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We Tell the Story

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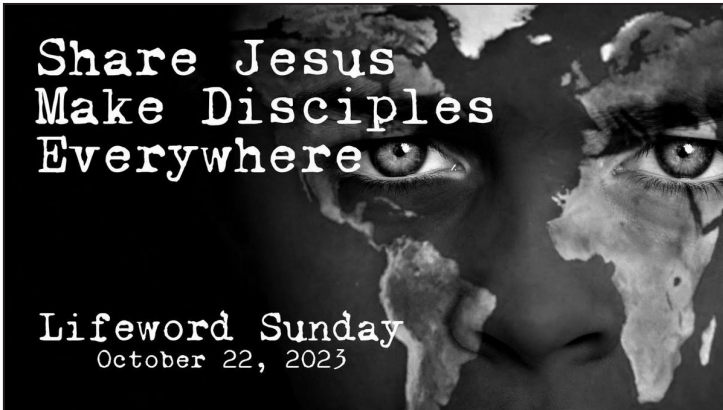
Since Lifeword began, her mission has not changed and can be summed up in one sentence: we tell the story. The story of hope, the story of grace, the story of mercy, the story of salvation...the story of Jesus. It's the greatest story ever told, and we have dedicated our efforts, time, finances, and ministries to telling this story to the nations. But we don't do it alone. We need you to join us in taking The Greatest Story Ever Told to the lost, to the hurting, to the broken, to the searching. When you partner with Lifeword, you become a part of this mission. When you partner with Lifeword, you tell The Story. When you partner with Lifeword, you change lives. Here is how.

On February 24th, 2022, Russia invaded the country of Ukraine and for 18 months now, war has upended the lives of thousands of Ukrainians. Many have fled the country. Many have stayed and committed to fight. Many have lost their lives.

War has become their new normal. The sounds of air raids and sirens are no longer cause for alarm. Schools have built bomb shelters in them so they can continue with classes even during attacks. Every Ukrainian has been altered in some way by this war. Many

Share Jesus
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Everywhere

Lifeword Sunday
October 22, 2023



are suffering without hope, without faith, and with fear of what the future holds. They are in dire need of the hope found in Christ, but how do we tell them?

This month, Lifeword's Executive Director, Donny Parrish, went to Poland to meet with Ukrainian pastors and their wives about how Lifeword can help them tell The Story to their families, friends, neighbors, and fellow citizens in Ukraine. Lifeword is perfectly positioned to come alongside these pastors and help them to share the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in their country that is desperately seeking hope. Through social media, Lifeword is able to reach thousands of Ukrainian speakers, both in Ukraine and those around the world who have fled from the war.

Lifeword's mission is to tell The Story. This is just one example of how we are working to do that in one of the many countries in which we're privileged to work. This is what you make possible when you partner with Lifeword. When you partner with Lifeword, this is how you Tell the Story.

This year, Lifeword Sunday is October 22nd, and the theme is “Share Jesus. Make Disciples. Everywhere.” Lifeword Sunday is the day set aside each year that the Lifeword Team asks the churches of BMA America to pray for and take a special offering to help Lifeword expand her gospel footprint around the world. Lifeword Sunday is critical to

From Host Pastor for State Meeting

Greetings and salutation from Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Sikeston. Our church is looking forward to hosting the BMA of Missouri Annual Meeting October 14, 2023 at 9:00 am. Sikeston offers many hotels and restaurants.

At the church we will have coffee, milk, juice and pastries at 8:00 am, and lunch will be provided. We are looking forward to doing the Lord's business and fellowshiping with you all.

If I can be of any assistance, please call 573-521-8028.

In Christ, Pastor Billy Davis

helping us fulfill our mission. Would you go to lifeword.org/lifewordsunday and register your church to be a part of this great day? When your church registers, your pastor will be entered into our Pastor Giveaway. This year we are giving away a new Macbook Pro!

Download the Lifeword Sunday video to show your church exactly what they are supporting and order t-shirts to help us share the message of Lifeword.

Then, on October 22, let's all celebrate and worship our missionary God!



Lifeword's Executive Director, Donny Parrish, conducting a training for our Ukrainian brothers and sisters in Poland last month

Meramec Landmark Baptist Association Annual Meeting

Westview Missionary Baptist Church
1036 LoMo Drive, Jefferson City, Missouri

September 22, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.

Annual Church Letters

Churches can bring their completed 2023 Church Letters to the State Annual Association or mail them to BMA of MO Clerk (704 Valley Road, Potosi, MO 63664). Blank forms can be found in the 2022 Minute Book. Electronic forms (PDF) can be requested by email from the Clerk at PotosiPastor@gmail.com. Minute Fund offerings may be included with the Church Letters.

Email Reminder

Just a reminder that a few months ago the email address for *The Missouri Missionary Baptist* was changed. Please send all electronic correspondence to mmbpaper@gmail.com.

Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri Annual Meeting

Bethel Baptist Church
128 5th St., Sikeston, Missouri

October 14, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.

State Missions

Dear BMAMO Churches,

To say my cup is full would be an understatement. I have a healthy family. I have a family that is involved with the King's work in local churches. And now, after last Saturday, the Lord has added to our family the beautiful addition of Emma (Anderson) Kingston.

I had the great privilege of officiating our middle child's (Benjamin) wedding. Bro. Mike Hearst would have had a part also, however Covid relegated him and his lovely wife Rae Lynn to their home, which is understandable.

Bethel and our dear friends helped us beyond words. It was a fun and spiritual wedding with a fellowship-saturated reception. To God be the glory! Thank you for praying for Benjamin and Emma as they begin their new life as pastor and pastor's wife of our sister church, Westview Baptist Church in Jefferson City.

As I referred to in my previous article, I was blessed to go to Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Salem on August 9. We had a wonderful time sharing BMAMO Missions through the Assessment. One individual that had not been able to be there last year after the presentation confessed that they didn't know what the night was all about and didn't know what I was going to share. I appreciated their honesty and quite frankly, they illustrated the need for such presentations.

Our people need to know what we are doing and be challenged to participate in the revitalization of our churches so we can become healthy enough to reproduce ourselves as churches. Bro. Jim Rayfield and his wife are faithful members there, and his nephew Randy and wife Julie were able to go with us. Dawn and I had a beautiful time of fellowship all the way around. Bro. Larry Nash and his wife are doing a fantastic job of leading that church for the kingdom of God.

By the way, did you know these phones have calendars that go through several months and even years in the future? I would treat it as a special blessing if you would call me after you read this article and let's set up a presentation for next summer now. What a blessing that will be!

I look forward to presenting at the annual meeting on October 14 at Bethel in Sikeston.

May the Lord richly bless you all in my prayer.

Bro. Ben Kingston



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Bringing Hispanic families under God's Agenda

Our Values: Trust, Respect, Accountability, Grace, and Celebration.

(Psalm 96:1-3) Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Contacts:

These two months have been a very special time for us. The Lord continues blessing us with new contacts, new fields, new opportunities, etc.

Of the home Bible studies we have every day in different areas of the city, one individual moved out of the state. Another setting where we have been conducting studies for almost two years asked for a "break." But in spite of these challenging situations we continue to reach out to our Hispanic friends.

This fall we will continue our challenge to have spiritual conversations with at least 1 person a day. Just one conversation can lead to 1, 3 or even 7 Discovery Bible Studies. We are so glad to have a process in which we can interact with our friends to discover what God is doing in their lives, what circumstances are surrounding this person, and how we as a church can help this individual know about Christ and grow in Him. The sky is the limit.

Fall Schedule:

During weekday mornings I will conduct a prayer walk around the neighborhood. I am visiting the local churches to meet with pastors and staff who are available and looking to support with prayer our daily evangelistic effort. We are looking to rent/lease an office space that will be used to connect with more people in the area and start a Bible study. We are thinking for now to start a Discovery Bible Study at our home. We are excited for this opportunity to utilize our treasure, time, and talent in our hometown. We plan to invite people to join us for Discovery Bible Study on Sunday morning.

Sunday evening will continue to be the focus of our missionary effort in neighborhoods in the

FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS

August 2023

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| <u>Checking Account:</u> | |
| Balance July 31, 2023 | \$ 16,503.19 |
| <u>Income:</u> | |
| Missions | \$ 4,414.64 |
| Total Income | \$ 4,414.64 |
| Total Available | \$ 20,917.83 |
| <u>Expenses:</u> | |
| Director, salary | \$ 450.00 |
| Secretary, salary | 200.00 |
| Juan Fernandez, support | 2,333.33 |
| Director, mileage | 27.37 |
| Total Expenses | \$ (3,010.70) |
| Balance August 31, 2023 | \$ 17,907.13 |
| <u>BMAMS Revolving Loan Investment:</u> | |
| Balance July 31, 2023 | \$ 115,133.96 |
| Interest | 0.00 |
| Balance August 31, 2023 | \$ 115,133.96 |
| Total in All Accounts August 31, 2023 | \$ 133,041.09 |

St. Ann, Maryland Heights, Overland, and St. John areas. The contacts are many and the chances to continue celebrating our Sunday evening services seems to be a good fit for our family who lives in Ballwin, MO. We pray that doors at Bethany continue to open to receive our families to grow in the Lord and establish our Hispanic church plant. Last Sunday we received a family wishing to join us in the venture of planting a healthy Hispanic Baptist Missionary church. The family members are seeking to have their young kids grow in the grace and faith of our Lord and Savior Jesus. They have been an established family, the first one we have been in contact with since we started this ministry. So, we are thankful for the Saenz family and pray and ask you to join us in prayer that the Lord blesses us with a meaningful relationship with them.

We are praying the Lord blesses us in our core team with a handful of musicians to have a worship team to praise the Lord and lead others to worship in Spirit and truth. So far, the Lord has blessed with Lucas (12) our guitar-playing young man that enjoys singing hymns and songs to the Lord in Portuguese, English and Spanish. Praise the LORD!

Monday-Thursday from 6:00-8:00 pm will continue with our ESL outreach Bible study and prayer in Bethany's basement. This will occur starting the 3rd week of September through the 3rd week of December. These contacts will be invited to our monthly potluck held the first Sunday of the month. We will also be collecting daily prayer requests during the Bible study time after the English lesson is presented, and Wednesday noon prayer walk. We are also considering a Spanish learning club at Lindsay Lane Church with Pastor Brian and some of the church family members who have expressed the desire to

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learn how to reach out to our Hispanic friends. The meeting time has not yet been determined.

Friday evening, we hope to re-connect with our families in St. Charles, MO. We are temporarily using a space for my personal office, thanks to the hospitality of Pastor Tom and church families. This arrangement is for a couple months until we can get our own multi-purpose place for office space, worship, teaching for different ages, conference room, playground, etc. We pray hopefully by the beginning of next year we can update with more details on this much-needed place. We have three to four families who can be blessed with our outreach in this area. We are seeking to focus on offering a Bible study on Friday evenings in St. Charles – place to be determined soon, hopefully.

Prayer Items:

- We continue to ask for you to pray with us every day at 12:00 noon for growth in this Hispanic missionary work in the areas we are led.
- We are also asking the Lord to bless us with 5 home Bible studies by the end of the year. We have two home Bible studies now after experiencing three which have been terminated due to families moving out of town during this past month. Another family asked us to stop coming to visit them as they needed time to process their decisions and direction for their family. Pray for this last family as they are struggling so much to follow Jesus.
- A core team to minister to the needs in our community. These volunteers will help with children’s program while we do ESL outreach. Pray for us and with us, as the Lord leads.
- A worship team that will get together twice a week for prayer and to practice songs for Sunday evening worship service.

VSM: Not Just For Sun and Selfies

Holly Meriweather, BMA Global Content Coordinator

In our BMA Global family, ministry happens everywhere and all around the globe. And we’re not just talking at churches, worship services, and discipleship groups. Sometimes ministry happens during basketball in the park, a hula hoop game, or face painting. More organically but intentionally and relationally, just like Jesus modeled. One example of that kind of ministry is VSM (Volunteer Student Missions), and on a recent trip thirteen students and four adults used those exact activities and others to minister in Costa Rica.



Jairo Bonilla coordinates the work there with the help of Luis Ortega (not to be confused with Lifeword Director of Operations Luis Ortega here in the States). One of the many ways Luis serves is by managing VSM teams that host Bible schools for children. The VSM Costa Rica team was blessed to have him as a local contact, interpreter, “transportation director,” and so much more. One thing is for certain: He is a great example of godly leadership.

Well before the team left from the States, they met at VSM weekend in the spring for team-building, security training, dos and don’ts on the mission field, and cultural education. Team Costa Rica decided to use David and Goliath and Daniel in the Lions’ Den for their skits, then leaders purchased supplies for the props and decorations. In one week, they held four Bible schools at two churches and a community center.

The team spoke very little, if any, Spanish, but there didn’t seem to be a language barrier as I watched these young high school and college students find the shyest, the smallest, or the scariest children and made them feel special. There were fist bumps, hugs, high-fives, and water balloon fights that left children breathless and laughing. And I watched the children as they listened to the story about a giant who was defeated and a lion whose mouth was shut, both because of a loving “Dios.”

Despite the language barrier between us and the children, it was clear that the story captured their attention. Seeds were planted that day, and the gospel was shared, but only God knows what will take root.

VSM is not a vacation. It’s the life-changing fulfillment of a calling to serve. And every student on the team understood that it was not about selfies, which there were plenty of when the children noticed our cell phones and wanted to see themselves in a photo.

As summer winds down and VSM trips conclude, BMA Global personnel like Angela Rice and Margaret Anderson are already planning 2024 trips. If you’re considering joining one, don’t hesitate to let us know so you can experience the amazing things God can do with construction paper, a sword made out of balloons, and a plastic slingshot.

• The first Sunday of the month to continue being a time of fellowship and celebration of God’s mercy and provision for our families. For the Lord to continue bringing people together for evangelism, fellowship and praying with us.

We can’t reach out to all the needs in our Hispanic families by ourselves. We need you and your church family to pray and plan to come and visit to bless us with your company and enthusiasm to continue reaching faithfully and fruitfully to our families as the LORD leads.

God bless you!

Juan and Hannah Fernandez

Camp Garwood

Fall Retreat — Camp Garwood

November 3-4

Zeb Balentine will be doing a comedy routine on Friday evening and preaching on Saturday morning

Good food • Games • Activities

WMA

The Washington County District WMA quarterly meeting will be at Bates Creek Missionary Baptist Church, 10350 Bates Creek Rd., Potosi, MO on Friday, 9/15/2023, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Come and join us for a great time of worship and fellowship!

Barbara Williams, President

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Updates from Our Churches



Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston

As we have in past years, we again organized prayer for our Charleston schools on the night before classes began. We were blessed to have about 25 from the community join with our own people.

Social unrest on our overseas field has continued to hamper progress. There are situations over which neither we nor our people on that field can control, but they make forward progress very difficult. We pray for the strength and safety of our people there.

Rodney Dunlap, Pastor

Mt. Olive, Salem

We are excited that our WMA set a goal amount to purchase Bibles for Brother Mickeal Quillman to use on the mission field in Zambia! Through prayer and offerings we reached our goal! To God be the glory!

For our August outreach we went to the Salem Residential Care and had a devotional and a song service with some of the residents. We broke up into groups of 1, 2, and 3 to visit with them, one on one, and ask them if they had any special prayer requests. The time with them was such a blessing for all of us!

June 11 we had a representative from the Gideon Bible ministry during our morning worship service. June 25 we were blessed with 7 visitors who joined us for Sunday school and worship!

July 1-7 Bro. Larry and Sis. Rhonda were on the mission field in Guatemala. 59 souls

were saved! Hallelujah! July 2, Bro. Doug Givens filled the pulpit in the absence of our pastor.

July 10 & 11, Bro. and Sis. Gillam were on the Mission Field in Overland, Missouri. They worked with Bro. Juan and Sis. Hannah Fernandez the first 2 nights of their VBS.

July 31-August 4, two of our members attended the Missouri state encampment at Camp Garwood. Praise to God for the souls that were saved during that week!

August 12 seven of our members attended the Logan Creek Association meeting at Lower Doe Run. It is always a blessing to attend!

August 16 Bro. Larry and Sis. Rhonda gave a report on their mission trip. It was a great presentation of their experiences there and a display of items they were able to bring home with them. We had several visitors there to hear their report.

August 20 two of our members attended the homecoming service at Stony Point, one of our sister churches in Missouri. What a blessing it was to celebrate with them!

Thank you for your prayers as we continue to be about our Father's business at Mt. Olive in Salem, Missouri and the uttermost parts of the world.

To God be the glory!

*Larry Nash, Pastor
Deiatre Gillam, Reporter*

Lower Doe Run, Ellington

Greetings to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Looking for Good News? Join us in worship every Sunday as

we celebrate Christ's resurrection.

The church camp at Garwood refreshed our spirits. Most of our members could not attend but we knew they were praying faithfully. We had to be out Wednesday night as we had promised to help out the mission lesson at VBS at Ozark Heights. Another blessing there.

We are so thankful for the faithful few and for newcomers for the past few weeks. We appreciate Brother Johnny Beardsley filling the pulpit while we were gone for a grandson's wedding in Arkansas. Since he helped us out, his son and family have been attending. What a blessing.

We were privileged to host the Logan Creek Association on August 12. It was a great day, with 3 churches and 3 visitors attending. Alton May, 12 years old, from Ohlman gave a very encouraging devotional, Brother Brian Meade came from Lindsay Lane and brought the annual message, *Come to Worship — What do we give? Our service for His glory!* Brother Juan Fernandez spoke of the Hispanic ministry in the greater St. Louis area, including St. Charles.

We are looking forward to a visit from Stan and Donna Scroggins, Philippine missionaries and friends for many years, on September 17. We hope to attend the Meramec Association on the 22nd, the State Association on the 14th of October, and the Washington County Association on the 21st. We are

also looking forward to our Fall Festival in October (no date yet).

Kathleen Yates' daughter, Pamela Buford, passed into Glory last month. Keep Kathleen and her family in prayer. We still have sickness among the members. Pray for Diana, Kathy, Rylan and others.

Until we meet again, God bless and keep each of us faithful in His service for His glory.

*Melvin Meade, Pastor
Carolyn Meade, Reporter*

Stony Point, Mineral Point

Hello to everyone! This will be a catch-up report from Stony Point as I have been dealing with some health issues.

We are excited to accept Roy and Pam Callahan as new members. Stony Point held Vacation Bible School July 17-19 with a special emphasis on Moses. We had good attendance from area youth.

On July 26 Bro. Ben Kingston presented BMAMO during a Wednesday evening service. July 31-August 4 Bro. Claude and Sis. Bea Evans and several others attended Camp Garwood. On August 12 the church hosted a Back to School Fun Day for our young people and their friends.

August 20 was homecoming at Stony Point, and we were blessed by the singing ministry of We Will Testify (Gus and Judy Biggers)

Love you all!

*Claude Evans, Pastor
David Hughes, Reporter*

Lindsay Lane, Florissant

Greetings from Lindsay Lane. Wishing you God's blessings as we enter fall! Our summer was very busy with Jesus Camp, VBS, a surprise trip to the Botanical Gardens, pastor Brian and Dawn and the Parrishes taking a vacation to Florida. Bro. Stan Anthony was involved in a very serious head on car accident but thanks be to God he is recovering and is able

to attend services. Bro. Mike McKenzie is getting stronger after having p/t and has a ministry no matter where he is! We have started a Bible study on Wednesday night for all age groups called Answers from Genesis to Revelation. By the time you read this the ladies retreat will be history! This is always a great time of fellowship and worship with old friends and new friends! News from Jesus Camp and Camp Garwood was wonderful with several souls being won to the Lord! Several from Lindsay Lane attended the funeral service for Bro. Danny Kirk. Bro. Kingston presented Sis. Kirk the Christian flag in his honor. By the time you read this hopefully I will have a knee replacement! Been trying to get this done since January! Good things come to those who wait! May God bless.

*Brian Meade, Pastor
Kathy Chapman, Reporter*

Bethel, Sikeston

Happy fall, all. We are so thankful for the cooler weather.

We have been blessed this month as we had two additions to our church family. Matthew Nolen came forward and gave his testimony of being saved at camp and requested to be baptized. He was baptized that very evening. Also Bro. Jack Britt came forward that same evening and requested to move his membership from Victory Baptist to Bethel by letter. He was also accepted, and he and Matthew were both given the hand of fellowship and of course lots of hugs!

On the 27th we had promotion of our youth. We had three that were promoted to a higher class. We are so thankful for all of our youth!

On the 24th the Baptist Missionary Association's annual session was held here. October 14 the BMA of Missouri annual state meeting will be here also. We will be providing lunch for that meeting.

~ Upcoming Events ~

Meramec Association Annual

Meeting – Sept. 22; 10 a.m.;
Westview, Jefferson City

ReCharge Leader's Oasis – Oct. 4-6;

Southgate Baptist Church, Moore,
OK

BMA of Missouri Annual Meeting –

Oct. 14; 9 a.m.; Bethel, Sikeston

SEMO Assoc. WMA – Oct. 17; First,
Matthews

Washington County Local Assoc. –

Oct. 21; Charity, Bismarck

Lifeword Sunday – Oct. 22

Fall Retreat – Nov. 3-4, Garwood

Celebration 2023 (formerly the
National Senior Adult Conference) –
Nov. 28-30; Chateau Resort, Branson

Send event info to mmbpaper@gmail.com.

Wednesday night Bible study we started studying the book of Titus. We are looking forward to what God has to show and tell us while studying this short book.

Keep the prayers going up for revival, our missionaries, our country and leaders. May God bless you all.

*Billy Davis, Pastor
Joan Wood, Reporter*

Landmark, DeSoto

Hello to all from Landmark, DeSoto! Almost time to start sayin' "Happy Fall, Y'all!"

Here's the latest on our building repair projects: Some repairs have finally begun, but it's slow-going. It's one of those "can't do" situations. Can't do the painting until the drywall is replaced. Can't replace the drywall until inner wall and electrical damage is repaired. Can't do those repairs until we can actually get the company and workers scheduled (harder than getting a doctor's appointment!). So we're waiting on the electrical people right now. Many thanks to Sis. Terry Smith, Bro. Dale Hawkins, and Sis. Beth Saylor for dealing with this. I think the church needs to buy each of them an extra bottle of aspirin for dealing with all these headaches!

In the meantime we are still worshipping at the DeSoto Community Center every Sunday morning. We appreciate Bro. David Burch for continuing to lead us in song worship every week. Thanks, Bro. Burch!

We also continue to be blessed by Bro. and Sis. Crites as they work together to shepherd us through God's Holy Spirit. They've been feeding us both spiritually AND physically, sharing

God's Word and the fruits of their mini farm – fresh eggs and cucumbers! God bless 'em both!

Several members are suffering from illness, ailments, and other burdens. We covet your prayers for them, and will continue to lift up all of you in ours. We're SO blessed that even – and especially – in times of trouble our hearts can be filled up with God's love and joy. Praying that God continues to pour down His blessings upon you.

*David Crites, Pastor
Barbara Williams, Reporter*

Oak Hill, Alton

Hello to all from Oak Hill. We thank the Lord that we welcomed Sis. Tatum Finley after Bro. Ed baptized her on August 20th.

We are very happy and are thanking the Lord for the miracle that he performed on Carstyn. The first results that Carstyn got from St. Jude's showed some spots in/on his lung and on his neck going down. The Doctor told Bro. Chad and Sis. Abby that those spots could be an infection, Covid, or cancer. They put Carstyn on some antibiotics because he had an ear infection. They did some more tests on Carstyn a week or so later. Thank the Lord nothing showed up on the results.

September 3rd, we gained another sister. Kristi Williams joined Oak Hill, and the best thing is that she is my sister-in-law! We hope and pray that we just keep adding more souls to the Lord's family.

On October 14th we are having a baby shower for Tristen & Reba Drake in our fellowship hall at 1:00 p.m. They are having a little boy, Weston Wayne Drake, on or

around November 17th.

Until next month, when I hope I will have some more good news to tell you. Until then we will be praising and honoring our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

God Bless!!

*Edward Casey, Pastor
Jennifer Williams, Reporter*

Kewanee, Kewanee

Greetings from Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church.

Are you FALL-owing Jesus? September is a time for changes and transitions. As we say "goodbye" to summer, we say "hello" to fall. Many will dive into all of the fall activities that are quickly upon us. Let's take time to pause and reflect on the goodness of God. It is so easy to spot the negativity and downfalls of everyday life. But, if you take the time to pause and look around, you will see the goodness of God everywhere you look.

We have a busy fall season upon us at KMBC. On Thursday, September 14th, our church will feed our football team immediately after their practice. Bro. Dan will give a short devotional.

On Thursday, September 14th from 5-7 p.m. at 1st Baptist Matthews, there will be a BBQ dinner fundraiser for three individuals planning a mission trip for the summer of 2024. Plates will be served for \$10 each. Come support these ladies as they prepare to go and serve.

On Sunday, September 17, 2023, we will celebrate our church homecoming. We will have a meal provided immediately after services. Around 1:30 pm, Chuck Crain from Presley's Branson will be singing and providing special music. Please join us if you

are in the area.

On Wednesday, September 27th, we will gather at New Madrid County Central High School with our local Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) group for "See You at the Pole" for a time of prayer.

The next SEMO Associational WMA meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 17th at 1st Baptist Matthews.

On Saturday, October 21st, around 8 am, we will gather with a few of the surrounding churches at Matthews Park in Matthews, MO for our annual Lifeword walk. We will have breakfast and coffee ready! Come join us.

On Saturday, October 28th, we will host a trunk-r-treat at 3 pm.

November 3-4th will be our fall retreat at Camp Garwood. Make plans to attend!

Please "like" our Facebook page, Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church, to keep up with future events.

*Dan Wisely, Pastor
Lisa Cox, Reporter*

First Baptist, Potosi

Greetings from First Baptist in Potosi. We are so blessed by God's grace and mercy on a daily basis.

All through the summer months our youth and younger children attended camps, super summer and other meetings to help them grow in Christ. Several were baptized after youth camp.

During VBS, the youth helped with the classes, followed by lunch, and then helped people in the community. This was followed by dinner and a worship, devotional, and fellowship time. We had some really tired teens by the end of the week.

Overflow has ministered to many, and the new clients

keep coming in for food, clothes, showers, and Jesus. It humbles me to volunteer in this outreach ministry. I take so much for granted, because my hard times are nothing compared to those who are living in cars, under bridges, in the woods, on sidewalks, run-down houses/shacks, or wherever they can find to sleep. Even the ones who live normally have sad stories.

Our new Sunday School year began this month. We have some new teachers and classes. We will begin our Sunday night groups hosted by different families for Bible study and fellowship. We are very thankful for our pastor and his wife.

There has been a lot of sickness, and Covid is back. Please pray for us as we pray for you.

*Jim Ainley, Pastor
Deborah Rehaut, Reporter*

Westview, Jefferson City

Benjamin and Emma Kingston were married at a ceremony at Bethel Baptist Church, Lonedell, on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2023. Benjamin is the pastor of Westview Baptist Church, Jefferson City. Emma, a graduate of Hannibal LaGrange University, works for the Missouri Baptist Foundation in Jefferson City.



Daniel Springs Baptist Camp

Charles Johnson

The summer camp season at Daniel Springs Baptist Camp Ministries has been a very successful time with over 1100 campers attending five different camping sessions in June and July.

A closing camp season banquet and award ceremony was held in the cafeteria on Thursday evening, July 27. The full-time staff, summer

"missionaries" (teen and college workers), cafeteria and medical workers, and camp trustees were recognized after a delicious BBQ brisket meal prepared and served by camp director Jason Prewitt and his wife Jessica.

Special recognition was given to longtime camp ministry assistant Morgan Standifer who is leaving the camp after eight years of faithful service at Daniel Springs. Another employee, Rosetta Hicks, was recognized for thirty-three years of continuous service in the camp's food service department.

Camp nurse, Terri Gaidusek, was present for the event; she has been camp nurse at Daniel Springs for twenty-five years.

Director Prewitt announced the camp continues to rebound from the devastating effects of the COVID pandemic in 2020-2021. Notable improvements in the past year include major lake renovations and several new water game events. There are always special projects available, so if your church is looking for a ministry opportunity, give the camp a call at (903) 685-2433.

Happy Anniversary!

Mickeal and Sharon Quillman

As of August 6th, Sharon and I have been living and serving in Southern Zambia for 1 year! In many ways it feels like we have been here much longer because of the things that God has done this past year, while at other times, it feels like we have just arrived. When we began this journey, we didn't know really what to expect. We have been serving in full-time ministry since 2000 but this was something new. In every move we have ever made, my entire family went with us. This was the first time we would be leaving our children, and now our grandchildren, behind. This was, and still is, the hardest part of our ministry, but we know that God has sent us. Many days I have had to remind myself of Mark 10:29-31 and Matthew 19:29 as a comfort. We are both thankful for the technology that allows us to see and speak with our children and grandchildren, but we still miss holding those grandbabies as they are growing up so fast. Even with these struggles, Sharon and I both have an unexplainable peace knowing we are doing what God has called us to and have seen His hand at work. So let me move on to what God has done in this last year.

In September of 2022 Sharon and I needed to begin our language acquisition classes. The struggle was knowing which language to learn first. Zambia has 72 different dialects and there are 5 of those languages spoken here in the southern province: ChiNyanja, ChiTonga, ChiLozi, ChiBemba, ChiTokaleya. We settled on ChiNyanja, since most people here can at least understand it, if they are not fluent in it. Not knowing exactly where to begin, we posted an ad on Facebook messenger looking for a schoolteacher willing to work with us. We received many responses, but God put us in contact with a young lady who had just graduated from college as an elementary teacher who was not employed at a school yet. As we began our classes with her, we also got to know more about her and her family. I have been accused of "talking to everyone," and if you knew my dad, then you know where I got it from. Our teacher invited us to go and meet her uncle who was the headman of a small village about 2 hours from our home. As we met with her uncle and his family, we walked around his village getting to meet many of those living in the area. We realized there was no church, Bible study, or understanding of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I asked the headman if he would mind if we came out on Thursdays to lead a Bible study with the people in his village, and he said that he had no problem with it. The next week we began a Bible study under a tree beside his hut with about 7 people, including the headman, and I shared the Gospel. This was the first time he had heard about sin, his separation from the One True God, and the penalty for this sin. The headman, Raymond, gave his life to Christ.

The next week at Bible study we had about 30 people from Raymond's village, Chibinga, as well as 2 other neighboring villages, Kawewa and Mulungula. Raymond had gone around that whole week inviting people to "come and see" what God had done for him. One thing to mention about Raymond, he had struggled with alcoholism for

many years and many people had lost respect for him as a headman. But this week, he was sober, and there was something different about him. This made many people curious to see what had changed his life so drastically. His wife came that week and accepted Christ as well, along with Raymond's 76-year-old father. Raymond's wife, Mainza, confided in Sharon that she couldn't believe what God had done. He was a completely different man than she had known for many years; he was even reading the Bible I had given him almost non-stop. During the next week, Raymond called me and asked if I could bring a tarp to make a covering for a building if he constructed the poles. When I arrived, he had built a structure and set up logs for seats. We stretched the tarp over the top to block the heat from the sun and continued with our Bible studies. During one study as we were taking prayer requests, it was mentioned that a borehole (water well) was needed in the community as they were walking over an hour one way to get water. I told them that we would begin praying and see how God worked. One week later, as Sharon and I were driving into the village, we were met by an out-of-breath Raymond trying his best to let us know something. I couldn't make out what he was saying due to his excitement and was afraid something had happened to his son Andreas who suffers from epilepsy. As we drove into the village, I saw what his excitement was about. There was a boring machine putting in a well! The government had come with no notice and was drilling, at no cost to anyone in the village. We had a praise service that day thanking God for what he had done.

In December of 2022, we decided to have an outreach service for Christmas and expected to have about 150-200 people come. We planned a meal and prepared gifts (water bottles, crayons, and coloring sheets) for the children. We arrived early



to begin preparing for the day and were amazed to see that there was already about 200 people there, and many more walking along the road. By the time the service began we had just over 600 people! Within my mind I was overwhelmed but did my best not to show it outwardly. I could only imagine how the disciples felt when Jesus said in Matthew 14:16, you feed them. Sharon and I, along with the headman and a few of our faithful just began to pray and then proceeded with the service. That day our message began in Genesis with the perfection

of God's creation, the fall of man, the penalty for disobedience and then moved into God's plan to save us from this punishment, the real reason we celebrate Christmas, and then Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. At the end of the service, I spoke and prayed with people wanting to receive salvation for almost 3 hours. God was once again doing something miraculous! While I was praying with people for salvation, Sharon and the ladies were cooking and beginning to serve food to feed all who had come. We began cooking that morning around 10:00 am and finished cooking at 8:00 pm, and everyone received something to eat; but the best was all of those who received the spiritual food Jesus speaks about to the woman at the well in John 4:32.

God is still working in ways that I cannot explain. In fact, Sharon and I often talk about how we can't believe God is allowing us to be part of His work here. In January we began meeting on Sunday mornings for church services and on Thursday for Bible studies. We have baptized many people in a small cattle pond. It was a first for me to run the cattle and pigs out of the water, check for snakes, consider if crocodiles might have made their way from the river, and then step into the water to baptize. In June of this year, a team led by Bro. Andy Neal of Temple Baptist Church in Jonesboro, Arkansas, and Bro. Clinton Morris, an Arkansas church planter, began to build a more permanent structure for our church, Chabantu Missionary Baptist Church.

We are now making cement blocks, another first for me, so that we can construct water troughs to use for baptism closer to the church. The cattle pond I mentioned before is about a 90-minute walk from our building. We will also use these troughs to water the animals when they are not being used for baptisms. Once the troughs are constructed, we will continue to make cement blocks to build walls for the church building as God provides the funds. We are also praying for God to help us make benches to sit on instead of just logs, but God is still saving people sitting on logs, the sand, and even leaning on nearby trees.

We have had the headmen from 4 other villages receive Christ and begin attending services and Bible studies. We also have people from 7 of those 11 villages who are attending as well. Even the senior headman, who oversees 25 villages, has started attending and has shown interest in having Bible studies in all 25 of the villages he serves. We are praying for God to raise up more leaders from within the local villages that can help teach. We currently have 4 men we are training to do just that and hopefully become church planters one day (2 Timothy 2:2).

There are so many more stories I could share about what God is doing here, and we are excited to see what God will do in this next year.

Prayer requests:

Andrés for health

Chabantu Missionary Baptist Church

Needs:

Cement to build blocks

Benches for church building

Fall Chapel at CBC

Donny Parrish, Director of Spiritual Life

How important is it to see life through a Biblical perspective? For a believer in Jesus Christ it is the only way to live. The Bible is our window through which we understand life. It encompasses our beliefs about God, humanity, purpose and the nature of reality. A Biblical worldview influences our values, decisions and how we interact with the world around us.

Central Baptist College lives with a Biblical worldview. The Bible is our ultimate textbook. It forms how we teach and is the basis for

how we work to mold the lives of students. Of all the values we hold dear at CBC, the absolute authority of God's Word is our highest ideal.

The fall edition of CBC Chapel will focus on the need for students to understand how a Biblical worldview shapes the ministry of the college. We will also challenge our students to make the Bible the foundation for how they live their lives.

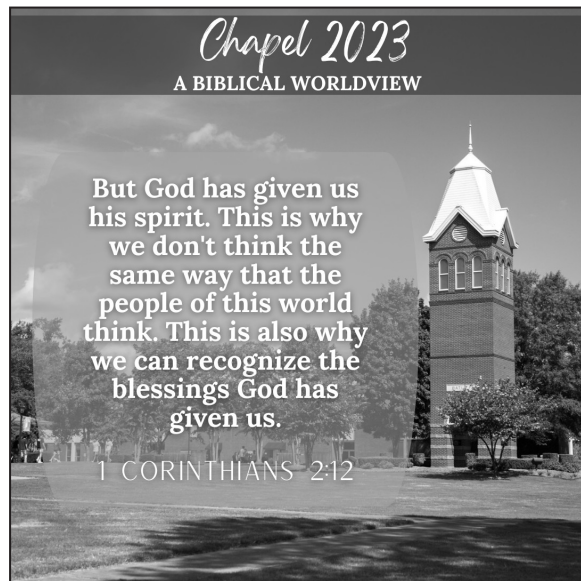
Today's culture is decidedly anti-Christian in its worldview. On most university campuses, sin and abnormal lifestyles are not only permitted but are celebrated. At CBC

we believe that it is important that students understand God's view on critical issues of the day. Central Baptist College wants to be known as an institution that prepares students for life academically and spiritually.

In the list of Chapel topics for this fall there are several issues that

are seemingly settled law in most university settings. Our worldview at Central Baptist College runs counter-culturally to what others believe. Our "settled law" is the Bible. Our goal at CBC Chapel is not to be controversial, but rather, to be faithful to God's Word.

Pray for our students and faculty at CBC that we will be found faithful to Jesus. Please pray for CBC Chapel as we attempt to deal faithfully with this important subject.



BMA Global Leadership Change

Larry and Tammy Wood began serving as missionaries to Ukraine in 2018. When the war in Ukraine began, they expanded their ministry to the Czech Republic while continuing to serve the work in Ukraine and the refugee population that flooded Poland. Larry and Tammy have a heart for European countries and their people. He recently assumed the role of European Coordinator for BMA Global and is very excited to serve in this capacity.

Larry says, "Evangelical Christians make up less than 2% of Europe's population, and some countries like the Czech Republic have less than 1%, with only .074% professing faith in Christ. Anything less than 2% constitutes an unreached people group. But the good news is that there are many signs of renewed interest in spiritual matters among Europeans and many doors opening for church planting in places the BMA has never worked. We want to take advantage of Europe's spiritual awakening and seek ministry areas in which to share the gospel and plant churches that are impactful for many years to come."

The Woods are also working with others to enhance PFPO (Pre-Field Preparation and Orientation), BMA Global's missionary training program. According to Larry, while the present training model is very good, BMA Global leaders believe there is a need to develop a more comprehensive program that better serves missionaries moving on to their respective fields of service.

Please pray for Larry and Tammy and their new areas of responsibility. Pray for open doors in Europe and for God to raise up men and women who will commit to serve in these new ministry areas. Above all, pray for God to receive all the glory from these new missions and churches.



RE:CHARGE LEADER'S OASIS

ReCharge is designed to help pastors, ministry leaders, and spouses unplug from ministry work and gives an opportunity to charge your spiritual, emotional, and relational batteries.

Let's face it, burn-out is a real danger and loneliness and depression are struggles anyone can face. Leaders get so busy doing ministry and pouring into others, that they can forget to slow down and be ministered to.

ReCharge offers intentional time away with others who understand the struggle and the beauty of the calling to pastor and the obedience required lead in a ministry. From a Wednesday evening through a Friday morning, individuals and couples can be re-energized through shared stories, accountability conversations, times of quiet reflection and prayer, collective worship, and sound Biblical teaching. ReCharge will remind you that you are not alone and coming together can help renew hearts and minds for the ministry season ahead.

Join us in Moore, OK at Southgate Baptist Church, October 4-6, or consider gifting this experience to your pastor or another leader!

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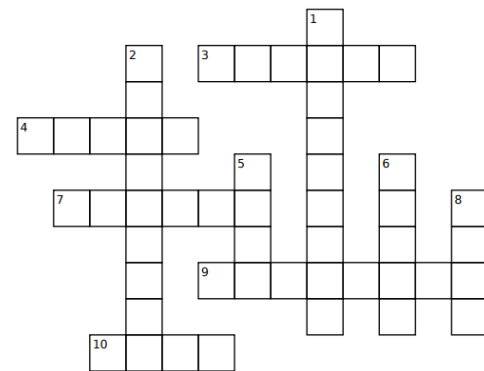
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Bible Cities

Here is a chance to test your knowledge of cities from the Bible. Some of these may be a little obscure, so they might offer a bit of a challenge. If you get stuck, there are some hints provided on page 8 of this paper. (If you are interested in sharing this with anyone else, feel free to make copies.)

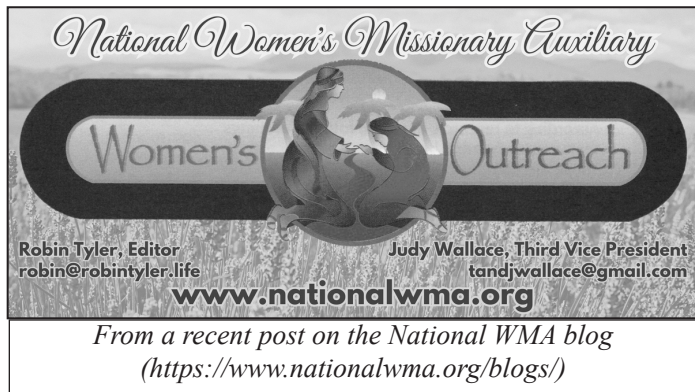


Down:

- City near where Jesus fed the five thousand
- City Jacob set out from to take his family to Egypt
- City where Samson was imprisoned before his death
- City built by Cain and named after his son
- Town where Lot and his family fled as God prepared to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah

Across:

- King Saul's hometown
- City where people were commended for searching the Scriptures daily
- City where Paul and Barnabas were called gods after healing a crippled man
- City whose believers were described as lukewarm
- City in the land of the Philistines where David lived when he was fleeing from Saul



flinger': one who interjects God into our conversations as much as possible and always shows Him in our lives.

Does the interaction with a stranger bring up the topic of weather? Then state, "I'm so glad I'm not in charge of the weather. The Lord knows what He is doing." I've had responses all the way from "Yes, He does" to "I'm not so

Seed Flinger

Judy Wallace

I saved as many seeds as I could.

One set had come from the sweetest, juiciest watermelon we had tasted all summer. It was a verified Cave City, Arkansas, melon and had the stickers to prove it!

Next were the seeds I saved from a Candy Kissed cantaloupe. My oh my! There couldn't possibly be a sweeter, more delicious variety than these and they were found at my closest Sam's club.

And then there were the peaches. Bought almost weekly at our local fruit stand, these are my favorite fruit. Even though the seeding and growing process for them is more difficult and won't produce fruit for many years, I still saved the pits determined to give planting a try.

Three different kinds of seeds now sit in the windowsill of my utility room. All three have differing requirements on how and when to plant and care for the seedlings. But plant them I must if I want them to bear fruit at some point in time. And realize I must that even with my best efforts, the actual production of the fruit is totally up to our Creator God. Fruit is the goal!

Evangelism is very similar. Cited as one of the most difficult of the spiritual disciplines to develop (the other two being prayer and memorization of scripture), sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ seems to bring anxiety, fear, and guilt for not obeying His direct command to be a witness for Him wherever we go.

The analogy only goes so far but differs in the fact that the spiritual seed doesn't change. It is the gospel of Jesus Christ given to us in His Word. But the soils are different. The time of germination is different. The result may be different but the end goal in each and every situation is fruit.

Why do we make this so difficult? What are our excuses?

"I don't know what to say."

"What if I say the wrong thing?"

"What if they ask me a question that I don't know how to answer?"

"I don't really have any opportunities to witness."

I think we wrongly feel like if we don't 'seal the deal' and make it all the way through to a prayer of repentance then we have failed. That is just not so. Instead we must realize that our lives and words are to be those of a 'seed

sure"! But seed was flung!

When you sit down for a meal at a restaurant, before you ask God's blessing on the food, tell your waitstaff what you are about to do and ask if there is anything that you can pray about for them. Those answers? "No, I'm good." "My dad had a stroke." "My sister is in a bad place." "My little girl is starting kindergarten and I'm anxious about that." One girl just fell into my arms and 'big cried' because a patron had just chewed her out. Seed was flung.

Maybe there is a person in a wheelchair at the store that is trying to reach an item and you get it for them. They will almost always say thank you and then you can simply say, "That was from Jesus!" You may get some odd stares but seeds were flung!

Listen to the song, *Fifteen*.

What if this is the case? What if it does take fifteen times of seeds being planted in a person before they have hearts soft enough to really hear the gospel? I know that is an arbitrary number. Some accept Christ the very first time they hear about Him and what He has done for them. Some have been raised in church and heard the gospel three times a week for their lifetime until one day they realize that message is for them! Christ died for them! What if you have the privilege to be just one of those seed flingers in a person's life that helps prepare good soil for the planting of God's Word? What a blessing.

What if you are number fifteen?!?! What if you do have the privilege of taking someone through the plan of salvation? Does that stir fear in your heart? We will cover that in my next blog. Until then, meditate on these scriptures and respond to them.

SCRIPTURE:

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| Matthew 28:18-20 | Acts 1:8 |
| Matthew 4:19 | Acts 22:15 |
| Romans 7:4b | Proverbs 11:30 |
| Daniel 12:3 | Luke 8:1-15 |

What convicts, instructs, or encourages you from these verses?

RECOMMENDATION:

God Space: Where Spiritual Conversations Happen Naturally by Doug Pollock

I highly recommend you get this book and read it. You may not agree with everything he says, but I do think you will walk away with a wider view of evangelism and less fear.

"We are not responsible for a single conversion, but we are responsible for every single conversation."

Ministers & Ministry Opportunities

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Paul Dunn, of First Baptist, Bourbon, is available for pulpit supply. Contact him at 573-205-6211 or mrpdad4@yahoo.com. (0923)

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Caledonia is seeking a pastor. If you are available and seeking God's will for a place to serve, please contact Dean Johnson at 573-210-3700 or Charlotte Cooper at 361-563-0756. (0923)

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Deaths

Gerald Paul Carlyon passed away on August 23, 2023, at the age of 85. His survivors include his wife of over 60 years, Mary Ann (Rynearson) Carlyon. Gerald was a member of First Baptist, Potosi.

Ronald Michael "Mike" Vandergriff, 80, went to his heavenly home on September 1, 2023. Mike pastored several churches through the years, as well as leading in worship through singing. In addition to Lana, his wife of 58 years, Mike is survived by 3 children, 4 grandchildren and other extended family and friends. Burial was at Redbud Cemetery in Potosi.

Visiting Missionary Opportunity

I Chronicles 16:24 tells us, "*Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvelous works amidst all nations.*"

Bro. Francois Norcilus and his wife will be in Missouri from September 30th through October 9th and will be available to visit any of our sister churches upon request. If your church would like to have Bro. Francois visit and talk to you about the current mission work in Haiti, please contact Lee Miller at 573-701-6223.

Thank you in advance to all who open their hearts and their church doors to Bro. Francois and his ministry. May God bless you.

Lee Miller, Pastor

Charity Landmark Missionary Baptist Church

Bismarck, Missouri

*Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good;
Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!*

Bible Cities

Here are scripture references to help with each clue in the crossword puzzle on page 7.

Down:

1. Luke 9:10-17
2. Gen 46:5
5. Judges 16:21
6. Gen 4:17
8. Gen 19:23-24

Across:

3. 1Sam 10:26
4. Acts 17:10-11
7. Acts 14:8, 11
9. Rev 3:14, 16
10. 1Sam 27:1, 3