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of the

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of the

Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri



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October 14, 2023

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Officers and Meetings for 2024

Moderator	. Brad Banderman
Vice-Moderator	Brian Meade
Recording Clerk	Don Burke
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2024 Missions Symposium Semi-Annual Meeting

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church Lonedell, Missouri

May 17 @ 7:00 pm - May 18 @ 9:00 am

2024 Annual Meeting

Kewanee Baptist Church New Madrid, Missouri

October 12 @ 9:00 am

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Year	Church	President	Secretary	Sermon
1928	Potosi	M.M. Hamlin	A.H. Dorman	Ben M. Bogard
1929	Sullivan	W.A. Gilbert	A.H. Dorman	W.E. Counts
1930	Antioch	C.D. Crites	A.H. Dorman	C.D. Crites
1931	White Oak Grove	C.D. Crites	A.H. Dorman	A. Studyvin
1932	Mt. Enon	C.D. Crites	A.H. Dorman	Ben F. Nall
1933	Oak Grove	C.D. Crites	E.S. Ray	C.W. Penrod
1934	Potosi	M.B. Hubbard	E.S. Ray	M.L. Winters
1935	Sullivan	M.B. Hubbard	E.S. Ray	M.B. Hubbard
1936	Mt. Pleasant	M.B. Hubbard	C.A. Darst	A.D. Bennett
1937	Mt. Arrat	L.H. Owens	C.A. Darst	L.H. Owens
1938	Independence	L.H. Owens	W.S. Gordon	C.A. Darst
1939	White Oak Grove	L.H. Owens	W.S. Gordon	H.F. Gunn
1940	Bethel	L.H. Owens	W.S. Gordon	Sol Gibson
1941	Mt. Pleasant	H.F. Gunn	W.S. Gordon	G.E. Jones
1942	Independence	C.D. Barton	W.S. Gordon	W.S. Gordon
1943	Potosi	C.D. Barton	W.S. Gordon	G.W.Hawthorne
1944	Mt. Zion	L.H. Owens	W.S. Gordon	H.W. Darst
1945	Independence	C.A. Darst	W.S. Gordon	E.C. Endicott
1946	Galena, Kansas	C.A. Darst	W.S. Gordon	F.E. Gimlin
1947	Kewanee	C.A. Darst	W.S. Gordon	J.F. McClain
1948	Independence	C.A. Darst	W.S. Gordon	G.W. Fox
1949	Galena, Kansas	C.A. Darst	W.S. Gordon	R.A. Brand
1950	Bethel	C.A. Darst	W.S. Gordon	C. McClain
1951	Potosi	C.A. Darst	G.W. Fox	E.C. Endicott
1952	Ellington	C.A. Darst	G.W. Fox	J.F. McClain
1953	Chambers Park	C.A. Darst	W.R. Speer	W.R. Speer
1954	Bethel	C.A. Darst	W.R. Speer	E.V. Davis
1955	Neelyville	C.A. Darst	W.R. Speer	H.C. Pape
1956	Potosi	W.R. Speer	Elmer Shults	R.E. Jordon
1957	Cave Springs	O.A. Robinson	Elmer Shults	H.M. Dry
1958	West Plains	O.A. Robinson	Cecil Burgess	Cecil Burgess
1959	Chambers Park	R.P. Mitchell	Elmer Shults	Jurl Mitchell
1960	Immanuel	R.P. Mitchell	Elmer Shults	C.A. Darst
1961	Ellington	G.W. Fox	N.J. Gibson	G.W. Fox
1962	Van Buren	G.W. Fox	G.W. Hawthorne	
1963	West Plains	E.F. Gibson	G.W. Hawthorne	
1964 1965	Bethel, Potosi Mt. Zion	E.F. Gibson C.A. Darst	Elmer Shults Elmer Shults	R.P. Mitchell
1965		C.A. Darst C.A. Darst		Harold Condray C.A. Darst
1966	Independence Northside	G.W. Fox	Charles Ray	
1967		G.W. Fox G.W. Fox	Charles Ray	Elmer Shults J.R. Courtney
1968	Friendship, IL Palmer Heights	R.P. Mitchell	J.R. Courtney J.R. Courtney	Ronald Fields
1909	Chambers Park	O.A. Robinson	N.J. Gibson	Thomas Foster
1970	Emmanuel	O.A. Robinson	Richard Britt	W.H. Newman
1971	Bethany	C.A. Darst	D.G. Fish	J.A. Brandon
1972	Friendship, IL	O.A. Robinson	D.G. Fish	J.A. Brandon
1973	Trinity, Florissant	O.A. Robinson	Richard Britt	W.H. Newman
1974	Bethany, St. Louis	G.W. Fox	Richard Britt	H.W. Darst
1976	Lighthouse, Malden	G.W. Fox	Dale G. Fish	J.E. Mason
1977	Bethel, Potosi	C.R. Curtman	Dale G. Fish	Richard Britt
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1978	Independence	W.H. Newman	Richard Britt	O.A. Robinson
1979	Bethany, St. Louis	W.H. Newman	Richard Britt	B.M. Ridlen
1980	Bethel, Sikeston	Jack Courtney	Dale G. Fish	Jack Courtney
1981	Zion, St. Louis	Jack Courtney	Dale G. Fish	Jerome Cooper
1982	Chambers Pk., St. Louis	E.F. Gibson	Dale G. Fish	Kenneth Gibson
1983	Bethel, Sikeston	E.F. Gibson	Dale G. Fish	Jack Courtney
1984	Bethany, St. Louis	Ron Fields	Dale G. Fish	Don Hoffmann
1985	Zion, St. Louis	Jerome Cooper	Dale G. Fish	Wayne Gibson
1986	Independence, Neelyville	Jerome Cooper	Dale G. Fish	Gene Gambill
1987	First, Hannibal	Gene Gambill	Dale G. Fish	Tom Foster
1988	Trinity, Florissant	Jim Lea	Dale G. Fish	Ron Fields
1989	Faith, St. Charles	Jim Lea	Dale G. Fish	Gary Lambright
1990	First, Hannibal	Tim Boatright	Dale G. Fish	Jim Kerr
1991	Bethel, Sikeston	Tim Boatright	Dale G. Fish	E.F. Gibson
1992	Zion, St. Louis	Gary Lambright	Dale G. Fish	Wexford Parmer
1993	Independence, Neelyville	Gary Lambright	Dale G. Fish	Glen W. Fox
1994	Faith, St. Charles	James Hoffmann	Dale G. Fish	Richard Britt
1995	Bethel, Sikeston	James Hoffmann	Dale G. Fish	S.P. Chitwood
1996	Zion, St. Louis	James Gosnell	F. A. Norris	J. Haguewood
1997	Lindsay Lane, Florissant	James Gosnell	F.A. Norris	John Beardsley
1998	Amity, Doniphan	Wayne Gibson	F.A. Norris	Tom McCanless
1999	Bethany, St. Louis	Wayne Gibson	D.R. Kirk	Kenneth Melton
2000	Emmanuel, Sikeston	Wayne Gibson	D.R. Kirk	Dr. Holmes
2001	Lindsay Lane, Florissant	Wayne Gibson	Mark Silvey	Jerry Adams
2002	Kewanee, Kewanee	Dale Fish	Mark Silvey	Tom McCanless
2003	First, Matthews	Dale Fish	Mark Silvey	Grady Higgs
2004	Lindsey Lane, Florissant	Dale Fish	Don Seat	Danny Kirk
2005	Kewanee, Kewanee	Dale Fish		E. Bowermann
2006 2007	Landmark, DeSoto Zion, St. Louis	Jerry Adams Jerry Adams	Don Seat	Ted Hurley Lester Forman
2007	Bethel, Sikeston	Jerry Adams	Don Burke	Jerry Adams
2008	First, Potosi	Ray Thurman	Don Burke	J. Haguewood
2009	,	Ray Thurman	Don Burke	Ben Kingston
2010	Bethel, Sikeston Bethany, St. Louis	Jamie Haguewood		Dan Wisely
2011	Kewanee, Kewanee	Jamie Haguewood		Ted Hurley
2012	Bethany, St. Louis	Claude Evans	Don Burke	Russell Chitwood
2013	Landmark, Desoto	Claude Evans	Don Burke	David Erickson
2014	Charity, Bismarck	Brian Meade	Don Burke	David Griggs
2015	Bethel, Sikeston	Brian Meade	Don Burke	Wayne Gibson
2010	Camp Garwood	Dale Fish	Don Burke	Ben Kingston
2017	Bethel, Lonedale	Dale Fish	Don Burke	Gene Hankins
2018	Bethel, Sikeston	Ben Kingston	Don Burke	Tom McCanless
2019	Zion, St. Louis	Ben Kingston	Don Burke	Bryan Buckley
2020	Faith, St. Charles	Jerry Adams	Don Burke	Justin Arender
2021	Ozark Heights, Potosi	Jerry Adams	Don Burke	Ben Kingston
2022	Bethel, Sikeston	Brad Banderman	Don Burke	Billy Davis
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Order of Business *

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

Missionary Committee

Brian Kingston						Chairman
Brian Meade						Clerk

Michael Kelly . . . Assistant Chairman Jeff Moorman Assistant Clerk

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Russell Chitwood (2024) Don Burke (2027) Brian Meade (2025) Dan Wisely (2028) Bryan Buckley (2030)

Mike Hurst (2026) Claude Evans (2029)

Publications Committee

Bryan Buckley (2024)

Jim Ainley (2025)

Encampment Committee

Joe McElroy (2024) Claude Evans (2027) Jason Taylor (2025)

Brian Whitlock (2026) Dan Wisely (2028)

Don Burke (2026)

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Dennis Baker Brian Whitlock James Hoffmann Matt Bolen Don Adams Eddie Paul Oats

ALIVE Ministries Committee

Kevin Smith (2024) Caleb Houston (2026) Brian Kingston (2025) Bryan Buckley (2027)

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Terry Sharpe

Michael Kelly

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Doctrinal Statement of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri

I. GOD

There is one living and true God, the Creator of the universe (Ex. 15, Is. 45:11, Jer. 27.5). He is revealed in the unity of the Godhead as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, who are equal in every divine perfection (Ex. 15:11, Matt. 28:19, II Cor. 13:14).

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

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

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

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

II. THE SCRIPTURES

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

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

III. CREATION

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

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

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

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

IV. SATAN

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

V. DEPRAVITY

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

VI. SALVATION

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

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

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

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

VII. SECURITY

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

VIII. CHURCH

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

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

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

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

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

Pastors (elders, bishops) are authorized to oversee and teach the churches under the Lordship of Jesus Christ (Acts 20:28, Heb. 13:7,17:24, I Peter 5:1-4). Each church is responsible to follow them as they follow Christ (I Cor. 11:1, I Thess. 1:6, Heb. 13:17) and to provide a livelihood for them that they might fulfill their ministries (I Tim 5:17,18, Phil. 4:15-18). Pastors are equal in the service of God (Matt. 23:8-12).

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

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

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

IX. CIVIL AUTHORITY

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

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

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

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

X. LAST THINGS

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

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

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

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

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

ADDENDUM

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

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

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

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

By-Laws of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri

Article I — Name

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

Article II — Purpose

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

Article III — Membership

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

Article IV — Meetings

1. Messengers of the churches in this Association shall hold annual and semiannual sessions.

A. The annual session shall convene on the second Saturday of October at 9:00

a.m. The host pastor shall be in charge of planning the worship service. If needed, the meeting will continue after the noon break until all business is completed.

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

Article V — Administration

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

Article VI — Officers

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

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

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

Article VII — Committees

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

2. Publications Committee

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

- G. Grant amount. As funds are available grants will be given to qualified applicants in the following areas, within the stated limits:
 - i. Traditional On-Campus Grant: (a) up to \$1,000.00 of actual moving expenses for the initial move to Jacksonville, TX (b) the student's tuition each semester (c) up to \$300.00 per semester for books.
 - ii. Masters in Motion Grant: (a) the student's tuition each semester (b) up to \$300.00 per semester for books (c) Up to \$500 per school year for travel and lodging expenses for the times on-campus attendance is required (either at Jacksonville or another location set by the Seminary).
 - iii. Student in Need Grant: \$1,000 per school year may be granted to any student chosen by the Seminary President.
- H. Multiple applicants. (a) When more than one student has applied and there are insufficient funds to meet all requests, priority shall be given to student(s) already enrolled in the program. (b) When more than one new student has applied and there are insufficient funds for all students, the SSG Committee shall determine who shall receive a grant and the exact amount of the grant(s).
- I. Designated Money. Money given to this committee from individuals or churches may be designated for a particular student(s). If that student(s) fails to meet the eligibility requirements, the designated money shall be returned to the donor, or dispersed as directed by the donor upon written instruction.
- 5. Miscellaneous
- A. No one who is an employee of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri may serve on a committee under whose supervision he may come.
- B. Each committee shall organize annually with such officers as it deems necessary.
- C. Any committeeman who is inactive for (1) one year shall be replaced the following year.
- D. The Moderator shall name the committee on finance and enrollment and the committee on resolutions to serve at the annual meeting.

Article VIII — Programs

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

2. Loan Program

Bylaws of the Missouri Missionary Baptist Loan Association, Inc.

Section I — Purpose

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

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

Section II — Ownership

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

Section III — Officers

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

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

Section IV — Correspondence

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

Section V — Operational Bylaws

- 1. The duly elected officers of the Loan Committee may, at the direction of the messenger body or Missionary Committee, buy and sell property and title shall be held and retained in the name of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri.
- 2. The duly elected officers of the Loan Committee shall work with the Special Missions Committee, the Director of Missions, and the missionary in locating and purchasing property, financing and erecting a first-unit type of building.

The following points should be carefully considered in the planning, financing, and erecting of a first-unit building:

- A. It should be of sufficient size to allow the mission to begin and grow toward self-sufficiency.
- B. It should add value to surrounding properties, without binding the mission under a crippling long-term debt, and it should encourage the mission to become self-supporting.
- C. It should be situated on the property and constructed in a manner that would not hinder any future permanent construction.
- 3. When sufficient funds are available, the Loan Program will provide financing for approved mission projects when the following requirements have been agreed to and a binding contract between the Loan Program and the applicant, known as

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

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

Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri to hold their church property title. The vote should take place after it has been announced and publicized in writing for at least thirty days prior to the date of voting.

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

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

Article IX — Departments

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

- D. The activities of this department shall be reported at the annual meeting of this association.
- 2. Brotherhood.
 - A. There shall be a department called the Brotherhood Auxiliary of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri.
 - B. The activities of this department shall be reported at the annual meeting of the association.
 - C. The purpose of the department is addressed in the following mission statement, focus statement, and core values.

Mission Statement

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

Focus

- A. Provide positive encouragement and support through Christian fellowship.
- B. Provide biblical leadership education that will encourage men to be leaders in their home and local church.
- C. Provide education and opportunities for the older men to mentor the younger men.

Core Values

- A. We value the biblical doctrine of the autonomy of the local church.
- B. We value biblical instruction concerning Christian fellowship.
- C. We value biblical instruction concerning the role of men in the home and local church.
- D. We value biblical instruction concerning older men mentoring younger men. II Timothy 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

Article X — Amendments

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

Camp Guidelines

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

Goals and Aims

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

To worship our Lord in a natural and comfortable environment.

To encourage Spiritual growth among the campers.

To encourage young people to become active participants in the church and our associated work.

To have good Christian fun!

Camp Rules

That each church sending campers under the age of 20 provide proper adult supervision for them, at least one male for the boys and at least one lady for the girls. Conduct on the camp grounds must reflect Christian standards.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dress Code

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

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

Knee-length shorts are permitted during day time activities.

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

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

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

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

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

Convened at

Kewanee Baptist Church, New Madrid, Missouri Saturday, May 20, 2023 – 9:00 AM Brad Banderman, Moderator • Don Burke, Clerk

First Morning Session

- 1. Bro. Ben Kingston shared the morning devotional from Proverbs 14:4.
- 2. Moderator Brad Banderman called the Association business meeting to order, seating the 27 messengers present.
- 3. Bro. Dennis Baker gave the reports for the Loan Association. M/S/P to approve.
- 4. Bro. Chris Polk shared Camp reports. M/S/P to accept, including committeemen change.
- 5. Brotherhood President's Report was given by Bro. Bryan Buckley. M/S/P to approve.
- 6. Brotherhood Financial Report was provided by Bro. Roy Callahan. M/S/P to approve.
- 7. Sis. Sara Buckley & Sis. Janet Widger presented the WMA reports. M/S/P to accept.
- 8. Bro. Don Burke shared Recording Clerk's Report. M/S/P to adopt.
- 9. The *Missouri Missionary Baptist* reports were given by interim editor Bro. Don Burke. M/S/P to accept.
- 10. Bro. Don Burke presented Kenneth E. Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund Report. M/S/P to accept.
- 11. M/S/P to adjourn for Missionary Committee meeting.

Second Morning Session

- 12. The State Association reconvened following the Missionary Committee meeting.
- 13. M/S/P to approve of business done by Missionary Committee.
- 14. Bro. Ben Kingston gave report for Renewal Retreat. M/S/P to adopt.
- M/S/P to send \$5,000 to Bro. Michael Strong for his ministry in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 16. Bro. Dennis Baker shared an update on the BMA Seminary. M/S/P to approve.
- 17. M/S/P to adjourn business portion of the meeting.
- 18. Bro. Dan Wisely gave the annual message, taken from Psalm 27:11-14.

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

Dear BMAMO churches,

For all practical purposes, we are halfway through the 2023 year!

I trust our ordination service went well last night. Bro Juan tirelessly works the field for the Lord.

As you know, I have put all the eggs of the Missions Directorship into the basket

of the BMAMO assessment. If it has been 6 months or more since you last assessed, please set a date to do so again.

I lovingly 'double dog dare' any of you to find any of these assessed areas that you wouldn't want any of your church members doing or yourself.

One person stated, "Folks don't do what you expect, but what you inspect." Let's inspect these areas regularly so we can raise the bar of awareness of the missions that we are currently doing and what we need to begin.

I would love to come and promote Missions at the Church where you Pastor on a Wednesday night this summer. Please get with me and let's set a date.

May the Lord richly bless you is my prayer.

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- Ben Kingston, Director of Missions

BMA of Missouri State Missions Semi-Annual Financial Report October 2022 – April 2023

Checking Account		
Balance October 1, 2022\$	32,892.39	
Church Receipts	24,622.00	
Insurance reimb, Loan Dept	2,701.40	
Insurance reimb, Garwood	8,104.20	
WMA for Juan Fernandez	500.00	
Landmark, Carthage, IL	<u>109,986.65</u>	
Total Available\$	178,806.64	
Disbursements	(<u>155,703.01)</u>	
Balance April 30, 2022		\$ 23,103.63
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Income by Month October\$	4,034.44	
November	3,316.79	
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February	4,996.74	
	2,361.94	
April S	24,622.00	
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Expenses		
Director, Salary\$	3,600.00	
Director mileage	50.78	
Secretary/Clerical	1,600.00	
Meetings	669.16	
Insurance	13,507.00	
Office/Banking	67.60	
Juan Fernandez support	16,333.31	
Juan Fernandez bonus	1,000.00	
Juan Fernandez work funds	500.00	
Renewal Retreat	1,370.17	
BMAMS RLF investment	109,000.00	
Jim Hoffmann, love offering	6,600.00	

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Total	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	55,703.01

BMAMS Investment

Balance October 1, 2022	\$ 111,783.96
Deposit November 28, 2022	109,000.00
Interest Earned	<u>2,132.30</u>
Balance April 30, 2023	\$ <u>222,916.26</u>
Total in all accounts: April 30, 2023	\$ 246,019.89

Missionary Committee*

The BMA of Missouri Missionary Committee met during the Semi-Annual Association Meeting on May 20, 2023 at Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church, New Madrid. The Missionary Committee was called to order by Bro. Claude Evans.

Bro. Dan Wisely read minutes from Special Missions Committee, including recommendations for dispersal of assets from the disbanded Landmark Church, Carthage. M/S/P to approve.

Motion made for Special Missions Committee to meet with Loan Association Committee to iron out procedural issues for deciding such dispersals. No second was received; motion died.

Missions Director reports were given by Bro. Ben Kingston. M/S/P to adopt. Bro. Juan Fernandez shared an update on the Hispanic ministry in St. Louis. M/S/P to adjourn. Closing prayer.

* These records were pieced together from notes taken by Don Burke, Association Recording Clerk, and are offered here in the absence of actual minutes submitted by the Committee clerk.

Special Missions Committee April 18, 2023

The committee met on April 18, 2023, at 11:00 am at Perryville, MO.

Members present were Claude Evans, Russell Chitwood, Michael Hearst, Don Burke, and Dan Wisely, along with Missions Director Ben Kingston.

Opening prayer led by Mike Hearst

Organization of Special Missions Committee elected as follows:

Chairman – Claude Evans

Assistant Chairman – Russell Chitwood

Clerk - Dan Wisely

Assistant Clerk - Michael Hearst.

Ben Kingston reported that First Landmark Missionary Baptist Church of Carthage, Missouri disbanded leaving \$109,000 to the Missions office to be distributed.

Motion, second and carried that the Committee make the following recommendation to the Missouri State Association Meeting held at Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church, New Madrid, Missouri, on May 20, 2023:

\$30,000.00 to State Camp Garwood

\$30,000.00 to Meramec Retreat Center \$25,000.00 to Missouri Paper \$20,000.00 to Kenneth Gibson Grant \$4,000.00 to Missouri State Minute Fund

Motion made by Mike Hearst, seconded by Russell Chitwood, and motion carried to adjourn. Russell Chitwood dismissed Special Missions Committee meeting in prayer.

- Dan Wisely, Clerk

Missouri Missionary Baptist Interim Editor's Semi-Annual Report

My wife and I continue to learn more and more about the Missouri Missionary Baptist with each new edition we work on. And we certainly appreciate all the compliments and other feedback that we receive. And most of all we appreciate all those contributing news and other items to be included in the paper.

No application for the open position of editor has been received yet, so looks like we will continue with the present arrangement.

If you will notice the accompanying financial report, you will see that there has been over a \$2,500 operating deficit since our October meeting.

Since the October meeting we have a change in the paper's email address – which is now mmbpaper@gmail.com.

I would like to thank the Association for the honor you have entrusted to me in filling this role as interim editor; and especially want to express my thanks to my wife, Pam, for her partnership in this endeavor.

- Don Burke, Interim Editor

Missouri Missionary Baptist Semi-Annual Financial Report October 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023

Beginning Balance Funds Received		8,572.75
Offerings & Subscriptions\$		
Total Received		<u>9,352.48</u>
Total Available		17,925.23
Expenses		
Editor Salary\$	5,600.00	
MMB Printing.	1,295.00	
MMB Mailing	4,258.53	
Return Postage	29.20	
Office Supplies	164.32	
Office Equipment.	175.06	
Computer Software/Subscription	41.84	
Misc		
Total Expenses		<u>12,015.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$	5,910.23

Camp Garwood Director's Semi-Annual Report

Good morning. Let's begin by talking about some upcoming retreats.

June 23-24, GMA retreat: I've been asked why we don't have any women's retreats. My first response was, no one has planned one. My second response was, we have a GMA retreat. This retreat is available for all females whether you have a GMA program or not. The ladies always have a great time. If you haven't attended this retreat in the past, I would encourage you to do so.

June 30 - July 1, Baptist Publishing House Training Seminar: Begins on Friday evening with supper at 6:30 pm; Session 1, How to Study the Bible at 8 pm; and fireside fellowship at 9 pm. Saturday's schedule includes, breakfast at 8 am; Session 2, Preparing to Teach and Teaching Helps at 9 am; free/recreation time at 10 am; Session 3, Sermon Preparation (special session for pastors and preachers) at 11 am. Bro. Jordan Tew, Baptist Publishing House Director, will be leading the sessions. I'm looking forward to this retreat and hope you will encourage your Sunday school teachers, youth workers, and anyone with an interest in Bible study to attend. Jordan is traveling a long way (Texarkana) to offer this opportunity to the Missouri churches. Please help make his trip worthwhile.

July 30 - August 4, Camp Week: The theme is Gateway to God, John 14:6. Registration is at bmamissouri.org. Remember the child protection policy and background check for everyone 18 and older spending the night at camp.

Sis. Ruth contacted me wanting to do something in memory of Bro. Wayne Gibson. We discussed a few options. The family discussed the options and decided they wanted to help camp replace the ice maker because they remembered Bro. Wayne struggling to get the one we have now. We discussed the need to replace it with one that makes the same kind of ice. It's expensive because it's shaved ice and water cooled. The cost is \$10,500.00. The new unit is ordered and paid for but will not arrive until three weeks after camp. The existing ice maker is working; it's just 25 to 26 years old, sounds horrible, and constantly leaks water. This will be a good improvement.

Over the winter we lost our last chest freezer. We entertained getting a walkin freezer but have decided to go back with two uprights. This was our last "old" freezer and our last "chest" freezer.

We've had trouble getting the Committee together so most of our conversations have been via text messages. Here are the results of those messages:

1. Due to inflation the Camp Committee has instructed me to increase the pay for our cooks, speakers and band. We know the compensation is far from what is deserved, knowing the level of work each of these positions demands. We hope the increase will help express our appreciation. The evangelist's pay will be raised \$25 per service, plus mileage. The cooks will receive a \$100 increase, and the band will receive a \$100 increase.

2. The Committee has also elected to change our speaker format. This year and next year we will plan to have two speakers, one for the evening services and one for the morning services. This will be easier on the individual speaker, but will also provide us with redundancy in the event we have a similar situation as last year where a speaker unexpectedly can't make it. After next year we will evaluate if we want to continue that plan going forward.

Bro. Jordan Bowen will deliver our evening messages this year and is super excited to be here after missing last year. Jordan is lead pastor at Hillcrest Community Church in North Little Rock. Originally from Oklahoma City, Jordan attended CBC, followed by New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Jordan is the son-in-law of Shawn Hammontree and has been our evangelist in the past. We are excited to see Jordan again. He was scheduled to be with us last year, but on Monday of camp week tested positive for Covid. We are not 100% on the morning speaker at this time, we are currently waiting on confirmation before making an announcement.

3. The Committee approved my inviting Doug Mickan to perform for us on Monday night. We are excited to have Doug introduce a new generation of campers to his pals. Doug is Sis. Ruth Gibson's son-in-law. 20 years ago he was leading the worship for our camp services. Doug is an amazing ventriloquist and will be exciting for all of our campers.

4. Committee member change: Brian Whitlock will finish out Matt Baker's term ending 2026. Bro. Matt is no longer active in our work.

5. Dorm 7: Upgrade the dangerous restrooms eliminating the step up to the toilet and showers. In the process we will reduce the actual dorm space by approximately 25', losing an estimated ten bunks. A new entrance will be added on the east and west walls. The original north doors facing the dining hall will be reinstalled. We will also add a wall dividing the dorm into two separate dorms. This will allow the dorm to be more efficient during retreats, with men on side A and women on side B. The 25' will be turned into three separate apartment-style rooms with individual restroom facilities. This will be used for cooks during camp week and available for couples or individuals during the off season. This project will be primarily funded by a private family donation that we hope to increase using a matching gift fund raiser.

We're working hard to get camp ready. I'll be posting a list of buildings and jobs soon on the Facebook page for groups and individuals to adopt. Please be sure to promote camp in your churches. Remind your folks to go through the adult screening process and about the DEWr program. This year's DEWr weekend will be Aug 18-19. A DEWr is anyone who gives \$75 or more to camp in a year. We appreciate all camp supporters; the DEWr weekend is just a way to say thanks. On the registration form this year we are recommending campers bring \$120 to help with camp expenses. Please understand we are still considered a "free" camp. This suggested amount is posted mainly to remind folks that there is an expense to camp. We also have a lot of non-BMA campers; those guys use this suggested amount as a basis for the kids they bring.

We look forward to seeing you guys at camp.

- Chris Polk, Director

Camp Garwood Semi-Annual Financial Report

General Fund Beginning Balance\$	6,300.50
Received	35,378.22
Disbursements	<u>(17,694.95)</u>
Total Fund\$	23,983.77
Food Fund Beginning Balance\$	0.00
Food Fund Beginning Balance\$	
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Insurance Fund Beginning Balance\$	0.00
Received	0.00
Disbursements	<u>(8,104.20)</u>
Total Fund\$	(8,104.20)
TOTAL ALL FUNDS\$	15,309.74

WMA Semi-Annual Report

The Missouri State WMA met on Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Zion Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri. It was a wonderful meeting led by Sis. Sharon Page. Bro. Bryan Buckley brought us the morning message. He challenged us with a sermon that looked at the traditions of men. We enjoyed a delicious lunch served by the host church. Sis. Juanita May and Sis. Dottie Steelman both did a wonderful job speaking in the afternoon session.

New officers were installed. The following is a list of officers that will serve in 2023-2024

President	Sara Buckley
Vice-President	Deiatre Gillam
Treasurer	Connie Reifsteck
Assistant Treasurer	Juanita May
Secretary	Norma Womble
Assistant Secretary	
Bible and Tract Distributor	Bea Evans
Historian	Tracy Goede
Youth Director	
Assistant Youth Director	Terri Adams.
Retreat Committee	. Janet Widger (2024)
	Tanya Hutton (2025)
	Amy Asher (2026)
Advisory Council	Bryan Buckley
	Dennis Baker
	Claude Evans
Our Missouri WMA 2023-2024 project	25% – General Fund
25% – Jua	an Fernandez work fund
25% – Mickeal	l Quillman support fund
25% – MO N	lissionary Baptist paper
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The 2023 MO WMA Retreat will be September 8-9, 2023, at the Drury Plaza Hotel Cape Girardeau Conference Center. Our speaker is Christy Horton. The hotel phone number for reservations is 1-800-325-0720. Please use the group number which is 10034537. The hotel reservation cutoff date is August 17, 2023. The registration cutoff date is August 25, 2023. Please make checks payable to MO WMA and mail to: MO WMA, % Janet Widger, 5014 Hwy N, Salem, Missouri 65560.

Our National 2023-2024 WMA project is the Jeevan Prakash School in India. This school is in desperate need of our help. The school needs major repairs that impact the safety of students. There is a lack of fresh drinking water on this campus as well. There is also a lack of sufficient restrooms for the number of students and staff. The list isn't a list of wants – it is a list of needs. My heart hurts for the children and staff at this school. We have set a goal of \$75,000, and that will not be enough

to do everything that needs to be done at the school. We are the "Show Me" state, and the 2024 National meeting will be held in Branson, Missouri. I challenge each of our Missouri churches to rise to the occasion for this project. For the second year in a row, a Missouri church was the top contributor for the National project. Congratulations to Grandview Missionary Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri! Wouldn't it be great if the state of Missouri could join efforts and have both the top contributing church AND be the top contributing state? All contributions can be sent to our National Treasurer: Janet Widger, Treasurer, P.O. Box 23, Salem, Missouri 65560. (*Please note that it is for the project.)

Our 2023-2024 WMA National theme has been set by Sis. Kelly Williams. The theme for the year is More Like Jesus, Less Like Me. (John 3:30) We are going to be making 250 welcome bags for the National WMA meeting. We need donated items for the bags. It can be something you buy or something you make, but there has to be 250 of whatever it is. What would you like to get in a welcome bag? Other ladies would enjoy the same items! Let us know if you or your WMA can help.

- Sara Buckley, MO WMA President

Brotherhood Semi-Annual Report

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for the brethren to dwell together in unity! Psalms 133:1

The Missouri State Brotherhood is happy to report an increased interest and growth in participation in activity over the past year. We held our annual meeting on March 4, 2023 at Mount Zion Baptist Church. The men held their meeting and election of officers:

PresidentBryan Buckley
Vice-president Brian Kingston
Clerk/Treasurer
Assistant Clerk/Treasurer Van Widger
Reporter

On May 5-6 was the 12th Annual Brotherhood Men's Retreat at Camp Garwood. There was a good attendance with over 12 churches being represented. Bro. Jerry Adams brought our evening and morning messages on "Being Men of God." The men enjoyed good food, skeet shooting, cornhole, axe-throwing and a lot of fellowship. There were reports of not so harmonious snoring coming from the dorm. The men also discussed hosting a National Brotherhood Retreat for May 2024. We are looking forward to the Annual Fishing Tournament June 3 at Sunnen Lake in Potosi and more events for the men to grow in fellowship with one another. Let us continue to dwell as men and not occupy space.

- Bryan Buckley, President

Brotherhood Semi-Annual Financial Report

Balance brought forward			1,284.16
Deposits			
State Brotherhood\$	99.00		
Washington Co. Brotherhood	46.00		

Fishing Tournament Camp Garwood Balance Total Funds	320.00 <u>263.00</u>	\$ \$	<u>728.00</u> 2,012.16
Withdrawals Fishing Tournament	290.06		
Balance		\$ \$	<u>932.96</u> 1,079.20

Kenneth E. Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund October 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023

Balance: October 1, 2022\$	12,021.43
Receipts:	0.00
Total Available:\$	
Disbursements	378.36
Balance: March 31, 2022\$	11,643.07

Missouri Missionary Baptist Loan Program 2022-2023 Semi-Annual Report

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

Recording Secretary's Semi-Annual Report

October	1,	2022 -	- May	1.	2023
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Beginning Balance	\$ 642.58
Funds Received Minute Fund Offerings Total Received	\$ <u>2,610.00</u>
Funds Available	\$ 3,072.58
Expenses Post Office (Minute Mailing)\$29.43 Bank Paper Statement Fee (7 mths)	\$ <u>72.43</u>
Ending Balance (April 30)	\$ 3,000.15

Renewal Retreat 2023 Report

Greetings BMAMO churches. Well, it was the best of times, and it was the worst of times. The best of times for the Renewal Retreat because we had 72 men signed

up for the retreat! This was by far our best ever for sign-ups! The worst of times because due to bad weather and scheduling conflicts we went from 72 to 40-ish!

In many ways it was still our best Renewal Retreat to date because of the spirit and the powerful content. Our subject was Men Mentoring Men. Bro. Josh Wright spoke on that subject. I spoke on Father's Mentoring Sons, and Bro. Brian Kingston spoke on Churches Mentoring Men. All of it was well received, and I have heard of some churches taking some of the material and applying it to their men's ministries right away.

We were well fed by Bro. Melvin and his wife. Bro. Chris and Garwood were amazing as hosts, so we were especially blessed.

Unfortunately, it is very difficult for our men to schedule this once-a-year trip, much less two, so Bro. Bryan Buckley and I are going to combine the Brotherhood yearly retreat and the Renewal Retreat into one so that we are not unintentionally competing for the same people. Moving forward, we will have more details by the October meeting.

I want to thank the Association for their support in this effort to unite our BMAMO associations as a whole.

- Ben Kingston

Proceedings of the Ninety-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri

Convened at

Bethel Baptist Church • Sikeston, Missouri Saturday, October 14, 2023 - 9:00 AM Brad Banderman, Moderator • Don Burke, Clerk

Morning Session

- 1. Pastor Billy Davis welcomed the Association and offered the opening prayer.
- 2. After congregational singing led by Matt Bolen, Joe McElroy shared the morning devotional from Romans 1:16.
- 3. Moderator Brad Banderman recognized messengers present, then called the meeting to order.
- 4. Bro. Don Burke gave the *Missouri Missionary Baptist* newspaper reports. M/S/P to adopt.
- 5. M/S/P to re-elect Bro. Burke as interim editor at a salary of \$800 per month, plus one month's salary as Christmas bonus.
- 6. The Enrollment Committee shared a preliminary report:
 - 23 church letters were received;
 - 33 messengers plus 3 visitors registered;
 - \$2,100 received in Minute Fund offering.
 - M/S/P to accept report.
- 7. Bro. Chris Polk gave Garwood Camp report. M/S/P to accept.
- 8. M/S/P to re-elect Don Burke (term ending 2026) to Publication Committee.
- 9. M/S/P to re-elect Dan Wisely (2028) to Camp Committee.
- 10. M/S/P to retain Camp officers (Bro. Chris Polk as Camp Superintendent and Treasurer and Bro. Matt Bolen as the Assistant Camp Superintendent and Assistant Treasurer).
- 11. Bro. Dennis Baker presented Loan Association reports. M/S/P to approve.
- M/S/P to re-elect present Loan Association Committee members (Dennis Baker, Brian Whitlock, Matt Bolen, Don Adams) and to elect Eddie Paul Oats to fill empty seat.
- 13. Bro. Jeff Moorman presented Alive reports. M/S/P to adopt.
- 14. M/S/P to elect Bryan Buckley to Alive Committee (2027).
- 15. The Moderator re-appointed same members to Resolutions Committee as last year (Bros. Brian Kingston, Terry Sharp, Michael Kelly).
- Bro. Don Burke shared the Kenneth E. Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund report. M/S/P to accept report.
- 17. Sis. Sara Buckley presented the WMA report. M/S/P to approve.
- 18. Brotherhood reports were shared. M/S/P to accept report.
- 19. Bro. Ben Kingston gave an oral report on the Renewal Retreat. M/S/P to adopt report.
- 20. Bro. Dennis Baker shared the work of the BMA Theological Seminary.
- 21. The moderator called for a five-minute break.
- 22. M/S/P to break for Missionary Committee.

Second Morning Session

- 23. State Association reconvened.
- 24. M/S/P to accept business and recommendations from Missions Committee.
- 25. Dismissal prayer for lunch.

Afternoon Session

- 26. State Association reconvened.
- 27. Annual message given by Pastor Billy Davis, taken from Philippians 4:4-8.
- 28. Bro. Ben Kingston voiced the Association's appreciation to Bro. Billy Davis for the annual message.
- 29. Bro. Don Burke gave Recording Clerk report. M/S/P to approve.
- 30. M/S/P Bro. Burke to be elected as Clerk, and clerk hire set at \$1,300.
- 31. M/S/P to include a \$500 Christmas bonus as part of clerk compensation.
- 32. M/S/P to elect Bro. Matt Bolen as Assistant Clerk.
- M/S/P to re-elect Bro. Brad Banderman and Bro. Brian Meade as Moderator and Assistant Moderator.
- 34. Enrollment Committee final report:
 - · 24 church letters received;
 - 34 messengers, plus 9 visitors;
 - \$2,100 received for Minute Fund offering.
 - M/S/P to approve.
- 35. Bro. John Beardsley presented his desire to compile a history of the BMA of Missouri and asked for churches to contribute to that work.
- 36. The Moderator appointed the following to the 2024 Enrollment Committee: Bros. Melvin Meade, Lee Miller, Joe McElroy.
- 37. M/S/P for the Association to go to Kewanee, New Madrid for the 2024 Annual Meeting.
- M/S/P to go to Bethel, Lonedell for the 2024 Missions Symposium and Semi-Annual Meeting.
- 39. M/S/P to give a standing vote of appreciation to the host church.
- 40. Meeting dismissed by Moderator.
- 41. Closing prayer.

BMA of Missouri Missions Director's Annual Report 2023

Dear BMAMO churches, it has been an exciting year as your Missions Director. I am excited to tell you that there is a continued interest in churches assessing and showing a desire to assess. Simply put, healthy organisms grow, and growing churches evaluate on some level to make sure they are staying on track with the Great Commission.

I have the entire summer available on Wednesday evenings to come to your church and help you, Pastor, and your church understand the process. Please call me at 636-629-2526 to set up an appointment.

I will be going into deeper detail during my report as to my vision and hopes for how healthy churches can and should result in a church-planting opportunity and hopefully movement. It has been my privilege to be your Missions Director. May the Lord richly bless each of you as we strive to reach Missouri for the gospel.

- Ben Kingston, Director

BMA of Missouri Missions Department Offerings October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023

Checking Account Balance, October 1, 2022...

\$ 32,892.39

\$ <u>161,273.28</u> \$ 194,165.67

Income	
	700.33
	996.72
	460.00
	432.73
Bethlehem, Doniphan	102.10
Black Creek, Poplar Bluff.	68.00
	500.00
	300.00
	300.00
	080.51
	500.00
	758.16
	365.11
	500.00
	300.00
	155.00
	500.00
	909.50
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	610.00
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Westview, Jeff City	300.00
	116.70
Zion, St. Louis	979.00
RLF to disperse 109,9	986.65
WMA - Juan Fernandez work funds	500.00
Renewal Retreat reimbursement from MLBA	685.08
Insurance Reimbursements	<u>305.60</u>
Total Received	
Total Available	
Expanses	

Expenses

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Director: Salary and Bonuses\$	5,850.00
Director: Expenses	581.61
Jim Hoffmann Love Offering	6,600.00
Clerical/Director's Assistant.	2,600.00
Office Expenses	67.60
Meeting Expenses	669.16
Juan Fernandez Support	30,268.48
BMA- Michael Strong	5,000.00

MMB Paper Kenneth Gibson Grant Fund Camp Garwood Meramec Retreat Center Minute Fund Renewal Retreat Web Master & Domain Fee Insurance Total Expenses: Checking Account Balance September 30, 2023	25,000.00 20,000.00 30,000.00 4,000.00 1,370.17 1,466.96 <u>13,507.00</u>	\$
BMAMS Revolving Loan Investment		
Balance October 1, 2022		
BMAMS RLF Balance September 30, 2023		\$ 115.133.96
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Total in all accounts September 30, 2023		\$ 132,318.65

Missionary Committee Meeting

The meeting took place on October 14th, 2023, at the annual meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church of Sikeston, MO.

The Missionary Committee was called to order for business by our Assistant Chairman: Bro. Michael Kelly.

Special Missions Committee gave their report and recommendations. Read by Bro. Don Burke. Motion/2nd to accept the report as read. Motion passed.

Brian Buckley was elected to another term for the Special Missions Committee ending in 2030. Motion passed.

Our Missions Director Bro. Ben Kingston gave a report to the Missionary Committee. Bro. Ben challenged our churches to be disciple-making churches. As we disciple, this will lead to growth and church planting. Bro. Ben also continues the BAMO Assessment and is available to come to our churches any Wednesday night.

Motion/second to accept the report. Motion passed.

Our missionary to the Hispanic-speaking people, Bro. Juan Fernandez, gave an exciting report on the continued work in the St. Louis area as they disciple new believers and continue English as a second language classes at Bethany. Bro. Juan requested prayer for his family to find a home in the St. Louis area to reduce travel time and to be able to live in the area of ministry. Bro. Ben Kingston called on Bro. Brian Whitlock to lead us in prayer over our missionary, Bro. Juan Fernandez, and his family. Motion/second to accept this report. Motion passed.

Motion/second to retain all officers. Motion passed. (Officers of the Missionary Committee are as follows:

Bro. Brian Kingston	Chairman	
Bro. Michael Kelly	Assistant Chairman	
Bro. Brian Meade	Clerk	
Bro. Jeff Moorman	Assistant Clerk	
Motion/second to adjourn the Missionary Committee of the Baptist Missionary		

Association of Missouri.

- Michael Kelly, Assistant Chairman; Brian Meade, Clerk

Special Missions Committee Minutes

The Special Missions Committee met in Perryville, MO, on Tuesday, October 3, 2023.

Members present were Bro. Claude Evans, Bro. Don Burke, Bro. Russell Chitwood, Bro. Brian Meade and Bro. Michael Hearst. Also attending the meeting were Missions Director Ben Kingston and missionary Juan Fernandez.

Bro. Russell Chitwood led in an opening prayer.

Bro. Ben Kingston presented a current financial report and gave an update on the status of the disposition of the Zalma church property.

Bro. Claude Evans called the meeting of the Special Missions Committee to order. Bro. Brian Meade led in prayer.

Motion and second to retain the current officers of the Special Missions Committee. Motion approved.

Special Missions Committee Recommendations:

- Motion and second to recommend Bro. Ben Kingston stand as nominee for Missions Director of the BMA of Missouri State Association at current salary of \$450 per month and \$200 per month for secretary. Motion approved.
- Motion and second to recommend Bro. Don Burke stand as nominee for Assistant Missions Director of the BMA of Missouri State Association. Motion approved.
- 3. Motion and second to recommend continued support of Bro. Juan Fernandez as our mission project at \$28,000 a year. Motion approved.
- Motion and second to recommend that Bro. Bryan Buckley stand as nominee to the Special Missions Committee for term ending 2030. Motion approved.
- 5. Motion and second to approve allocating \$1,000 from the mission fund to be used for a booth and accessories at the BMAA Annual Meeting in Branson, MO in April 2024. Motion approved.
- Motion and second to recommend Christmas bonus of \$450 for Missions Director, \$200 for the secretary and \$1000 for Missionary Juan Fernandez.

Motion and second to adjourn. Motion carried. Dismissal prayer led by Bro. Ben Kingston.

- Claude Evans, Committee Chairman; Michael Hearst, Assistant Clerk

Missouri Missionary Baptist Inerim Editor's Annual Report 2023

I (well actually, "we") have completed my first year as interim editor for the Missouri Missionary Baptist paper. I say "we" because while I may be the one who has been elected to the position, my wife Pam is as involved in the day-to-day working on the paper as I am. I am ever so thankful to have her "riding shotgun" with me on this trip.

To date the Publication Committee has received no application for the open position of editor. A couple of people have informally voiced a possible interest, but nothing official has been submitted.

I would like to thank the now-disbanded Landmark Baptist Church of Carthage for donating their assets to the State Association, plus to extend my thanks to the State Association for including the MMB among the departments to which those assets were distributed. This one-time income prevented an otherwise dismal financial year for the paper.

That, however, highlights a less-positive item of note. Based upon operational income and expenses alone (i.e., apart from the special offering from Landmark) the paper operated this year over \$4,000 in the red. The offering has thankfully bought a few years of time for us to consider our options, but in the long term we will need to evaluate whether this was just an off year, if the paper serves our needs well enough to adequately support it, or if there is a need to look for alternatives.

Speaking of support, I close with a special thanks to all those churches, individuals and groups who support the paper in the various ways – whether through subscriptions, offerings, prayers, words of encouragement or content contributions. It really does take a village, and I thank everyone who is a part.

— Don Burke, Interim Editor

Missouri Missionary Baptist Annual Financial Report October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023

\$ 8,572.75

Funds Received		
Amity / Doniphan\$	360.00	
Berean / Festus	498.36	
Bethel / Sikeston	400.00	
Bethesda / Park Hills	326.51	
BMA/SWMO	250.00	
Charity / Bismark	50.00	
First / Matthews	100.00	
Friendship / St. Clair.	250.00	
Kewanee / New Madrid	3,600.00	
Landmark / DeSoto	325.00	
Lower Doe Run / Ellington	360.00	
Missouri State WMA	500.00	
Mt. Olive / Salem	1,500.00	
New Testament / Sullivan	1,579.00	
Oak Hill / Doniphan	600.00	
Ohlman / Bunker	600.00	
Ozark Heights / Potosi	240.00	
Providence / Puxico	110.00	
Stoney Point / Mineral Springs	921.38	
Temple / Belgrade	1,200.00	
Zalma / Zalma	357.45	
Zion / St. Louis	1,419.00	
Individuals	570.00	
Landmark@Carthage Assets Disb	25,000.00	
Total Received		\$ <u>41,116.70</u>
Total Available*		\$ 49,689.45

Expenses

Editor Salary\$	9,600.00	
MMB Printing	2,220.00	
MMB Mailer	2,284.28	
USPS 2nd Class Postage	4,989.07	
USPS Return Postage	44.15	
Office Supplies.	164.32	
Office Equipment	175.06	
Computer Software/Subscription	687.73	
Misc	75.05	
Total Expenses		\$ <u>20,239.66</u>
Ending Balance		\$ 29,449.79

Camp Garwood 2023 Annual Report

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

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.

Other notable things about the year include the phantom mattress truck. Every day it was supposedly "on its way" but never made it. We had two campers experience hornet stings, very painful looking. We had to call an ambulance for one of our campers, Matt Thompson. He had a bowel obstruction that became very complicated in the hospital. He is still trying to recover and could use your prayers.

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 an upright freezer. And thanks to Sis. Ruth Gibson in memory of Bro. Wayne, 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.

Looking forward to next year Brother Caleb will return to share speaking duties with Brother Aaron Russell. Caleb serves as youth pastor for Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church. Aaron serves as an associate pastor at Central Baptist Church in Conway.

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. Looking to 2025, 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. We've taken the \$30,000 received from the sale of Landmark back in the spring and set up three \$10,000 cd's. They are expected to earn between 5-6% until we need to pull them out for this project.

Our plan for 2024 is to remodel the old kitchen, Dorm 7. If you remember when the new dining hall was built back in 2004/5, we rushed to convert the old building

into a dorm just weeks before camp. We built a raised floor to accommodate the plumbing under the toilet and showers. The idea was, we would use it that year then go in and put the plumbing underground, eliminating the step before the next year. Since then we remodeled the other dorms, rebuilt the dining hall after the ice storm collapse in '09 and well... time just slipped away. We've been given a \$20,000 gift to begin this project. It will get us a long way, but not quite finished. If you or your men have slept in Dorm 7, you know how much this needs to happen. Both projects are long overdue. I hope our campers see the need and support these projects.

Our plan is to not only remodel but to rearrange the dorm. We are adding three apartments and a common area between our hut and the dorm area. These apartments will serve many campers throughout the year, but mainly our cooks during camp week. We also plan to rearrange the dorm area 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. This will enable us 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 to see it completed without touching the funds set aside for the 2025 project. We have begun this 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. (I was waiting until today's announcement.)

The Encampment Committee met on Thursday, Oct. 5. In that meeting the Committee approved the proposed dorm remodel, the purchase of the savings bonds, and also retaining Bro. Dan Wisely for a new term serving on the Camp Committee, ending October 2028.

You can view the detailed financial report as printed. Our beginning balance was \$6300.50; total disbursements \$79,558.44, total received \$121,590.79, ending balance \$48,332.85. Our current balance is \$20,146.69 with \$30,000 in cd's. This year we spent \$7,503.90 on food. Sounds like a lot but that's the best we've done on food in a long time. We spent \$6,678.31 on electric for the year. Insurance was \$8,104.20. The new ice maker funded by specific donations was \$10,500.00.

We covet your prayers 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.

— Chris Polk, Camp Director

(See page 41-42 for the Camp Annual Financial Report.)

Brotherhood Annual Report 2023

Greetings from the Missouri State Brotherhood.

The 2023 State Brotherhood Retreat was held May 5th and 6th at Camp Garwood. There were 50 men and boys with over 12 churches represented! There was good food starting off with the crawfish boil. We were challenged with great worship in God's word brought to us by Bro. Jerry Adams. A young man surrendered to Christ Friday night! It is always a truly amazing victory to witness. Most of the men stayed up late in the night having fellowship. It was reported there was harmonious snoring coming from the dorm. We enjoyed breakfast and worship again the next morning. We had a special guest Saturday, "Kevin the Camp Minion." The men fellowshipped with some fun activities. There was a lot of laughter, spirits uplifted, and men encouraged. It was good to see the men truly dwelling together in Christ. God blessed us richly with a great weekend. The Brotherhood would also like to give a big thank you to Camp Garwood for hosting us and making all the preparations for us. We thank you for all your devotion to serving and hard work. We are looking forward to the 2024 retreat and are praying for growth. Missouri State Brotherhood will be extending an invitation to our National Brotherhood for the 2024 Retreat.

On June 3rd the 2nd Annual State Brotherhood Fishing Tournament was held at Sunnen Lake in Potosi. There were several men in attendance. The Men enjoyed a day of fishing and fellowship. While the men fished, a few stayed back and cooked fish. We are looking forward to the next tournament.

- Bryan Buckley, President

Brotherhood 2023 Annual Financial Report

Balance brought forward		\$ 1,284.16
Deposits		
State Brotherhood	99.00	
Washington Co. Brotherhood	186.00	
Ohlman	64.10	
Fishing Tournament	320.00	
Camp Garwood	263.00	
Balance		\$ 932.10
Total Funds		\$ 2,216.26
Withdrawals		
Fishing Tournament (food and trophies) \$	290.06	
Camp Garwood	642.90	
Balance		\$ 932.96
Total		\$ 1,283.30

Kenneth Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund Annual Financial Report May 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023

Beginning Balance	\$	11,643.07
Funds Received Landmark@Carthage Assets Disb\$ 20,000.00		
Total Funds Received	\$	20,000.00
Funds Available	\$ \$	31,643.07 <u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$	31,643.07

Camp Garwood Annual Report 2023

Church	General	Food	Insurance	Canteen	Total
Receipts					
AMITY	-	250.00	-	-	250.00
ANTIOCH	-	300.00	-	-	300.00
BETHANY	100.00	-	-	-	100.00
BETHEL (SIKESTON)	7,021.24	-	-	-	7,021.24
BETHESDA	110.00	-	-	-	110.00
BLACK RIVER	952.92	-	-	-	952.92
BMA OF MO	-	500.00	-	-	500.00
BRENTON CREEK	250.00	-	-	-	250.00
CANE CREEK	1,774.12	-	-	-	1,774.12
CANE CREEK YIH	550.00	-	-	-	550.00
DEW (Dollar Each Week)	1,743.00	-	-	-	1,743.00
FIRST MATTHEWS	200.00	-	-	-	200.00
FIRST MATTHEWS WMA	385.00	-	-	-	385.00
FIRST POTOSI	100.00	-	-	-	100.00
FIRST THAYER	250.00	-	-	-	250.00
FIRST THOMASVILLE	925.00	-	-	-	925.00
FRIENDSHIP (HARVIELL)	250.00	-	-	-	250.00
KEWANEE	11,505.00	-	-	-	11,505.00
LOGAN CREEK ASSOC	500.00	-	-	-	500.00
LOWER DOE RUN	730.81	-	-	-	730.81
LOYALTY	1,350.00	-	-	-	1,350.00
MACEDONIA	810.00	-	-	-	810.00
MO STATE WMA	2,013.00	-	-	-	2,013.00
MT OLIVE	1,100.00	-	-	-	1,100.00
NEW MADRID BAPTIST	1,320.00	-	-	-	1,320.00
OAK HILL	1,600.00	-	-	-	1,600.00
OHLMAN	5,785.00	-	-	-	5,785.00
PROVIDENCE	275.00	-	-	-	275.00
STONY POINT	1,321.38	-	-	-	1,321.38
ZALMA	314.22	-	-	-	314.22
ZION	2,078.00	400.00	-	-	2,478.00
INTEREST CHECK ACCT	8.62	-	-	-	8.62
CASH RECEIPTS	50.00	640.00	-	4,672.26	5,362.26
ANNONYMOUS	2,671.22	-	-	-	2,671.22
KAREN MAGEE	510.00	-	-	-	510.00
POUND IN A PURSE	5,000.00	-	-	-	5,000.00
TRIVIA NIGHT	455.00	-	-	-	455.00
LONNIE & SHELIA POLK	470.00	-	-	-	470.00
JOAN LOURANCE	25,000.00	-	-	-	25,000.00
RUTH GIBSON(ICE MACHINE)	5,250.00	-	-	-	5,250.00
MELVIN MEADE	100.00	-	-	-	100.00
SALE OF LANDMARK CHURCH	30,000.00	-	-	-	30,000.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	114,828.53	2,090.00	0.00	4,672.26	121,590.79
Disbursements					
OZARK BORDER ELEC COOP	6,678.31	_		_	6,678.31
ELLINGTON TELEPHONE CO	588.98	_	_	_	588.98
EXCEL (LONG DISTANCE)	233.39	_	_	_	233.39
CHRIS POLK (MILES)	4,067.54		-	-	4,067.54
CHRIS POLK (COMPENSATION) 2022		-	-	-	3,600.00
CALEB HOUSTON (EVANGELIST)	525.00	-	-	-	525.00
JORDAN BOWEN (EVANGELIST)	700.00		-	-	700.00
CASH FOR CHANGE	700.00	-	-	100.00	100.00
10 BOX	-	183.08	183.08	100.00	100.00
21 DRIVE IN	1,500.00	100.00		-	1,500.00
ACADEMY	384.57	-	-	-	384.57
AIR MED CARE NETWORK	350.00	_	-	-	350.00
	000.00	-	-	-	000.00

Church	General	Food	Insurance	Canteen	Total
AMAZON.COM	3,739.32	-	-	-	3,739.32
AMERICAN SUPERSTORE (FREEZER)	999.00	-	-	-	999.00
B&W APPLIANCE	839.06	-	-	-	839.06
BECKY CATE(Reimburse)	316.00	-	-	-	316.00
BIG SPRING AUTO PARTS	102.58	-	-	-	102.58
BLAKE WILSON (CENTRAL COLLECTIV	'E)1,100.00	-	-	-	1,100.00
BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS	-	-	8,104.20	-	8,104.20
BRAWLEY BLDG SUPPLY	329.89	-	-	-	329.89
BOOTHEEL RENTAL	371.55	-	-	-	371.55
CENEX	130.68	-	-	-	130.68
CLARK	53.63	-	-	-	53.63
COLYOTT'S	2,940.00	-	-	-	2,940.00
COREY HOUSTON (Ice Machine - small)	150.00	-	-	-	1,000.00 150.00
COURTNEY FRAIZER (Fencing) CRAFTON FARM & HOME	47.47	-	-	-	47.47
CURRENT RIVER EXPRESS	103.05	-	-	-	103.05
DAVE'S GROCERY	- 100.00	188.06	_	_	188.06
DOUG MICKAN	150.00	-	-	_	150.00
EL NOPALITO	77.93	-	-	-	77.93
FIRST STATE BANK(BANK CHARGES)	5.00	-	-	-	5.00
FOOD GIANT	-	58.54	-	-	58.54
HARBOR FREIGHT	136.70	-	-	-	136.70
HARLAND CLARKE(checks)	110.70	-	-	-	110.70
HELENA (Roundup)	168.75	-	-	-	168.75
JEFF POLK (CRAWFISH BOWL)	-	379.56	-	-	379.56
JORDAN TEW	500.00	-	-	-	500.00
JOT FORM	24.99	-	-	-	24.99
JU JU PROMOTIONS	-	-	-	2,031.00	2,031.00
LEGACY LUMBER & FARM	2,203.84	-	-	-	2,203.84
LOWES	1,237.31	-	-	-	1,237.31
MAIN STREET MARKET	197.15	-	-	-	197.15
MENARDS	7,865.37	-	-	-	7,865.37
MELVIN & MAGGIE BARNETT (COOK)	-	600.00	-	-	600.00
MID AMERICA POWER MIKE RENTALS	386.68 1,100.00	-	-	-	386.68 1,100.00
MISC	1,000.00	-	-	-	1,000.00
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	99.97				99.97
PAMPERED CHEF		155.04	_	_	155.04
PAYPAL	22.04	-	-	_	22.04
POPAR BLUFF WINAIR	205.98	-	-	-	205.98
REMINDERBAND	397.25	-	-	-	397.25
RURAL KING	358.99	-	-	-	358.99
SAM'S CLUB	-	943.57	-	1,245.98	2,189.55
SIKESTON RESTAURANT EQUIP	10,653.17	-	-	190.68	10,843.85
SPEEDWAY	169.20	-	-	-	169.20
TED'S SPORT SHOP	173.00	-	-	-	173.00
TRASH BILL	695.25	-	-	-	695.25
US FOODS	-	4,219.47	-	-	4,219.47
WAL-MART	1,472.55	776.58	-	120.84	2,369.97
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	60,261.84	7,503.90	8,104.20	3,688.50	79,558.44
BALANCE FORWARD	6,300.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,300.50
	14,828.53	2,090.00	0.00	4,672.26	121,590.79
	60,261.84	7,503.90	8,104.20	3,688.50	79,558.44
	60,867.19	-5,413.90	-8,104.20	983.76	48,332.85
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	12,534.34	5,413.90	8,104.20	-983.76	0.00
ENDING BALANCE	48,332.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	48,332.85

Total All Expenses	\$26,500	\$107,990 \$15,184	\$26,348	001,92¢	\$17,892	\$28,905	\$154,926 \$28,349	\$35,013	- \$154,246	\$87,763 \$52,443 \$36,297
All Other Expenses	\$22,000	\$47,643 \$10,655	\$15,724	\$0,043 \$13 000	-	\$21,337	- \$2,920	\$27,012	- \$143,696	\$37,819 \$19,374
Local BMA	,	\$100 \$376	\$ 650	00 V V V	-	\$3,018	- \$600	\$1,300	\$2,895 \$125	\$300
State BMA		\$12,359 \$741	\$20 \$2	\$ \$00		\$500	- \$1,311	\$2,350	\$2,945 \$4,755	\$4,607 - \$4,688
National BMA		\$16,117 \$952	\$600	\$15,048	-	\$1,800	- \$5,598	\$4,351	\$34,229 \$3,170	\$13,037 - \$6,085
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Other Salaries & Benefits	No data reported. No data reported No data reported. No data reported.	No data reported. \$600 \$2 460	No letter re No data re	No letter rec No letter rec	No letter reo	\$2.250 No letter received. No letter received. No letter received. No letter received. No letter received. No deta reported.	No letter rece	- No data reported. No letter received. No letter received.	\$2,500 No letter received No letter received No letter received	No letter rec
Pastor's Salary & Benefits		\$31,171 -	\$9,120	000 1 2¢	\$12,650		\$55,440 \$17,620	ı		\$32,200 - \$5,500
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Annual Financial Information Reported for 2023

	Membership	Present	Increased	Increased	Decreased	Decreased	Sunday School	Average Sunday School	Average AM Worship
Church	Last Year	Membership	by Baptisms	by Other	by Death	by Other	Enrollment	Attendance	Attendance
Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston	27	27	7	0	-	-	,	,	ı
Amity, Doniphan	46	46	'	'	'	'	'		'
Bates Creek, Potosi	34	42	4	4	0	-		20	30
Berean, Festus		'	'	'	'	'	9	9	20
Bethany, Saint Louis	19	18	0	0	0	-	0	10	10
Bethel, Lonedell	774	806	22	11	-	0	160	160	200
Bethel, Sikeston	110	114	с С	~	0	0	45	32	09
Bethesda Landmark, Park Hills	14	16	с	0	0	-	20	10	16
Bethlehem, Doniphan	ž	No letter received.							
Black Creek, Poplar Bluff	27	28	0	2	-	0	'		
Black River, Qulin	40	41	e	2	0	4		10	20
Breton Creek, Potosi	16	16	0	0	0	0	'		12
Briar, Doniphan	ž	No letter received.							
Central, Union	ž	No letter received.							
Charity Landmark, Bismarck	16	15	0	0	0	-	20	16	20
Emmanuel, Sikeston	253	27	0	2	-	226	6	7	20
Fellowship, Potosi	ž	No letter received.							
 First, Matthews 	86	84	4	0	2	0	50	35	45
First, Potosi	ž	No letter received.							
Friendship, Caseyville	ž	No letter received.							
Grandview, Springfield	ž	No letter received.							
Kewanee, New Madrid	213	213	4	2	0	9			'
Landmark, De Soto	ž	No letter received.							
Lighthouse, Malden	49	48	0	0	-	0	6	6	15
Lindsay Lane, Florissant	195	195	0	~	-	0			45
Lower Doe Run, Ellington	21	24	0	4	-	0	15	13	22
Mount Carmel, Ellsinore	ž	No letter received.							
Mount Olive, Salem	19	22	0	ო	0	0	14	12	15
Mount Zion, Poplar Bluff	36	36	-	-	-	-	20	17	22
New Testament, Sullivan	ž	No letter received.							
Oak Hill, Alton	ž	No letter received.							
Oak Ridge, Cassville	25	29	0	4	0	0	'		34
Ohlman, Bunker	86	87	e	0	-	-			
Ozark Heights, Potosi	ž	No letter received.							
Pleasant Grove, Caledonia	Ž	No letter received.							
Providence, Puxico	ž	No letter received.							
Stony Point, Mineral Point	116	73	0	e	-	45	40	35	45
lemple, Belgrade	ž,	No letter received.	c	L	c	c			C L
Westview, Jefferson City	91	100	9 0	n N	00	00			50
Zion, St. Louis	14	12	D	D	N	C			'

Annual Membership and Attendance Information Reported for 2023

Missouri Missionary Baptist Loan Program 2023 Annual President's Report

I want to thank the churches of this association for your trust and the opportunity to serve for over twenty years on this Committee. As Assistant President under President Wayne Gibson and as President I have seen and experienced many challenges and changes within the Department. My personal goal for this Department has been to work within the scope of the Department's operational bylaws to provide financial resources for the churches of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri.

As President of the Department, I have tried to respect other departmental leadership and their respective responsibilities when our departments were involved in issues of mutual interest. Case in point, the challenge was a former state missions project in which the mission had organized into a church and was failing to meet her loan commitment. After trying to work with the pastor of the church to develop a plan for repayment, the Loan Department and Missions Department agreed to work with the pastor and church to investigate possible ways to revitalize the church. Unfortunately, the pastor of the church was not willing to cooperate with either the Loan Department or the Missions Department and has since left the cooperative work of the BMA of Missouri. However, thanks to the Loan Department Committee leadership and their working through the legal process, the church's outstanding loan obligation was paid in full.

The Department's financial services, with the approval of the churches, have been expanded to include not only state approved mission projects, but also, financial help to churches, and the departments of the BMA of Missouri. The Grant Fund commitment to help BMA of Missouri churches with maintenance, remodeling, and repairs of worship buildings has paid out approximately \$40,000 and presently has available funds of \$10,205.81, thanks to the charity of the churches that faithfully support this ministry. Also, loans valued at over \$40,000 have been made to departments to help with cash flow issues have been made and repaid.

As of this report the assets of the Loan Department total \$452,148.44 in Cash and Certificate of Deposits. The Grant Fund balance of \$10,205.81 is included in these funds.

The interest earned on all interest-bearing accounts totaled \$5,227.11 for the fiscal year.

The earned interest was paid out in the amount of \$2,701.40 for the Department's 20% commitment to the state insurance premium. The committee, via e-mail vote, voted to issue a check in the amount of \$2,525.71 to help pay for Camp Garwood's 60% part of the state insurance premium.

All the Loan Committee members' terms are due to be filled at this meeting. The terms of those elected will expire in the year 2028. The present members are Dennis Baker, Brian Whitlock, Matt Bolen, Don Adams, and James Hoffmann. All the present members, except James Hoffmann, have stated that they would be willing to serve another five-year term if the churches so desire.

Thanks again to all the Loan Committee members that I have had the opportunity to work and serve with over the years. Also, thanks to the churches that support this ministry.

— Dennis Baker, President/Treasurer

Missouri Missionary Baptist Loan Program Annual Financial Report October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023

Balance as of Oct. 1, 2022		\$	445,951.07
Income General Fund Bethesda-Park Hills\$ Mt. Zion-Poplar Bluff Pathway Raymore-Loan. Zion-St. Louis Total General Fund Income	24.52 13.40 3,260.00 <u>36.00</u>	\$	3,333.92
Income Grant Fund			
Bethesda-Park Hills	220.35 1,100.00 110.60 1,842.79 <u>324.00</u>	\$	3.597.74
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Interest Checking-Commercial Bank\$ Checking-Midland States Bank	250.87 0.00		
CD's Commercial			
13999 14833	28.16 299.81		
14855	307.00		
17060	64.52		
17237	630.18		
17251	256.81		
CD's Midland States Bank	200.01		
8484970186	360.41		
8484970187	360.41		
8484970188	360.41		
8484970189	360.41		
8484970190	360.41		
8484970191	360.41		
8484970795	409.10		
8484970796	409.10		
8484970797	409.10		
Total Interest Income		\$	5,227.11
Paid Out			
Brotherhood Insurance	2,701.40		
Pathway-Loan	3,260.00		
Total Paid Out	_	\$	5,961.40
Balance September 30, 2023		\$	452,148.44

Assets Checking Commercial Bank Checking Midland States Bank Total Checking*	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		\$	154,768.37		
CD's Commercial Bank 13999 Commercial Bank 14833 Commercial Bank 16878 Commercial Bank 17060 Commercial Bank 17251 Midland States Bank 8484970186 Midland States Bank 8484970188 Midland States Bank 8484970189 Midland States Bank 8484970190 Midland States Bank 8484970795 Midland States Bank 8484970796 Midland States Bank 8484970796 Midland States Bank 8484970797		12,328.11 14,721.42 15,074.18 6,521.09 30,942.24 34,403.27 20,360.41 20,360.41 20,360.41 20,360.41 20,360.41 20,360.41 20,360.41 20,360.41 20,360.41 20,360.41 20,360.41				
Total CD's			\$	297,380.07		
Total Assets September 30, 2023 * Includes Grant Fund			\$	452,148.44		
Gran Balance October 1, 2022	nt Fund		\$	6,608.07		
Offerings Bethesda-Park Hills		220.35 1,100.00 110.60 1,842.79 54.00 _270.00	\$	3,597.74		
Paid Out Total Paid Out. Grant Fund Balance September 30, 20		0.00	\$	10,205.74		
Progression of Capital Accounts						
Account Loan Fund Grant Fund Proprietorship	Balance 10/1/2022 \$445,951.07 <u>6,608.07</u> \$452,559.14	9/30/202 \$452,148.4 <u>10,205.8</u> \$462,354.2	44 <u>31</u>	Variance \$6,197.37 <u>3,597.74</u> \$9,795.11		
Checking Account-Commercial Bank Checking Account-Midland States Bank Certificates of Deposits Grant Fund Notes Receivable-Pathway Raymore Totals	\$86,979.50 63,307.74 292,403.83 6,608.07 <u>3,260.00</u> \$452,559.14	\$84,528.9 70,239.4 297,380.0 10,205.8 \$452,559. 7	40 07 31 <u>00</u>	\$(2,450.53) 6,931.66 4,976.24 3,597.74 (<u>3,260.00</u>) \$9,795.11		

2023 ALIVE Ministries Committee Minutes May 11, 2023

• Elected:

Jeff Moorman – President Jim Ainley – Treasurer Brian Buckley – Assistant Treasurer Benjamin Kingston – Secretary Kevin Smith – MC.

- · Speaker: Josh Corbett
- Entertainment: Fellowship Assembly (Kevin Smith, Benjamin Kingston, and Brenden Sanders are in charge)
- Recreation: Amp Up or Rec Plex
- Breakout Sessions: Biblical Manhood and Womanhood
- Band: Central Collective
- Hotel: Doubletree by Hilton (Contract signed and ready)
- Prices: \$75 per person (\$60 per person for a new church)
- Tshirts: Simple Alive logo

ALIVE Ministries Financial Report

Balance as of 3/7/23	\$	3,654.06
5	575.00 <u>345.00</u> \$	18,920.00
12/20 - Check #549 - Decor Place (Trophy) 1, 12/29 - Check # 550 - Sky Zone Balance 1, 12/31 - Check #551 - Brad Banderman 2, 12/31 - Check #552 - Blake Wilson 3, 12/31 - Check #553 - Bryan Buckley 3, 12/31 - Check #553 - Bryan Buckley 2, 12/31 - Check #553 - Bryan Buckley 2, 1/7 - Check #554 - MVP Apparel (1-Shirts) 2,	77.63 500.00 60.00 500.00 500.00 500.00 22.00 739.25 189.81	
Total	\$	14,088.69
Beginning Balance Deposits Withdrawals	\$	3,654.06 18,920.00 <u>-14,088.69</u>
Balance as of 3/7/22	\$	8,485.37

Recording Secretary's Annual Financial Report May 1, 2023 – October 31, 2023

Beginning Balance		\$	3,000.15
Funds Received Landmark@Carthage Assets Disb \$ _ Total Funds Received	4,000.00	\$	4.000.00
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Funds Available		\$	7,000.15
Expenses Trumpet Printing (minutes)\$ WalMart (shipping bags) Post Office Don Burke (clerk hire) Travel	1,503.00 16.65 77.31 1,300.00 154.53		
Bank Statement Fee (4 mths)	24.00	\$	3.075.49
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Ending Balance		\$	3,924.66

Renewal Retreat 2023 Report

This year's Renewal Retreat was a smashing success! We had 35-40 in attendance. Initially, that was a little disappointing because at one time we had 65 signed up, but once the time came to participate many could not make it. This is, in my opinion, an understandable risk you take when you do not charge for an event. However, I am not willing to charge just to avoid this issue. I believe renewal as Missouri associations and spiritual men is worth keeping it free.

The program was "Men Mentoring Men." Bro. Josh Wright, Bro. Brian Kingston, and I were the speakers covering the topics of men mentoring men, churches mentoring men, and fathers mentoring sons. The topics were well received and some of the material has already been used in our churches to mentor men.

Bro. Chris Polk and Camp Garwood as always were gracious hosts. The food they served us was amazing as well.

Next year, we will acquiesce to Bro, Bryan Buckley to host the State Brotherhood meeting, for which he has huge plans.

Special thanks to the Association for funding this Retreat each year. I look forward to the retreats in the future.

- Ben Kingston

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