

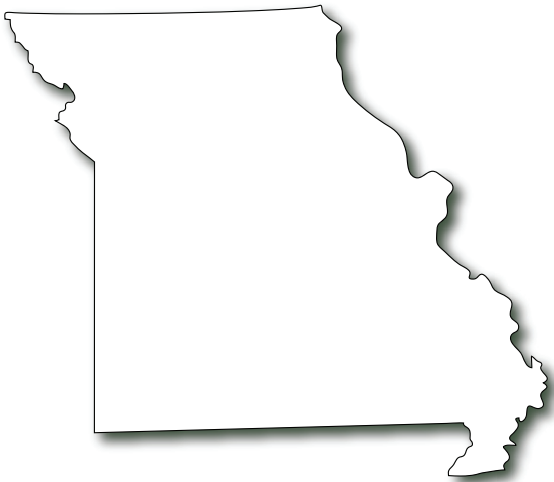
**2022**  
**Minutes**  
**and Related Information**

of the

Ninety-Fifth Annual Meeting

of the

**Baptist Missionary Association**  
**of Missouri**



Held with the

**Ozark Heights Baptist Church**  
Potosi, Missouri

October 8, 2022

# **2022 Minutes and Related Information**

of the

## **Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri**

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### **Officers and Meetings for 2023**

President . . . . . Brad Banderman  
Vice-President . . . . . Brian Meade  
Recording Clerk . . . . . Don Burke  
Assistant Recording Clerk . . . . . Matt Bolen

### **2023 Missions Symposium Semi-Annual Meeting**

**Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church**  
New Madrid, Missouri

**May 19 @ 7:00 pm — May 20 @ 9:00 am**

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### **2023 Annual Meeting**

**Bethel Baptist Church**  
Sikeston, Missouri

**October 14 @ 9:00 am**

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Year	Church	President	Secretary	Sermon
1928	Potosi	M.M. Hamlin	A.H. Dorman	Ben M. Bogard
1929	Sullivan	W.A. Gilbert	A.H. Dorman	W.E. Counts
1930	Antioch	C.D. Crites	A.H. Dorman	C.D. Crites
1931	White Oak Grove	C.D. Crites	A.H. Dorman	A. Studyvin
1932	Mt. Enon	C.D. Crites	A.H. Dorman	Ben F. Nall
1933	Oak Grove	C.D. Crites	E.S. Ray	C.W. Penrod
1934	Potosi	M.B. Hubbard	E.S. Ray	M.L. Winters
1935	Sullivan	M.B. Hubbard	E.S. Ray	M.B. Hubbard
1936	Mt. Pleasant	M.B. Hubbard	C.A. Darst	A.D. Bennett
1937	Mt. Arrat	L.H. Owens	C.A. Darst	L.H. Owens
1938	Independence	L.H. Owens	W.S. Gordon	C.A. Darst
1939	White Oak Grove	L.H. Owens	W.S. Gordon	H.F. Gunn
1940	Bethel	L.H. Owens	W.S. Gordon	Sol Gibson
1941	Mt. Pleasant	H.F. Gunn	W.S. Gordon	G.E. Jones
1942	Independence	C.D. Barton	W.S. Gordon	W.S. Gordon
1943	Potosi	C.D. Barton	W.S. Gordon	G.W.Hawthorne
1944	Mt. Zion	L.H. Owens	W.S. Gordon	H.W. Darst
1945	Independence	C.A. Darst	W.S. Gordon	E.C. Endicott
1946	Galena, Kansas	C.A. Darst	W.S. Gordon	F.E. Gimlin
1947	Kewanee	C.A. Darst	W.S. Gordon	J.F. McClain
1948	Independence	C.A. Darst	W.S. Gordon	G.W. Fox
1949	Galena, Kansas	C.A. Darst	W.S. Gordon	R.A. Brand
1950	Bethel	C.A. Darst	W.S. Gordon	C. McClain
1951	Potosi	C.A. Darst	G.W. Fox	E.C. Endicott
1952	Ellington	C.A. Darst	G.W. Fox	J.F. McClain
1953	Chambers Park	C.A. Darst	W.R. Speer	W.R. Speer
1954	Bethel	C.A. Darst	W.R. Speer	E.V. Davis
1955	Neelyville	C.A. Darst	W.R. Speer	H.C. Pape
1956	Potosi	W.R. Speer	Elmer Shults	R.E. Jordan
1957	Cave Springs	O.A. Robinson	Elmer Shults	H.M. Dry
1958	West Plains	O.A. Robinson	Cecil Burgess	Cecil Burgess
1959	Chambers Park	R.P. Mitchell	Elmer Shults	Jurl Mitchell
1960	Immanuel	R.P. Mitchell	Elmer Shults	C.A. Darst
1961	Ellington	G.W. Fox	N.J. Gibson	G.W. Fox
1962	Van Buren	G.W. Fox	G.W. Hawthorne	Noel Meade
1963	West Plains	E.F. Gibson	G.W. Hawthorne	G.W. Fox
1964	Bethel, Potosi	E.F. Gibson	Elmer Shults	R.P. Mitchell
1965	Mt. Zion	C.A. Darst	Elmer Shults	Harold Condray
1966	Independence	C.A. Darst	Charles Ray	C.A. Darst
1967	Northside	G.W. Fox	Charles Ray	Elmer Shults
1968	Friendship, IL	G.W. Fox	J.R. Courtney	J.R. Courtney
1969	Palmer Heights	R.P. Mitchell	J.R. Courtney	Ronald Fields
1970	Chambers Park	O.A. Robinson	N.J. Gibson	Thomas Foster
1971	Emmanuel	O.A. Robinson	Richard Britt	W.H. Newman
1972	Bethany	C.A. Darst	D.G. Fish	J.A. Brandon
1973	Friendship, IL	O.A. Robinson	D.G. Fish	J.A. Brandon
1974	Trinity, Florissant	O.A. Robinson	Richard Britt	W.H. Newman
1975	Bethany, St. Louis	G.W. Fox	Richard Britt	H.W. Darst
1976	Lighthouse, Malden	G.W. Fox	Dale G. Fish	J.E. Mason
1977	Bethel, Potosi	C.R. Curtman	Dale G. Fish	Richard Britt

<b>Year</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Sermon</b>
1978	Independence	W.H. Newman	Richard Britt	O.A. Robinson
1979	Bethany, St. Louis	W.H. Newman	Richard Britt	B.M. Ridlen
1980	Bethel, Sikeston	Jack Courtney	Dale G. Fish	Jack Courtney
1981	Zion, St. Louis	Jack Courtney	Dale G. Fish	Jerome Cooper
1982	Chambers Pk., St. Louis	E.F. Gibson	Dale G. Fish	Kenneth Gibson
1983	Bethel, Sikeston	E.F. Gibson	Dale G. Fish	Jack Courtney
1984	Bethany, St. Louis	Ron Fields	Dale G. Fish	Don Hoffmann
1985	Zion, St. Louis	Jerome Cooper	Dale G. Fish	Wayne Gibson
1986	Independence, Neelyville	Jerome Cooper	Dale G. Fish	Gene Gambill
1987	First, Hannibal	Gene Gambill	Dale G. Fish	Tom Foster
1988	Trinity, Florissant	Jim Lea	Dale G. Fish	Ron Fields
1989	Faith, St. Charles	Jim Lea	Dale G. Fish	Gary Lambright
1990	First, Hannibal	Tim Boatright	Dale G. Fish	Jim Kerr
1991	Bethel, Sikeston	Tim Boatright	Dale G. Fish	E.F. Gibson
1992	Zion, St. Louis	Gary Lambright	Dale G. Fish	Wexford Farmer
1993	Independence, Neelyville	Gary Lambright	Dale G. Fish	Glen W. Fox
1994	Faith, St. Charles	James Hoffmann	Dale G. Fish	Richard Britt
1995	Bethel, Sikeston	James Hoffmann	Dale G. Fish	S.P. Chitwood
1996	Zion, St. Louis	James Gosnell	F. A. Norris	J. Haguewood
1997	Lindsay Lane, Florissant	James Gosnell	F.A. Norris	John Beardsley
1998	Amity, Doniphan	Wayne Gibson	F.A. Norris	Tom McCanless
1999	Bethany, St. Louis	Wayne Gibson	D.R. Kirk	Kenneth Melton
2000	Emmanuel, Sikeston	Wayne Gibson	D.R. Kirk	Dr. Holmes
2001	Lindsay Lane, Florissant	Wayne Gibson	Mark Silvey	Jerry Adams
2002	Kewanee, Kewanee	Dale Fish	Mark Silvey	Tom McCanless
2003	First, Matthews	Dale Fish	Mark Silvey	Grady Higgs
2004	Lindsey Lane, Florissant	Dale Fish	Don Seat	Danny Kirk
2005	Kewanee, Kewanee	Dale Fish	Don Seat	E. Bowermann
2006	Landmark, DeSoto	Jerry Adams	Don Seat	Ted Hurley
2007	Zion, St. Louis	Jerry Adams	Don Seat	Lester Forman
2008	Bethel, Sikeston	Jerry Adams	Don Burke	Jerry Adams
2009	First, Potosi	Ray Thurman	Don Burke	J. Haguewood
2010	Bethel, Sikeston	Ray Thurman	Don Burke	Ben Kingston
2011	Bethany, St. Louis	Jamie Haguewood	Don Burke	Dan Wisely
2012	Kewanee, Kewanee	Jamie Haguewood	Don Burke	Ted Hurley
2013	Bethany, St. Louis	Claude Evans	Don Burke	Russell Chitwood
2014	Landmark, Desoto	Claude Evans	Don Burke	David Erickson
2015	Charity, Bismarck	Brian Meade	Don Burke	David Griggs
2016	Bethel, Sikeston	Brian Meade	Don Burke	Wayne Gibson
2017	Camp Garwood	Dale Fish	Don Burke	Ben Kingston
2018	Bethel, Lonedale	Dale Fish	Don Burke	Gene Hankins
2019	Bethel, Sikeston	Ben Kingston	Don Burke	Tom McCanless
2020	Zion, St. Louis	Ben Kingston	Don Burke	Bryan Buckley
2021	Faith, St. Charles	Jerry Adams	Don Burke	Justin Arender
2022	Ozark Heights, Potosi	Jerry Adams	Don Burke	Ben Kingston

## **Order of Business \***

Welcome and Devotional  
Call Meeting to Order & Messengers Seated  
Preliminary Enrollment Report, including Petitionary Letters  
Committee Reports  
Reports from Guests (Departments and Individuals)  
Dismiss for Missionary Committee Meeting  
Reconvene for Missions and Remaining Committee Reports  
Annual Message  
Lunch (if provided)  
Miscellaneous Business  
Resolutions Committee Report  
Final Enrollment Report  
Committee Assignments by Moderator  
Adjourn

\* This listing is provided as a suggested guideline only. The Moderator and Messenger Body are free to reorder agenda items as deemed best to fit time availabilities and other factors.

### **Missionary Committee**

Brian Kingston . . . . . Chairman      Michael Kelly . . . Assistant Chairman  
Brian Meade . . . . . Clerk      Jeff Moorman . . . . . Assistant Clerk

### **Special Missions Committee**

#### **A Sub-Committee of Missionary Committee**

Bryan Buckley (2023)      Russell Chitwood (2024)      Brian Meade (2025)  
Mike Hurst (2026)      Don Burke (2027)      Dan Wisely (2028)  
Claude Evans (2029)

### **Publications Committee**

Don Burke (2023)      Bryan Buckley (2024)      Jim Ainley (2025)

### **Encampment Committee**

Dan Wisely (2023)      Joe McElroy (2024)      Jason Taylor (2025)  
Matt Baker (2026)      Claude Evans (2027)

### **Missouri Missionary Baptist Loan Association, Inc.**

Dennis Baker      James Hoffmann      Don Adams  
Brian Whitlock      Matt Bolen

### **ALIVE Ministries Committee**

Bryan Buckley (2023)      Kevin Smith (2024)  
Brian Kingston (2025)      Caleb Houston (2026)

### **Resolutions Committee**

Brian Kingston      Terry Sharpe      Michael Kelly

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Lee Miller

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## **Doctrinal Statement of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri**

### **I. GOD**

There is one living and true God, the Creator of the universe (Ex. 15, Is. 45:11, Jer. 27:5). He is revealed in the unity of the Godhead as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, who are equal in every divine perfection (Ex. 15:11, Matt. 28:19, II Cor. 13:14).

A. God the Father is the supreme ruler of the universe. He providentially directs the affairs of history according to the purposes of His grace (Gen. 1, Ps. 19:1, Ps. 104, Heb. 1:1-3).

B. God the Son is the Savior of the world. Born of the virgin Mary (Matt. 1:18, Luke 1:26-35). He declared His deity among men (John 1:14, 18, Matt. 9:6), died on the cross as the only sacrifice for sin (Phil. 2:6-11), arose bodily from the grave (Luke 24:6, 7, 24-26, I Cor. 15:3-6), and ascended back to the Father (Acts 1:9-11, Mark 16:19). He is at the right hand of the Father, interceding for believers (Rom. 8:34, Heb. 7:25) until He returns to rapture them from the world (Acts 1:11, I Thess. 4:16-18).

C. God the Holy Spirit is the manifest presence of deity. He convicts of sin (John 16:8-11), teaches spiritual truths according to the written Word (John 16:12-15), permanently indwells believers (Acts 5:32, John 14:16, 17, 20, 23), and confers

on every believer at conversion the ability to render effective spiritual service (I Peter 4:10,11).

## **II. THE SCRIPTURES**

A. The Scriptures are God's inerrant revelation, complete in the Old and New Testaments, written by divinely inspired men as they were moved by the Holy Spirit (II Tim. 3:16, II Peter 1:21). Those men wrote not in words of human wisdom but in words taught by the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 2:13).

B. The Scriptures provide the standard for the believer's faith and practice (II Tim. 3:16,17), reveal the principles by which God will judge all (Heb. 4:12, John 12:48), and express the truth basis of Christian fellowship (Gal. 1:8,9, II John 9-11).

## **III. CREATION**

A. The World — God created all things for His own pleasure and glory, as revealed in the biblical account of creation (Gen. 1, Rev. 4:11, John 1:2,3, Col. 1:16).

B. The Angels — God created an innumerable host of spirit beings called angels. Holy angels worship God and execute His will; while fallen angels serve Satan, seeing to hinder God's purposes (Col. 1:16, Luke 20:35, 36, Matt. 22:29,30, Ps. 103:20, Jude 6).

C. Man — As the crowning work of His creation, God created humankind (male and female) in His own image (Ps. 8; Gen. 1:27; 2:7). Consequently, every person from conception is of inherent dignity and worth and merits the respect of all other persons (Ps. 51:5; 139:13-16; Gen. 9:6; Matt. 10:28-31; James 3:9).

D. Marriage — God created marriage, and intends it as an inseparable union to be held in high esteem (Gen. 1:27-28; 2:23-24; Matt. 19:4-6; Heb. 13:4). Marriage is exclusively between a male and a female (i.e. a natural man and a natural woman), with each having unique roles and responsibilities (Rom. 1:25-27; I Cor. 6:9; Eph. 5:22-33; I Tim. 1:10; Heb. 13:4). Marriage testifies of the union between Christ and the church (Eph. 5:31-32).

## **IV. SATAN**

Satan is a person rather than a personification of evil (John 8:44), and he with his demons opposes all that is true and godly by blinding the world to the gospel (II Cor. 4:3,4), tempting saints to do evil (Eph. 6:11, I Peter 5:8), and warring against the Son of God (Gen. 3:15, Rev. 20:1-10).

## **V. DEPRAVITY**

Although man was created in the image of God (Gen. 1:26, 2:17), he fell through sin and that image was marred (Rom. 5:12, James 3:9). In his unregenerate state, he is void of spiritual life, is under the influence of the devil, and lacks any power to save himself (Eph. 2:1-3, John 1:13). The sin nature has been transmitted to every member of the human race, the man Jesus Christ alone being excepted (Rom. 3:23, I Peter 2:22). Because of the sin nature, man possesses no divine life and is essentially and unchangeably depraved apart from divine grace (Rom. 3:10-19, Jer. 17:9).

## **VI. SALVATION**

A. The Meaning of Salvation — Salvation is the gracious work of God whereby He delivers undeserving sinners from sin and its results (Matt. 1:21, Eph. 2:8,9). In



justification He declares righteous all who put faith in Christ as Savior (Rom. 3:20-22), giving them freedom from condemnation, peace with God, and full assurance of future glorification (Rom. 3:24-26).

B. The Way of Salvation — Salvation is based wholly on the grace of God apart from works (Titus 3:5, Eph. 2:9). Anyone who will exercise repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ will be saved (Acts 16:30-32, Luke 24:47, Rom. 10:17).

C. The Provision of Salvation — Christ died for the sins of the whole world (John 1:29, 3:16, I John 2:1,2). Through his blood, atonement is made without respect of persons (I Tim. 2:4-6). All sinners can be saved by this gracious provision (Heb. 2:9, John 3:18).

## VII. SECURITY

All believers are eternally secure in Jesus Christ (John 10:24-30), Rom. 8:35-39). They are born again (John 3:3-5, I John 5:1, I Peter 1:23), made new creatures in Christ (II Cor. 5:17, II Peter 1:4), and indwelt by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:9, I John 4:4), enabling their perseverance in good works (Eph. 2:10). A special providence watches over them (Rom. 8:28, I Cor. 10:13), and they are kept by the power of God (Phil. 1:6, 2:12,13, I Peter 1:3-5, Heb. 13:5).

## VIII. CHURCH

A. The Nature of the Church — A New Testament Church is a local congregation (Acts 16:5, I Cor. 4:17) of baptized believers in Jesus Christ (Acts 2:41) who are united by covenant in belief of what God has revealed and in obedience to what He has commanded (Acts 2:41, 42).

B. The Autonomy of the Church — She acknowledges Jesus as her only Head (Eph. 5:23, Col. 1:18) and the Holy Bible as her only rule of faith and practice (Is. 8:20, II Tim. 3:16, 17), governing herself by democratic principles (Acts 6:1-6, I Cor. 5:1-5) under the oversight of her pastors (Acts 20:28, Heb. 13:7, 17, 24).

C. The Perpetuity of the Church — Instituted by Jesus during His personal ministry on earth (Matt. 16:18, Mark 3:13-19, John 1:35-51), true churches have continued to the present and will continue until Jesus returns (Matt. 16:18, 28:20).

D. The Ordinances of the Church — Her two ordinances are baptism and the Lord's Supper. Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer as a confession of his faith in Jesus Christ (Matt. 28:19, Rom. 6:4), and is prerequisite to church membership and participation in the Lord's Supper (Acts 2:41, 42). The Lord's Supper is the sacred sharing of the bread of communion and the cup of blessing by the assembled church (Acts 20:7) as a memorial to the crucified body and shed blood of Jesus Christ (Luke 22:19, 20, I Cor. 11:23-26). Both ordinances must be administered by the authority of a New Testament church (Matt. 28:18-20, I Cor. 11:23-26).

E. The Officers of the Church — Pastors and deacons are the permanent officers divinely ordained in a New Testament church (Phil. 1:1). Each church may select men of her choice to fill those offices under the leading of the Holy Spirit (Acts 6:1-6, 20:17,18) according to the divinely given qualifications (I Tim. 3:1-13).

Pastors (elders, bishops) are authorized to oversee and teach the churches under the Lordship of Jesus Christ (Acts 20:28, Heb. 13:7,17:24, I Peter 5:1-4). Each church is responsible to follow them as they follow Christ (I Cor. 11:1, I Thess.

1:6, Heb. 13:17) and to provide a livelihood for them that they might fulfill their ministries (I Tim 5:17,18, Phil. 4:15-18). Pastors are equal in the service of God (Matt. 23:8-12).

Deacons (ministers, servants) are servants of the churches and assistants to the pastors, particularly in benevolent ministries. Each church may select her own deacons according to her needs, and no church is bound by the act of another church in that selection (Acts 6:1-6).

F. The Ministry of the Church — Her mission is evangelizing sinners by preaching the gospel (Matt. 28:19, Luke 24:45-47), baptizing those who believe (Acts 2:41, 8:12, 35-38), and maturing them by instruction (Matt. 28:20, Acts 2:42) and discipline (Matt. 18:17, 18, I Cor. 5:1-5).

G. The Fellowship of the Church — She is free to associate with true churches in furthering the faith (II Cor. 11:8, Phil. 4:10, 15, 16), but is responsible to keep herself from those who hold doctrines or practices contrary to Holy Scripture (Gal. 1:8,9, I John 2:19). In association with other churches, each church is equal and is the sole judge of the measure and method of her cooperation (Matt. 20:25-28). In all matters of polity and practice, the will of each church is final (Matt. 18:18).

## **IX. CIVIL AUTHORITY**

Human government was instituted by God to protect the innocent and punish the guilty. It is separate from the church, though both church and state exercise complementary ministries for the benefit of society (Matt. 22:21).

Christians should submit to the authority of the government under which they live, obeying all laws which do not contradict the laws of God, respecting officers of government, paying taxes, rendering military service, and praying for the welfare of the nation and its leaders (Rom. 13:1-7, I Peter 2:13, 17, I Tim. 2:1,2). They should vote, hold office, and exercise influence to direct the nation after the principles of Holy Scripture.

Civil authority is not to interfere in matters of conscience or disturb the institutions of religion (Acts 4:18-20), but it should preserve for every citizen the free exercise of his religious convictions.

Churches should receive no subsidy from the government, but they should be exempt from taxation on property and money used for the common good through worship, education or benevolence.

## **X. LAST THINGS**

A. Return — Our risen Lord will return personally in bodily form to receive His redeemed unto Himself. His return is imminent (I Thess. 4:13-17, Rev. 22:20).

B. Resurrections — After Jesus returns, all of the dead will be raised bodily, each in his own order: The righteous dead in “the resurrection of life” and the wicked dead in “the resurrection of damnation” (John 5:24-29, I Cor. 15:20-28).

C. Judgments — Prior to the eternal state, God will judge everyone to confer rewards or to consign to punishment (Matt. 25:31-46, II Cor. 5:10, Rev. 20:11-15).

D. Eternal States — Heaven is the eternal home of the redeemed (John 14:1-3) who, in their glorified bodies (I Cor. 15:51-58), will live in the presence of God forever (I Thess. 4:17) in ultimate blessings (Rev. 21, 22).

Hell is the place of eternal punishment and suffering (Luke 16:19-31) for the devil, his angels (Matt. 25:41), and the unredeemed (Rev. 20:10-15).

## **ADDENDUM**

NOTE: The following statements are not to be binding upon churches already affiliated with this association, or to require adoption by churches petitioning this body for privilege of cooperation, or to be a test of fellowship between brethren or churches. However, they do express the preponderance of opinion among the churches of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri.

1. We believe in the pre-millennial return of Christ to the earth, after which He shall reign in peace upon the earth for a thousand years (Rev. 20:4-6).

2. We believe the Scriptures to teach two resurrections: the first of the righteous at Christ's coming; the second of the wicked at the close of the thousand-year reign (I Thess. 4:13-17, Rev. 20:6, 12-15).

We endorse the New Hampshire Confession of Faith as a representative compendium of what Baptists have historically believed through the centuries. This confession was consulted and provided a pattern and guide for the formulation of these doctrinal statements. As there are several versions and editions, we refer particularly to the edition in J.E. Cobb's Church Manual third-edition, published by the Baptist Publications Committee of Texarkana, Texas.

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# **By-Laws of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri**

## **Article I — Name**

The name of this corporation shall be the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri and shall be referred to herein as the Association.

## **Article II — Purpose**

The purpose of this Association is to encourage and provide a medium for cooperative Christian activity among the churches, to promote missions on the New Testament basis, to stimulate interest in Christian education and Christian literature, and to initiate other work in harmony with the Master's will for His churches.

## **Article III — Membership**

1. This Association is composed of Missionary Baptist Churches which are in sympathy with its doctrines, purpose and work, and which are Scriptural in origin, doctrine, and practice as defined in our Doctrinal Statement.
2. Any church desiring to cooperate in this Association shall send a petitionary letter, accompanied with satisfactory testimony of her regularity, order, orthodoxy, and willingness to work in harmony with the principles of this Association. All churches shall be received by a majority vote at any meeting of the Association. This Association reserves the right to withdraw fellowship from any church she may deem heterodox or disorderly.

## **Article IV — Meetings**

1. Messengers of the churches in this Association shall hold annual and semi-annual sessions.
  - A. The annual session shall convene on the second Saturday of October at 9:00

- a.m. The host pastor shall be in charge of planning the worship service. If needed, the meeting will continue after the noon break until all business is completed.
- B. The semi-annual session shall convene on the third Saturday in May at 9:00 a.m.
- C. The program for the semi-annual session, except for business, shall be prepared by the moderator of the Association, the Director of Missions, and the pastor of the host church.
- D. An Annual Mission Symposium shall be held on Friday before the semi-annual meeting in May. The Director of Missions shall prepare the program in consultation with the host pastor.
2. Each church in this Association is entitled to three messengers chosen from her membership, whose qualifications shall be determined by the churches electing them.
3. Unless otherwise provided for all questions shall be decided by a majority vote.
4. The presiding officer shall decide all points of order and shall maintain order. Any messenger may appeal the chair's decision to the messenger body.
5. Each messenger desiring to speak, shall rise, address the chair, and after recognition speak respectfully.
6. A special meeting of the Association may be called by the Moderator of the Association. (In the absence of the Moderator a meeting may be called by the next available ranking Operational Officer.) An attempt must be made to notify all churches at least two weeks prior to the meeting, and that notification should include the main agenda item(s). All business conducted at that meeting must be limited to the specified purpose(s).

#### **Article V — Administration**

1. All officers and all committee members shall be members of churches of this Association.
2. Departmental officers and committee members shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in performance of their duties. The mileage rate shall be the current IRS allowable per mile. Reimbursement shall come from their respective department funds.
3. All treasurers of this association shall make quarterly reports through the Missouri Missionary Baptist, a brief report at the semi-annual meeting and a full total itemized report of all receipts and disbursements at the annual meeting, and to be made available at the enrollment table at the time the messengers enroll.
4. The chairman of each committee that has a financial account will verify the funds in that account before the annual association meeting.

#### **Article VI — Officers**

1. This Association shall have two types of officers: Operational Officers and Corporation Officers.
2. Operational Officers are the primary officers of the Association and shall function as the default for normal operations and points of contact for this Association. Their duties shall be such as usually devolve on such officers of a deliberative body.
3. Operational Officers shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Recording Clerk,

and Assistant Recording Clerk. The Moderator and Assistant Moderator shall be elected at each annual session by nomination and acclamation, to assume office at the close of the current annual meeting. These shall not hold the same office more than two consecutive years.

4. The Clerk and the Assistant Clerk shall be elected at the annual session by nomination and acclamation, to assume office at the beginning of the semi-annual session. The Clerk shall hold all money which is designated for minute fund and clerk hire and shall disburse it as the Association directs.
5. Corporation Officers shall serve only to facilitate situations requiring the involvement of the Association in its corporation capacity, including but not limited to financial, real estate, and contractual matters.
6. Corporation Officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. These offices shall be filled by those holding the following positions within the Association:
  - President – Director of Missions
  - Vice-President – Director of Encampment
  - Secretary – Association Recording Clerk
  - Treasurer – President of Loan Association
7. All officers shall be authorized, within their area of responsibility, to sign contracts and other documents, and handle other matters in the normal course of Association-approved endeavors. However, no officer is authorized at any time to speak or act as an authority on behalf of the Association for any matter to which the Association has not directly spoken.

## **Article VII — Committees**

### *I. Missionary Committee*

- A. There shall be a Missionary Committee composed of one committeeman from each church, duly elected by the church in which he holds membership; such committee shall annually elect a chairman, assistant chairman, clerk, and assistant clerk.
  - i. The Missionary Committee shall act as an executive in its field between meetings of the association to: 1) elect new personnel at the direction of the Association; 2) fill vacancies on the missions staff; and 3) resolve problems relating to missions.
  - ii. The Missionary Committee shall meet in conjunction with the annual and the semi-annual meetings of the Association, and meet between meetings of the Association at the call of the chairman, providing a two week notice to the churches. This committee shall report at the annual and semi-annual meetings of the Association.
- B. There shall be a subcommittee known as the Special Missions Committee, composed of seven members who shall be elected on a staggered basis and shall serve seven-year terms. This committee shall serve the Missionary Committee in matters pertinent to the missions program of the Association, and shall serve as the Chaplaincy Committee.
- C. Missionaries, the Director of Missions, and an unsalaried assistant Director of Missions may be nominated and elected at any session of the Association, and shall be reviewed at each annual meeting of the Association.
- D. The missions program shall operate as outlined in the Missions Policy Handbook.

## *2. Publications Committee*

- A. There shall be a Missouri Baptist Publications Committee composed of three members who shall be elected on a staggered basis and shall serve three-year terms. This committee shall be responsible for the publication of The Missouri Missionary Baptist.
- B. An editor and an assistant editor shall be elected annually, the editor's salary being determined by the messengers.
- C. The editor shall also serve as business manager of The Missouri Missionary Baptist and shall annually give a complete financial report.

## *3. ALIVE Ministries Committee*

- A. There shall be an ALIVE Ministries Committee composed of four members who shall be elected on a staggered basis and shall serve four-year terms. This committee shall work with any duly elected committees from other BMA Associations, to plan and coordinate an annual ALIVE Conference. A fund shall be maintained for ALIVE Ministries projects.

## *4. Kenneth E. Gibson Seminary Student Grant Committee*

- A. The Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri shall have a ministry called the Kenneth E. Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund, administered by the Seminary Student Grant (SSG) Committee.
- B. The SSG Committee shall be composed of the chairman of each standing committee, the Editor of the Missouri Missionary Baptist, and the Director of Missions. The expenses of each committeeman shall be paid out of the general fund of the department he represents.
- C. The purpose of this committee is to provide financial aid to men of the BMA of Missouri who have been called to preach and who are attending, or plan to attend, the BMATS in Jacksonville, Texas.
- D. Solicitation of Funds. The Seminary Student Grant Committee shall solicit funds from individuals and churches to be distributed among eligible recipients in a fair and equitable way as described in these bylaws. Expenses for solicitation of funds and for the promotion of this ministry shall not exceed five per cent of funds received.
- E. Eligibility for Grant. To be eligible for a grant the student must (a) be accepted by BMATS (b) hold membership in a church cooperating with the BMA of Missouri at the time of application (c) maintain membership in a church affiliated with the BMA of America (d) receive a letter of recommendation from the church in which he holds membership (e) maintain good moral conduct (f) exhibit doctrinal soundness, signing a statement of belief of the doctrinal statement of the BMA of Missouri.
- F. Maintaining Eligibility. A student does not need to reapply each year to be eligible for continued support; however, the committee shall make an evaluation at the end of each school year to determine that all conditions of the grant have been met. The student must (a) maintain a 2.5 GPA (b) complete at least nine hours of credit each semester (not applicable to those in the "Masters in Motion" program) (c) continue in good moral conduct (d) continue in doctrinal soundness. If a student fails to meet these eligibility standards he may be requested to pay back any or all funds received through the grant program, as determined by the committee.

- G. Grant amount. As funds are available grants will be given to qualified applicants in the following areas, within the stated limits:
  - i. Traditional On-Campus Grant: (a) up to \$1,000.00 of actual moving expenses for the initial move to Jacksonville, TX (b) the student's tuition each semester (c) up to \$300.00 per semester for books.
  - ii. Masters in Motion Grant: (a) the student's tuition each semester (b) up to \$300.00 per semester for books (c) Up to \$500 per school year for travel and lodging expenses for the times on-campus attendance is required (either at Jacksonville or another location set by the Seminary).
  - iii. Student in Need Grant: \$1,000 per school year may be granted to any student chosen by the Seminary President.
- H. Multiple applicants. (a) When more than one student has applied and there are insufficient funds to meet all requests, priority shall be given to student(s) already enrolled in the program. (b) When more than one new student has applied and there are insufficient funds for all students, the SSG Committee shall determine who shall receive a grant and the exact amount of the grant(s).
- I. Designated Money. Money given to this committee from individuals or churches may be designated for a particular student(s). If that student(s) fails to meet the eligibility requirements, the designated money shall be returned to the donor, or dispersed as directed by the donor upon written instruction.

#### 5. *Miscellaneous*

- A. No one who is an employee of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri may serve on a committee under whose supervision he may come.
- B. Each committee shall organize annually with such officers as it deems necessary.
- C. Any committeeman who is inactive for (1) one year shall be replaced the following year.
- D. The Moderator shall name the committee on finance and enrollment and the committee on resolutions to serve at the annual meeting.

### **Article VIII — Programs**

#### *1. Encampment and Youth Work*

- A. There shall be an Encampment Committee composed of five members who shall be elected on a staggered basis and shall serve five-year terms.
- B. The Encampment Committee shall maintain all property related to this department's functions and shall supervise all this department's activities and personnel.
- C. The Association shall annually elect a Camp Superintendent, Assistant Camp Superintendent, Camp Treasurer, and Assistant Camp Treasurer.
- D. The Encampment Committee, camp superintendent and assistant camp superintendent shall make plans for the annual encampment which shall begin at 5:00 p.m. on the last Monday in July, and end after breakfast on the following Friday.
- E. The camp superintendent shall supervise the overall activities of the encampment as directed by the Encampment Committee.
- F. The Encampment Committee shall approve all use of the camp grounds.
- G. The Encampment Treasurer shall maintain all funds to be used as needed to provide money for all BMA of Missouri Camps. These funds may also be used for State Youth Meetings as approved by the Encampment Committee.

## 2. *Loan Program*

### ***Bylaws of the Missouri Missionary Baptist Loan Association, Inc.***

#### **Section I — Purpose**

The purpose of the Loan Program of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri is to provide financial services to Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri churches. Financial services provided by the loan program include:

1. Financing for approved Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri mission projects.
2. Loans to established Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri churches for maintenance, remodeling, repairs, and new construction of buildings used for worship and education. Loans are subject to a negotiated interest rate with a loan limitation \$50,000 and payment terms no greater than ten (10) years. Loans must be secured with a Quick-Claim Deed of Trust that states, “If the church defaults on the loan, the church ceases to exist, or the church ceases to be a member in good standing with the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri or its successors, the ownership of the property and buildings described on the Deed of Trust will be transferred to the ownership of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri. It shall be the responsibility of the borrower to maintain the property and buildings and to provide liability and property insurance that includes the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri as lender.
3. Grants to established Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri churches for maintenance, remodeling and repairs of worship buildings.
4. Loans to local associations affiliated with Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri for local mission building projects.
5. Receiving and transferring of property and buildings owned by established Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri churches.
6. Buying and selling property and buildings owned by the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri, established churches, and mission projects of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri.
7. Short term loans to departments of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri or local associations affiliated with the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri.
8. Financial counseling.

#### **Section II — Ownership**

1. The Loan Program of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri (The “Loan Program”) is the cooperative work of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri and shall be presided over by the Loan Committee.
2. The Loan Program is a continuation of the Missouri Missionary Baptist Loan Association as a separate not for profit corporation of the State of Missouri and all books, records, loans, and related documents previously held by the Missouri Missionary Loan Association shall be retained by the Loan Committee.

#### **Section III — Officers**

1. The officers of the Loan Committee shall be elected from the messenger body of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri during semi or annual session.



2. The officers of the corporation shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, and assistant treasurer, who shall be elected for a term of five years and shall hold office until their successors are duly elected and qualified.
3. The president shall preside at all meetings and have general supervision of the affairs of the Loan Program; shall sign all contracts, and other instruments of the corporation as authorized by the messengers of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri; shall make reports to the messengers of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri; and shall perform all such duties as are incident to his or her office. In the absence or disability of the president, the vice president shall exercise all his or her functions.
4. The secretary shall issue notices of all meetings; shall keep minutes of such meetings; shall have charge of the Loan Program records; shall sign such instruments as require his or her signature; and shall make such reports and perform such other duties as are incident to his or her office. In the absence or disability of the secretary, the assistant secretary shall exercise all his or her functions.
5. The treasurer shall have the custody of all moneys and securities of the Loan Program, and shall keep regular books of account. He or she shall sign such instruments as require his or her signature, and shall make such reports and perform such other duties as are incident to his or her office. In the absence or disability of the treasurer the assistant treasurer shall exercise all his or her functions.

#### **Section IV — Correspondence**

Corporate correspondence should be sent to the then current address of the duly elected president of the Loan Program as given to the Baptist Missionary Association at the time of his or her election.

#### **Section V — Operational Bylaws**

1. The duly elected officers of the Loan Committee may, at the direction of the messenger body or Missionary Committee, buy and sell property and title shall be held and retained in the name of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri.
2. The duly elected officers of the Loan Committee shall work with the Special Missions Committee, the Director of Missions, and the missionary in locating and purchasing property, financing and erecting a first-unit type of building.  
The following points should be carefully considered in the planning, financing, and erecting of a first-unit building:
  - A. It should be of sufficient size to allow the mission to begin and grow toward self-sufficiency.
  - B. It should add value to surrounding properties, without binding the mission under a crippling long-term debt, and it should encourage the mission to become self-supporting.
  - C. It should be situated on the property and constructed in a manner that would not hinder any future permanent construction.
3. When sufficient funds are available, the Loan Program will provide financing for approved mission projects when the following requirements have been agreed to and a binding contract between the Loan Program and the applicant, known as

the sponsoring church and mission, has been drawn up. The sponsoring church and mission will furnish the Loan Committee a letter stating that in regular business meeting at least two-thirds of the church members who were present voted for the approval of the binding contract. An officer of Loan Committee, the sponsoring church's pastor, clerk, and trustees and the mission's missionary shall sign binding contract.

- A. The Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri shall retain Warranty Deed until total indebtedness has been paid in full. A letter from the church stating that in regular business meeting at least two-thirds of the church members who were present voted that they support the Doctrinal Statement, Statement of Principles of Cooperation, and Bylaws of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri or its successors. Letter must bear the signatures of the church pastor, clerk, and trustees.
  - B. Binding contract shall include an interest-free schedule limited to ten years of repayment based on the financial circumstances of the mission at the time of loan application.
  - C. All loan applicants shall furnish adequate liability and property insurance. The Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri shall be made the joint insured and lien-holder on the policy. The insurance company shall be requested to notify the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri the date the policy coverage begins and ends.
  - D. If applicant becomes financially unable to meet scheduled loan payments or liability or property insurance payments, the applicant will immediately notify the president of the Loan Program. The president shall call a meeting of the duly elected officers to determine if payment schedule can be restructured or if other actions are necessary for the good of the applicant and the protection of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri.
  - E. Upon the tenth anniversary of the loan the applicant shall make application for a commercial loan for the balance of outstanding indebtedness to the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri. If upon the tenth anniversary applicant is unable to secure a commercial loan, applicant may renegotiate an interest-bearing contract with the Loan Committee.
  - F. The applicant shall furnish quarterly financial records for the mission project (subject to audit) for review by the Loan Committee.
  - G. The applicant will meet with the Loan Committee's duly elected officers annually for revaluation of the scheduled payments. Payments with no interest may go down or up depending on financial condition.
  - H. For the purpose of clarification, a mission congregation shall be considered a "state mission project" even after it is organized into a New Testament church, so long as it is indebted to the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri.
- 4. Local associations affiliated with the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri may apply for loans from the Loan Program for local mission projects. Applications are subject to the conditions outlined in these bylaws.
  - 5. The Missouri Missionary Baptist Loan Association is authorized to receive title for property and buildings of established churches cooperating with the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri based on the following requirements.
    - A. A letter of request from the church stating that in regular business meeting at least two-thirds of the church members who were present voted to request

- Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri to hold their church property title. The vote should take place after it has been announced and publicized in writing for at least thirty days prior to the date of voting.
- B. The request must bear the signatures of the church pastor, clerk, and trustees.
  - C. The Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri shall not be responsible for any upkeep on property, buildings, equipment, payment of insurance, or building liability claims that may incur. The Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri and the church shall be joint-insured on liability and property insurance policies.
6. Any such property received by the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri, if still owned by the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri, may be transferred back to the church subject to the following terms and conditions.
- A. A letter from the church stating that in regular business meeting at least two-thirds of the church members who were present voted that they supported the Doctrinal Statement, Statement of Principles of Cooperation, and Bylaws of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri or its successors. Letter must bear the signatures of the church pastor, clerk, and trustees.
  - B. A letter requesting that the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri transfer title to the church property back to the church. The vote should take place after it has been announced and publicized in writing for at least thirty days prior to the date of voting. Request must bear the signatures of the church pastor, clerk, and trustees.
  - C. Request shall be made three months in advance of the requested date of transfer.
  - D. Any such property shall be transferred only after all financial obligations to the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri have been paid in full.
7. Duly elected officers shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in performance of their duties. The mileage rate shall be the current IRS allowable per mile.
8. The officers of the Loan Committee shall be authorized to negotiate contractual conditions, when legal, partnership, or other special circumstances, not included in these guidelines, occur.
9. All fees incurred in the securing and transferring of property shall be collectable by the Loan Program from the loan applicant. Fees are defined as bank, recording, attorney, survey, inspections, architect, and any expense associated with securing, building, and releasing property. The Loan Program can pay such fees but the expense will be added to the applicant's loan balance.
10. The Loan Program shall establish and maintain a Grant Fund for the purpose of helping established Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri churches who are in need of immediate funds for needed maintenance, remodeling, and repairs of their worship buildings or for disaster relief. Such funds shall operate under the following guidelines.
- A. The available funds shall be obtained by offerings from the churches and other entities of the Baptist Missouri Association of Missouri.
    - 1. Any and all support of this fund is voluntary.
    - 2. 90% of undesignated funds received by the Loan Program shall be credited to the Grant Fund with the other 10% credited to the Loan Program loan fund.

3. All designated funds will be deposited as designated.
4. These funds will accumulate until a need arises.
- B. To expedite the request, when a church is in need of a grant:
  1. They need to make their request known to the President of the Loan Program. He will contact the Loan Program Committee Members and they will make the decision on the request and set the amount of the grant.
  2. In the event a need arises the funds are unavailable this Committee will contact and seek funds from the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri churches in order to address the particular need of the church requesting funds.
- C. This grant is not a loan, but a gift to help in time of need.
- D. All transactions of this committee will be reported at the Semi-annual and Annual meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri.
11. Loans to established Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri churches and local associations affiliated with Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri are to be secured with a First Deed of Trust naming the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri as the lien-holder and recorded with the County Recorder where the property is located. All loan applicants shall furnish adequate liability and property insurance. The Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri shall be made the joint insured and lien-holder on the policy. The insurance company shall be requested to notify the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri the date the policy coverage begins and ends. The loan applicant will pay all bank fees, recording fees, title insurance, attorney fees, surveyor fees, building inspections, architectural fees, and any other expense associated with the loan. The loan will be interest-free for a period of five years after which a reasonable interest rate will be applied to any unpaid balance. If applicant incurs financial difficulty, applicant must contact the president of the Loan Program to resolve the issue and work out a payment schedule. Failure to work with the Loan Program could result in legal action necessary to collect the outstanding balance.
12. The Loan Program shall be authorized to make short term unsecured loans to departments of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri. The director or president of the department must submit a written request stating the amount, reason for the loan, and plan for repayment to the president of the Loan Program for consideration of the Loan Committee. Approved loans may be distributed immediately and all transactions will be reported at the semi-annual and annual meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri.

### **Article IX — Departments**

1. *Women's Missionary Auxiliary.*
  - A. There shall be a department called the Women's Missionary Auxiliary of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri.
  - B. The purpose of this department is to encourage and aid in the organization of local and district W.M.A. and Youth Auxiliaries in the churches of this Association and to encourage a spirit of cooperation and helpfulness in all phases of Christian work.
  - C. The General Statement of Principles for State Auxiliaries as outlined in the Manual for the Women's Missionary Auxiliaries of the Baptist Missionary Association of America shall be the guideline for the work of this department.

D. The activities of this department shall be reported at the annual meeting of this association.

2. *Brotherhood.*

A. There shall be a department called the Brotherhood Auxiliary of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri.

B. The activities of this department shall be reported at the annual meeting of the association.

C. The purpose of the department is addressed in the following mission statement, focus statement, and core values.

**Mission Statement**

The Brotherhood Auxiliary of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri shall promote Christian Fellowship, biblical leadership education, and mentoring for the older men and young men of our churches.

**Focus**

A. Provide positive encouragement and support through Christian fellowship.

B. Provide biblical leadership education that will encourage men to be leaders in their home and local church.

C. Provide education and opportunities for the older men to mentor the younger men.

**Core Values**

A. We value the biblical doctrine of the autonomy of the local church.

B. We value biblical instruction concerning Christian fellowship.

C. We value biblical instruction concerning the role of men in the home and local church.

D. We value biblical instruction concerning older men mentoring younger men.  
*II Timothy 2:2 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.*

**Article X — Amendments**

1. The Bylaws of this Association which accompany this statement of Principles may be changed in any session by a majority vote.

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**Camp Guidelines**

We recognize our camp grounds are a place where we are privileged to come and enjoy religious services, Christian fellowship and wholesome recreation. In light of these aims we respectfully ask that those in attendance adhere to the following rules and regulations as adopted by the BMA of Missouri. These rules are established and enforced for the honor of our Lord and safety of our campers.

**Goals and Aims**

To introduce our lost campers to Jesus and lead them to an eternal saving knowledge of his love.

To worship our Lord in a natural and comfortable environment.  
To encourage Spiritual growth among the campers.  
To encourage young people to become active participants in the church and our associated work.  
To have good Christian fun!

### **Camp Rules**

That each church sending campers under the age of 20 provide proper adult supervision for them, at least one male for the boys and at least one lady for the girls.

Conduct on the camp grounds must reflect Christian standards.

The use of tobacco is prohibited anywhere on the camp grounds.

All campers are expected to be under the tabernacle when services are conducted unless special permission has been granted.

All campers are expected to attend class unless special permission has been granted.

When "lights out" has been signaled all campers are thereby confined to their quarters for the night. No one is allowed to wander the campground thereafter.

No camper, or campers, are allowed to leave the mowed areas designated for campers.

The use of tape and CD players is permitted only during the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m., or the time designated by the trustees. All music must be Christian music and be played at a level that only includes those in that immediate area.

The camp trustees are entrusted to enforce these rules and their authority must be respected. Anyone who refuses to adhere to the rules may be dismissed if proper counseling fails.

### **Dress Code**

Shoes must be worn at all times outside the camper's sleeping quarters.

T-shirts and caps worn must not promote alcohol, tobacco or display any undesirable messages. No cap or hats are permitted under the tabernacle at any time.

Knee-length shorts are permitted during day time activities.

Pants or dresses expressing modesty must be worn during evening activities.

Overall neatness of dress must prevail at all times, expressing godliness, being modest in nature.

Sponsors are responsible to enforce the camp dress code upon campers within your own church group, and are accountable to the camp director to enforce said rules.

— *Camp rules and dress code adopted by the BMA of Missouri, May 15, 2001*

# **Proceedings of the Ninety-Fourth Semi-Annual Meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri**

Convened at

**Bethel Baptist Church, Lonedell, Missouri**

**Saturday, May 21, 2022 – 9:00 AM**

Jerry Adams, Moderator • Don Burke, Clerk

## **First Morning Session**

1. Following a welcome by host pastor Ben Kingston, the Association was led in opening prayer and congregational singing.
2. Bro. Brad Banderman offered a morning devotional from Hebrews 13.
3. The Association meeting was called to order by Moderator Jerry Adams, and messengers were seated.
4. Bro. Dennis Baker shared the reports for the Loan Association. M/S/P to approve.
5. Bro. Chris Polk gave camp report. M/S/P to accept report.
6. The Brotherhood report was given by Bro. Bryan Buckley. M/S/P to approve.
7. Bro. Don Burke shared Recording Clerk's report. M/S/P to adopt.
8. Moderator read Bro. Hoffmann's report for the *Missouri Missionary Baptist*. M/S/P to accept.
9. Moderator also read Bro. Hoffmann's report for Kenneth E. Gibson Grant Fund report. M/S/P to accept.
10. M/S/P to adjourn for Missions Committee to meet.

## **Second Morning Session**

11. The State Association reconvened following the Missionary Committee meeting.
12. M/S/P to approve of business done in Missionary Committee meeting.
13. Bro. Ben Kingston gave oral report for Renewal Retreat. M/S/P to adopt.
14. M/S/P to fund Renewal Retreat for 2023.
15. Bro. Dennis Baker gave Seminary update.
16. M/S/P to adjourn, including a rising vote of appreciation for host church and their hospitality.
17. M/S/P to include WMA report in Minutes.
18. Bro. Ben Kingston gave the semi-annual message, taken from 2 Corinthians 4:1-18.

## **BMA of Missouri State Missions Semi-Annual Director's Report**

Another great year for State Missions Department!

The offerings are staying steady.

Several churches are participating in the BMAMO Missions Benchmark Assessment, and some are approaching the time to retake the assessment.

Even though Bro. Juan is a National Missionary, our state has taken the lion's share of responsibility in helping financially and physically. A shout out to Lindsay Lane, Faith, Bethany and their pastors for taking a lead role in making connections with Bro. Juan and the Hispanic speaking people in their communities.

The time has passed for our churches folding their arms and waiting to see if a missionary or church is going to make it, and we are seeing churches take responsibility in making sure they don't just survive but thrive.

These examples may not be related to the BMAMO Assessment, this is precisely their intention, which is to raise the bar of involvement of churches in the missional effort commanded in Scripture.

Thank you BMAMO churches for the opportunity to be your Missions Director. Please pray for the Lord to get all the glory and to lead explicitly in this effort.

— Ben Kingston, Director of Missions

## BMA of Missouri State Missions Semi-Annual Financial Report October 2021 – April 2022

### Checking Account

<b>Balance October 1, 2021</b> .....	<b>\$31,397.02</b>
Church Receipts .....	26,031.54
Retreat Reimbursement, MLBA .....	941.20
Insurance Reimbursement, Loan Dept .....	2,513.20
Insurance Reimbursement, Garwood .....	<u>7,539.60</u>
Total Available .....	\$68,422.56
Disbursements .....	<u>38,386.63</u>
<b>Balance April 30, 2022</b> .....	<b>\$30,035.93</b>

### Income by Month

October .....	\$2,891.65
November .....	5,531.70
December .....	2,808.77
January .....	4,528.51
February .....	10,659.26
March .....	6,189.54
April .....	<u>4,416.11</u>
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$37,025.54</b>

### Expenses

Director, Salary .....	\$3,600.00
Secretary/Clerical .....	1,600.00
Meetings .....	910.01
Insurance .....	12,566.00
Office/Banking .....	144.86
Juan Fernandez support .....	16,333.31
Renewal Retreat .....	1,882.41
Web Manager & Fee .....	<u>1,350.04</u>
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$38,386.63</b>

### BMAMS Investment

<b>Balance October 1, 2021</b> .....	<b>\$109,026.34</b>
Interest Earned .....	<u>1,645.09</u>
<b>Balance, April 30, 2022</b> .....	<b><u>\$110,671.43</u></b>

**Total in all accounts: April 30, 2022** .....

**\$140,707.36**



## **Missionary Committee**

The Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri Missionary Committee met on May 21, 2022 at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Lonedell, Missouri.

The Missionary Committee was called to order by Bro. Claude Evans.

Bro. Evans called on Bro. Ben Kingston for the Director of Missions report and financial report. Motion and second to accept the Missions Director's report. Motion carried.

Bro. Evans called on Bro. Russell Chitwood to read the minutes of the Special Missions Committee. Motion and second to accept Special Missions Committee report. Motion carried.

Bro. Evans called on Bro. Juan Fernandez for his report as state missionary. Bro. Josh Wright was called on to lead us in prayer for Bro. Juan Fernandez and his family.

Motion and second to adjourn. Motion carried.

— *Bro. Claude Evans, Moderator; Bro. Russell E. Chitwood, Clerk*

## **Special Missions Committee**

**May 21, 2022**

The Special Missions Committee met at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church on May 21, 2022. Members present were Bro. Claude Evans, Bro. Don Burke, Bro. Russell Chitwood.

Bro. Claude Evans led in opening prayer.

Meeting was called to order by Bro. Claude Evans.

Bro. Ben Kingston was called to give the Missions Director's report.

Motion and second to accept the Missions Director's report. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

— *Bro. Claude Evans, Chairman; Bro. Russell E. Chitwood, Assistant Clerk*

## **Missouri Missionary Baptist Editor's Semi-Annual Report**

I am glad to be able to bring you our Mid-Year report and note that your support has been adequate, although it was close at times! In March we found that we needed a new computer and it would cost between \$1,800 and \$2,000, which we did not have in extra funds! Thanks to the State WMA special offering and a special offering from Stony Point Church we had an extra \$1,800 on hand by the end of the month! No one, but God, knew of our need and He supplied the minimum we needed without my having to ask for special offerings! Thanks also to a few churches that have increased their monthly support we were able to make up the difference and have a new computer and no debt!!

Our postage has gone up and we still need our monthly offerings to keep things going. Increases in what you give would always be helpful.

— *James Hoffmann, Editor*

## Missouri Missionary Baptist Semi-Annual Financial Report October 2021 - March 2022

### Six Month Summary

<b>Balance: October 1, 2021</b> . . . . .	<b>\$ 11,392.37</b>
Receipts . . . . .	<u>9,475.15</u>
Total Available . . . . .	\$ 20,867.52
Disbursements . . . . .	<u>12,661.17</u>
<b>Balance March 31, 2022</b> . . . . .	<b>\$ 8,206.35</b>

### Income by Month

October 2021. . . . .	\$ 1,030.16
November 2021. . . . .	1,533.06
December 2021. . . . .	1,236.13
January 2022. . . . .	1,078.68
February 2022. . . . .	1,235.02
March 2022 . . . . .	<u>3,362.10</u>
<b>Total (6 months).</b> . . . . .	<b>\$ 9,475.15</b>

### Expenses by Category

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

## Camp Garwood Director's Semi-Annual Report

As we begin the transition from Spring to Summer things are really heating up around camp. 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 were only eight. After today's meeting, that will change; we should be at camp most weekends until camp week.

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 (\$13,000), 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 significantly higher than in the past. The question is how much.

With that being said, we are raising the per camper cost. For the past several years we have said camp costs around \$85 per camper to pay the camp week expenses and the electric and insurance bill for the year. Expenses continue to increase across the board – electric, materials, insurance, food and fuel. This year we are asking \$100

per camper. This is not an actual fee, it is only a suggested amount like always. Many churches support camp throughout the year to relieve the financial burden. If your church does not regularly support camp we hope you will encourage your campers to help us by honoring this request. It may help to remind them of the 10 meals served, the paid trip to the drive in, 7 outstanding worship services, air-conditioned dorms, free recreational activities including paintball, mini golf, roller coaster – I mean train rides – and 4 days of unbelievable fellowship.

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. We are only doing light repairs and maintenance tasks this year. Again trying to keep our expenses down. However we are hoping to replace some fascia materials, repair some duct work, install air curtains on the dining hall, repair some lighting, fence in the slide area, along with other odd jobs.

Continue to pray for our speaker, Jordan Bowen. We are excited to see him again this year. Jordan was our speaker back in 2014 and was a great fit for our campers. He was loved by everyone and we are certainly looking forward to seeing him again this year. Jordan is currently serving as church planter at Hillcrest Community Church, Little Rock, AR. We are hoping Jordan's wife Sarah and his boys Brooks and Caden will be joining him. If you are on the Camp Facebook group be watching for some of Jordan's reels as we get closer to camp time.

Also, be praying for The Central Collective band as they prepare to come lead the worship services. These guys, and Deekota, take this opportunity seriously and have been working on songs for several months. They have all fallen in love with camp and look forward to camp each year.

We'll be introducing a couple new teachers this year. Be praying for them and all the teachers as they prepare lessons. Also pray for our kitchen staff and sponsors from each church. It takes a lot of folks to make camp a reality. Pray for them. Pray the Lord protects, gives insight and blesses each one.

The camp theme is Forward in Faith from 2 Peter 1:5-7. Camp week is July 25-29.

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

April 29-30 the SEMO association held a prayer retreat at camp. We had a total of seven sessions. The first three 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. An actual retreat from the world, not a weekend packed with activities. 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. Bro. Wayne served as the camp director from 1989-2000.

In 1991/92, 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 A/C, left, and didn't look back. 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, that was probably 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 ring true: "To live is Christ, and to die is gain." I'm forever thankful he made that first call.

— Chris Polk, Director

## Camp Garwood Semi-Annual Financial Report October 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022

<b>General Fund Beginning Balance</b> . . . . .	<b>\$ 1,495.83</b>
Received . . . . .	30,229.14
Disbursements . . . . .	<u>(10,810.32)</u>
<b>Total Fund</b> . . . . .	<b>\$ 20,914.65</b>
<b>Food Fund Beginning Balance</b> . . . . .	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
Received . . . . .	631.98
Disbursements . . . . .	<u>(555.71)</u>
<b>Total Fund</b> . . . . .	<b>\$ 76.27</b>
<b>Insurance Fund Beginning Balance</b> . . . . .	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
Received . . . . .	0.00
Disbursements . . . . .	<u>(7,539.60)</u>
<b>Total Fund</b> . . . . .	<b>\$ -7,539.60</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b> . . . . .	<b>\$ 13,451.32</b>
<b>Balance on Tractor Loan</b> . . . . .	<b>\$ 4,000.00</b>

## WMA Semi-Annual Report

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

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

President Sharon Page called on Sis. Laura Polk for the welcome. The response was given by Sis. Barbara Williams. The committees and visitors were recognized.

Sis. Sharon gave a devotional on 'Encouragement.'

After a song and prayer, an offering was taken up. Sis. Sharon then called the meeting to order for business.

Sis. Janet Widger reported on the Ladies Retreat. The date is September 9-10,

2022, at the Aviator Hotel and Suites in St. Louis. The hotel is located on Lindbergh Blvd. at 1-55. The speaker will be Lori Clime.

Officers for 2022-2023 are:

- President . . . . . Sharon Page
- First Vice-President . . . . . Ladonna Baker
- Second Vice-President . . . . . Karl Hartlein
- Secretary . . . . . Norma Womble
- Assistant Secretary . . . . . Sara Buckley
- Treasurer . . . . . Connie Reifsteck
- Assistant Treasurer . . . . . Juanita May
- Bible/Tract Distributor . . . . . Bea Evans
- Historian . . . . . Tracy Goede
- Youth Promoter . . . . . Lisa Cox
- Asst. Youth Promoter . . . . . Terri Adams
- Advisory Council. . . . . Bro. Dan Wisely  
Bro. Dennis Baker  
Bro. Claude Evans
- Retreat Committee. . . . . Tanya Adams Hutton (2025)  
Janet Widger (2024)  
Amy Asher (2023)
- Project for 2022-2023 . . . . . 25% General Fund  
25% Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper  
25% Juan Fernandez Work Fund  
25% Mickeal Quillman Support Fund

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

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

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

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

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

— Sharon Page, *President; Norma Womble, Secretary*

### Brotherhood Semi-Annual Report

May 6-7 the Brotherhood held its retreat at Camp Garwood with 48 in attendance. There was great fellowship and food. Bro. Bryan and Bro. Dennis brought a devotional and a spark for the future of the Brotherhood. A special thank you to Chris and Jeff Polk for preparing camp. The motto for the Brotherhood will be Psalm 133:1 – "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for the brethren to dwell in unity!" The key focus is "dwell." The question given to the men was, "Do we dwell together or

do we just occupy space together?” To dwell we must do things together to grow the bonds not just in our own church but the churches of Missouri. We are looking to plan a golf tournament and a fishing tournament. Yes these are the fun things but they allow the bonds to be made. 1 Corinthians 12:26 says we should hurt together and joy together. This is meant for much more than the church. We face many stresses in so many facets of our lives, and a brother may be struggling with something we have already faced. How great would it be to see our men reaching out to uplift one another.

Our vision will be on the health of our local churches, both physical and spiritual. The idea is that if a church would need help with small projects, a few men of the Brotherhood could help. We would work out the details with the church needing help and help them. In no way is this meant for the Brotherhood to be responsible for the financial burden but to offer help to those churches who may not have the manpower. It is God’s house; let’s take care of it better than our own home. Think of it this way: if it looks run down and in disrepair, why would a lost person give it a second thought or look? I hate to say this but we are competing with worldliness. Second, we have churches that are struggling spiritually. Some without pastors, some few in number, and some that have fallen into the trap of going through the motions. Let’s reach out and uplift our churches. Maybe ask if we can have a revival or singing at their church. With all of this we must uphold the autonomy of the church. Let us no longer see a struggling church or church closing from afar and sit there thinking to ourselves, “What a shame.” Mission work is always on the forefront of our goal. We heard Bro. Juan’s report last night. but without care for our local churches we won’t be here to support mission work. Pray for this vision of our Brotherhood. Invite other men to the Brotherhood because we serve a stronger and greater witness together. As we work together it will grow the relationship of our men that we no longer occupy space together but dwell together as the men God called us to be.

– Bryan Buckley, President

### **Kenneth E. Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund 2020-2021 Semi-Annual Report**

There has been no activity on this fund the first six months of this Associational Year. If any of our preachers are interested in furthering their education at the BMAA Seminary in Jacksonville, TX by attending on-campus classes or by correspondence, I encourage you to contact the Seminary and see what they offer.

If you discover that you would like to enroll, this Kenneth E. Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund can help pay your expenses. Contact me once you talk with the Seminary and I will work with you in paying for tuition, fees, books, etc.

— James Hoffmann, Treasurer

### **Kenneth E. Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund 2021-2022 Semi-Annual Financial Report**

Balance: October 1, 2021 . . . . .	\$ 12,021.43
Receipts: . . . . .	0.00
Total Available: . . . . .	\$ 12,021.43
Disbursements . . . . .	0.00
<b>Balance: March 31, 2022. . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 12,021.43</b>

## Missouri Missionary Baptist Loan Program 2021-2022 Semi-Annual Report

*Clerk's Note: The Loan Association's Semi-Annual financial report is included as part of their annual financial report found later in this book.*

### Recording Secretary's Midyear Report

**October 1, 2021 – May 1, 2022**

<b>Beginning Balance</b> .....	<b>\$ 630.58</b>
<b>Funds Received</b>	
Minute Fund Offerings .....	\$ <u>2,465.00</u>
<b>Total Received</b> .....	<b>\$ <u>2,465.00</u></b>
 <b>Funds Available</b> .....	 <b>\$ 3,095.58</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Bank Paper Statement Fee (7 mths) .....	\$ <u>35.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b> .....	<b>\$ <u>35.00</u></b>
 <b>Ending Balance (April 30)</b> .....	 <b>\$ 3,060.58</b>

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# **Proceedings of the Ninety-Fifth Annual Meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri**

Convened at

**Ozark Height Baptist Church • Potosi, Missouri**

**Saturday, October 8, 2022 - 9:00 AM**

Jerry Adams, Moderator • Don Burke, Clerk

## **Morning Session**

1. Pastor Brian Kingston welcomed the Association, then led in the morning devotional thought (Jn21:15ff).
2. Moderator Jerry Adams recognized messengers for the Association, then called the meeting to order.
3. The Enrollment Committee gave a preliminary report:
  - 21 letters received;
  - Messengers present, 22; Visitors, 2;
  - Petitionary letters: 1 (Grandview Missionary Baptist Church at Springfield).M/S/P to accept Grandview into the Association.  
M/S/P to accept Enrollment report.
4. Bro. Don Burke, Acting Editor, gave Editor's report for the Missouri Missionary Baptist. M/S/P to adopt.
5. M/S/P to allow an exception to Article VII.5A to permit Acting Editor to continue to serve current Publication Committee position, with understanding that he will excuse himself from any vote with personal bearing.
6. Publication Committee recommendations were presented:
  1. That the BMA of Missouri accept the resignation of Bro. James Hoffmann as Editor of the Missouri Missionary Baptist newspaper, effective as of the October annual meeting.
  2. That the Association express its deep gratitude to Bro. Hoffmann for his 33 years of dedicated service as Editor.
  3. That as one means of expressing this appreciation the Association give Bro. Hoffmann a love offering (the amount and other details to be determined by the Association).
  4. That the Assistant Editor serve as the Acting Editor until the time that a new Editor is selected and installed.
  5. That the Acting Editor be paid \$800 per month.
  6. That the Publications Committee undertake the task of finding a qualified candidate to fill the position of Editor.
  7. That the Publications Committee be authorized, if they deem it expedient, to (1) offer the position of Editor to the candidate they select, and (2) to negotiate a salary & benefits package (up to but not exceeding the salary/benefits of the past director) – all subject to the confirmation of the Association at its next business meeting.
  8. That after filling the position of Editor the Publications Committee also offer a nominee for Assistant Editor.M/S to approve. Call for division of the question, separating recommendation seven for separate vote. Remaining recommendations approved.



7. Recommendation seven was discussed. M/S to amend that the Publication Committee instead present candidate to Association by Zoom or conference call. Amendment passed. Recommendation seven as amended passed.
8. M/S to give a love offering of \$200 per year of service to Bro. Hoffmann. M/S to amend that this money come from Missions Fund. Amendment passed. Amended motion passed.
9. M/S/P to re-elect Jim Ainley (term ending 2025) to the Publication Committee and elect Bryan Buckley to serve out term of Denver Page (2024).
10. Bro. Matt Bolen presented Encampment reports, including recommendation of Claude Evans as camp committee (term ending 2027). M/S/P to approve.
11. M/S/P to retain Camp officers (*Bro. Chris Polk as Camp Superintendent and Treasurer, and Bro. Matt Bolen as the Assistant Camp Superintendent and Assistant Treasurer*).
12. Bro. Dennis Baker presented oral Loan Association Reports, with printed financials. M/S/P to approve.
13. Bro. Philip Attebery shared the work of the BMA Theological Seminary and Baptist Publishing House.
14. Bro. John Merriweather represented the National BMA Missions Office.
15. Bro. Jeff Moorman presented ALIVE report. M/S/P to adopt.
16. M/S/P to elect Caleb Houston to Alive committee, term ending 2026.
17. Bro. Don Burke presented the Kenneth E. Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund report. M/S/P to accept report.
18. Bro. Bryan Buckley gave Brotherhood report. M/S/P to accept.
19. M/S/P to print Brotherhood financial report in Minute Book.
20. Sis. LaDonna Baker gave the WMA report, and Janet Widger shared WMA Retreat report. M/S/P to approve. Janet Widger also shared report from National WMA.
21. Bro. Ben Kingston gave a report on the Renewal Retreat. M/S/P to adopt report.
22. M/P/S to cover half of the cost for the proposed 2023 meeting.
23. Annual message given by Ben Kingston from Matthew 28:18ff.
24. Bro. Brian Meade expressed appreciation on behalf of the Association to Bro. Brian Kingston and Bro. Ben Kingston for the messages today.
25. M/S/P to adjourn for lunch and return for Missions Committee at 1:00.

#### **First Afternoon Session**

26. The Association reconvened following the Missionary Committee meeting.
27. M/S/P to approve Missions Committee reports and business, including the following recommendations from the Special Missions Committee:
  1. Recommend Brother Ben Kingston stand as a nominee for Missions Director for the State Association at current salary of \$450 per month and \$200 per month for his secretary.
  2. Recommend Brother Don Burke as a nominee for Assistant Missions Director.
  3. Recommend continued support for Brother Juan Fernandez as our Missions Project at \$28,000 a year.
  4. Recommend Brother Claude Evans as a nominee for the Special Missions Committee, term ending 2029.
  5. Recommend Christmas bonus of \$450 for Missions Director, \$200 for the secretary and \$1,000 for our Missionary Brother Juan Fernandez.

28. M/S/P to reinstate Central, Union (which had been dropped due to the three-year-non-reporting rule in Association bylaws).
29. M/S/P to reinstate Lower Doe Run, Ellington (which had been dropped for the same reason).
30. M/S/P to delete three-year-non-reporting rule.
31. M/S/P to reinstate other churches dropped this past year due to non-reporting rule.
32. Bro. Don Burke presented Recording Clerk's report. M/S/P to accept.
33. M/S/P to re-elect Bro. Don Burke as Recording Clerk, with clerk hire set at \$1,300.
34. M/S/P to re-elect Bro. Matt Bolen Assistant Clerk.
35. Bro. Brad Banderman was elected as Moderator.
36. Bro. Brian Meade was elected Assistant Moderator.
37. Resolutions Committee reported. M/S/P to approve.
38. Bros. Brian Kingston, Terry Sharpe, and Michael Kelly were appointed to the 2023 Resolutions Committee.
39. Final Enrollment Committee Report: 23 messengers; 5 visitors; \$2,075 Minute Fund. M/S/P to approve.
40. Bros. Melvin Meade, Lee Miller, and Joe McElroy were appointed to the 2023 Enrollment and Finance Committee.
41. M/S/P to go to Kewanee Baptist at New Madrid for Missions Symposium and Semi-Annual meeting, May 19-20.
42. M/S/P to go to Bethel Baptist at Sikeston for the Annual Meeting.
43. M/S/P for Special Missions Committee to bring recommendation of dispersal of assets received from Landmark Baptist at Carthage.
44. M/S/P for the Association to give a standing vote of appreciation to host church.
45. Meeting dismissed by Moderator.

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## **BMA of Missouri Missions Director's Annual Report 2022**

When I accepted this position on the state level, I came up with the BMAMO Missions Assessment to evaluate our degree of participation in and understanding of our current national, state, and local missions program.

The goal of the BMAMO Assessment is to increase our awareness of what we are already doing and what we as individuals and churches should be doing, which is spreading the gospel throughout our communities and the world.

So here is my request: if you have not done the assessment at your church, I'm begging you to do so. If you did it six months ago, I'm begging you to do it again. If you've done it and did not get the results you were hoping for, I'm asking you to call me and let's discuss it.

I truly believe that if we give ourselves to the information in the pamphlet that accompanies the assessment, we will not only increase the awareness of what we are already doing and what we should be doing as churches and individuals, but we will be well on our way to see God start a church planting movement in our midst.

So again, the ask is to either take or retake the assessment. Please call me and let's discuss it. Then, please prayerfully consider allowing me to come to your church on a Wednesday evening through the summer. I would love to personally present BMAMO Missions Assessment to the church you pastor.

— Ben Kingston, Director

## BMA of Missouri Missions Department Offerings October 1, 2021 – September 1, 2022

**Checking Account Balance, October 1, 2021 . . .** **\$ 31,397.02**

**Income**

Amity, Doniphan . . . . .	\$ 622.50		
Berean, Festus . . . . .	800.18		
Bethel, Lonedell . . . . .	4,697.00		
Bethel, Sikeston . . . . .	2,928.10		
Bethlehem, Doniphan . . . . .	300.00		
Black Creek, Poplar Bluff . . . . .	450.00		
Fellowship, Potosi . . . . .	600.00		
First, Potosi . . . . .	300.00		
Grandview, Springfield . . . . .	5,004.59		
Kewanee, Kewanee . . . . .	3,600.00		
Landmark, Desoto . . . . .	1,468.27		
Lindsay Lane, Florissant . . . . .	389.84		
Loyalty, Sparta . . . . .	30.00		
Mt. Olive, Salem . . . . .	600.00		
Moselle, Moselle . . . . .	3,500.00		
New Testament, Sullivan . . . . .	4,175.00		
Oak Hill, Alton . . . . .	1,200.00		
Oak Ridge, Cassville . . . . .	3,054.75		
Ohlman, Bunker . . . . .	1,800.00		
Ozark Heights, Potosi . . . . .	646.00		
Pleasant Grove, Caledonia . . . . .	600.00		
Stony Point, Mineral Point . . . . .	3,646.36		
Temple, Belgrade . . . . .	1,100.00		
Westview, Jeff City . . . . .	300.00		
Zalma, Zalma . . . . .	2,346.82		
Renewal Retreat MLBA reimb . . . . .	941.20		
Zion, St. Louis . . . . .	614.00		
Insurance Reimbursements . . . . .	<u>10,052.80</u>		
<b>Total Received:</b> . . . . .			<b>\$ <u>55,767.41</u></b>
<b>Total Available:</b> . . . . .			<b>\$ 87,164.43</b>

**Expenses**

Director: Salary and Bonuses . . . . .	\$ 5,850.00
Director: expenses . . . . .	425.68
Clerical/Director's assistant . . . . .	2,600.00
Office Expenses . . . . .	144.86
Meeting Expenses . . . . .	3,251.00
Juan Fernandez support . . . . .	27,999.96

Incorporation papers . . . . .	20.50	
Web Master & Domain Fee . . . . .	1,414.04	
Insurance. . . . .	<u>12,566.00</u>	
<b>Total Expenses:</b> . . . . .		<b>\$ <u>54,272.04</u></b>
<b>Checking Account Balance September 30, 2022</b>		<b>\$ <u>32,892.39</u></b>
<b>BMAMS Revolving Loan Investment</b>		
Balance October 1, 2021. . . . .	\$ 109,026.34	
Income: Interest. . . . .	<u>2,196.93</u>	
<b>BMAMS Balance September 30, 2022</b> . . . . .		<b>\$ <u>111,223.27</u></b>
<b>Total in all accounts September 30, 2022</b> . . . . .		<b>\$ <u>144,115.66</u></b>

## Missionary Committee Meeting

Motion/second that Brian Meade be the Assistant Clerk for the Missionary Committee meeting.

Missions Director Ben Kingston gave his report to the Missionary Committee.

Bro. Juan Fernandez brought a report of the Hispanic mission work in the St. Louis area. Bro. Ben Kingston prayed for Bro. Juan on behalf of the Missionary Committee.

The Special Missions Committee gave recommendations. Motion/second to accept the recommendations as reported.

Election of 2023 Officers:

Chairman: Brian Kingston

Assistant Chairman: Michael Kelly

Clerk: Brian Meade

Assistant Clerk: Jeff Moorman

*— Brian Meade, Assist. Clerk*

## Special Missions Committee Recommendations

1. Recommend Brother Ben Kingston stand as a nominee for Missions Director for the State Association at current salary of \$450 per month and \$200 per month for his secretary.
2. Recommend Brother Don Burke as a nominee for Assistant Missions Director.
3. Recommend continued support for Brother Juan Fernandez as our Missions Project at \$28,000 a year.
4. Recommend Brother Claude Evans as a nominee for the Special Missions Committee, term ending 2029.
5. Recommend Christmas bonus of \$450 for Missions Director, \$200 for the secretary and \$1,000 for our Missionary Brother Juan Fernandez.

## Missouri Missionary Baptist Editor's Annual Report 2022

I began serving as editor of the MMB Paper in the late part of 1989 after serving a short time as the editor of the Meramec Banner and following a few years as editor of the Midwest Banner in Michigan before moving back to Missouri.

I truly appreciate all the encouragement I have received over the years as people have read our publications. Some of the most encouraging things have been the comments of appreciation from our senior citizens who are no longer able to be active in their church or have moved out of our area to be with family. Many of them look forward to receiving the monthly news about what is happening in our churches across the state.

I am also thankful for the cooperation of our department directors who keep us informed by sending news items and announcements. We have some great people in our churches who serve as reporters and send monthly articles for print. Your help has kept us going over the years.

The publishing ministry is not always easy, and it takes a lot of patience and courage at times to get the job done. I could write a book about the experience of being a religious editor and the stories would show how God has worked to keep us going when it looked like our ministry was finished! God has been faithful to make sure we had the support needed in so many instances.

I also want to thank my wife, Mary, for all her encouragement and help she has given over the years. She has put in many hours proofreading, searching for material, and running errands when there was a deadline to meet! Her assistance was necessary and has been appreciated over the years!

It is now time for me to step down and slow down. Health issues and other factors have shown me that someone else needs to take over, and I believe we have an assistant editor that has already shown his capability if he is elected at our annual meeting. Pray for him as he serves the Lord and His churches in the years ahead.

Again, I say **Thank You** for letting us serve the Lord in this capacity. God bless each of you who care for and support His workers!

— James Hoffmann, *Retiring but still Praying!*

## **Missouri Missionary Baptist Interim Editor's Annual Report 2022**

Wow – what a ride! The first week of August my wife (Pam) and I packed for an overnight stay and headed to Wentzville — to the home office of Bro. James Hoffmann. And for two days under the watchful guidance of Bro. Jim, along with his wife Mary and his daughter Jamie, we hammered out our first issue of the Missouri Missionary Baptist.

Fast forward a month, and with only one issue of experience under our belt we were now working on our first solo issue, right in our own basement. We soon realized that over half of the paper had zero content allocated to it, and we were searching high and low for content ideas.

Now, yet another month later, we are in the middle of putting together our third edition of the paper. And while I've felt it is not my place as just an interim editor to do major changes to the paper, we are making some adjustments here and there. With this issue we are making an effort to better organize the content of the paper. We're also continuing efforts to add or expand routine features. The paper now has dedicated space for Upcoming Events, and we hope churches and associations will send in events to include in this section. We are also expanding the scope of the Available Preachers section – now called Ministers and Ministry Opportunities.

To give credit where credit is due, when I say “we” I do not mean that as the “editorial we.” The Association has elected me as the Assistant Editor and in the absence of our

editor that leaves me answerable for all that happens in the paper. But when it comes to the work involved in putting the paper together, I am only able to accomplish this role because of the efforts and the giftedness of my wife. Not only does she work as much and as hard on it as I do (if not more so), her great strengths are truly complimentary to my areas of greatest weakness. To whatever degree our efforts are successful in this ministry, it is successful because of God’s grace and Pam’s talents.

While production transition has gone well, there have been numerous delays on the financial side. After nearly two month of working with the bank to be added to the checking account, I still cannot take direct oversight of the finances. But hopefully the last of those hurdles will be crossed this next week, and Bro. Hoffmann can finally be able to be out from under that responsibility as well.

As to the search for a permanent editor, the Publications Committee has developed the recommendations which the Association will vote on today. Additionally, announcements have recently been sent to other BMA papers notifying that anyone interested in applying for the position can contact the Committee. As of the writing of this report I am aware of one or two who have voiced a degree of interest, and I have not yet received any resumes.

Two of the three Publications Committee positions will need to be elected or re-elected at this meeting. Once that is done the Committee will be in a position to start the next stage of moving from our current interim situation to locating our next editor. We covet your prayers.

In closing I want to direct a huge “Thank You” to Bro. Jim. The looming task we face each month of putting the paper together is a testimony of all the work that you routinely put into your service for our people and our churches. The difficulty in finding someone to fill your shoes as editor speaks to all that you have been and the high-water mark which you have set. Thank you for these; thank you for all your help in teaching a couple of green recruits and in the process of transitioning so far.

— Don Burke, Interim Editor

## Missouri Missionary Baptist Annual Financial Report October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022

<b>Balance, October 1, 2021</b> . . . . .	<b>\$ 11,392.37</b>
 <b>Income</b>	
Amity . . . . .	\$ 300.00
Berean, Festus . . . . .	400.09
Bethany . . . . .	100.00
Bethesda . . . . .	257.69
Bethlehem . . . . .	600.00
Charity, Columbia . . . . .	1,000.00
Fellowship, Potosi . . . . .	500.00
First, Matthews . . . . .	600.00
Kewanee . . . . .	3,000.00
Landmark . . . . .	425.00
Lower Doe Run, Ellington . . . . .	300.00
Mt. Olive, Salem . . . . .	1,275.00
New Testament, Sullivan . . . . .	1,827.00

Ohlman, Bunker. . . . .	500.00	
Ozark Heights, Potosi . . . . .	200.00	
Providence, Puxico . . . . .	100.00	
Stony Point, Mineral Pt. . . . .	1,783.72	
Temple, Belgrade. . . . .	1,000.00	
Zalma . . . . .	102.36	
Zion, St. Louis . . . . .	1,079.00	
MO. State WMA. . . . .	839.33	
Gifts & Subscriptions . . . . .	<u>885.00</u>	
<b>Total Received . . . . .</b>		<b>\$ <u>17,074.19</u></b>
<b>Total Available: . . . . .</b>		<b>\$ <u>28,466.53</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Printing . . . . .	\$ 2,220.00	
Postage . . . . .	3,760.88	
Editor, Salary & Bonus. . . . .	10,400.00	
Internet Service . . . . .	920.51	
All Mail Mailing Service . . . . .	1,620.00	
In Design Program. . . . .	251.88	
Office Expenses . . . . .	<u>720.54</u>	
<b>Total Expenses: . . . . .</b>		<b>\$ <u>19,893.81</u></b>
<b>Balance, September 30, 2022 . . . . .</b>		<b>\$ <u>8,572.72</u></b>

## Publication Committee Minutes

August 14, 2022

All three members of the Publications Committee – Jim Ainley, Denver Page and Don Burke – were contacted by phone on the afternoon of August 14 for the purpose of approving that the Assistant Editor (Don Burke) be added to the bank account(s) for all moneys held for/by the Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper (MMB). Specifically,

We the Publications Committee of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri grant that the Assistant Editor, Don Burke, be given full access with full privileges to checking account number (omitted) held at Commerce Bank (Maryland Heights, MO) under the name of the Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper. We additionally grant similar access and privileges to any other financial accounts or instruments belonging to MMB which might not be specifically known to us at this time. (For banking purposes, the Assistant Editor is deemed by this Committee to hold a Vice President level position within MMB.)

All Committee members voting, the motion passed unanimously.

— *Jim Ainley, Moderator; Don Burke, Clerk*

## Recommendations from Publications Committee

The Publications Committee offers the following recommendations for consideration at the Association’s annual meeting:

1. That the BMA of Missouri accept the resignation of Bro. James Hoffmann as Editor of the Missouri Missionary Baptist newspaper, effective as of the October annual meeting.
2. That the Association express its deep gratitude to Bro. Hoffmann for his 33

- years of dedicated service as Editor.
3. That as one means of expressing this appreciation the Association give Bro. Hoffmann a love offering (the amount and other details to be determined by the Association).
  4. That the Assistant Editor serve as the Acting Editor until the time that a new Editor is selected and installed.
  5. That the Acting Editor be paid \$800 per month.
  6. That the Publications Committee undertake the task of finding a qualified candidate to fill the position of Editor.
  7. That the Publications Committee be authorized, if they deem it expedient, to (1) offer the position of Editor to the candidate they select, and (2) to negotiate a salary & benefits package (up to but not exceeding the salary/benefits of the past director) – all subject to the confirmation of the Association at its next business meeting.
  8. That after filling the position of Editor the Publications Committee also offer a nominee for Assistant Editor.

## **Camp Garwood 2022 Annual Report**

Our 2023 camp dates are July 31st through August 4th. Jordan Bowen is favorable to be our speaker next year. However, he has not yet been able to confirm the dates. If you remember, Jordan was our scheduled speaker this year, but on Monday of camp week he tested positive for Covid. Jordan is excited and hoping to give us confirmation soon. When I get confirmation or another speaker set we will get word out through the MMBP and on our FB page.

Our theme will be: Gateway to God, John 14:6 “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life: No man cometh unto the father but by me.”

I have some projects to propose to the committee, but since we have not discussed them I don't feel comfortable making that announcement here. We have paid off the tractor , and I'm certain we will begin some upgrades soon.

I can report, our 2022 camp had 233 campers, with nearly 20 professions of faith, one rededication and a series of events that will not soon be forgotten, from our speaker shuffle, dorm antics, service disruptions, a fight and a severe thunderstorm followed by a worship service that could only be described as heavenly. If you had asked me on Tuesday night how camp was going, I probably would have hung my head and walked away. At that point we were asking, “OK Lord, what's going on?” But by Thursday night we were praising Him for a great week.

You'll notice on the financial report at the close of the year we had a balance of \$6300.50. Our total received was \$73,226.79 and total dispersed \$68,422.12. We spent \$9,582.90 on food, \$6,857.30 on electricity, and \$7,539.00 on insurance.

This year Bro. Brian Whitlock rolls off the committee. We would like to thank him for many years of service as he has served multiple terms. We are suggesting Bro. Claude Evans as his replacement.

— Chris Polk, *Camp Director*

*(See page 40-41 for the Camp Annual Financial Report.)*



## Camp Garwood Annual Report 2022

Church	General	Food	Insurance	Canteen	Total
<b>Receipts</b>					
AMITY	-	250.00	-	-	250.00
BETHEL (SIKESTON)	7,366.21	-	-	-	7,366.21
BETHEL (LONEDELL)	600.00	-	-	-	600.00
BETHESDA	120.00	-	-	-	120.00
BETHLEHEM	500.00	100.00	-	-	600.00
BLACK RIVER	550.00	-	-	-	550.00
BMA OF MO	-	331.98	-	-	331.98
BRENTON CREEK	125.00	-	-	-	125.00
CANE CREEK	3,755.10	-	-	-	3,755.10
CANE CREEK YIH	550.00	-	-	-	550.00
CHARITY (JEFFERSON CITY)	5,000.00	-	-	-	5,000.00
DEW (Dollar Each Week)	2,838.00	-	-	-	2,838.00
FIRST - ALTON	2,200.00	-	-	-	2,200.00
FIRST MATTHEWS	350.00	-	-	-	350.00
FIRST MATTHEWS WMA	200.00	-	-	-	200.00
FIRST THOMASVILLE	150.00	-	-	-	150.00
FRIENDSHIP (HARVIELL)	250.00	-	-	-	250.00
FRIENDSHIP (ST CLAIR)	500.00	-	-	-	500.00
KEWANEE	12,600.00	-	-	-	12,600.00
LIGHTHOUSE	500.00	-	-	-	500.00
LOWER DOE RUN	876.78	-	-	-	876.78
LOYALTY	1,130.00	-	-	-	1,130.00
MO STATE WMA	2,479.00	-	-	-	2,479.00
MT OLIVE	1,180.00	-	-	-	1,180.00
NEW MADRID BAPTIST	1,900.00	-	-	-	1,900.00
OAK HILL	1,600.00	-	-	-	1,600.00
OHLMAN	4,040.00	-	-	-	4,040.00
PROVIDENCE	350.00	-	-	-	350.00
STONY POINT	2,128.36	-	-	-	2,128.36
WASHINGTON CO DIST ASSOC	-	600.00	-	-	600.00
ZALMA	551.09	-	-	-	551.09
ZION	1,995.00	400.00	-	-	2,395.00
INTEREST CHECK ACCT	4.17	-	-	-	4.17
CASH RECEIPTS	20.00	-	-	-	20.00
ANNONYMOUS	2,200.00	-	-	-	2,200.00
KAREN MAGEE	470.00	-	-	-	470.00
PANCAKE BREAKFAST					
FUNDRAISER	744.00	-	-	-	744.00
POUND IN A PURSE	3,187.00	-	-	-	3,187.00
TRIVIA NIGHT	283.00	-	-	-	283.00
LUCAS POLK	150.00	-	-	-	150.00
LONNIE & SHELIA POLK	320.00	-	-	-	320.00
IN MEMORY OF DAVID GRIGGS	375.00	-	-	-	375.00
IN MEMORY OF LINDA DICKINSON	1,325.00	-	-	-	1,325.00
IN MEMORY OF WAYNE GIBSON	640.00	-	-	-	640.00
SALES 2022	-	-	-	5,442.10	5,442.10
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>66,102.71</b>	<b>1,681.98</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,442.10</b>	<b>73,226.79</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>					
OZARK BORDER ELEC COOP	6,857.30	-	-	-	6,857.30
ELLINGTON TELEPHONE CO	452.16	-	-	-	452.16
EXCEL (LONG DISTANCE)	221.10	-	-	-	221.10
CHRIS POLK (MILES)	3,445.79	-	-	-	3,445.79
CHRIS POLK					
(COMPENSATION) 2022	3,600.00	-	-	-	3,600.00
CHRIS POLK (REIMBURSE)	352.48	-	-	-	352.48
CALEB HOUSTON (EVANGELIST)	500.00	-	-	-	500.00
AARON RUSSELL (EVANGELIST)	500.00	-	-	-	500.00
BEN KINGSTON (EVANGELIST)	200.00	-	-	-	200.00
JORDAN BOWEN (REIMBURSE)					
BACKGROUND CHECK)	12.95	-	-	-	12.95
CASH FOR CHANGE	-	-	-	100.00	100.00
10 BOX	-	-	-	79.45	79.45

Church	General	Food	Insurance	Canteen	Total
21 DRIVE IN	1,500.00	-	-	-	1,500.00
ACADEMY	163.39	-	-	-	163.39
AIR MED CARE NETWORK	350.00	-	-	-	350.00
ALDI	-	42.63	-	-	42.63
AMAZON.COM	2,713.37	-	-	-	2,713.37
AMERICAN SUPERSTORE (FREEZER)	1,221.00	-	-	-	1,221.00
BIG SPRING AUTO PARTS	54.31	-	-	-	54.31
BLAKE WILSON (CENTRAL COLLECTIVE)	1,064.75	-	-	-	1,064.75
BMA OF MO MISSIONS	-	-	7,539.60	-	7,539.60
BREWER'S ICE	-	-	-	181.25	181.25
BILL FAB (LETTERING)	75.00	-	-	-	75.00
CENEX	93.34	-	-	-	93.34
CRAFTON FARM & HOME	2,059.52	-	-	-	2,059.52
CURRENT RIVER EXPRESS	46.75	-	-	-	46.75
FASTENAL	28.47	-	-	-	28.47
FIRST STATE BANK (BANK CHARGES)	80.64	-	-	-	80.64
GARY MORGENSON (AED SUPPLIES)	100.00	-	-	-	100.00
GLORIA HOUSTON (FIRST AID TRAINING)	150.00	-	-	-	150.00
HELENA (Roundup)	312.50	-	-	-	312.50
JAY'S FRIED CHICKEN(PLATES)	-	1,500.00	-	-	1,500.00
JEFF POLK (CRAWFISH BOWL)	-	97.50	-	-	97.50
JEFF REYNOLDS (COOK HELP)	-	100.00	-	-	100.00
JOT FORM	116.00	-	-	-	116.00
JU JU PROMOTIONS	-	-	-	2,478.50	2,478.50
LOTUS NATURESCAPES	139.25	-	-	-	139.25
LOWES	4,422.19	-	-	-	4,422.19
MAIN STREET MARKET	-	102.16	-	-	102.16
MATT BOLEN (REIMBURSE)	501.32	-	-	-	501.32
MENARDS	843.12	-	-	-	843.12
MELVIN & MAGGIE BARNETT (COOK HELP)	-	575.00	-	-	575.00
MELVIN BARNETT (REIMBURSE)	-	97.50	-	-	97.50
METALWELD	77.24	-	-	-	77.24
MID AMERICA POWER	694.20	-	-	-	694.20
MIKE RENTALS	1,291.62	-	-	-	1,291.62
MISC	135.52	-	-	-	135.52
MO MISSIONARY BAPTIST LOAN ASSOC	10,000.00	-	-	-	10,000.00
ORSCHLHN	362.23	-	-	-	362.23
PAYPAL	28.39	-	-	-	28.39
PYLATE MACH & WELDING	221.82	-	-	-	221.82
REMINDERBAND	559.25	-	-	-	559.25
SAM'S CLUB	-	94.64	-	1,597.86	1,692.50
SIKESTON RESTAURANT EQUIP	-	-	-	77.95	77.95
SIMMONS	79.39	-	-	-	79.39
SPEEDWAY	161.67	-	-	-	161.67
TRASH BILL	695.25	-	-	-	695.25
UPS STORE	107.94	-	-	-	107.94
US FOODS	-	6,858.30	-	-	6,858.30
WAL-MART	159.31	115.17	-	-	274.48
WEBSTAUANT	-	-	-	34.08	34.08
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	<b>46,750.53</b>	<b>9,582.90</b>	<b>7,539.60</b>	<b>4,549.09</b>	<b>68,422.12</b>
<b>BALANCE FORWARD</b>	<b>1,495.83</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,495.83</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>66,102.71</b>	<b>1,681.98</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,442.10</b>	<b>73,226.79</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>46,750.53</b>	<b>9,582.90</b>	<b>7,539.60</b>	<b>4,549.09</b>	<b>68,422.12</b>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND</b>	<b>20,848.01</b>	<b>-7,900.92</b>	<b>-7,539.60</b>	<b>893.01</b>	<b>6,300.50</b>
<b>TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>-14,547.51</b>	<b>7,900.92</b>	<b>7,539.60</b>	<b>-893.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>6,300.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6,300.50</b>

# Annual Financial Information Reported for 2022

Church	Pastor's Salary & Benefits	Other Salaries & Benefits	National BMA	State BMA	Local BMA	All Other Expenses	Total All Expenses
Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston							
Amity, Doniphan		No data reported.					
Bates Creek, Potosi		No data reported.					
Berean, Festus		No data reported.					
Bethany, Saint Louis		No data reported.					
Bethel, Lonedell		No letter received.					
Bethel, Skeston	\$31,636	\$800	\$13,233	\$3,600	\$9,277	\$78,330	\$136,876
Bethesda Landmark, Park Hills	-	\$1,960	\$952	\$672	\$340	\$12,583	\$16,507
Bethlehem, Doniphan		No letter received.					
Black Creek, Poplar Bluff	\$6,120	No data reported.					
Black River, Quin	\$21,320	\$422	\$650	\$100	\$650	\$13,712	\$23,654
Bretton Creek, Potosi	\$9,600	\$150	\$1,380	\$50	\$50	\$5,943	\$31,893
Briar, Doniphan		-	\$1,271	-	-	\$13,874	\$24,766
Central, Union		No letter received.					
Charity Landmark, Bismarck	\$10,230	\$200		\$150	\$25	\$14,542	\$45,640
Emmanuel, Skeston	\$10,039	\$750	-	-	-	\$28,159	\$38,059
Fellowship, Potosi		No letter received.					
First, Matthews	\$8,700	\$500	\$2,985	\$1,883	\$1,193	\$41,102	\$56,363
Friendship, Caseyville	-	No letter received.		\$375	\$11,515	-	-
Grandview, Springfield		No data reported.					
Kewanee, New Madrid	\$21,416	No data reported.					
Landmark, De Soto		No data reported.					
Lighthouse, Malden	\$54,727		\$1,604	\$1,604	\$1,604	\$57,185	\$61,997
Lindsay Lane, Florissant		\$1,323	\$1,883	\$314	\$314	\$89,143	\$147,704
Lower Doe Run, Ellington		No letter received.					
Mount Carmel, Ellimore		No letter received.					
Mount Olive, Salem		No letter received.					
Mount Zion, Poplar Bluff		No data reported.					
New Testament, Sullivan		No letter received.					
Oak Hill, Alton		No letter received.					
Oak Ridge, Caseyville							
Ohman, Bunker	\$28,840	\$4,610	\$38,263	\$3,223	\$3,148	\$77,767	\$94,466
Ozark Heights, Potosi	\$16,800	\$350	\$6,945	\$5,032	\$125	\$30,950	\$62,910
Pleasant Grove, Calledonia			\$2,124	\$646	-	\$300	\$17,700
Providence, Puxico		No letter received.					
Stony Point Landmark, Mineral Point	\$31,200	\$300	\$843	\$3,646	\$1,200	\$62,214	\$98,203
Temple, Belgrade	\$2,925	\$1	\$2,400	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$15,535	\$23,260
Westview, Jefferson City		-	-	-	-	-	\$54,503
Zaima, Zaima		-	\$5,049	\$3,627	\$3,860	\$6,535	\$19,088
Zion, St. Louis	\$4,800	\$100	\$1,393	\$672	\$300	\$10,381	\$17,646

# Annual Membership and Attendance Information Reported for 2022

Church	Membership Last Year	Present Membership	Increased by Baptisms	Increased by Other	Decreased by Death	Decreased by Other	Sunday School Enrollment	Sunday School Attendance	Average AM Worship Attendance
Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston	16	23	3	4	0	0	-	12	15
Anity, Doniphan	46	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bates Creek, Potosi	31	34	0	3	0	0	14	18	19
Berean, Festus	No data provided.								
Bethany, Saint Louis	No letter received.								
Bethel, Lonedell	778	774	2	7	6	3	-	-	-
Bethel, Sikeston	110	110	3	0	0	2	40	40	60
Bethesda Landmark, Park Hills	14	14	1	0	0	1	18	10	18
Bethlehem, Doniphan	28	27	0	0	1	0	-	-	-
Black Creek, Poplar Bluff	36	40	1	3	0	0	-	15	25
Bretton Creek, Potosi	17	16	0	0	0	0	-	1	12
Briar, Doniphan	41	35	0	0	4	2	25	18	20
Central, Union	No letter received.								
Charity Landmark, Bismarck	18	16	0	0	1	1	20	20	20
Emmanuel, Sikeston	257	253	0	0	4	0	11	9	20
Fellowship, Potosi	83	84	4	0	0	1	39	30	50
First, Potosi	834	823	12	3	11	15	-	150	265
No letter received.									
Friendship, Caseyville	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	125
Grandview, Springfield	213	213	4	2	0	6	-	-	-
Kewanee, New Madrid	92	91	0	0	1	0	20	15	28
Landmark, De Soto	49	49	0	0	0	0	15	12	20
Lighthouse, Malden	198	193	0	0	2	3	-	40	46
Lindsay Lane, Florissant	No letter received.								
Lower Doe Run, Ellington	No letter received.								
Mount Carmel, Ellisnore	No letter received.								
Mount Olive, Salem	19	19	0	2	0	2	9	10	12
Mount Zion, Poplar Bluff	33	36	1	3	1	0	20	16	20
New Testament, Sullivan	No letter received.								
Oak Hill, Alton	No letter received.								
Oak Ridge, Caseyville	19	25	1	5	0	0	-	-	31
Ohlman, Bunker	81	86	2	7	3	1	-	-	-
Ozark Heights, Potosi	163	176	2	1	6	4	60	29	55
Pleasant Grove, Calledonia	71	71	0	0	0	0	-	6	12
Providence, Puxico	No letter received.								
Stony Point, Mineral Point	116	116	4	0	1	3	40	35	40
Temple, Belgrade	97	94	0	0	2	1	-	-	6
Westview, Jefferson City	91	91	0	2	0	2	-	35	50
Zalma, Zalma	4	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	3
Zion, St Louis	15	14	0	0	1	0	-	-	8

## WMA Retreat Report

A month has passed already. To say that this retreat was one of the best is an understatement. It was well attended, and everyone seemed to enjoy it.

After some had to cancel attending due to unfortunate circumstances, we had approximately 95 ladies present along with 3 men. There were 22 churches represented.

Our key-note speaker Lori Cline from Little Rock, AR, did an exceptional job speaking on areas that are relevant to all ladies, no matter their age. Several have suggested that we have her return in the future.

In keeping with the idea of having “younger” women involved we asked Jessica Kempfer from Loyalty, Sparta, IL and Molly Kingston from Bethel, Lonedell, MO to be our music worship team. They didn’t know each other prior to this event but did an excellent in leading us with a variety of songs (some old and some new). We thank them for their willingness to serve.

We were blessed to have Bro. Pradeep and Sis. Golda Prakash attend. She spoke about their work in India and was able to visit with ladies individually throughout the retreat. We continue to pray for them as they serve in a difficult area of the world. We thank the Zion Baptist WMA for paying for their hotel room and the Ohlman Baptist WMA for paying for their meals at the retreat. I understand that some others may have given them love offerings as well.

It was planned to have Caitie Cox, National GMA President, speak and we were going to collect a love offering for her to use as she travels promoting the GMA program or to use for a mission trip that she may go on this summer. However, she had to cancel due to a death in her family. During her time slot we had Connie Reifsteck speak about the current National WMA project, Janet Widger spoke about the changes in the format for the 2023 National GMA Camp, then Tanya Hutton spoke about Caitie. After that we did collect the love offering. Our ladies are always generous. The amount collected was \$1,130.35.

The “silent” auction for Camp Garwood was a success as it has been for many years. There were close to 500 items with the total amount of money raised \$2,013.00. We cannot say enough about how generous our ladies are when it comes to Camp Garwood. Of course, there is always a down-side to this. But it is a good problem. We need about as much room for the silent auction in a facility as we do for the meeting room. This means larger facilities and of course more expensive facilities. However, as we grow, our ladies remain faithful in their willingness to pay. For that we are thankful.

The table decorations being used as attendance prizes was a great hit again, one that we will probably repeat in the future. The committee is already planning for 2023. Watch for announcements in the paper as well as on the WMA of Missouri Facebook page.

On behalf of committee members Amy Asher and Tanya Hutton, we thank you for your prayers and support this past year and ask that you continue to pray for us as we plan for 2023.

*– Janet Widger, Chairman MO WMA Retreat Committee*

## Brotherhood Annual Report 2021-2022

Greetings Brethren,

How good and how pleasant it was to DWELL with the brethren. Our vision will be on the health of our local churches both physical and spiritual. The idea is that if a church would need help with small projects, a few men of the Brotherhood could help. We would work out the details with the church needing help and help them. In no way is this meant for the Brotherhood to be responsible for the financial burden but to offer help to those churches who may not have the manpower. It is God's house, let's take care of it better than our own home. Think of it this way, if it looks rundown and in disrepair why would a lost person give it a second thought or look? I hate to say this but we are competing with worldliness. Second, we have churches that are struggling spiritually. Some without pastors, some few in number, and some that have fallen into the trap of going through the motions. Let's reach out and uplift our churches. Maybe ask if we can have a revival at their church. With all of this we must uphold the autonomy of the church. Mission work is always on the forefront of our goal but without care for our local churches we won't be here for mission work. Pray for this vision of our Brotherhood. Invite other men to the Brotherhood because we serve a stronger and greater witness together.

May 6th and 7th was the Brotherhood retreat. It was a great time of fellowship and it was awesome to work on a future vision for our Brotherhood. A special thank you to Bro. Chris Polk for having camp prepared and for the men that prepared our meals. The men enjoyed much needed fellowship, great food by the fire, and activities. We enjoyed the devotional Bro. Dennis Baker brought for us to "praise our Lord." On September 17th the Brotherhood held its first annual fishing tournament at Sunnen Lake in Potosi. It was a great time of fellowship at the 1st Brotherhood fishing tournament. The winners are:

- 1st Place Butch Wilson - Ozark Heights Baptist Church
- 2nd Place David Hays - First Baptist Church
- 3rd Place Hunter Moorman - Central Baptist Church

There were several churches in attendance and money raised for missions. It was a blessing to see the brethren in fellowship with one another. A special thank you to Bro. Chris Dicus for helping cook for the guys and Bro. Don Burke for taking pictures. The brethren are already looking forward to the next fishing tournament. The Brotherhood is making plans for a spring fishing tournament, spring retreat, and fall golf tournament. As we work together it will grow the relationship of our men that we no longer occupy space together but dwell together as the men God called us to be.

— Bryan Buckley, President

## Brotherhood Annual Financial Report 2021 - 2022

<b>Balance brought forward</b> .....	<b>\$</b>	<b>952.56</b>
<b>Deposits</b>		
State Brotherhood .....	\$	34.00
Washington Co. Brotherhood .....		92.00
Olhman .....		157.60

Camp Garwood .....	148.00	
Bates Creek .....	<u>500.00</u>	
<b>Balance</b> .....		\$ <u>931.60</u>
<b>Total Funds</b> .....		\$ <b>1,884.16</b>
<b>Withdrawals</b>		
Camp Garwood (Food for Retreat's 21 & 22) .. \$	<u>600.00</u>	
<b>Total</b> .....		\$ <b>1,284.16</b>

## Kenneth E. Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund Annual Report 2022

For several years the Editor of the Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper has acted as the Director of the Kenneth Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund which was initiated after Bro. Gibson was called home following an extended illness. The fund was started by the Valley Park Church in his memory. You can review the guidelines for this ministry on pages 13-14 in our 2020 Minutes. It has been over a year since we have issued a grant to any students and just as long since we have added any funds to this account.

About two years ago Sis. Gibson contacted me and let me know she and the rest of his family are willing for our churches to use the funds for something else if they see the need.

The Seminary is a great tool, and we should do what we can to keep it and other ministries of the BMA of America functioning in a positive way. Thank you for the privilege of serving in this capacity and pray for those who will lead in the future.

*— James Hoffmann, Treasurer*

## Kenneth Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund Annual Financial Report October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022

<b>Balance: October 1, 2021</b> .....	\$ 12,021.43
<b>Total Received</b> .....	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Available</b> .....	\$ 12,021.43
<b>Total Expenses</b> .....	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Balance September 30, 2022</b> .....	\$ 12,021.43

*All funds are in the MMB Bank Account:  
KGSSGF (\$12,021.43) + MMB (\$8,572.72) =  
\$ 20,594.15 in checking account (09/30/2022)*

**Missouri Missionary Baptist Loan Program  
Annual Financial Report  
October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022**

**Balance as of Oct. 1, 2021** . . . . . \$ **442,313.80**

**Income General Fund**

Bethesda-Park Hills . . . . .	\$ 21.86
Camp Garwood-Loan . . . . .	10,000.00
CD 15175 Cash Out Commercial Bank . . . . .	47,756.16
CD 16487 Cash Out Commercial Bank . . . . .	17,304.92
CD 16589 Cash Out Commercial Bank . . . . .	47,257.50
CD 352395992519 Cash Out US Bank . . . . .	67,918.57
Mt Zion-Popular Bluff . . . . .	12.00
Ohlman-Bunker . . . . .	12.00
Pathway Raymore-Loan . . . . .	3,350.00
Washington County-Camp Garwood Loan . . . . .	2,500.00
Zalma-Zalma . . . . .	38.72
Zion-St Louis . . . . .	<u>36.00</u>

**Total General Fund Income** . . . . . \$ **196,207.73**

**Income Grant Fund**

Bethesda-Park Hills . . . . .	\$ 196.58
Bethlehem-Doniphan . . . . .	400.00
Landmark-DeSoto . . . . .	200.00
Lighthouse-Malden . . . . .	200.00
Mt Zion-Popular Bluff . . . . .	102.00
Ohlman-Bunker . . . . .	108.00
Stony Point-Mineral Point . . . . .	1,795.49
Zalma-Zalma . . . . .	348.50
Zion-St Louis . . . . .	<u>324.00</u>

**Total Grant Fund Income** . . . . . \$ **3,674.57**

**Interest**

Checking-Commercial Bank . . . . .	\$ 68.06
Checking-Midland States Bank . . . . .	0.00
CD's Commercial	
13999 . . . . .	48.74
14833 . . . . .	107.66
15175 . . . . .	214.29
16487 . . . . .	425.94
16589 . . . . .	78.37
16878 . . . . .	110.23
17060 . . . . .	32.18
17237 . . . . .	226.27
17251 . . . . .	423.52
CD's US Bank	
352395992519 . . . . .	728.73
CD's Midland States Bank	
8484970186 . . . . .	0.00
8484970187 . . . . .	0.00
8484970188 . . . . .	0.00



8484970189 .....	0.00	
8484970190 .....	0.00	
8484970191 .....	<u>0.00</u>	
<b>Total Interest Income</b> .....		<b>\$ 2,463.99</b>
<b>Paid Out</b>		
Brotherhood Insurance .....	\$ 2,513.20	
Camp Garwood-Loan .....	12,500.00	
Grecian Steakhouse-Committee Meeting .....	108.67	
CD 15175 Cash Out Commercial Bank .....	47,756.16	
CD 16487 Cash Out Commercial Bank .....	17,304.92	
CD 16589 Cash Out Commercial Bank .....	47,257.50	
CD 352395992519 Cash Out US Bank .....	67,918.57	
Pathway-Loan .....	<u>3,350.00</u>	
<b>Total Paid Out</b> .....		<b>\$ 198,709.02</b>
<b>Balance as of September 30, 2022</b> .....		<b>\$ 445,951.07</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Checking Commercial Bank .....	\$ 86,979.50	
Checking Midland States Bank .....	<u>63,307.74</u>	
<b>Total Checking*</b> .....		<b>\$ 150,287.24</b>
<b>CD's</b>		
Commercial Bank 13999 .....	\$ 12,299.95	
Commercial Bank 14833 .....	14,421.61	
Commercial Bank 15175 .....	0.00	
Commercial Bank 16487 .....	0.00	
Commercial Bank 16589 .....	0.00	
Commercial Bank 16878 .....	14,767.18	
Commercial Bank 17060 .....	6,456.57	
Commercial Bank 17237 .....	30,312.06	
Commercial Bank 17251 .....	34,146.46	
Midland States Bank 8484970186 .....	20,000.00	
Midland States Bank 8484970187 .....	20,000.00	
Midland States Bank 8484970188 .....	20,000.00	
Midland States Bank 8484970189 .....	20,000.00	
Midland States Bank 8484970190 .....	20,000.00	
Midland States Bank 8484970191 .....	20,000.00	
Midland States Bank 8484970795 .....	20,000.00	
Midland States Bank 8484970796 .....	20,000.00	
Midland States Bank 8484970797 .....	20,000.00	
US Bank 352395992519 .....	<u>0.00</u>	
<b>Total CD's</b> .....		<b>\$ 292,403.83</b>
<b>Notes Receivable</b>		
Camp Garwood .....	\$ 0.00	
Pathway, Raymore .....	<u>3,260.00</u>	
<b>Total Notes Receivable</b> .....		<b>\$ 3,260.00</b>
<b>Total Assets</b> .....		<b>\$ 445,951.07</b>

\* Includes Grant Fund

<b>Grant Fund</b>			
<b>Balance October 1, 2021</b> .....		<b>\$</b>	<b>2,933.50</b>
<b>Offerings</b>			
Bethesda-Park Hills .....	\$ 196.58		
Bethlehem-Doniphan .....	400.00		
Landmark-DeSoto .....	200.00		
Lighthouse-Maiden .....	200.00		
Mt Zion-Popular Bluff .....	102.00		
Ohlman-Bunker .....	108.00		
Stony Point-Mineral Point .....	1,795.49		
Zalma-Zalma .....	348.50		
Zion-St Louis .....	<u>324.00</u>		
<b>Total Offerings</b> .....		<b>\$</b>	<b>3,674.57</b>
<b>Paid Out</b>			
Total Paid Out .....	\$ 0.00		
<b>Grant Fund Balance September 30, 2022</b> .....		<b>\$</b>	<b>3,674.57</b>

**Progression of Capital Accounts**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Balance 10/1/2021</b>	<b>9/30/2022</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Loan Fund	\$442,313.80	\$445,951.07	\$3,637.27
Grant Fund	<u>2,933.50</u>	<u>6,608.07</u>	<u>3,674.57</u>
Proprietorship	\$445,247.30	\$452,559.14	\$7,311.84
Checking Account-Commercial Bank	\$132,958.75	\$86,979.50	\$(45,979.25)
Checking Account-Midland States Bank	0.00	63,307.74	63,307.74
Certificates of Deposits	290,245.05	292,403.83	2,158.78
Grant Fund	2933.50	6,608.07	3,674.57
Notes Receivable-Camp Garwood	12,500.00	0.00	(12,500.00)
Notes Receivable-Pathway Raymore	<u>6,610.00</u>	<u>3,260.00</u>	<u>(3,350.00)</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$445,247.30</b>	<b>\$452,559.14</b>	<b>\$7,311.84</b>

## 2022 ALIVE Ministries Committee Minutes

December 29-31, 2022

Last meeting: May 24, 2022

Voted

- Jeff Moorman as President; Jim Ainley as Treasurer; Bryan Buckley as Assistant Treasurer; Benjamin Kingston as Secretary; Kevin Smith as MC
- Speaker: Brad Banderman
- Entertainment: Scavenger hunt (Jim Ainley running point)
- Recreation: Sky Zone
- Band: Central Collective
- Hotel: Doubletree by Hilton (Contract signed and ready)
- Prices: \$10 raise from \$65 (\$75 per person); \$60 per person for a new church
- Tshirts: Simple Alive logo

## ALIVE Ministries Financial Report

**Balance as of 5/5/21** ..... \$ 6,113.12

### Deposits

12/9/21 - First Baptist Potosi ..... \$2,365.00  
 12/28/21 - Conference Registrations ..... 8,680.00  
 1/11/22 - First Baptist Potosi ..... 715.00  
 2/7/22 - Ozark Heights ..... 770.00

**Total** ..... **\$12,530.00**

### Withdrawals

5/26 - Chk #535 - Jim Ainley (meal reimburse) ..... \$75.31  
 12/27- Chk #536 - Papa John's ..... 790.00  
 12/28 - Chk #537 - Josh Corbet (Drake reimb) ..... 37.00  
 12/28 - Chk #538 - Brian Drake ..... 1,860.00  
 12/29 - Chk #539 - Bethel Church Rec drinks etc). ..... 243.80  
 12/29 - Chk #540 - Tony Crocker ..... 2,000.00  
 12/29- Chk #541 - Blake Wilson (Band) ..... 3,500.00  
 12/30- Chk #542 - Jim Ainley (knockerball reimb) ..... 1,312.49  
 1/4/22 - Chk #543 - Legacy Printing ..... 2,242.20  
 12/30- Return from previous Deposit ..... 398.00  
 1/4/22 - Chk #544 - Kevin Smith (Vac reimb). ..... 126.46  
 1/4/22 - Chk #545 - Ashley Acres (Logo) ..... 250.00  
 2/8/22 - Chk #546 - Jim Ainley (Hs Acct reimb) ..... 2,153.80

**Total** ..... **\$14,989.06**

**Beginning Balance** ..... **\$ 6,113.12**

Deposits ..... 12,530.00

Withdrawals ..... (14,989.06)

**Balance as of 3/7/22** ..... **\$ 3,654.06**

## Recording Secretary's Annual Financial Report May 1, 2022 – October 1, 2022\*

**Beginning Balance** ..... \$ 3,060.58

### Funds Received

Offerings ..... \$ 200.00

**Total Funds Received** ..... **\$ 200.00**

**Funds Available** ..... **\$ 3,260.58**

### Expenses

Trumpet Printing (minutes) ..... \$ 1,478.00

Don Burke (clerk hire) ..... 1,300.00

Bank Statement Fee (4 mths) ..... 20.00

**Total Expenses** ..... **\$ 2,798.00**

**Ending Balance** ..... **\$ 462.58**

*\* In previous years annual reports covered transactions to October 1. However, with the date of the Annual Meeting now moved to the earlier part of October, bank*

*statements for September do not always arrive in time to be included in this report. Therefore, for reporting purposes the financial year will hereafter begin and end on September 1.*

## **Resolutions Committee Report**

### **Resolution on TREASURES**

Whereas, the Lord has invested precious treasures with each of His servants;  
Whereas, His servants are implored not to bury these treasures;  
Whereas, the Lord will expect a return on the treasures that He has invested with us;  
Be it Resolved that we use these treasures for the Lord's glory.

### **Resolution on the Treasure of TIME**

Whereas, TIME is among these precious treasures that the Lord has invested with us;  
Whereas, the Lord God has appointed the number of days of each servant's TIME;  
Whereas, the Lord of Glory will call His servants into account for how they used their TIME;  
Be it Resolved that we are found redeeming the TIME, because the days are evil.

### **Resolution on the Treasure of GOD'S WORD**

Whereas, the WORD of God is among these precious treasurers that the Lord has invested with us;  
Whereas, there is a sufficiency in the WORD of God concerning all spiritual and moral matters;  
Whereas, the Lord of Glory will call His servants into account for what they did with His WORD;  
Be it Resolved that we are found Holding forth the WORD of life.

### **Resolution on the THRONE OF GRACE**

Whereas the THRONE OF GRACE is among these precious treasures that the Lord has invested with us;  
Whereas the Lord's THRONE OF GRACE can only be accessed through prayer;  
Whereas the Bible gives much encouragement for His servants to use this treasure;  
Be it Resolved that we often come boldly to the THRONE OF GRACE that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## **Renewal Retreat 2022 Report**

I know my memory is inadequate at times, but as best as I can determine this was our fourth renewal retreat. You may remember this event was started years ago, but unfortunately, we have not been able to have a Renewal Retreat each year. Instead, it has turned out to be more of a semi-annual event. The hope and intention is to have a retreat such as this each year and for it to lead to healing within our association. I believe it has 100% done that or at least gotten that onto a very firm footing.

After the two previous retreats focusing on healing and harmony, we have moved our emphasis onto church growth and church health. Again, if my memory serves, it had been two years since our previous Renewal Retreat.

On March 25-26 we met with Dr. Gavin Hooks, who spoke to us about his book, ‘The Core Principle,’ which is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself. We had some 40 to 46 participants and to a man the information was appreciated and needed.

I am working on next year’s Renewal Retreat at the present, and I hope to have the preliminary plans complete by our annual meeting for the state association in October.

Please make plans to attend our next Renewal Retreat on the last weekend of March 2023 and invite the men of the church that you pastor to participate.

I move the adoption of this report and request that half funding for this event in 2023 be included in the motion to approve this report.

— Ben Kingston

**Renewal Retreat 2022 Financial Report**

Dr. Gavin Hooks — Speaking & Books . . . . .	\$ 750.00
Melvin Barnett — Cook . . . . .	300.00
Chris Polk — Groceries . . . . .	331.98
Door Prizes . . . . .	383.15
Gas . . . . .	75.00
Supplies . . . . .	<u>42.28</u>
<b>Total*</b> . . . . .	<b>\$ 1,882.41</b>

*\*MLBA reimbursed half (\$941.20)*

**Churches and Missions in the BMA of Missouri  
Listed by Name**

*(Some churches have not recently reported and information may be outdated.  
Churches marked with a † sent no church letter this year.)*

- Abundant Life in Christ** . . . . . 926 S. Elm  
**Charleston** . . . . . PO Box 195, Charleston, MO 63834  
 (573) 427-0551; RDSCDS@sbcglobal.net  
 (P) Rodney Dunlap . . . . . PO Box 195, Charleston, MO 63834  
 (573) 427-0551; abundantlifeinchristmbc@gmail.com  
 (C) Debra Dunlap . . . . . PO Box 195, Charleston, MO 63834  
 lildebunlap@gmail.com
- Amity, Doniphan** . . . . . 1642 Hwy 142E & 24A  
 392 W Harbin Ave, Puxico, MO 63960  
 (P) Ernie Cate (interim) . . . . . 392 W Harbin Ave, Puxico, MO 63960  
 (573) 421-1093; erniecate@yahoo.com  
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- Bates Creek, Potosi** . . . . . 10350 Bates Creek Rd; 10061 Mayhew Rd,  
Potosi, MO 63664; (573) 854-2251  
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econnie@yahoo.com
- Berean, Festus** . . . . . 2245 Berean Ln, Festus, MO 63028; (636) 937-9219  
bmbc2245@att.net; www.bmbcfestus.com  
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- Bethel, Sikeston** . . . . . 128 5th St / PO Box 932, Sikeston, MO 63801  
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(C) Karen Lindsey . . . . . 1004 Pine Street, Sikeston, MO 63801  
(573) 380-6425
- Bethesda, Park Hills** . . . . . 104 5th St, Park Hills, MO 63601  
(P) . . . . . none  
(C) Barbara Sue Marler . . . . . 15 Ash St, Bonne Terre, MO 63628  
barbarasuemarler@att.net
- †Bethlehem, Doniphan** . . . . . 2033 Ripley Rt. U, Doniphan, MO 63935  
(P) . . . . . none  
(C) Dian Decker . . . . . 204 Ripley U-5, Doniphan, MO 63935  
(573) 996-2448; dgranny1354@live.com

- Black Creek, Poplar Bluff** . . . . . 549 County Road 467 / PO Box 1128  
 Poplar Bluff, MO 63901  
 (P) Russell Chitwood . . . . . 711 State Hwy 21 S., Ellsinore, MO 63937  
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- Black River, Qulin** . . . . . 13317 Highway 53 / 281 CR 2021, Qulin, MO 63961  
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 (C) Krissey L. Whitlock . . . . . 664 Hwy CC, Broseley, MO 63932  
 (513) 712-6648
- Breton Creek, Potosi** . . . . . 10161 Simmental Rd / PO Box 305, Potosi, MO 63664  
 (573) 438-1072  
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- Briar, Doniphan** . . . . . 10015 Hwy 160 W, Doniphan, MO 63935  
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- Emmanuel, Sikeston** . . . . . 2001 Ables Rd / PO Box 1325, Sikeston, MO 63801  
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