one that has long been on the hearts of Bro. Jerry and Mrs. Sue Kidd. Bro. Jerry says, “For many years, God has placed a desire in my heart to set a time when

those called of God to minister globally could come together for worship, prayer, and relaxation. I could envision missionaries sitting around the table sharing their burdens and aspirations for ministry while praying for one another. I could also see the missionary wives in a similar setting sharing their burdens and blessings. At the same time, the missionary children would be loved on and well attended, learning both socially and spiritually.

“This dream came true in Hot Springs, AR, when South City Church of Little Rock led 100 missionaries and church planters from 17 countries and 10 states on April 27-30 at our first Global

Care Conference. To God be the glory!”

Mrs. Sue was equally gratified by the conference: “The recent Global Care Conference was a tremendous blessing to me and, according to their testimonies, to all who attended. We are immensely grateful to the Lord and to Jonathan Montgomery and his host of helpers for making it happen.

“What a joy it was to meet with missionaries from around the world and to observe their interaction with fellow missionaries. No one can understand a missionary’s struggles and triumphs better than another missionary.

“I’m confident the missionaries would each join me in voicing a most heartfelt thank you to all churches and individuals who contributed to the success of the conference. God bless you all!”



Master’s Builders at HomeStretch Baptist Church Cleveland, Mississippi

A small, but motivated, group from The Master's Builders began work at HomeStretch Baptist Church, in Cleveland, Mississippi, on May 8th, 2023 for a week. There were 5 men and 4 ladies who were able to come. This church building is a mission church building that The Master’s Builders originally helped to construct in 2010. Brother Ed Duvall was the Missionary Pastor then and remains the Pastor to this church family today. Each morning for the builders started with a devotion time, prayer, and fellowship. The builders added a classroom, built a pony wall to close in the sanctuary area, built a large storage closet with shelves in the fellowship hall, and added a porch and walkway cover over the door to the

fellowship hall. They were also able to hang the sheetrock for all the new walls built. The



original walkway cover and steeple blew off in a storm not long ago.

This was job #182 for The Master's Builders. Thank you so much to those who came and worked so hard to help this church family. The church is a bit outside the city, and the builders truly had a great time while they

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Bible Fathers

In this puzzle are hidden the names of 12 fathers mentioned in the Bible. Names may appear forwards or backwards, horizontally, vertically or diagonally in the grid. Some of these may be a little obscure, so they might offer a bit of a challenge. If you get stuck, there are some hints provided on page 8 of this paper. (If you are interested in sharing this with anyone else, feel free to make copies.)

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CBC Announces BMA Promise Scholarship Program

In the June 2-3 board meeting, the CBC Board of Trustees approved a “tuition-free” scholarship program for all members of the BMA of America churches. The BMA Promise is both a recruiting and retention incentive.

CBC President Terry Kimbrow admitted, “This is a huge leap of faith for us. However, over the years, the loyalty to the institution, founded by the Arkansas churches of what is now the Baptist Missionary Association, has waned.” Dr. D.N. Jackson, who was instrumental in the founding of CBC and was later elected to serve as the first president, said in the Dec. 5, 1951 issue of the Temple Trumpet (now the Baptist Trumpet), “We all know we need this college. We must provide an institution of higher learning for our young men and women. After all, it is upon their shoulders the responsibility of proclaiming the gospel will fall.”

Kimbrow commented, “That was over 70 years ago. I’m convinced we need this College more now than we did then.”

CBC is a four-year, private liberal arts college located in Conway that was founded in 1952 and, since its inception, has been committed to transforming lives through education that integrates Christian faith and academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment. CBC offers over 40 baccalaureate degree programs. These programs of study are offered in a traditional format, online and in an accelerated format through the PACE (Professional Adult Education Department) program. CBC also has 16 athletic teams that compete in the AMC conference of the NAIA and 6 fine arts performance groups.

According to Vice President for Enrollment Management Brooks Walthall, “The facts are quite sobering — only 9% of CBC students checked the BMAA box on their application when asked with what church they are affiliated. That may be misleading, because some of them may not even know they are members of a BMA church.”

Kimbrow said, “That is going to change.” The BMA Promise scholarship will benefit any student who is currently a member of a BMA church and has been for at least one year. The prospective student’s pastor will sign a simple statement, sent to him by the college, to confirm that the student has been a member for the required time. Students currently enrolled that meet the criteria will be eligible to apply for the BMA Promise.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees Jim Fink confirmed the action by the 20-member board. “We (the Board of Trustees) feel this will help reestablish the strong connection our churches have historically had with the mission and ministry of the college,” said Fink. “This is something all of our churches can get behind and promote.”

The BMA Promise will make up the gap between federal and state grants as well as scholarships and billed tuition. (The scholarship does not cover fees or room and board.) “To my knowledge, no other church-related college in Arkansas offers anything even close to this,” said Kimbrow.

“The mindset of some students and parents is that they cannot afford CBC,” noted Director of Financial Aid Tonya Hammontree. “As a result, they don’t give us the chance to package their financial aid.” The new scholarship will initially be limited to the first 50 students to complete the admissions process. The goal is to progressively grow the scholarship program, and to make it open to an unlimited number of BMA students. The BMA Promise applies only to students in the traditional program that have been a current member of the BMA church for at least one year.

To be eligible, students must complete the entire admissions process online (or contact the Department of Admissions at (501) 329-6873 or email admissions@cbc.edu), submit the 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and register for classes.

Learn more by visiting cbc.edu/BMAPromise. For additional questions, you can reach the admissions team at (501) 329-6873.

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worked. They were blessed in so many ways by this church family and this community! They even had a church neighbor bring over a bag of delicious fresh boiled crawfish to share one evening! Thank you to all the ladies who worked hard cooking to supply the great food for the group each evening. The builders were certainly spoiled! Thank you to Brother Ed’s brother John who



was faithful to be there each day to help in any way needed. Please join The Master’s Builders in praying for Brother Ed, wife Patricia,

and this church family. The church motto is “Running the race set before us” and they certainly are committed to do just that!

The Master’s Builders will be working next at Jacksonville College in Jacksonville, Texas, beginning the 5th of June. Please come out to visit us or to help if you are in the area. Remember, if you have questions about The Master’s Builders ministry or if your church has building needs, contact: Mike Green at 972-935-3877, David Axe at 903-918-0720, or Eddie Sikes at 479-462-1675.

“Like” us on Facebook at The Master’s Builders (arbor logo) to follow us and pray for us!

Rose Bittner, Reporter

Ministers & Ministry Opportunities

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John Beardsley, of Kewanee (Kewanee) is available for pulpit supply. Contact him at 573-703-3860. (0423)

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Deaths

Wanda Parmer, 79, of Tupelo, Mississippi, was welcomed into the presence of her Lord on May 31, 2023. She was the widow of Bro. Wexford Parmer, former MO pastor, and was a member of South Green Baptist Church in Tupelo.

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Here are scripture references to help with the names in the word search puzzle on page 7.

Gen 4:1	1 Sam 1:19
Gen 17:5	2 Sam 12:24
Gen 29:16	2 Chron 33:20
Gen 47:7	Mark 2:14
Ex 6:20	Mark 5:22
Judges 13:8	Luke 1:13

*As a father has
compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion
on those who fear him.*