

The Missouri Missionary Baptist

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

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CBC's PACE Registration

Working adults looking for a convenient and flexible college option have another opportunity to enroll in the first 5-week course of the fall semester in PACE (Professional Adult College Education). Classes are offered in-class, online or in a hybrid option. The deadline for new student applications is Monday, October 23.

With eight enrollment periods per year and 5-week courses, busy working adults always have an opportunity to get started. Take advantage of our \$500 BMAA Grant that applies for all students attending a BMAA church, the Ministry Tuition Grant, student referral grant, or the Veterans Tuition Grant.

The enrollment process begins by applying or scheduling a meeting with an enrollment counselor. Visit cbc.edu/pace to apply or learn what PACE can do for you. If you have questions, contact PACE Enrollment Services at lpadgett@cbc.edu or 501.205.8839.

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.

BMA of Missouri Annual Meeting

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

October 14, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.

Light breakfast at 8:00 A.M. • Lunch at noon

Highlights from WMA-Sponsored Retreat

Janet Widger

Where to start? First, the advantage of having a "rotating" committee with 3-year terms is one of the best things that our MO WMA did several years ago. This gives the committee ample time to start planning the future year's retreat immediately after the current retreat or sometimes before the current retreat happens.



and affordable to the majority of ladies. The facilities were excellent. With Drury, you get two meals with your room reservation. The food was wonderful! Speaking of food, the Southerner Restaurant went above and beyond to accommodate us. We received numerous compliments on the lunch.

Now to the firsts. In the early days, the registrations came in slow, which had the committee concerned. However, by the time that the retreat began, we had 141 paid registrations with 3 more received at the retreat. Counting our speaker Christy Horton, the National WMA President Brenda Hornaday, the music team, the auction coordinator and other guests, we actually had about 150 people. Some were there for only Friday evening, and some were there for Saturday only. This was a RECORD!



and one gentleman (not with our group) were in an elevator that got stuck on the 4th floor! This was a FIRST! I commend the hotel staff for their quick and efficient response. Luckily the ladies were able to look out a window, which was helpful to those who are claustrophobic.

You all donated over 460 items (not including the table of books) for the Silent Auction to benefit Camp Garwood. With your purchases and other donations, we will be able to send a check for \$3,000 to Chris Polk. This is being designated to be used for the future nurse station and the check-in/check-out station. This amount was a FIRST!

With that in mind, the plans for the 2023 retreat began in September of 2022. What we looked for was a good quality location that would have enough space for not just the meeting room but the silent auction room. Plus, keep it in a price range that our ladies could afford. Having said all of that, I have to say that the Drury Plaza Hotel Cape Girardeau Conference Center has been one of the best we have ever used. From the very beginning, the staff listened to our needs and worked with us as best they could. Yes, it cost money, but we felt this location would actually be more beneficial



Christy Horton, Speaker

On Friday evening at dinner some of our ladies got to watch a helicopter land right outside the hotel. Some even were allowed to have pictures made with it. Now this was a FIRST!

At the previous two retreats, the facilities had some elevators out of service which caused problems. When I arrived on Thursday, I joyfully posted that ALL of the elevators were working. Well, on Saturday morning, five of our ladies



• See RETREAT page 3 •

State Missions

Dear BMAMO Churches,

As I write this, we are a week and a half away from our annual state meeting! It will most likely be in the books by the time you get this article, so I won't give you the whole enchilada that I am going to share at the meeting.

To say these are exciting times would be an understatement. Bethel assessed this past Sunday, and it was well received.

As your missions director, I am putting my director eggs in this basket until the Lord tells me otherwise. I am begging our pastors to allow me to help you see the need for assessment and to help your church in this area.

I received a wonderful text from John Smith the other day that I copied and pasted in my notes. Please read it here:

Matthew 8:26: "But He (Jesus) said to them, 'Why are you fearful, oh you of little faith?' Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm."

A previous verse says that Jesus entered the boat and His disciples followed Him.

I used to think that this story and its application was about me, my faith, and my ability to believe in a desired outcome. However, I now know that this is about my knowledge of who I followed into the 'boat' and my willingness to trust HIM with the outcome! Isn't that amazing?

So, this is my ask: Will we wrestle with this truth? God has asked us to get out of the boat through Matthew 28:18-20. It's not about us; it's about us knowing Him enough to know that He wants us to love Him enough to take His love to the masses starting with our neighbor.

Will we do it?

Bro. Ben Kingston



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"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." (Colossians 3:15)

Praises:

We continue our prayer ministry every day at noon. (#prayernetworkmo, #redeoracionmissouri) If for a divine reason we come to your mind, please pray for us. We are asking your ongoing support. This is not just a job to do – those of you who know the nature of a pioneer missionary work will understand the benefit of praying every day. Thank you very much! We praise the Lord for the individuals and churches who pray for us.

We are asking the Lord to gather our Hispanic families to worship Him in spirit and truth. We are praying for healthy spiritual born-again families that will join us to become the core team with our ministry. So, join us in praising Jesus that in the last couple weeks He has blessed us with a family representing the first and second generation. We are so blessed to hear their heart and desire to join us for worship and praise. They are seeking God's direction for their family. Our last Sunday we talked with the parents about starting a Bible study for their two sons and their daughter.

We are also preparing and practicing songs for Christmas. We hope to have a very special celebration. Thank you, Jesus!!

My family will visit Mt. Olive Baptist Church with pastor Larry Nash on Sunday, October 8. We are praying to be a blessing to these families as we bring a ministry update, seeking their prayers to continue reaching out to our target families. Brother Nash asked me to share with Sunday school class and then preach a message for the congregation. He also promised that they will be feeding us. Thank you, Jesus!

Also, we have ten new contacts added this week!! The Lord brought to our prayer list for salvation ten new individuals who joined our ESL outreach! Join us in prayer that each one of these students becomes a faithful laborer for the kingdom. We are planning to start another group on Monday and Wednesday, Lord leading. We had almost 100 people who signed up online through our Facebook page! So we will continue reaching out to connect with some of these online contacts for further outreach events and our family service on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. The first Sunday of the month we will continue having potluck!

Prayer:

- For physical health for each one in our family.
- For ten families who join us to worship, to grow spiritually and to reproduce in serving the Lord with their time, treasures, and talents.
- For new believers to be baptized and trained to become faithful laborers for the kingdom.
- For Nahum and Ermilanda, that they can join us in the fulfilment of the Great Commission.

FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS September 2023

<u>Checking Account:</u>	
Balance Aug. 31, 2023	\$ 17,907.13
<u>Income:</u>	
Missions	\$ 2,465.94
Total Income	\$ 2,465.94
Total Available	\$ 20,373.07
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Director, salary	\$ 450.00
Secretary, salary	200.00
Juan Fernandez, support	2,333.33
Director, mileage/mtgs	205.05
Total Expenses	\$ (3,188.38)
Balance Sept. 30, 2023	\$ 17,184.69
<u>BMAMS Revolving Loan Investment:</u>	
Balance Aug. 31, 2023	\$ 115,133.96
Interest	0.00
Balance Sept. 30, 2023	\$ 115,133.96
Total in All Accounts Sept. 30, 2023	\$ 132,318.65

- For each one of the ESL students to join our discipleship process.

- For our prayer network to continue being faithful and fruitful to follow God's lead every day.

Events to Come:

- ESL fall outreach presentation on the last Thursday of the month.

- Saturday morning give-away of Bibles/scriptures.

- We are accepting invitations to visit churches for ministry updates and prayer for our ministry. As long as we are able to be back in town by 5:00 p.m. for our own service, we can join you and your church family to worship on Sundays.

In Christ,

Juan and Hannah Fernandez

Christmas Events

We may not be ready to think about Christmas just yet, but it will be here before we know it.

If your church is scheduling any special Christmas events you would like to share with our readers from other churches, please plan ahead in getting that information to us. We would be happy to print your notices in the November issue of *The Missouri Missionary Baptist*. The deadline for submissions for that issue will be November 7.

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• From RETREAT page 1 •

Less than a month before the retreat, we announced that we would collect an offering for the National WMA Project – the Jeevan Prakash School in India. Again, you ladies opened your pocketbooks. With the offering taken and then a donation, we were able to send \$2,000 to this project. This was a FIRST for the MO WMA!

You all donated more table centerpieces than we asked for. We thank you for that.

We thank you, not just the "WMA ladies" that were there but ALL of you. As we have said many times, these retreats are not for WMA only, it is WMA sponsored; and we welcome and are glad that so many of you attend.

Our speaker did an excellent job. Our music worship team, Molly Kingston and Valarie Owens were wonderful. In fact, we have already been asked to have these two next year. Hopefully they will be able to.

Speaking of next year, the dates will be September 6 & 7, 2024. So, mark your calendars now. By the time this paper comes out, the contract will be signed to return to the Drury Plaza Hotel Cape Girardeau Conference Center. The price will be higher, plan on that. We will do the best we can to keep it affordable for everyone.

On behalf of the other committee members, Amy Asher and Tanya Hutton, as well as our MO WMA President Sara Buckley, I thank each and every one of you for your prayers and support for the retreats.

Camp Garwood

Greetings from camp. This time of year every trip to camp provides different scenery. A few weeks ago everything was green. Slowly the greens began to vary. Then there were dull greens and vibrant yellows. Now there is a wide mix of colors. Fall brings cooler days and colder nights – cold enough to freeze pipes. But there is still time for one last hurrah at camp.

Fall Retreat is Nov. 3-4! Zeb Balentine is coming to tickle our funny bones on Friday night and feed us spiritually on Saturday morning. We guarantee good food and a good time. Be at camp around 7 p.m. Friday so you don't miss a thing.

Improvements to the camp grounds this year included replacing the old water tank on the upper well pump and replacing the old kitchen septic system. We also replaced two upright freezers. Thanks to Bro. Wayne and Sis. Ruth Gibson we now have a new ice machine. The year started off with a major flood washing out the road, creek and several areas of camp. Most things have been repaired or restored.

For the record books, Camp Garwood 2023 saw 207 campers and 16 professions of faith. Our brothers Caleb Houston and Jordan Bowen were great blessings in their presentation of the Word. We had a great week of camp.

Other notable things about the year include the phantom mattress truck. Every day it was supposedly on its way but never made it. The hornet stings were a first for us. Very painful looking. We had to call an ambulance for one of our campers, Matt Thompson. He had a medical concern that required a trip to the hospital. He is still trying to recover and could use your prayers.

Looking forward to next year, Bro. Caleb will return to share speaking duties with Bro. Aaron Russell. Caleb serves as youth pastor for Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church. Aaron serves as an associate pastor at Central Baptist Church in Conway, AR. Our theme next year will be "Answer the Call" taken from Mark 10:49: "And Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.'"

We have some pretty big plans for the next two years. Back in the spring we received \$30,000 from the selling of Landmark. Those funds have been set aside for a building project in 2024. We are working on plans to replace the old canteen/current nurse's hut, with a new facility that will continue to serve as the first aid center but also house the evangelist and better serve as the check-in station. Don't get too excited yet. That's next year.

• See CAMP GARWOOD page 8 •

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Updates from Our Churches



West Doniphan, Doniphan

West Doniphan was blessed to have a three-night revival with Bro. Gary Gilliam, who brought powerful, God-given messages each night. We are thankful for the one who came forward to rededicate his life.

*Patrick Bunn, Pastor
Debbie Farmer, Reporter*

Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston

We had an eventful September. After trying for nearly a year to make headway establishing a mission through our overseas ministry, we made the decision to discontinue pursuing that goal. It just seemed that every avenue we tried presented yet another road block. We were able to get in contact with a missionary couple in that country to ask them for guidance. They put in considerable legwork for us and found somebody who knew some of the group with whom we were working. The report then came back to us that while they were Bible believers, in their opinion, there was no real possibility of us being able to successfully establish a mission and eventual church through them without direct leadership on site. That was the conclusion we had drawn ourselves, and we took this guidance as confirmation. We have told the group there they are free to continue to use our videos and Bible study outlines as their services.

Even as this door was closing, another was opening to us, however. As of November 1st, we will be the sending church for Missionary Lucretio Booc in the Philippines. Pastor Booc is an established

missionary. However, his current sending church felt they could not continue in that capacity. He contacted us; we contacted his current sending church; all agreed this was God's will, and so soon we will be sponsoring missions in the Philippines.

We were saddened September 25th with the passing of Dyrnell Campbell. Miss Dyrnell had stated she wanted to be baptized, but ill health had prevented it. However, she had been a part of us for several years. We will be conducting her homegoing October 7th.

Rodney Dunlap, Pastor

Westview, Jefferson City

In September, Westview hosted the 100th annual meeting of the Meramec Landmark Baptist Association with Ben Kingston as moderator and Johnny Dover as clerk. The first annual meeting of the Meramec association was held in 1923 at Bethel Baptist Church with T. A. Maxwell as moderator and G. E. Marsden as clerk. Contrary to belief, I did not attend that first meeting.

This past month, Westview also enjoyed a visit and a report from Stan Scroggins, missionary to the Philippines.

We have been blessed to have several students (Caleb, Nate, Brent, Grant) from Linn State Technical College attending some of our church services. These students are from our MO BMA churches. We are thankful for these young men and for the Christian principles instilled in them by their families and home churches.

*Benjamin Kingston, Pastor
Michael Hearst, Reporter*

Ohlman, Bunker

We started up the Wednesday night youth ministry on September 6th. This night was planned as a "fun" night. We had two bounce houses, one for the smaller children and one for the bigger children. The teens and adults played cornhole. We had the art teacher from Bunker come with some of the students to do face-painting. Plus, we borrowed a snow cone machine from another church. We had hoped that several of the parents would attend. A few did but many others did not. September 13th the classes started, and we have averaged 50 kids each week.

We are looking to purchase another bus to replace our oldest one. Some weeks we have more than the bus is supposed to hold. It's a good and bad problem.

We have restructured our Sunday morning schedule and do not have the "traditional" song and devotional before Sunday School classes. Instead, we technically start at 9:45 but go to the classrooms or fellowship hall for refreshments and fellowship before classes start at 10:00 a.m.

Our Sunday morning worship attendance is a pretty full house, but like most churches, Sunday evening is just a few.

On September 30th our WMA sponsored a dessert auction to raise funds for the National WMA Project - Jeevan Prakash School. Thanks to the many desserts donated and the generous buyers and other contributions, we raised \$1,850 at last count. We are thankful for all who participated and gave.

This edition of the paper will not be printed before our scheduled fall revival. Bro. Scotty Rayburn will be with us October 9th-13th.

We have several in need of prayer for health reasons. Especially, we ask that you pray for the kids that we minister to on Wednesday nights. One evening before time to eat one of the younger boys was in the fellowship hall crying. It turned out that another boy made fun of him because he said he didn't have a dad. In her kind loving way, Sis. Juanita explained to him that he had a Heavenly Father that loved him. Some even ask if they can take the leftover food home. The family dynamics and home life for some of these kids is sad. Our goal this year is to make a concentrated effort to reach out to the parents. For many, this is a two-hour free babysitting service that they can take advantage of. Yet we know that we are sowing seeds in these children, and we will continue to serve the Lord with this ministry.

*Terry Sharpe, Pastor
Janet Widger, Reporter*

Ozark Heights, Potosi

Greetings from Ozark Heights!

I first must apologize for not sending our report over the past months. Because of health issues I have not been able to get all the information out to you. But I am feeling better each day and ready to catch up on happenings at Ozark Heights.

Since my last report we have had a very successful church camp in July, where we had 3 young campers from our church make professions of faith, giving their lives to Christ. We had a great Bible school averaging 35 kids July 30th through August 2nd.

Our men continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday evening at 7 p.m. for Brotherhood and the ladies have (WMA) Sisterhood on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

We have had one baptized, with two more scheduled for September 10th.

Bro. Brian, Sis. Erin and their family were away recently celebrating their adopt-a-versary – a very special day for their family. Bro. Tom Rudloff filled in for him the last Sunday in September.

We continue to pray for our shut-ins, the lost and our sister churches.

May God bless you!
*Brian Kingston, Pastor
Gary Gilliam, Reporter*

Kewanee, Kewanee

Greetings from Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church.

KMBC is in "fall" swing of things! Sunday, September 17, 2023, we celebrated our church homecoming. We enjoyed special music by Bro. Chuck Crain from Presley's, Branson.



Our upcoming events include the SEMO Association WMA meeting which will be held on Tuesday, October 17th at 1st Baptist Matthews. On Saturday, October 21st, at 8 a.m., is our Lifeword walk. Come join us for breakfast and coffee! The following week on Saturday, October 28th, we will host a fall festival/trunk-r-treat starting at 3 p.m. 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*

~ Upcoming Events ~

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 National Senior Adult Conference) – Nov. 28-30; Chateau On the Lake Conference Center, Branson

Send event info to mmbpaper@gmail.com.

Landmark, DeSoto

Happy Fall, Y'all! Finally starting to see a little cooler weather and some autumn colors. Of course you know it's autumn without ever seeing the outside just from all the PUMPKIN SPICE EVERYTHING that's EVERYWHERE! I may stick to apple cider instead, haha!

We're still worshipping God at Landmark, still doing so at the Community Center. A small amount of progress has been made in the church repairs. We actually got the electric meter re-installed; now we're waiting to get the electricity back in the building (need new panels). But we're still being blessed each week at the Community Center, where we are able to worship and fellowship together.

Bro. Crites has been presenting a series of sermons on Revelation and the coming of Christ. In case you weren't aware, Jesus is coming back REAL SOON! Like maybe in the next couple of nano-seconds. So be ready, be watching and working for His return! Ain't that exciting?

We are still coveting your prayers for several of our members. Some have seen improved health, for which we are very grateful. Some have lost loved ones or still have ongoing health issues. We pray for God's strength and peace that passes all understanding for us here at Landmark and for all of you too.

*David Crites, Pastor
Barbara Williams, Reporter*

Oak Hill, Alton

HELLO to all from Oak Hill!

We thank the Lord and praise Him for saving five souls over the past few weeks. The people saved by our wonderful Savior are: Cameron Moyer (my nephew) on September 10th; Samuel (Sam) Saylor and Lanie Moyer (my niece) on September 17th; Peyton Moyer (my niece) and Abel Lathem (my cousin) on October 1st. Dustin Warren (my nephew) was already saved and asked to be baptized and join Oak Hill. On October 8th Brother Ed will be baptizing six people to join Oak Hill.

The evening of October 1st we had Peter Lublink from Bethanykids. He showed us a presentation on "Using Pe-

diatric Medical Missions to Support Evangelism." How that works is in countries in Africa medical care is not available to everyone, but some could afford it. What they do is in these countries they find individuals who want to become doctors, train them, and cover the cost of training them. In cases where people or children cannot afford medical costs Bethanykids steps in and pays for the services.

On October 14th Sis. Theresa Casey is in charge of the baby shower for Tristen and Reba (Hope) Drake. I need to correct a spelling error from last month; their baby's name is Westen Wayne Drake and his due date is November 17th.

October 21st is our Walk-

of-Faith fish fry. The goal we set is \$1,000. We will be having fish, hush puppies, chicken strips, French fries, and a lot of other food and desserts.

October 29th is the fifth Sunday, so we will be having our fifth Sunday dinner. This is a great time to fellowship with our brothers and sisters and find out how everyone is doing and to have a great meal together. If anyone is in our area, we would love for you to come and enjoy these events with us.

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*

Anthony Kennedy Newest BMAA Chaplain Candidate

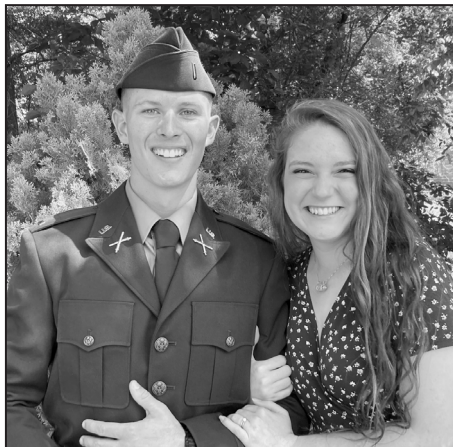
Anthony Kennedy recently branch transferred as an artillery officer into the U.S. Army Chaplain Candidate Program. Dr. Scott Carson endorsed Second Lieutenant Kennedy to represent the BMAA in the U.S. Army Chaplaincy.

The Chaplain Candidate Program is designed for ministry students who want to explore or get a head start on a career in Army Chaplaincy while still in seminary. Chaplain Candidates gain valuable experience and make a real impact in the lives of soldiers and their families. Benefits include gaining valuable ministry education and training, having the benefits and privileges associated with being an officer and receiving up to 100% of tuition costs.

Anthony stated, "It is truly an honor for me to represent the BMAA as a Chaplain Candidate. Throughout my time in the military, I've seen deep hurt in many soldiers. I consider it a great privilege as I reach the lost in our military community and help give spiritual guidance to soldiers and families in need. The Lord has used BMAA ministers to lead me to salvation and disciple me in Christian leadership. To do that for others as a Chaplain Candidate, while representing the BMAA, is a very special thing for me."

On the civilian side, Anthony and his wife, Adrienne, have been interning under Healthy Church Solutions to help provide resources and equip Faith Missionary Baptist Church of Mena, AR for discipleship.

If you are interested in the military chaplaincy, contact Dr. Scott Carson at scott.r.carson@gmail.com for more information.



The Master's Builders Work at South City Church

The Master's Builders loaded up and headed to Little Rock, Arkansas, to work with Pastor Drew Cline and South City Church starting on September 11th. This was job #184 for the

Master's Builders. South City was formerly known as Temple Baptist. In July of 2023, South City Church closed on a vacant 8,000 sq. ft. PF Chang's restaurant space that had been empty for four years. The Builders were called to build office and classroom spaces as well as helping with the re-purposing of some of the restaurant areas. God had other plans though! Two weeks before TMB arrival, the building was vandalized and all the electrical was torn out. So The Builders helped the church by pulling out cut wires and cleaning up the wiring and the building for other contractors to come in. In one area of the building The Builders were thankful to be able to frame up four office spaces. Since the building had no electricity for the campers, The Master's Builders were blessed to find the six camp sites they needed at Maumelle Park, Corps of Engineering campgrounds right in Little Rock! What thieves intended for harm turned into so many unexpected blessings for The Master's Builders and the South City Church family!

The Master's Builders enjoyed meeting Pastor Drew, wife Lori, daughters Daisy and Jovie, along with many of the South City families. Several meals, and a few of the gatherings, were held out at the pavilions in the campground. What a beautiful setting for praising and worshiping our risen Savior! During the two weeks, The Master's Builders ladies were able to pack 55 shoe boxes for the Everlasting Smiles Ministry, and several had the added blessing of being able to deliver them to Conway in person!

So thankful for the loan of the church van to get this done!

The Builders saw the church really live out their mission statement during their stay: "South City exists to love God and ALL people by becoming authentic disciples who make disciples for the glory of God and the good of the city."

I encourage each of you to "Follow" and "Like" us on Facebook. You can see what we do each day and pray for us.

If you have questions about this ministry, please contact: Mike Green at 972-935-3877, David Axe at 903-918-0729 or Eddie Sikes at 479-462-1675.

Rose Bittner, Reporter



Help Us Reach the Nations!

EIM Missions Team

Summer is over and Evangelistic International Ministries is already preparing for the summer of 2024. We had a tremendous year in 2023 as we took three teams to conduct our Overseas Bible School, or VBS as we call them here in the states. EIM worked with Missionary Larry Wood and his wife, Tammy, in the Czech Republic, and the BMAA's Missions Coordinator for Africa and South America, John Michael Poulin, and his wife, Angela, in Peru. We closed our summer by working with Missionary Uziel Cerda in Mexico.



God allowed us to see several come to Christ.

A total of 44 people on those three OBS teams served with us in sharing the good news of the gospel. In 2024, we are going to be much more aggressive in our trip schedule. We would like to take five teams to five different countries, which are Tanzania, Ghana, the Philippines, Honduras, and Nicaragua. To make this possible, we need 13-15 people per team, which would be approximately 70-75 team members for the summer. Our team member focus is on taking adults to be a part of our evangelistic efforts. EIM has found that many adults want to go on a mission trip, but they don't know how or with whom. We invite you to join us next summer and see what God is doing globally.

Below are the dates and cost for each Overseas Bible School trip. The cost of the trips includes airfare, lodging, meals, and in-country transportation.

- June 1 - 8Honduras \$2,600.00
- June 12 - 22Tanzania \$3,300.00
- June 28 - July 6Ghana \$3,300.00
- July 13 - 19Nicaragua \$2,600.00
- July 24 - August 3Philippines \$3,300.00

We will also be conducting a baseball camp in Nicaragua on July 1-5. This is open to any baseball coach that would be interested. The cost will be \$2,300.00.

If you are interested in any of these trips, please contact Fonda Norris at 870-226-3626, or by email at fnorris@eimworldwide.org. For more information about EIM, please visit our website, www.eimworldwide.org.



Fall Stampede Day

The opportunity for prospective students to experience Central Baptist College is here! Register now for one of our Stampede Preview Days.

Central Baptist College Stampede Preview Days give prospective students an opportunity to personally experience campus life. On Preview Days, you can participate in the following:

- Guided campus tours
- Lunch in the dining hall
- Observe one of our classes
- Attend a chapel service
- Visit with current students
- Meet professors and other faculty members
- Audition for our Music department (*by appointment*)
- Meet with an Athletic Department representative (*by appointment*)
- Have a chance to win CBC door prizes

2023-2024 Stampede Preview Days:

- Wednesday, October 4
- Wednesday November 15
- Wednesday, March 6 (*for homeschool students only*)



We hope that you will consider one of our Stampede Preview Days scheduled for this academic year. Visit cbc.edu/visit to register for an upcoming date or contact the CBC Admissions Office at admissions@cbc.edu or 501.329.6873 if you have any questions or need additional information.

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Make your Personal Campus Visit Experience at Your Convenience

In addition to the "Stampede" preview days for prospective students, individual tours are also available through the Office of Admissions. There is no better way for a student to get a

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Celebration 2023

The Baptist Missionary Association Celebration 2023 conference is a worship celebration created for adults! Held at the beautiful Chateau On the Lake Conference Center in Branson, MO, November 28-30, it's a time to come together and enjoy fellowship, Bible teaching, music, and entertainment.

This annual conference (formerly called National Senior Adult Conference) sponsored by the Conference Division of BMA America, has been redesigned to appeal to all of the adults of the BMA! Conference registration includes admission to the conference, tickets to Sight and Sound's production of the musical "Esther" and two buffet breakfasts. This year we will enjoy the teaching of Dustin Wisely and worship music by Drew Russell from First Baptist Church in Magnolia, Arkansas (firstmagnolia.org) as well as a special concert by the award winning group, The Erwins (erwinministries.com).



Register for Celebration 2023 and make your hotel reservations at <https://bmaamerica.org/celebration>. Costs and other details are available on the website.

Reaching Into Panama!

Lifeword is using media to share Jesus and make disciples everywhere!

Carolina Murillo studied gastronomy as part of her professional career and never thought about using her knowledge and skills for ministry until Brother Rigoberto, Lifeword's visionary leader for Central and South America, suggested she use the topic of food to create videos that offer recipes, along with biblical and spiritual concepts.

Her husband, Ronald Murillo, Jr., moved the family from Costa Rica to Panama to carry the baton after the unexpected passing of Ronald Murillo, Sr., who had just begun a new BMA mission work in Panama. Ronald now pastors Centro de Vida Panama, and both Ronald and Carolina produce content for the Lifeword Cloud.

Carolina says, "The cooking show idea seemed original and I liked it, because my main job is the Lord's work, so I can merge my culinary skills and ministry. The program is called *More Than Food*, because the Word of God is more than physical food and has the power to transform lives."

During the pandemic, and as Carolina shopped at the supermarket, she began sending videos about recipes to friends and neighbors. She also included a spiritual application. As women watched these videos, they began engaging with her about things like cooking times and ingredient details. Those interactions continued, and many began asking for prayer.



In a recent visit, Carolina shared with Director of Operations, Luis Ortega, that the Lifeword show has opened doors in their community, all over Panama. "It has been a very useful tool," Carolina says, "and important for our ministry." *More Than Food* has helped people witness in a more strategic way and build discipleship relationships. Strangers approach the Murillos with requests such as: "Will you pray for us?" "We saw your program. Thank you for giving us the Word of God."

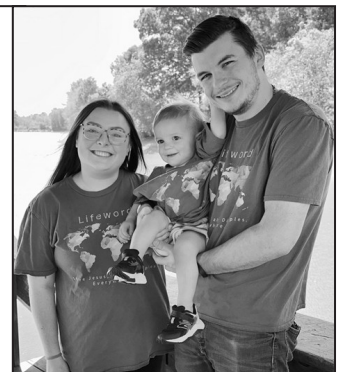
Lifeword Sunday T-Shirts

Visit www.lifewordstore.com to purchase your Lifeword Sunday t-shirts! This is one way to support and to help share the ministry of Lifeword! T-shirts can be shipped directly to you or you can pick them up at the Lifeword office in Conway. Lifeword Sunday is coming up on Sunday, October 22nd.

Adult Short sleeve - \$15

Youth Short sleeve - \$15

Adult Long sleeve - \$22



FOLLOW - New Discipleship Tool

Lifeword is taking steps towards a new initiative in their efforts to share Jesus and make disciples everywhere.

"Our vision was clear - find a way to not only share the gospel of Jesus



Christ with as many people as possible, but also show them how to follow Him daily," Yalanda Merrell, Director of Audience Engagement at Lifeword, said. As a media ministry, Lifeword explored how discipleship could be done digitally, and, she states, "Getting to this point

has taken countless hours of brainstorming, digital planning, and content production."

While it's still in the testing phase, Lifeword gives us an inside look at this new discipleship effort called FOLLOW.

FOLLOW is an interactive, video-based discipleship tool. It introduces people to the hope Jesus offers and what it looks like to follow Him. And, with one click, they can connect to a local church to continue this journey. But it doesn't end there. FOLLOW is also a tool the local church can use to make disciples.

"The great commission was given to the local church, and we knew we wanted to create something to come alongside the church to accomplish this mission. Our goal is to provide an easy-to-use tool that is engaging, biblical, and accessible on a hand-held device. No matter where someone is in their walk with Christ, they can use FOLLOW to lead someone to Jesus, connect them to a church, and show them how to follow Christ daily."


Merrell said more is coming soon on this project, and she's thankful for those who have a passion for sharing the name of Jesus and discipleship, because that's what Lifeword is all about.

Lifeword Sunday is October 22, 2023. This is a day set aside for churches across the BMA of America to pray for the ministry of Lifeword and to give a special offering to help Lifeword increase her impact around the world. To register your church for Lifeword Sunday visit www.wetellthestory.com. There, you can also purchase Lifeword Sunday t-shirts to help share the ministry of Lifeword and enter your pastor's name into a drawing for a MacBook Pro.

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Lifeword Sunday offerings are crucial in helping Lifeword continue to expand around the world! Together we can Share Jesus, Make Disciples, Everywhere!

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Breathe without Ceasing

By Valarie Fish.

My body clock woke me up about an hour before the other campers.

Once dressed and ready I decided to take a walk through the retreat's prayer garden. Stepping out into the cool brisk air I took a deep breath. Ahhh, how I love the smell of an early autumn morning!

Along the gravel path I stopped to read a few of the scripture signs posted along the way. The first couple of turns were leisurely – and prayer came easy too – as I meditated on the beauty around me. Breathing in, my spirit praised such a marvelous Creator.

About halfway through the trek, the path turned and wound its way up a mountainside. Not too steep but just enough to cause me to breathe heavy and thank the Lord I have been exercising a little every day! As I climbed, I determined not to turn back, although I did have to stop more than once to catch my breath.

I started thinking that prayer was a lot like breathing. When facing something difficult you will breathe heavier. When facing a difficult circumstance or obstacle isn't that when you consciously turn to prayer? And the moments when I purposefully breathed in the fresh brisk air; those were the moments when I was so acutely aware of God and His presence and conversation came easily.

My early morning adventure had me silently talking to myself too as I walked. "Glad it's too cold for snakes. Wonder if they have a snake problem in the summer? Now that's a cute spot to put a bench. Do I try to make it up the hill or should I turn and take the easier path? Oh Lord, why did I think I could climb this? What if I fall and no one knows where to come look for me? I should have told someone where I was going. Am I on the right path anymore? Oh, there it is, scared myself for a minute."

So, I wondered – does everybody have this kind of internal conversation going on?

If I am speaking these thoughts inside my head so only I can hear them, can't God hear them too? What if what the

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good feel of CBC than to physically come on to the campus, take a tour, sit in on a class, visit the residence halls, eat in the dining hall, and interact with administration, faculty, staff, and current students.

Parents, pastors, youth ministers, please encourage your students to visit Central Baptist College before making a college choice. I tell young men and women frequently, "God will use a campus visit to speak to you relative to your college decision. I really believe that! I have witnessed it many times."

To register online visit www.cbc.edu/visit. You then have a choice to click either the *Stampede Preview Days* or *Schedule your visit*. For questions, additional information, or to schedule by phone, contact the CBC Admissions Office at 501-329-6873.

experts call "self-talk" is actually your spirit trying to communicate with God's Spirit? We turn it around so that we think we are talking to ourselves but there is another One who hears. Maybe He created all of us to have this kind of ongoing conversation with Him that is as natural as breathing. This is how we "Pray without ceasing." (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Prayer can be an intense, conscious necessity when facing a mountain. You may need to stop frequently and make the conscious effort to pray just as I had to stop to breathe. But most of life isn't mountains. Sometimes we just walk along a simple path, and we aren't conscious of the natural process of breathing. When you recognize your inner conversation can be directed to the God who designed your spirit to need Him just like your body needs oxygen then you will know what it really means to pray without ceasing.

Respond: Do you have a time of day set aside for prayer? Are you aware when you are conversing with God? Pay attention to the time of day when you pray and what is going on around you when you choose to pray.

Prayer: Father, help me always be aware of Your presence. Let me be ready to listen when You are ready to speak to me. Amen.

Ministers & Ministry Opportunities

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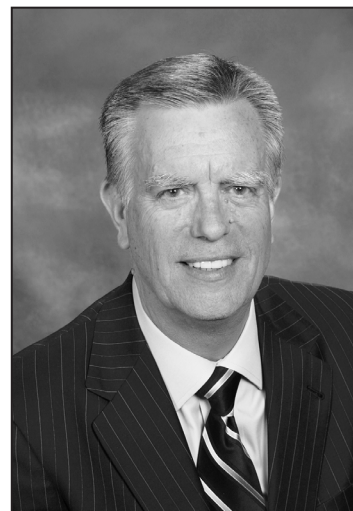
Paul Dunn, of First Baptist, Bourbon, is available for pulpit supply. Contact him at 573-205-6211 or mrpdad4@yahoo.com. (0923)

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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Cooper, Former Editor of Missouri Missionary Baptist, Dies

via *Baptist Trumpet*



Jerome Cooper, 68 of Alexander, AR, passed away September 22. He was a graduate of Central Baptist College and the BMA Theological Seminary. He served in many roles as a pastor and staff member, including pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Sikeston and Trinity Baptist Church in Florissant. He also served as editor of *The Missouri Missionary Baptist* paper (1985-1989), director of publishing for Baptist

Publishing House / DiscipleGuide, as well as recording secretary for BMA of America from 2009 until his death.

Survivors include: his wife of 47 years, Peggy Cooper; his mother, Sarah Alice (Yerby) Cooper; two daughters, Sarah Cooper (Robert Ellison) and Jessica (Jeremy) McGinty; two sisters, Camellia Lewis and Jeanine Miller; and two grandsons.

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This year we are remodeling the old kitchen, now dorm 7. When the new dining hall was built back in 2004/5 we rushed to convert the old building into a dorm in a matter of 2-3 weeks. We built a false floor to accommodate the plumbing. The idea was to use it that year, then go in and put the plumbing under concrete. Since then we remodeled the other dorms, rebuilt the dining hall, and time just slipped away. We've been given a \$20,000 gift to begin this project. It will get us a long way. But by spring or early summer we will be running low on finishing funds. If you or your men have slept in dorm 7, you know how much this needs to happen.

Our plan is to not only remodel, but to rearrange the dorm. We are adding 3 apartment areas between our hut and the dorm area. These apartments will serve many campers throughout the year, but mainly the cooks during camp week. We also plan to build the dorm in such a way that during retreats it can be used by male and female campers, keeping both genders completely separate and yet close to all the action of the dining hall and fire pit. We should be able to run our retreats and smaller events out of the one building. Both sides of the dorm will be handicap accessible which will help our elderly and disabled campers. I'm excited about this remodel. But as I said we will need help reaching the finish line. We have begun the project. The old plumbing fixtures have been pulled out and the wall separating the old kitchen and serving area has been removed. I'll be posting pictures on our Facebook page soon.

Be praying for us as we continue to serve in this capacity. The Lord has truly blessed. I'm praying for you, the churches of BMAMO. Camp attendance is directly affected by the health of the churches. I'm praying we all see growth and faithfulness in the coming year.

Blessings from Chris and crew.