

2024
Minutes
and Related Information

of the

Ninety-Seventh Annual Meeting

of the

Baptist Missionary Association
of Missouri



Held with the

Kewanee Baptist Church
New Madrid, Missouri

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Officers and Meetings for 2025

Moderator Dan Wisely
Vice-Moderator Claude Evans
Recording Clerk Don Burke
Assistant Recording Clerk Matt Bolen

2025 Missions Symposium Semi-Annual Meeting

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
Sikeston, Missouri

May 9* @ 7:00 pm — May 10* @ 9:00 am

(*Note: These dates are adjusted from normally appointed meeting dates
in order to coordinate with available dates for guest speakers.)

2025 Annual Meeting

Stony Point Baptist Church
Mineral Springs, Missouri

October 11 @ 9:00 am

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

Year	Church	President	Secretary	Sermon
1978	Independence	W.H. Newman	Richard Britt	O.A. Robinson
1979	Bethany, St. Louis	W.H. Newman	Richard Britt	B.M. Ridlen
1980	Bethel, Sikeston	Jack Courtney	Dale G. Fish	Jack Courtney
1981	Zion, St. Louis	Jack Courtney	Dale G. Fish	Jerome Cooper
1982	Chambers Pk., St. Louis	E.F. Gibson	Dale G. Fish	Kenneth Gibson
1983	Bethel, Sikeston	E.F. Gibson	Dale G. Fish	Jack Courtney
1984	Bethany, St. Louis	Ron Fields	Dale G. Fish	Don Hoffmann
1985	Zion, St. Louis	Jerome Cooper	Dale G. Fish	Wayne Gibson
1986	Independence, Neelyville	Jerome Cooper	Dale G. Fish	Gene Gambill
1987	First, Hannibal	Gene Gambill	Dale G. Fish	Tom Foster
1988	Trinity, Florissant	Jim Lea	Dale G. Fish	Ron Fields
1989	Faith, St. Charles	Jim Lea	Dale G. Fish	Gary Lambright
1990	First, Hannibal	Tim Boatright	Dale G. Fish	Jim Kerr
1991	Bethel, Sikeston	Tim Boatright	Dale G. Fish	E.F. Gibson
1992	Zion, St. Louis	Gary Lambright	Dale G. Fish	Wexford Farmer
1993	Independence, Neelyville	Gary Lambright	Dale G. Fish	Glen W. Fox
1994	Faith, St. Charles	James Hoffmann	Dale G. Fish	Richard Britt
1995	Bethel, Sikeston	James Hoffmann	Dale G. Fish	S.P. Chitwood
1996	Zion, St. Louis	James Gosnell	F.A. Norris	J. Haguewood
1997	Lindsay Lane, Florissant	James Gosnell	F.A. Norris	John Beardsley
1998	Amity, Doniphan	Wayne Gibson	F.A. Norris	Tom McCanless
1999	Bethany, St. Louis	Wayne Gibson	D.R. Kirk	Kenneth Melton
2000	Emmanuel, Sikeston	Wayne Gibson	D.R. Kirk	Dr. Holmes
2001	Lindsay Lane, Florissant	Wayne Gibson	Mark Silvey	Jerry Adams
2002	Kewanee, Kewanee	Dale Fish	Mark Silvey	Tom McCanless
2003	First, Matthews	Dale Fish	Mark Silvey	Grady Higgs
2004	Lindsey Lane, Florissant	Dale Fish	Don Seat	Danny Kirk
2005	Kewanee, Kewanee	Dale Fish	Don Seat	E. Bowermann
2006	Landmark, DeSoto	Jerry Adams	Don Seat	Ted Hurley
2007	Zion, St. Louis	Jerry Adams	Don Seat	Lester Forman
2008	Bethel, Sikeston	Jerry Adams	Don Burke	Jerry Adams
2009	First, Potosi	Ray Thurman	Don Burke	J. Haguewood
2010	Bethel, Sikeston	Ray Thurman	Don Burke	Ben Kingston
2011	Bethany, St. Louis	Jamie Haguewood	Don Burke	Ben Wisely
2012	Kewanee, Kewanee	Jamie Haguewood	Don Burke	Ted Hurley
2013	Bethany, St. Louis	Claude Evans	Don Burke	Russell Chitwood
2014	Landmark, Desoto	Claude Evans	Don Burke	David Erickson
2015	Charity, Bismarck	Brian Meade	Don Burke	David Griggs
2016	Bethel, Sikeston	Brian Meade	Don Burke	Wayne Gibson
2017	Camp Garwood	Dale Fish	Don Burke	Ben Kingston
2018	Bethel, Lonedale	Dale Fish	Don Burke	Gene Hankins
2019	Bethel, Sikeston	Ben Kingston	Don Burke	Tom McCanless
2020	Zion, St. Louis	Ben Kingston	Don Burke	Bryan Buckley
2021	Faith, St. Charles	Jerry Adams	Don Burke	Justin Arender
2022	Ozark Heights, Potosi	Jerry Adams	Don Burke	Ben Kingston
2023	Bethel, Sikeston	Brad Banderman	Don Burke	Billy Davis
2024	Kewanee, New Madrid	Brad Banderman	Don Burke	Caleb Houston

Order of Business *

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

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

Missionary Committee

Michael Kelly Chairman Billy Davis Assistant Chairman
Dan Wisely Clerk Russell Chitwood . . . Assistant Clerk

Special Missions Committee

A Sub-Committee of Missionary Committee

Brian Meade (2025) Mike Kelly (2026) Don Burke (2027)
Dan Wisely (2028) Claude Evans (2029) Bryan Buckley (2030)
Russell Chitwood (2031)

Publications Committee

Jim Ainley (2025) Josh Wright (2026) Bryan Buckley (2027)

Encampment Committee

Jason Taylor (2025) Brian Whitlock (2026) Claude Evans (2027)
Dan Wisely (2028) Joe McElroy (2029)

Missouri Missionary Baptist Loan Association, Inc.

Dennis Baker Don Adams Brian Whitlock
Matt Bolen Eddie Paul Oats

ALIVE Ministries Committee

Brian Kingston (2025) Caleb Houston (2026)
Bryan Buckley (2027) Kevin Smith (2028)

Resolutions Committee

Matt Bolen Terry Sharpe Michael Kelly

Enrollment and Finance Committee

Melvin Meade

Lee Miller

Joe McElroy

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Clerk	Kyle Roehrs
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Doctrinal Statement of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri

I. GOD

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

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

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

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

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

II. THE SCRIPTURES

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

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

III. CREATION

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

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

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

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

IV. SATAN

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

V. DEPRAVITY

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

VI. SALVATION

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

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

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

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

VII. SECURITY

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

VIII. CHURCH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IX. CIVIL AUTHORITY

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

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

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

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

X. LAST THINGS

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

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

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

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

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

ADDENDUM

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

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

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

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

By-Laws of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri

Article I — Name

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

Article II — Purpose

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

Article III — Membership

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

Article IV — Meetings

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

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

Article V — Administration

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

Article VI — Officers

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

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

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

Article VII — Committees

I. Missionary Committee

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

2. Publications Committee

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

3. ALIVE Ministries Committee

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

4. Kenneth E. Gibson Seminary Student Grant Committee

- A. The Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri shall have a ministry called the Kenneth E. Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund, administered by the Seminary Student Grant (SSG) Committee.
- B. The SSG Committee shall be composed of three members: The Director of Missions, the Editor of the Missouri Missionary Baptist paper and the current Moderator of the Association. (In the event that the Director or Editor is also serving as Moderator, the Assistant Moderator will serve as the third member of this Committee.) The expenses of each committeeman shall be paid out of the general fund of the department he represents.
- C. The purpose of this committee is to provide financial aid to men of the BMA of Missouri who have been called to preach and who are attending, or plan to attend, the BMATS in Jacksonville, Texas.
- D. Solicitation of Funds. The Seminary Student Grant Committee shall solicit funds from individuals and churches to be distributed among eligible recipients in a fair and equitable way as described in these bylaws. Expenses for solicitation of funds and for the promotion of this ministry shall not exceed five per cent of funds received.
- E. Eligibility for Grant. To be eligible for a grant the student must (a) be accepted by BMATS (b) hold membership in a church cooperating with the BMA of Missouri at the time of application (c) maintain membership in a church affiliated with the BMA of America (d) receive a letter of recommendation from the church in which he holds membership (e) maintain good moral conduct (f) exhibit doctrinal soundness, signing a statement of belief of the doctrinal statement of the BMA of Missouri.
- F. Maintaining Eligibility. A student does not need to reapply each year to be eligible for continued support; however, the committee shall make an evaluation at the end of each school year to determine that all conditions of the grant have been met. The student must (a) maintain a 2.5 GPA (b) complete at least nine hours of credit each semester for undergraduate work, six hours for graduate work (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 and Online Grant: (a) the student's tuition each semester (b) up to \$300.00 per semester for books and (c) for on-campus students up to \$1,000.00 of actual moving expenses for the initial move to Jacksonville, TX.
 - ii. Masters in Motion Grant: (a) the student's tuition each semester (b) up to \$300.00 per semester for books (c) Up to \$500 per school year for travel and lodging expenses for the times on-campus attendance is required (either at Jacksonville or another location set by the Seminary).
 - iii. Student in Need Grant: \$1,000 per school year may be granted to any student chosen by the Seminary President.
- H. Multiple applicants. (a) When more than one student has applied and there are insufficient funds to meet all requests, priority shall be given to student(s) already enrolled in the program. (b) When more than one new student has applied and there are insufficient funds for all students, the SSG Committee shall determine who shall receive a grant and the exact amount of the grant(s).
- I. Designated Money. Money given to this committee from individuals or churches may be designated for a particular student(s). If that student(s) fails to meet the eligibility requirements, the designated money shall be returned to the donor, or dispersed as directed by the donor upon written instruction.

5. *Miscellaneous*

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

Article VIII — Programs

1. Encampment and Youth Work

- A. There shall be an Encampment Committee composed of five members who shall be elected on a staggered basis and shall serve five-year terms.
- B. The Encampment Committee shall maintain all property related to this department's functions and shall supervise all this department's activities and personnel.
- C. The Association shall annually elect a Camp Superintendent, Assistant Camp Superintendent, Camp Treasurer, and Assistant Camp Treasurer.
- D. The Encampment Committee, camp superintendent and assistant camp superintendent shall make plans for the annual encampment which shall begin at 5:00 p.m. on the last Monday in July, and end after breakfast on the following Friday.
- E. The camp superintendent shall supervise the overall activities of the encampment as directed by the Encampment Committee.

- F. The Encampment Committee shall approve all use of the camp grounds.
- G. The Encampment Treasurer shall maintain all funds to be used as needed to provide money for all BMA of Missouri Camps. These funds may also be used for State Youth Meetings as approved by the Encampment Committee.

2. *Loan Program*

Bylaws of the Missouri Missionary Baptist Loan Association, Inc.

Section I — Purpose

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

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

Section II — Ownership

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

Section III — Officers

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

Section IV — Correspondence

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

Section V — Operational Bylaws

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

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

Missionary Association of Missouri based on the following requirements.

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

2. 90% of undesignated funds received by the Loan Program shall be credited to the Grant Fund with the other 10% credited to the Loan Program loan fund.
 3. All designated funds will be deposited as designated.
 4. These funds will accumulate until a need arises.
- B. To expedite the request, when a church is in need of a grant:
1. They need to make their request known to the President of the Loan Program. He will contact the Loan Program Committee Members and they will make the decision on the request and set the amount of the grant.
 2. In the event a need arises the funds are unavailable this Committee will contact and seek funds from the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri churches in order to address the particular need of the church requesting funds.
- C. This grant is not a loan, but a gift to help in time of need.
- D. All transactions of this committee will be reported at the Semi-annual and Annual meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri.
11. Loans to established Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri churches and local associations affiliated with Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri are to be secured with a First Deed of Trust naming the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri as the lien-holder and recorded with the County Recorder where the property is located. All loan applicants shall furnish adequate liability and property insurance. The Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri shall be made the joint insured and lien-holder on the policy. The insurance company shall be requested to notify the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri the date the policy coverage begins and ends. The loan applicant will pay all bank fees, recording fees, title insurance, attorney fees, surveyor fees, building inspections, architectural fees, and any other expense associated with the loan. The loan will be interest-free for a period of five years after which a reasonable interest rate will be applied to any unpaid balance. If applicant incurs financial difficulty, applicant must contact the president of the Loan Program to resolve the issue and work out a payment schedule. Failure to work with the Loan Program could result in legal action necessary to collect the outstanding balance.
 12. The Loan Program shall be authorized to make short term unsecured loans to departments of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri. The director or president of the department must submit a written request stating the amount, reason for the loan, and plan for repayment to the president of the Loan Program for consideration of the Loan Committee. Approved loans may be distributed immediately and all transactions will be reported at the semi-annual and annual meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri.

Article IX — Departments

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

- C. The General Statement of Principles for State Auxiliaries as outlined in the Manual for the Women’s Missionary Auxiliaries of the Baptist Missionary Association of America shall be the guideline for the work of this department.
- D. The activities of this department shall be reported at the annual meeting of this association.

2. *Brotherhood.*

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

Mission Statement

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

Focus

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

Core Values

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

Article X — Amendments

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

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.

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

Convened at

Bethen Baptist Church – Lonedell, Missouri

Saturday, May 18, 2024 – 9:00 AM

Brad Banderman, Moderator • Don Burke, Clerk

First Morning Session

1. Moderator Brad Banderman welcomed the Association, then led the body in the morning devotional taken from I Timothy 4.
2. The Moderator called the Association business meeting to order, seating messengers.
3. Bro. Dennis Baker gave the reports for the Loan Association. M/S/P to approve.
4. Bro. Dennis Baker shared some information on the Corporate Transparency Act, then shared an update on BMA Theological Seminary.
5. Bro. Matt Bolen reported on Garwood Camp. M/S/P to accept.
6. Brotherhood President's and financial report was provided by Bro. Bryan Buckley. M/S/P to approve.
7. Sis. Sara Buckley 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. Bryan Buckley presented Publications Committee recommendations:
 - That Don Burke be elected as Editor of the *Missouri Missionary Baptist*.
 - That it be understood that this position includes the authority to establish, cancel or otherwise adjust any and all accounts, contracts, etc., as the Editor deems best for conducting the business of publishing this paper. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, bank accounts, contracts with printer and mailer, accounts with the post office, etc.
 - That we continue the Editor's salary at \$800 per month.
 - That we accept Don Burke's resignation from the Publications Committee in order to accept the position as Editor.
 - That we offer the name of Josh Wright as a nominee to fill this unfinished term on the Committee (term ending 2026). M/S/P to approve.
11. Bro. Don Burke presented Kenneth E. Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund Report. M/S/P to accept.
12. M/S that a Committee of Five be established to recommend guidelines for conducting memorial tributes to honor the deaths of pastors and their wives. M/S/P to amend the main motion to have Bro. Claude Evans select committee. Motion as amended passed. Bro. Claude asked for a show of hands of those interested in working on this committee, and the following committee was selected: Bro. Claude Evans, Bro. Mike Jarvis, Bro. Benjamin Kingston, Bro. Bryan Buckley, Sis. Janet Widger.
13. M/S/P to adjourn for Missionary Committee meeting.

Second Morning Session

- 14. M/S/P for the State Association to reconvene following the Missionary Committee meeting.
- 15. M/S/P to approve of business done by Missionary Committee, including the Missions Fund will guarantee that Sis. Melodi Miller’s goal of \$15,000 (the amount needed for two solar powered water wells in Zambia) will be reached.
- 16. M/S/P to adjourn business portion of the meeting.
- 17. Bro. Ben Kingston gave the annual message.

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

Greetings in the name of the Lord from your Missions Director. This year has been very fruitful! This summer is going to be the highest volume of churches that I have visited since the beginning of the Missions Assessment approach. I have seven churches signed up for a Wednesday evening assessment, and at least two more trying to find dates. Going to the National Association meeting and having a booth was very productive. I’m very grateful and thankful for every church that has agreed to allow me to come and cast this vision.

As you know, we are not a denomination that works within a hierarchy, so we have no authority or power over any church, nor would we want any. Each church is autonomous. We try to lead and direct, we do not command or give ultimatums, and I personally love that approach. So again I humbly ask if you have not gone through this assessment or if it’s been a couple of years, I would love the opportunity to help your church go through it. We have seen very good results from those churches who have, and it has certainly been an eye-opening experience here at Bethel.

Zalma Missionary Baptist Church disbanded sometime last year, and per their request, we began the process to liquidate their resources. We have come to a financial agreement on a price of \$28,000 with the church that is literally the border neighbor of the existing property and, Lord willing, will be closing on that property within the next month or so. We are very grateful and thankful for that church’s willingness to get as close as they could to our asking price.

For me as your Missions Director, I have put all my eggs in the basket of trying to help our churches become healthier – believing, hoping, and praying that healthy churches will reproduce. Once that begins to happen, I’m hoping and praying for the need for church planters and for churches planting churches. Please join me in this effort to pray for that very thing to happen.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Missions Director.

Thank you.

— Ben Kingston, Director of Missions

**BMA of Missouri State Missions
Semi-Annual Financial Report
October 2023 – April 2024**

Checking Account
Balance October 1, 2023. \$ 17,184.69

Church Receipts	<u>56,136.15</u>	
Total Available	\$ 73,320.84	
Disbursements	<u>(44,988.98)</u>	
Balance April 30, 2024.		\$ 28,331.86

BMAMS Investment

Balance October 1, 2023.	\$ 115,133.96	
Interest Earned	<u>2,182.26</u>	
Balance April 30, 2024.		\$ 117,316.22

Total in all accounts: April 30, 2024.

\$ 145,648.08
— Stacie Hatfield, Missions Office Treasurer

Missionary Committee

The Missionary Committee met between sessions of the Mid-Year Meeting of the BMA of MO. In the absence of the Committee’s clerk and assistant clerk, Bro. Don Burke was asked to record the minutes.

Bro. Ben Kingston gave Missions Director’s report. M/S/P to adopt.

M/S/P that the Missions Fund cover any shortfall in Melodi Miller’s goal to raise \$15,000 for two solar-powered water wells as part of her scheduled missions trip to Zambia, Africa.

M/S/P to adjourn.

— Michael Kelly, Moderator; Don Burke, Clerk

Missouri Missionary Baptist Interim Editor’s Semi-Annual Report

October 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024

It’s hard to believe that my wife and I are only a couple of issues shy of completing two years of putting together the Missouri Missionary Baptist each month. There is still a lot more to learn no doubt, but I pray we’ve made progress along the way.

The Publications Committee has a list of recommendations for this Association body to consider, including an Editor of the paper. We regret that we do not yet have a nominee for Assistant Editor, but will continue to look until that position is filled as well.

I want to thank all of our content contributors, without which our paper would cease to exist. In fact, the level of contribution has been so high that a number of months we have not been able to include everything we’ve been sent. We would like to express our appreciation for your ongoing submissions, and for your understanding on those rare times when we just cannot include what you have asked us to publish.

We would like to also thank our financial contributors as well – and here again, the paper could not survive without you. To the individuals, to the churches, and to the WMA, we wish to publically express our appreciation for all the ongoing and/or one-time help. However, all our financial news is not good news. As I mentioned in the annual report in October, the paper had an operational deficit of approximately \$4,000 for the previous twelve months. I’m sad to have to now add that we have had an additional \$4,000 deficit in the seven months since then. (See financial report.) At this rate, present reserves will be depleted within a couple of

years. If offerings do not rise to meet the level of expenses, the Committee will have to look at collecting individual subscription income or other ways of bridging the financial gap.

As in previous reports, I would like to express my appreciation to my wife for her dedication to this ministry. And I would also like to thank the Association for giving us the opportunity to help minister to our readership through the Missouri Missionary Baptist.

— Don Burke, Interim Editor

Missouri Missionary Baptist Semi-Annual Financial Report October 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024

Beginning Balance	\$	29,449.79
Funds Received		
Offerings & Subscriptions	\$	<u>8,484.69</u>
Total Received	\$	<u>8,484.69</u>
Funds Available	\$	37,934.48
 Expenses		
Editor Salary	\$	6,400.00
MMB Printing		1,295.00
MMB Mailing		4,297.76
Return Postage		1.60
Computer Software/Subscription		427.84
Misc.		<u>.03</u>
Total Expenses	\$	<u>12,422.23</u>
Ending Balance	\$	25,512.25

Recommendations from the Publications Committee 2024 Mid-Year Meeting

1. That Don Burke be elected as Editor of the Missouri Missionary Baptist.
2. That it be understood that this position includes the authority to establish, cancel or otherwise adjust any and all accounts, contracts, etc., as the Editor deems best for conducting the business of publishing this paper. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, bank accounts, contracts with printer and mailer, accounts with the post office, etc.
3. That we continue the Editor’s salary at \$800 per month.
4. That we accept Don Burke’s resignation from the Publications Committee in order to accept the position as Editor.
5. That we offer the name of Josh Wright as a nominee to fill this unfinished term on the Committee (term ending 2026).

Note: The Committee has no name to offer as Assistant Editor at this time, but will continue to look until the position is filled.

These recommendations approved by Committee via electronic messaging the week of May 15, 2024.

— Jim Ainley, Chairman; Don Burke, Clerk

Camp Garwood Director's Semi-Annual Report

Greetings from Camp. Included on the back of this report, you will find our quarterly financial statement. It's not often that "zero" camp financial report is considered a blessing, but this one is! Back in April of this year, our funds were running low due to the Dorm 7 remodel. At that time, we had less than \$1,000.00 in the account. We made a Facebook post concerning our need and we instantly began receiving gifts to help. We received support from campers from long ago, from folks that fondly remember camp as a child, from current campers, and from folks that have never been to camp but like what we do. The Lord has truly blessed, and at a time that finances are tight for everyone. We have since that time been able to pay off the insurance AND make material purchases for the Dorm 7 project, including concrete blocks, doors, mortar, tile, and miscellaneous supplies. This leaves us with a current balance of roughly \$8,000.00. That will carry us through May before we need anything else and at that time should be more in the line of finishing type supplies.

We've had a couple fantastic events at camp this spring. The College Retreat wasn't crowded, but it was an absolutely wonderful time. I look forward to the next college-age retreat. The New Madrid County Central High School track team came one weekend. They spent a few hours working, helping do some cleanup on the dorm project. They finished with a little paintball. They were a lot of fun AND help. The dual Brotherhood/Renewal Retreat weekend was exceptionally great as we had 70 men and young men in attendance. Great messages were delivered by Bro. Claude Evans and Bro. Mike Hearst. There was a lot of fellowship and a wonderful weekend, despite the torrential downpours.

Since the beginning of the year, we have been at camp over 20 times working on the dorm and traveling over 3,500 miles. At the time of this writing, we plan to hang sheetrock on Saturday (May 11). Here is a short list of Dorm 7 jobs: finish sheetrock, paint, install doors (interior and exterior), block up old door, tile SEVEN showers, grout SEVEN showers, finish HVAC, finish electric, and finish plumbing.

It's time to start looking at non-dorm jobs and there is plenty to do. Give me a shout – I'm sure we can find something for you. These include a loose toilet in Dorm 9, mowing, spraying bugs, basketball pavilion electric and water, seal Tabernacle "raccoon attic access," repair roof leaks in Dorms 1, 2, and 7.

We count weekends because that is when we do most of the work. We have 12 Saturdays until camp week. When we look at the jobs and count the weekends left, the math doesn't add up. But I'm confident that it will all work out. Feel free to check out Facebook for progress pictures or come by camp some weekend and help.

We're looking forward to the GMA retreat on June 28th and 29th, and of course Church Camp week of July 29th through August 2nd.

Camp Theme: Answer the Call

Mark 10: 49 And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee.

– Chris Polk, Director

Camp Garwood Semi-Annual Financial Report

General Fund Beginning Balance \$ 48,332.85

Received	28,989.37
Disbursements	<u>(58,469.18)</u>
Total Fund	\$ 18,853.04
Food Fund Beginning Balance	\$ 0.00
Received	300.00
Disbursements	<u>(1,667.48)</u>
Total Fund	\$ (1,367.48)
Insurance Fund Beginning Balance	\$ 0.00
Received	0.00
Disbursements	<u>(6,351.29)</u>
Total Fund	\$ (6,351.29)
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$ 11,134.27

WMA Semi-Annual Report

The 55th Annual meeting of the Missouri State Women’s Missionary Auxiliary met on March 2, 2024, at Stony Point Baptist Church in Mineral Point, Missouri. The meeting was well attended with several visitors attending as well. The Missouri State WMA President, Sis. Sara Buckley gave a devotional on Esther and letting God use us. A challenge was given to each lady present to step out of her comfort zone and to shine the light so that others may seek a relationship with Jesus. The annual message was given by Bro. Claude Evans. Bro. Claude always brings God’s Word in such a way that everyone is encouraged. Stony Point Church hosted a wonderful lunch. The Missouri State Vice President, Sis. Deiatre Gillam presented the afternoon program, “You want me to do what, Lord?!?” This was taken from Isaiah 6:8. Then the ladies were blessed to hear from Sis. Hannah Fernandez. Sis. Hannah is the wife of our Missouri State Missionary Bro. Juan Fernandez. She did a great job presenting information on the work that is being done to spread God’s Word to our Hispanic brothers and sisters.

2024-2025 Officers

President	Sara Buckley
Vice President	Deiatre Gillam
Secretary	Norma Womble
Asst. Secretary	Kari Hartlein
Treasurer	Connie Reifsteck
Asst. Treasurer	Juanita May
Bible/Tract Distributor	Bea Evans
Historian	Tracy Goede
Youth Promoter	Lisa Cox
Asst. Youth Promoter	Terri Adams
Retreat Committee	Amy Asher, Janet Widger, Lisa Cox
2024-2025 Project25%— General Fund
	25% Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper
	25% Juan Fernandez Work Fund
	25% Mickeal Quillman

First Baptist Church of Matthews, MO, will host the 56th Annual WMA of MO meeting on March 1, 2025.

The MO WMA Retreat will be held on September 6-7, 2024, at the Drury Plaza Hotel in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. The theme is Seasoned with Grace, and each lady is encouraged to participate in a recipe exchange. All of the recipes will be compiled into a cookbook that participants will take home after the retreat. The deadline to submit a recipe is July 31, 2024. All recipes should be submitted to Lisa Cox at Lnf_01@yahoo.com. You can also mail a recipe to: Lisa Cox, 767 State Hwy P, New Madrid, MO 63869.

The deadline to register for the retreat is August 23, 2024. The registration is \$60 which includes lunch on Saturday. All registrations should be mailed to MO WMA, % Janet Widger, 5014 Hwy N, Salem, MO 65560.

Finally, the deadline to register at the hotel for our group rate is August 4, 2024. The hotel room includes supper and breakfast for \$145. To make reservations: 1-800-325-0720; Group info: Women's Missionary Auxiliary of Missouri; Group# 10079578.

The Missouri WMA ladies hosted the National WMA meeting on April 17, 2024, at the Chateau on the Lake in Branson, Missouri. The theme was More Like Jesus, Less Like Me from John 3:30. Missouri ladies contributed in so many ways to help make this a great meeting. Several churches and individuals provided items for the goody bag given to each lady in attendance. Several ladies came to help fill 250 bags the day before the meeting! Missouri ladies also served on the Registration committee, the Finance committee, Petitionary Letters committee, and as greeters. Our ladies also provided over 20 centerpieces which served a dual purpose as a door prize as well. Absolutely incredible! However, the biggest contribution came in the form of supporting the 2023-2024 National project which was for the Jeevan Prakash School in India. We had 11 Missouri WMA groups contribute \$1,000 or more to the project. Wow! This was truly amazing. No matter how large or small the contribution was, please know that each dollar helped. It was encouraging to see so many of our Missouri ladies living out the scripture and helping with this work. The work on the school has already started and young lives will be affected due to the generous donations. I ask that you continue to pray for the work being done in that area.

2024-2025 National Project: Now there is more exciting news! The 2024-2025 National project will support Bro. Mickeal Quillman and the work being done in Zambia. The Quillmans are planning to build a school which will be called the BMA Bible Institute. The goal for the school is \$80,000. I encourage each of our Missouri churches to consider contributing to this important work. The build will consist of purchasing land, building classrooms, building bunkrooms (some men will stay overnight to make the return walk the next day), one home, an open air tabernacle, solar for electricity, drilling a borehole (water well), and putting in a septic system. Pray about this new project and give as God leads.

— Sara Buckley, MO WMA President

Brotherhood Semi-Annual Report

Greetings from the State Brotherhood. On March 2, 2024, the Annual Brotherhood meeting was held at Stony Point Missionary Baptist Church.

Bro. Bryan Buckley led the business in the morning. The group discussed the need for Brotherhoods in our local churches as well as fellowship activities for the

coming year. Our project for 2024 is to help support our churches with Brotherhood study groups within our churches.

A fishing fellowship is set for June 15th at Council Bluff Lake. Please put this on your calendar and invite your men to attend. We will offer a trophy and will have a fish fry following the activity.

After lunch, Bro. Brian Kingston gave the afternoon message which emphasized our duty as men in the church to be men of God. It was taken from Judges 6.

The meeting was adjourned. It was a good meeting that was well received by everyone in attendance. We took care of business, fellowshiped, and heard a good message that challenged us to step up and be the men God calls us to be in our homes and churches.

On April 26-27, 2024, the State Brotherhood Renewal Retreat was held with 17 churches represented and 70 men attending. Bro. Claude Evans and Bro. Mike Hearst brought God’s Word encouraging the men. Bro. Chris Polk (as always) did an outstanding job of feeding us and making our stay at Camp Garwood great. Despite the weather the men had a great time of fellowship strengthening the bonds of the men between our churches. With an overwhelming interest we are planning a fall retreat at the Meramec Retreat camp in Richwoods, Missouri, with the dates and theme to soon be announced.

— Bryan Buckley, President

Kenneth E. Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund October 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024

Beginning Balance	\$ 31,643.07
Receipts	_____0.00
Total Available	\$ 31,643.07
Disbursements	_____0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 31,643.07

— Don Burke, Treasurer

Missouri Missionary Baptist Loan Program 2024 Semi-Annual Report

Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judea. (Acts 11:29)

From the very beginning, the history of the Lord’s churches shows that they have always been eager to help their brethren when there was a financial need or crisis. Because of a drought the church in Judea was experiencing a financial crisis. The disciples at Antioch determined to help by sending relief according to every man’s ability.

From the beginning of the Revolving Loan Fund, now known as the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri “Loan Program,” the focus has been churches helping churches. In the early days the department helped churches with mission projects to build church buildings. Now the services of the department have been broadened to not only help mission projects build church buildings but to include help for all the churches of the BMA of Missouri with grants and loans to help with their financial needs or crises.

The “Loan Program” committee members request your prayers and your financial support as we try to provide direction within the scope of the approved by-laws for the department.

— Dennis Baker, President/Treasurer

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.

Missouri Missionary Baptist Loan Program Committee Minutes

Minutes of March 16, 2024 committee meeting held at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Sikeston, MO:

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Welcome by Bro. Dennis Baker
 - b. Prayer led by Bro. Dennis Baker
- II. Committeemen in Attendance: Bro. Dennis Baker, Bro. Don Adams, Bro. Matt Bolen, Bro. Brian Whitlock, Bro. Eddie Paul Oats
- III. Business
 - a. Organization of Officers: President/Treasurer: Bro. Dennis Baker; Vice-President: Bro. Brian Whitlock; Assistant Treasurer: Bro. Matt Bolen; Clerk: Bro. Eddie Paul Oats; Assistant Clerk: Bro. Don Adams.
 - b. M/S/A to accept Treasurer’s report.
 - c. M/S/A to approve loan application from Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church at Poplar Bluff, MO. in the amount of \$40,000 for roof replacement and repair.
 - d. M/S/A to approve Grant Fund application from Bethesda Landmark Missionary Baptist Church Park Hills, MO, in the amount of \$6,940.00 for siding repair.
- IV. M/S/A to adjourn.

— Eddie Paul Oats, Clerk

Recording Secretary’s Semi-Annual Report October 1, 2023 – May 1, 2024

Beginning Balance	\$	3,924.66
Funds Received		
Minute Fund Offerings	\$	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total Received	\$	<u>2,500.00</u>
Funds Available	\$	6,424.66
Expenses		
Travel	\$	84.25
Clerk Hire		1,300.00
Clerk Christmas Bonus		500.00
Bank Paper Statement Fee (8 mths)		<u>48.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$	<u>1,932.25</u>
Ending Balance (April 30)	\$	4,492.41

— Don Burke, Clerk

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

Convened at

Kewanee Baptist Church — New Madrid, Missouri

Saturday, October 12, 2024 — 9:00 AM

Brad Banderman, Moderator • Don Burke, Clerk

Morning Session

1. After an opening congregational song, Pastor Dan Wisely welcomed the Association and gave the morning devotional from Deuteronomy 6:5 and Matthew 22:36-40.
2. Moderator Brad Banderman recognized messengers who were present and seated messengers.
3. Bro. Don Burke gave the *Missouri Missionary Baptist* newspaper reports. M/S/P to adopt.
4. M/S/P to re-elect Bro. Burke as Editor at a salary of \$800 per month, plus one month's salary as Christmas bonus.
5. Bro. Bryan Buckley was re-elected to Publications Committee (term ending 2027).
6. Bro. Jason Taylor gave Garwood Camp report. M/S/P to accept.
7. M/S/P to re-elect Bro. Joe McElroy (2029) to Camp Committee.
8. Sis. Sara Buckley presented the WMA report. M/S/P to approve.
9. 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*) at current salaries.
10. Loan Association reports were shared. M/S/P to accept.
11. Bro. Bryan Buckley presented an oral Alive report. M/S/P to approve and to re-elect Kevin Smith to the Alive Committee (2028). M/S/P to adopt.
12. The Enrollment Committee shared a preliminary report:
 - 15 church letters were received;
 - \$1,620 received in Minute Fund offering.M/S/P to accept report.
13. Bro. Michael Kelly presented Resolutions Committee report. M/S/P to approve.
14. Bro. Bryan Buckley shared Brotherhood reports. M/S/P to accept report.
15. Bro. John Meriweather represented National BMA Missions.
16. Bro. Mike Angus presented Just the Crumbs Ministry.
17. Bro. Charley Holmes shared the work of the BMA Seminary.
18. Bro. Brad Banderman shared a ministry update from Central Baptist College.
19. Bro. Dan Wisely was nominated and elected as Moderator for the coming year.
20. Bro. Claude Evans was nominated and elected as Vice Moderator.
21. Bro. Don Burke re-elected as Recording Clerk
22. Bro. Matt Bolen re-elected as Assistant Clerk.
23. Bro. Don Burke shared the Recording Clerk's report. M/S/P to approve.
24. Bro. Don Burke gave Kenneth E. Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund reports, including Association By-Law recommended changes. M/S/P to adopt report and approve recommendations.

25. M/S/P to adjourn for Missions Committee meeting.

Second Morning Session

26. M/S/P for State Association to reconvene.

27. M/S/P to accept reports and recommendations from Missions Committee.

28. Bro. Caleb Houston was introduced for morning sermon, taken from James 1.

29. Bro. Dan Wisely was called to offer a prayer of appreciation over Bro. Caleb for the sermon.

30. Enrollment Committee final report:

- 16 church letters received;
- \$2,120 received for Minute Fund offering.

M/S/P to approve.

31. M/S/P for Bethel, Sikeston to host the 2025 Missions Symposium and Semi-Annual Meeting.

32. M/S/P for the Association to go to Stony Point, Mineral Springs, for the 2025 Annual Meeting.

33. The Moderator appointed the following to Resolutions Committee: Bros. Matt Bolen, Terry Sharp, Michael Kelly.

34. The Moderator appointed the following to the 2025 Enrollment Committee: Bros. Melvin Meade, Lee Miller, Joe McElroy.

35. A rising vote of appreciation was given to host church.

36. Meeting dismissed by Moderator.

37. Closing prayer, with special emphasis for Janet Widger and Juanita May on their special trip to North Carolina to help with Just the Crumbs ministry as it offers help with disaster relief following Hurricane Helene.

BMA of Missouri Missions Director's Annual Report 2024

As I look back on the 2023-2024 associational year as the Missions Director, the highlights for me have been seeing God use the funds that were donated on a tree stand for Bro. Fernandez's garage remodel that was so graciously taken care of by a crew from New Testament Baptist Church, and the remainder of those funds going to help with Michael Strong's basement remodel in Minnesota, again with the gracious help of a team of men from New Testament Baptist Church and possibly others.

It was a highlight to go to our National Association this year and represent a booth for BMAMO. It was tremendous because we pretty much filled up the calendar for Wednesday nights through the summer to present and assess churches the first time, assessing 7 churches in one summer, which has been tremendous. The response of the churches and the advantages of those churches assessing, we have been hearing tremendous reviews and responses to those particular assessments.

Another highlight has been that as a result of the assessment, Bethel has had more missionaries come to speak. One of those missionaries was Mickeal Quillman. That planted a seed of desire in Melodi Miller for missions that resulted in a trip this year to Zambia with Josh Phiri and his wife and John and Debra Smith. God

blessed with needed finances through an auction to provide for her trip. Just seeing God move through his people to provide for this young lady, and ultimately two wells were built as a result. This Association voted at the Missions Symposium to finish out whatever funds were lacking to get to the \$15,000 needed, which ended up being approximately \$100 and change. That was a tremendous highlight to see God work through individual churches and individual families, and ultimately the Association to get much-needed water to these people who have been struggling in an amazing drought.

Yet another highlight was seeing the neighboring church to Zalma, one of our long-term churches that has closed, being able to purchase that property. We will be closing within days, so that was a highlight to see this church that is ministering to the community be blessed by this additional property.

Finally, it has been a highlight to be able to write a monthly article for the MMB and to hear and see the results of those articles. I'm appreciative of every person that reads the articles and thoughtfully applies what is challenged.

In closing, this is the ultimate lesson I have gotten from this year's summer of assessment: Planting seeds —

- You reap what you sow.
- You reap more than you sow.
- You reap years after you sow.
- And this is the line that has come to succinctly describe what we must accomplish: reproducers reproducing reproducers.

— Ben Kingston, Director

BMA of Missouri Missions Department Offerings October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024

Checking Account Balance, October 1, 2023 . . . **\$ 17,184.69**

Income

Amity, Doniphan	\$	673.75
Berean, Festus		1,030.48
Bethel, Lonedell		22,070.00
Bethel, Sikeston		2,766.96
Bethlehem, Doniphan		
Black Creek, Poplar Bluff		
Fellowship, Potosi		450.00
First, Matthews		300.00
First, Potosi		300.00
Grandview, Springfield		5,490.50
Kewanee, Kewanee		3,600.00
Landmark, Desoto		775.37
Lindsay Lane, Florrisant		368.33
Mt. Olive, Salem		550.00
Moselle, Moselle		2,200.00
New Testament, Sullivan		2,673.00
Oak Hill, Alton		600.00
Oak Ridge, Cassville		2,847.85
Ohlman, Bunker		1,650.00

Ozark Heights, Potosi	638.00	
Stony Point, Mineral Point	3,172.76	
Temple, Belgrade	1,200.00	
Westview, Jeff City	300.00	
Zalma accounts	20,547.92	
Zion, St. Louis	1,149.00	
Donations	480.00	
WMA - Juan Fernandez Work Funds	413.65	
Insurance Reimbursements	<u>11,836.00</u>	
Total Received		\$ 88,083.57
Total Available		\$105,268.26

Expenses

Director: Salary and Bonuses	\$ 5,850.00	
Director: Expenses	2,116.18	
Clerical/Director's Assistant	2,600.00	
MO Incorporation Renewal	20.50	
Special Missions Comm Mtgs	3,065.49	
Juan Fernandez Support/Bonus	29,413.61	
Juan Fernandez Garage/AC	7,700.00	
Zalma (title, electric, ins.)	2,085.63	
BMA Nat' Meeting Booth	811.28	
BMA Shirts	1,677.00	
Michael Strong Project	8,200.00	
Web Master & Domain Fee	1,507.97	
Insurance	<u>14,795.00</u>	
Total Expenses		\$ 79,842.66
Checking Account Balance September 30, 2024		\$ 25,425.60

BMAMS Revolving Loan Investment

Balance October 1, 2023	\$ 115,133.96	
Income: Interest	<u>2,453.18</u>	
BMAMS RLF Balance September 30, 2024		\$ 118,312.64

Total in all accounts September 30, 2024 **\$ 143,738.24**

Missionary Committee Meeting

(CLERK'S NOTE: The following is not the official minutes from the Missionary Committee meeting, but rather collected from the notes of the Association Clerk once it was discovered that in the absence of the Committee's clerk and assistant no minutes were kept.)

The meeting of the Missionary Committee took place on October 12 at the annual meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri at Kewanee Baptist Church of New Madrid, MO, and conducted the following business:

- Assistant Chairman Michael Kelly served as Moderator and called for minutes from Special Missions Committee. M/S/P to adopt.
- The Missions Director's report was given by Bro. Ben Kingston. M/S/P to adopt.
- The following were elected as Committee officers: Bro. Michael Kelly, Chairman; Bro. Billy Davis, Assistant Chairman; Bro. Dan Wisely, Clerk;

Bro. Russell Chitwood, Assistant Clerk.

- M/S/P to re-elect Russell Chitwood to Special Missions Committee (term ending 2031).
- Bro. Mike Kelly elected to replace Bro. Mike Hearst on Special Missions Committee (due to Bro. Hearst no longer being his church's missionary committeeman).
- M/S/P to adjourn.

— *Michael Kelly, Assistant Chairman; Don Burke, Acting Clerk*

Special Missions Committee Minutes

The Special Missions Committee met in Perryville on Tuesday, September 13, 2024.

Attendees: Brethren Brian Buckley, Don Burke, Russell Chitwood, Claude Evans, Juan Fernandez, Mike Hearst, Ben Kingston, Dan Wisely.

Opening prayer led by Bro. Mike Hearst. Meeting called to order by Bro. Claude Evans.

Motion and second to approve report given by Missionary Bro. Juan Fernandez on the mission field in St. Louis. Carried.

Motion and second to approve report given by Missions Director Bro. Ben Kingston regarding the sale of Zalma Missionary Baptist Church, to take place hopefully soon. It was noted that there is a need for funds, and that our account balances have barely kept up. Carried.

Recommendations

1. Motion and second to retain Bro. Ben Kingston as Missions Director at current salary (\$450 per month, with \$200 per month given to Missions Office Treasurer). Carried.
2. Motion and second to retain Bro. Don Burke as Assistant Missions Director. Carried
3. Motion and second to retain Bro. Juan Fernandez as Missionary in the St. Louis area at his current salary (\$28,000 annually). Carried.
4. Motion and second to give the same Christmas bonus amounts as last year. Carried.

Motion and second to adjourn. Carried.

Prayer request was made for Bro. Juan and his family.

Closing prayer given by Bro. Ben Kingston.

— *Claude Evans, Committee Chairman; Dan Wisely, Clerk*

Missouri Missionary Baptist Editor's Annual Report 2024

I'm not sure there is much to report. Transitioning from interim editor to full-blown editor has been reasonably smooth, although a couple of items still need a little attention. Our Publications Committee still does not have a recommendation for Assistant Editor. The typical issue-to-issue routine has pretty much become, well, routine. Over the summer our mailer informed us of an increase in second-class postal rates, and this will no doubt further impact the paper's overall financial deficit. I hope in the coming months to incorporate more long-term planning as

well, possibly utilizing the Publications Committee more in that area than they have historically been involved.

As always we would like to express our appreciation to our readers and our contributors – both content and financial. Without everyone’s active involvement this ministry could not stand.

— Don Burke, Editor

Missouri Missionary Baptist Annual Financial Report May 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024

Beginning Balance	\$ 25,512.25
Funds Received	
Offerings & Subscriptions	\$ <u>6,834.32</u>
Total Received	\$ <u>6,834.32</u>
Total Available	\$ 32,346.57
Expenses	
Editor Salary	\$ 4,000.00
MMB Printing	925.00
MMB Mailing	3,227.55
Computer Software/Subscription	<u>269.89</u>
Total Expenses	\$ <u>8,422.44</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 23,924.13

Camp Garwood 2024 Annual Report

We are in the process of closing out the fiscal year for camp. Let me take this time to thank everyone who has supported camp throughout the year. It has been a tough year. But it would not have been possible without your help. May the Lord bless you for your faithfulness. I pray we have served you and the Lord well. Here are some totals for the year:

Opening balance	\$48,332.85
Total received	\$86,639.62
Total Spent	\$124,793.24
Electric	\$8,068.40
Food	\$9,131.40
Insurance	\$6,351.29
Dorm 7 Remodel	\$24,827.37

We traveled 11,844 miles, making 59 trips to camp.

Camp Week saw 265 campers with 24 professions of faith. Thanks to Caleb Houston and Aaron Russell, The Central Collective, and everyone else that made camp a successful week. We praise the Lord for the professions and blessings from the week.

Looking forward we would like to invite you to join us for the Fall Retreat October 25-26. Easton May is scheduled to give our devotionals, We will also be

doing some prayer retreat activities. At that time, we'll be a little over a week away from Election Day. I figure that will be a good start for our prayer times. We'll have plenty of activities including paintball, cornhole, mini golf, and indoor games on Saturday. Come join the fun!

Our theme for camp week 2025 is Walk the Path which follows after this year's theme Answer the Call. We're looking forward to next year's camp week with the return of Bro. Shawn Hammontree and Bro. Jordan Bowen. Be praying for these men that the Lord will use them to proclaim his truths. Our theme verse is Psalm 16:11: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

The committee has approved plans to remove the old canteen building, and in its place build a new nurse/first aid station combined with two apartments to be used for evangelist quarters, with an area between the nurse station and evangelist rooms for checking campers in and out. We have a pretty good start on funding for this project. Last year we set aside \$30,000.00 in a CD. The CD account has matured and is currently in a money market account ready for use as needed. The CD made \$1,537.99 in interest over the year.

Our plan is to finish a few projects on Dorm 7 in the next month or so and then we will begin prep work for the new building. We have been in contact with The Master's Builders. The plan is to have the plumbing and concrete ready for them to come put up the building in April. At that time, we will be looking for help. Our only payment to the Master's Builders is to provide one meal a day. When we get closer to that time, we will try to work out a schedule to make that happen.

As always, we covet your continued prayers as we serve in this camp ministry.

— Chris Polk, Camp Director

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

2024 WMA Annual Report

The Missouri WMA has been busy! The 55th Annual Missouri State WMA met on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at Stony Point Missionary Baptist Church in Mineral Point, Missouri. The meeting was well attended. Sis. Sara Buckley, Missouri State WMA President, gave the devotional. The business meeting went well. The men joined us to hear Bro. Claude Evans give the annual message. It is interesting to note the devotional given by Sis. Sara Buckley, the annual message given by Bro. Claude Evans, and the afternoon program led by Sis. Deiatre Gillam all shared the same message and theme. We enjoyed a delicious lunch served by the host church. Our afternoon program was led by our Missouri State WMA Vice President, Sis. Deiatre Gillam. Sis. Hannah Fernandez was our special guest speaker.

New officers were installed. Below is a list of officers that will serve in 2024-2025:

- President Sara Buckley
- Vice President Deiatre Gillam
- Treasurer Connie Reifsteck
- Assistant Treasurer Juanita May
- Bible/Tract Distributor Bea Evans
- Historian Tracy Goede
- Youth Promoter Lisa Cox

challenging each church in Missouri to send \$1,000 to the project. Alone we can do so little, but together we can do so much!

All project donations should be mailed to: Janet Widger, Treasurer; P.O. Box 23; Salem, Missouri 65560 (*Please note that it is for the National WMA project.)

The 2025 Annual Missouri WMA and Brotherhood meeting will be held on March 1, 2025, at Matthews First Baptist. I hope to see each of you there.

— Sara Buckley, *President*

2024 Brotherhood Annual Report

Greetings from the State Brotherhood. On March 2, 2024 the Annual Brotherhood Meeting was held at Stony Point Missionary Baptist Church.

Bro. Bryan Buckley led the business in the morning. The group discussed the need for Brotherhoods in our local churches as well as fellowship activities for the coming year. Our project for 2024 is to help support our churches with Brotherhood study groups within our churches.

For the year of 2024 Retreat the Brotherhood approached the State Missions Director for a joint endeavor of the spring and fall retreats. We would like to thank Bro. Ben Kingston for his hard work and support. We are looking forward to years ahead in this partnership.

The State Brotherhood Renewal Retreat was held on April 26-27 with 17 churches represented and 70 men. Bro. Claude Evans and Bro. Mike Hearst brought God's Word encouraging the men. Bro. Chris Polk (as always) did an outstanding job of feeding us and making our stay at Camp Garwood great. Despite the weather the men had a great time of fellowship strengthening the bonds of the men between our churches. With an overwhelming interest we are planning a fall retreat at the Meramec Retreat camp in Richwoods, Missouri. Save the dates of April 25-26, 2025, for the next Spring Retreat at Camp Garwood. We will be doing things a little differently with the men and boys each having their own separate sessions. Be in prayer for the planning of this retreat.

A fishing fellowship was held June 15th at Council Bluff Lake. There was a good attendance with great fellowship. We cooked fish, told some stories and were richly blessed. The highlight of the day was Bro. Juan's maiden voyage in a boat. While on the water he caught his first bass. We decided we probably shouldn't step out of the boat to walk on the water but marveled at God's beauty. The day was truly a gift from God.

The dates for the Fall Retreat are Nov. 8th and 9th starting at 6 pm on Friday and ending after lunch on Saturday. The whole focus is RMDK – which stands for Raising a Modern Day Knight, taken from a book written by Robert Lewis. It is recommended and encouraged for all of our men to get this book. It will fill in a lot of the blanks.

But for today's article and to help get the word out and hopefully quell any confusion, here are the bullet points of why and what we are doing.

We want to give our dads, grandpas, uncles, and other mentors a definition, code of conduct, and a ceremony to introduce their young men into manhood.

We would love to have some examples present that Friday night to spike the event and would love to expand our community of men within the Association so we can rally around this most important cause!

Fellowship of our men is essential to discipling our young boys to become men. As you know, men are terrible at securing funds to make this happen. Yes, ladies, we could learn a thing or two. We ask that you would prayerfully support the Brotherhood to continue in this ministry of cultivating Christian manhood and fellowship. Please send all support to Bro. Roy Callahan, State Brotherhood Treasurer (501 Clark St., Potosi, Missouri 63664).

Humbly submitted.

– Bryan Buckley, President

Brotherhood 2024 Annual Financial Report

Balance brought forward \$ 1,284.16

Deposits

Zion	\$ 150.00
State Brotherhood	140.00
Washington Co. Brotherhood	95.00
Alive Ministries (speaker donation)	200.00
Central Baptist, Union (speaker donation)	25.00
Ohlman	130.00
Michael Strong (Zion)	60.00
Claude Evans (t-shirts, Stony Point)	220.00
Fishing Tournament	384.00
State Men's Retreat (Offering)	477.00
Brotherhood Retreat (t-shirt sells)	<u>340.00</u>

Balance \$ 2,221.00

Total Funds \$ 3,504.30

Withdrawals

Sheila Weiner (Brotherhood t-shirts)	\$ 326.33
J&S HVAC Supplies (Brotherhood Retreat)	211.00
Wal-Mart (Door Prizes for Spring Retreat)	265.07
Wal-Mart (Fishing Tournament)	106.94
Gift Card (Brotherhood Retreat)	100.00
Decor Enhancements (Trophies/Spring Retreat)	<u>30.00</u>

Balance \$ 1,039.34

Total \$ 2,464.96

** Food for retreat and love offering yet to be written: \$400.00, food; and \$300.00, love offering; total of 700.00, will give a total of \$ 1,764.96.*

Kenneth Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund Annual Financial Report May 1 - September 30, 2024

Beginning Balance \$ 31,643.07

Total Funds Received \$ 0.00

Funds Available \$ 31,643.07

Total Expenses \$ 0.00

Ending Balance \$ 31,643.07

Camp Garwood Annual Report 2024

Church	General	Food	Insurance	Canteen	Total
RECEIPTS					
AMITY	500.00	-	-	-	500.00
ANTIOCH	500.00	-	-	-	500.00
BETHANY	2,000.00	-	-	-	2,000.00
BETHEL (SIKESTON)	7,082.92	-	-	-	7,082.92
BETHESDA	120.00	-	-	-	120.00
BLACK RIVER	764.00	-	-	-	764.00
BRENTON CREEK	250.00	-	-	-	250.00
CANE CREEK	1,154.18	-	-	-	1,154.18
CANE CREEK YIH	600.00	-	-	-	600.00
DEW (Dollar Each Week)	12,088.34	-	-	-	12,088.34
FIRST HARVIELL	200.00	-	-	-	200.00
FIRST MATTHEWS	350.00	-	-	-	350.00
FIRST MATTHEWS WMA	375.64	-	-	-	375.64
FIRST THOMASVILLE	2,055.00	-	-	-	2,055.00
FRIENDSHIP (HARVIELL)	250.00	-	-	-	250.00
KEWANEE	8,670.00	-	-	-	8,670.00
LIGHTHOUSE	105.00	-	-	-	105.00
LOWER DOE RUN	1,080.61	-	-	-	1,080.61
LOYALTY	1,850.00	-	-	-	1,850.00
MACEDONIA	1,000.00	-	-	-	1,000.00
MO MBLA (LOAN)	10,000.00	-	-	-	10,000.00
MO STATE GMA	447.56	-	-	-	447.56
MT OLIVE	1,100.00	-	-	-	1,100.00
NEW MADRID BAPTIST	2,510.00	-	-	-	2,510.00
NEW TESTAMENT	1,284.00	-	-	-	1,284.00
OAK HILL	2,600.00	-	-	-	2,600.00
OHLMAN	4,680.00	-	-	-	4,680.00
PROVIDENCE	350.00	-	-	-	350.00
STONY POINT	2,090.91	-	-	-	2,090.91
WASHINGTON CO DIST ASSOC	-	300.00	-	-	300.00
ZION	2,676.00	400.00	-	-	3,076.00
INTEREST CHECK ACCT	7.24	-	-	-	7.24
KAREN MAGEE	535.00	-	-	-	535.00
FISH FRY	3,521.00	-	-	-	3,521.00
PANCAKE BREAKFAST	1,426.25	-	-	-	1,426.25
POPSICLE	806.00	-	-	-	806.00
POUND IN A PURSE	4,277.00	-	-	-	4,277.00
TRIVIA NIGHT	355.00	-	-	-	355.00
PAINTBALL	130.00	-	-	-	130.00
SALES 2024	-	-	-	5,807.97	5,807.97
SALE OF BUSH HOG	340.00	-	-	-	340.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	80,131.65	700.00	0.00	5,807.97	86,639.62
Disbursements					
OZARK BORDER ELEC COOP	8,068.40	-	-	-	8,068.40
ELLINGTON TELEPHONE CO	1,076.30	-	-	-	1,076.30
EXCEL (LONG DISTANCE)	314.25	-	-	-	314.25
CHRIS POLK (MILES)	7,772.78	-	-	-	7,772.78
CHRIS POLK (COMPENSATION)	3,600.00	-	-	-	3,600.00
CALEB HOUSTON (EVANGELIST)	700.00	-	-	-	700.00
AARON RUSSELL (EVANGELIST)	525.00	-	-	-	525.00
CASH FOR CHANGE	-	-	-	100.00	100.00
CASH FOR CRAWFISH	-	300.00	-	-	300.00
21 DRIVE IN	1,200.00	-	-	-	1,200.00
ACADEMY	521.72	-	-	-	521.72
AIR MED CARE NETWORK	350.00	-	-	-	350.00
AMAZON.COM	6,862.38	-	-	-	6,862.38
B&H AUTO	131.07	-	-	-	131.07
BG'S OLE TYME DELI	306.47	-	-	-	306.47
BLTAN GEAR (PAINTBALL SUPPLIES)	390.11	-	-	-	390.11
BLAKE WILSON (CENTRAL COLLECTIVE)	1,100.00	-	-	-	1,100.00
BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS	-	-	6,351.29	-	6,351.29
C&K BUILDING SUPPLY	410.49	-	-	-	410.49
CAPE WINAIR	1,103.66	-	-	-	1,103.66

Church	General	Food	Insurance	Canteen	Total
COLYOTT'S	1,620.00	-	-	-	1,620.00
CURRENT RIVER EXPRESS	20.09	-	-	-	20.09
DEWITT	1,143.59	-	-	-	1,143.59
EBAY	387.58	-	-	-	387.58
EL NOPALITO	86.98	-	-	-	86.98
FIRST STATE BANK(BANK CHARGES)	2.00	-	-	-	2.00
FISHIN' PIG	79.75	-	-	-	79.75
HARBOR FREIGHT	98.91	-	-	-	98.91
HARLAND CLARKE(checks)	71.32	-	-	-	71.32
HELENA (Roundup)	221.25	-	-	-	221.25
HENSON TRASH	721.00	-	-	-	721.00
HOME DEPOT	23.47	-	-	-	23.47
JOT FORM	117.00	-	-	-	117.00
JU JU PROMOTIONS	-	-	-	2,440.00	2,440.00
LEGACY LUMBER & FARM	2,306.43	-	-	-	2,306.43
LONNIE POLK (REIMBURSE)	359.00	-	-	-	359.00
LOVE'S	188.34	-	-	-	188.34
LOWES	356.55	-	-	-	356.55
MAIN STREET MARKET	-	80.05	-	-	80.05
MARKETPLACE - TILE DORM 7 REMODEL	800.00	-	-	-	800.00
MENARDS	21,748.03	-	-	-	21,748.03
MELVIN & MAGGIE BARNETT (COOK)	-	500.00	-	-	500.00
MELVIN BARNETT (MILEAGE)	-	136.68	-	-	136.68
METALWELD	30.30	-	-	-	30.30
MIKE SOUND	468.00	-	-	-	468.00
MIKE RENTALS	1,831.21	-	-	-	1,831.21
MISC	77.11	-	-	-	77.11
MO MBLA (PAYMENT)	5,000.00	-	-	-	5,000.00
PARTS TOWN	76.89	-	-	-	76.89
PAYPAL FEES	58.79	-	-	-	58.79
PHILLIPS 66	101.93	-	-	-	101.93
RAYMOND JAMES (CD'S)	30,000.00	-	-	-	30,000.00
REMINDERBAND	397.25	-	-	-	397.25
RHODES 101	242.78	-	-	-	242.78
RICK GARZA (REIMBURSE)	15.00	-	-	-	15.00
RICK AND TINA GARZA (COOK)	-	500.00	-	-	500.00
RURAL KING	77.42	-	-	-	77.42
RV WORKS	54.10	-	-	-	54.10
SAM'S CLUB	-	462.96	-	1,794.29	2,257.25
SHUTTERFLY	51.35	-	-	-	51.35
SIKESTON RESTAURANT EQUIP	75.00	-	-	229.77	304.77
SLUSHER	391.04	-	-	-	391.04
SPEEDWAY	19.30	-	-	-	19.30
SP PAINTBALL	92.70	-	-	-	92.70
TIPPMANN PARTS	149.85	-	-	-	149.85
US FOODS	-	6,404.86	-	-	6,404.86
USPS	20.90	-	-	-	20.90
VAN BUREN PROPANE	56.65	-	-	-	56.65
VAN BUREN TIRE	125.00	-	-	-	125.00
WAL-MART	-	746.85	-	-	746.85
ZEB BALINTINE(FALL RETREAT)	550.00	-	-	-	550.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	104,746.49	9,131.40	6,351.29	4,564.06	124,793.24
BALANCE FORWARD	48,332.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	48,332.85
TOTAL RECEIVED	80,131.65	700.00	0.00	5,807.97	86,639.62
DISBURSEMENTS	104,746.49	9,131.40	6,351.29	4,564.06	124,793.24
BALANCE ON HAND	23,718.01	-8,431.40	-6,351.29	1,243.91	10,179.23
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	-13,538.78	8,431.40	6,351.29	-1,243.91	0.00
ENDING BALANCE	10,179.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,179.23
MO Missionary Baptist Loan Assoc (MO MBLA)			Money Market Acct:	\$31,537.99	
Borrowed	10,000.00				
Paid	5,000.00				
Balance	5,000.00				

Annual Financial Information Reported for 2024

Church	Pastor's Salary & Benefits	Other Salaries & Benefits	National BMA	State BMA	Local BMA	All Other Expenses	Total All Expenses
Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston		No data reported.					
Anity, Doniphan		No data reported.					
Bates Creek, Potosi		No letter received.					
Berean, Festus		No data reported.					
Berhany, Saint Louis		No data reported.					
Bethel, Lonedell		No data reported.					
Bethel, Sikeston	31,450	1,200	15,459	2,274	6,347	69,220	125,963
Bethesda Landmark, Park Hills	-	4,450	775	1,240	325	21,428	28,218
Bethlehem, Doniphan		No letter received.					
Black Creek, Poplar Bluff		No data reported.					
Black River, Quin	9,120	425	600	-	300	-	-
Bretton Creek, Potosi	22,000	75	980	50	50	14,563	37,718
Briar, Doniphan		No letter received.					
Central, Union		No letter received.					
Chanty Landmark, Bismarck	9,994	50	11,265	25	25	13,483	34,842
Emmanuel, Sikeston		No letter received.					
Fellowship, Potosi		No letter received.					
First, Matthews	11,150	1,680	1,125	800	868	30,191	45,614
First, Potosi		No letter received.					
Friendship, Caseyville		No letter received.					
Grandview, Springfield		No letter received.					
Kewanee, New Madrid		No data reported.					
Landmark, De Soto	17,800	-	730	730	730	176,611	178,801
Lighthouse, Malden		No data reported.					
Lindsay Lane, Florissant		No letter received.					
Lower Doe Run, Ellington		No letter received.					
Mount Carmel, Ellsinore		No letter received.					
Mount Olive, Salem		-	4,351	2,350	1,300	27,012	35,013
Mount Zion, Poplar Bluff		No data reported.					
New Testament, Sullivan		No data reported.					
Oak Hill, Alton		No letter received.					
Oak Ridge, Caseyville		No data reported.					
Ohman, Bunker		No letter received.		2,977	2,827	-	-
Ozark Heights, Potosi		No letter received.					
Pleasant Grove, Caledonia		No letter received.					
Providence, Puxico		No letter received.					
Stony Point Landmark, Mineral Point	34,450	300	19,688	10,235	15,578	10,867	23,747
Temple, Belgrade		5,600	2,400	1,200	1,200	-	66,152
Westview, Jefferson City		-	-	-	-	-	-
Zion, St Louis	5,200	100	8,046	6,016	376	17,725	37,463

Annual Membership and Attendance Information Reported for 2024

Church	Membership Last Year	Present Membership	Increased by Baptisms	Increased by Other	Decreased by Death	Decreased by Other	Sunday School Enrollment	Sunday School Attendance	Average AM Worship Attendance
Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston	27	28	5	-	-	4	-	12	17
Anity, Doniphan	46	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bates Creek, Potosi	-	No letter received.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Berean, Festus	55	55	1	-	1	-	8	8	20
Bethany, Saint Louis	16	12	-	-	2	-	-	-	9
Bethel, Lonedell	806	824	15	8	2	5	-	-	-
Bethel, Sikeston	-	110	6	-	1	-	50	40	75
Bethesda Landmark, Park Hills	16	19	3	-	-	-	22	14	14
Bethlehem, Doniphan	-	No letter received.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black Creek, Poplar Bluff	27	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black River, Quin	32	32	-	-	-	-	-	12	15
Breton Creek, Potosi	16	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Briar, Doniphan	-	No letter received.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central, Union	-	No letter received.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charity Landmark, Bismarck	15	15	-	-	-	-	16	12	20
Emmanuel, Sikeston	-	No letter received.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fellowship, Potosi	-	No letter received.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
First, Matthews	84	85	-	3	1	1	35	30	50
First, Potosi	-	No letter received.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Friendship, Caseyville	-	No letter received.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grandview, Springfield	-	No letter received.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kewanee, New Madrid	213	219	7	-	1	-	-	-	-
Landmark, De Soto	89	88	-	2	0	-	-	-	-
Lighthouse, Malden	47	47	-	1	1	-	15	8	19
Lindsay Lane, Florissant	-	No letter received.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lower Doe Run, Ellington	-	No letter received.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mount Carmel, Elsimore	-	No letter received.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mount Olive, Salem	-	No letter received.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mount Zion, Poplar Bluff	36	38	1	2	1	-	20	17	22
New Testament, Sullivan	1,183	1,183	3	3	4	2	-	-	-
Oak Hill, Alton	-	No letter received.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oak Ridge, Caseyville	29	31	3	3	-	4	-	-	45
Ohman, Bunker	87	87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ozark Heights, Potosi	-	No letter received.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pleasant Grove, Caldonia	-	No letter received.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Providence, Puxico	73	70	2	1	3	3	40	35	45
Stony Point, Mineral Point	94	91	-	-	3	3	8	8	9
Temple, Belgrade	100	96	-	-	2	2	-	30	50
Westview, Jefferson City	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zion, St. Louis	14	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Seminary Student Grant Committee Minutes 2024 Annual Meeting

Clerk's Note: While attempting to determine the members of the SSG Committee, it was discovered that the Association Bylaws specifically designate that the Committee be composed of all the chairmen of the Association's Standing Committees plus the Missions Director and the Editor of the State Newspaper. However, being that it appears the Association has discontinued the designation of Standing Committee sometime around 2011, there is no longer any chairman of such a committee to compose the SSG Committee. As such, the remaining two Committee members have agreed to act in somewhat of an emergency capacity, taking care of pressing items with an eye towards being able to present updated related Bylaws at the next Associational meeting.

June 20

The Committee of two (Ben Kingston and Don Burke) met by phone and text, and conducted the following business:

- Approved of moving of all SSG administrative duties formerly held by James Hoffmann to Don Burke (namely treasurer, point of contact with applicants). Furthermore, approved that Bro. Burke serve as chairman and clerk for this committee.
- Approved the addition of the Seminary's online program as covered by SSG funding.
- Approved of a goal of reviewing Associational Bylaws related to the Grant Fund for needed updates, with recommended changes to be presented at the Annual Association in October.

— Don Burke, Clerk

August 27

The Committee of two (Ben Kingston and Don Burke) met by phone and approved the following:

- Recommend the following changes to the Association Bylaws, Article VII, Section 4 (changes designated by underscoring):
 - Item B: The SSG Committee shall be composed of three members: The Director of Missions, the Editor of the Missouri Missionary Baptist paper and the current Moderator of the Association. (In the event that the Director or Editor is also serving as Moderator, the Assistant Moderator will serve as the third member of this Committee.) The expenses of each committeeman shall be paid out of the general fund of the department he represents.
 - Item F.b: ... complete at least nine hours of credit each semester for undergraduate work, six hours for graduate work (not applicable to those in the "Masters in Motion" program)...
 - Item G.i: Traditional On-Campus and Online Grant: (a) the student's tuition each semester (b) up to \$300.00 per semester for books and (c) for on-campus students up to \$1,000.00 of actual moving expenses for the initial move to Jacksonville, TX.

— Don Burke, Clerk

Missouri Missionary Baptist Loan Program 2024 Annual President's Report

I want to thank all the churches that have supported the Loan Department this past year and in years past. This year your support provided a grant for Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church, Park Hills, to improve the appearance of their building by replacing rotten siding. Also, the Loan Department loaned Mount Zion Baptist Church, Poplar Bluff, funds to replace the roof on all their buildings. And finally, we provided a loan to Camp Garwood to help purchase supplies for this year's camp.

The Lord has blessed the investments of the department. The interest earned, \$6,880.50 this associational year, will pay for all the current expenses of the loan department and our proportion of the corporation insurance policy. We will also provide funds for Camp Garwood to use at their discretion.

The department is reviewing the Bylaws and Operational Guidelines of the department so that we can eliminate redundancy and review the effectiveness of the department.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Loan Committee members for their hard work. I appreciate their patience and wise counsel.

Please pray for this department.

— *Dennis Baker, President/Treasurer*

Missouri Missionary Baptist Loan Program Committee Minutes

Minutes of September 21, 2024, held at Grecian Steak House, Sikeston:

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Welcome by Bro. Dennis Baker
 - b. Prayer led by Bro. Oats
- II. Committeemen in Attendance: Bro. Dennis Baker, Bro. Don Adams, Bro. Matt Bolen, Bro. Brian Whitlock, Bro. Eddie Paul Oats
- III. Loan Motion
 - a. Motion to take the remaining balance of interest from the interest funds after paying the Loan Association part of the insurance with the remainder given to Camp Garwood to be used at their discretion. Approved.
 - b. Motion to invest \$50,000 from Commerce Bank money market account managed by Edward Jones Associates. Approved.
 - c. Motion to record into minutes a \$10,000 loan made to Camp Garwood via an online meeting held previously. Approved.
 - d. M/S/A to approve Grant Fund application from Bethesda Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, Park Hills, MO, in the amount of \$6,940.00 for siding repair.
- IV. Adjournment. Closing prayer led by Bro. Whitlock.

**Missouri Missionary Baptist Loan Program
Annual Financial Report
October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024**

Balance as of Oct. 1, 2023 \$ **452,148.44**

Income General Fund

Bethesda-Park Hills	\$	24.46
Camp Garwood Loan #3207182024		5,000.00
Mt. Zion-Poplar Bluff		21.60
Mt. Zion-Poplar Bluff Loan #3101012024		16,515.11
Refund Mt. Zion-Poplar Bluff Deed Recording ..		33.00
Zion-St. Louis		<u>36.00</u>

Total General Fund Income \$ **21,630.17**

Income Grant Fund

Bethesda-Park Hills	\$	719.75
First-Matthews		60.00
Landmark-DeSoto		1,300.00
Mt. Zion-Poplar Bluff		194.40
Stony Point-Mineral Point		1,781.84
Zion-St. Louis		<u>324.00</u>

Total Grant Fund Income \$ **4,379.99**

Interest

Checking-Commercial Bank	\$	277.76
Mt. Zion-Poplar Bluff Loan #3101012024		476.44
CD's Commercial		
13999		501.96
14833		372.53
16878		381.45
17060		249.20
17237		783.00
17251		259.46
CD's Midland States Bank		
8484970186		388.97
8484970187		388.97
8484970188		388.97
8484970189		388.97
8484970190		388.97
8484970191		388.97
8484970795		414.96
8484970796		414.96
8484970797		<u>414.96</u>

Total Interest Income \$ **6,880.50**

Paid Out

Bank Fees	\$	15.00
Brotherhood Insurance Loan Dept. Proportion ..		2,959.00
Brotherhood Insurance Camp Garwood		2,525.71
Butler County Recorder of Deeds Fee		33.00
Grant-Bethesda-Park Hills		6,940.00

Meal-Loan Committee Meeting	256.62	
Notes Receivable		
Camp Garwood Loan #3207182024	5,000.00	
Mt. Zion-Poplar Bluff Loan #3101012024	<u>16,515.11</u>	
Total Paid Out		\$ (34,244.44)

Balance September 30, 2023 \$ 450,794.66

Assets

Checking Commercial Bank	\$ 72,382.02	
Checking Midland States Bank	<u>46,747.28</u>	
Total Checking*		\$ 119,129.30

CD's

Commercial Bank 13999	\$ 12,830.07	
Commercial Bank 14833	15,093.95	
Commercial Bank 16878	15,455.63	
Commercial Bank 17060	6,770.29	
Commercial Bank 17237	31,725.24	
Commercial Bank 17251	34,662.73	
Midland States Bank 8484970186	20,749.38	
Midland States Bank 8484970187	20,749.38	
Midland States Bank 8484970188	20,749.38	
Midland States Bank 8484970189	20,749.38	
Midland States Bank 8484970190	20,749.38	
Midland States Bank 8484970191	20,749.38	
Midland States Bank 8484970795	20,824.06	
Midland States Bank 8484970796	20,824.06	
Midland States Bank 8484970797	<u>20,824.06</u>	
Total CD's		\$ 303,506.37

Notes Receivable

Camp Garwood Loan #3207182024	\$ 5,000.00	
Mt. Zion-Poplar Bluff Loan #3101012024	<u>23,158.99</u>	

Total Notes Receivable \$ 28,158.99

Total Assets September 30, 2024 \$ 450,794.66

** Includes Grant Fund*

Grant Fund

Balance October 1, 2024 \$ 10,205.81

Offerings

Bethesda-Park Hills	\$ 719.75	
First-Matthews	60.00	
Landmark-DeSoto	1,300.00	
Mt. Zion-Poplar Bluff	194.40	
Stony Point-Mineral Point	1,781.84	
Zion-St. Louis	<u>324.00</u>	

Total Offerings \$ 4,379.99

Paid Out

Bethesda-Park Hills	\$	<u>6,940.00</u>	
Total Paid Out	\$		<u>(6,940.00)</u>
Grant Fund Balance September 30, 2024	\$		<u>7,645.80</u>

Progression of Capital Accounts

Account	Balance		
	10/1/2023	9/30/2024	Variance
Loan Fund	\$452,148.44	\$450,794.66	\$(1,353.78)
Grant Fund	<u>10,205.81</u>	<u>7,645.80</u>	<u>(2,560.01)</u>
Proprietorship	\$462,354.25	\$458,440.46	\$(3,913.79)
Checking Account-Commercial Bank	\$84,528.97	\$72,382.02	\$(12,146.95)
Checking Account-Midland States Bank	70,239.40	46,747.28	(23,492.12)
Certificates of Deposits	297,380.07	303,506.37	6,126.30
Notes Receivable-Camp Garwood	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
Grant Fund	10,205.81	7,645.80	(2,560.01)
Notes Receivable-Mt. Zion Baptist Church	<u>-</u>	<u>23,158.99</u>	<u>23,158.99</u>
Totals	\$462,354.25	\$458,440.46	\$(3,913.79)

**Recording Secretary’s Annual Financial Report
May 1 – August 31, 2024**

Beginning Balance		\$	4,492.41
Funds Received			
Minute Fund Offerings.....	\$	<u>0.00</u>	
Total Funds Received	\$		<u>0.00</u>
Funds Available	\$		4,492.41
Expenses			
Trumpet Printing (minutes).....	\$	1,382.14	
Wal-Mart (shipping bags).....		8.28	
Post Office		87.84	
Bank Statement Fee (4 mths)		<u>24.00</u>	
Total Expenses	\$		<u>1,502.26</u>
Ending Balance	\$		2,990.15
			<i>— Don Burke, Clerk</i>

Resolutions Committee 2024 Report

I Corinthians 15:45 says *And so it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being.” The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.* As our Lord Jesus lived as an example for us to follow, let it be resolved that we should live as life-giving spirits.

Resolution on Life

Whereas in life we are directed to number our days to gain wisdom; and

Whereas we live in a world that is full of intellectual wisdom but lacks spiritual wisdom;
Be it resolved that we will be life-giving spirits breathing spiritual wisdom into the world.

Resolution on Investing

Whereas when investing we are directed to sow bountifully so that we reap bountifully; and
Whereas the Lord said the fields are ripe for the harvest, but the laborers are few;
Be it resolved that we will be life-giving spirits breathing life, strength and support into those laboring for the harvest of lost souls, investing in the work of the Lord.

Resolution on Faith

Whereas we are called to walk by faith and not by sight; and
Whereas that walk of faith is in the precious promises of God’s Word;
Be it resolved that we will be life-giving spirits teaching and reminding all our brethren of those precious promises encouraging them to walk in faith.

Resolution on Executing the Commission

Whereas we are directed to carry out the Great Commission of Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:7-8; and
Whereas we are told that the preaching of the Word will not return void;
Be it resolved that we be life-giving spirits executing the Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ in our everyday life.

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