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

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## BMA Information Services – Keeping the BMA Connected

John Meriweather – BMA Information Services

For more than 30 years, I’ve worked in information management with Fortune 500 companies like Citibank, JP Morgan Chase, Home Depot, and State Farm. These organizations pour millions into understanding and staying connected with their customers – because they know communication is foundational to success. And the same is true for churches. Over the years, I’ve had many conversations with pastors who recognize how vital good communication is to building healthy, thriving ministries.

Communication nurtures relationships, but without accurate information, communication breaks down.

That’s where BMA Information Services comes in. We serve as the central hub for gathering, organizing, and securely sharing information across the departments,

agencies, and ministries of the BMA. This commitment to maintaining accurate records and preserving our association’s history goes back more than 75 years. While the tools and technologies have changed, one thing hasn’t: collecting reliable information remains our greatest challenge. As churches grow, pastors transition, and staff members shift, it becomes even more important, and more difficult, to keep our records up to date.

We rely on you. The quality of information depends on the response we receive from our churches.

Every year, the Information Services team sends out a request to update your church’s contact and ministry details. We’ve worked hard to streamline the process and reduce the complexity so it’s easier than ever to respond.

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## Meramec's Jesus Camp Draws Youth and Churches Together for a Week of Worship and Revival

Molly Kingston

The Meramec Association hosted Jesus Camp on July 20th-26th at the Meramec Retreat Center. Every year, students converge onto the campus of the retreat center to immerse themselves in an environment away from the modern-day distractions to focus on God and growing spiritually closer to Him. The pastors and church members of the local association come together in a herculean effort to clean, maintain and decorate the facilities, prepare the lessons and messages, plan and prepare food and snacks, treat minor injuries, develop and facilitate recreation time – and all while sleeping on thin mattresses on metal frames.

God showed Himself mighty through the collective effort of His disciples and through the spiritual growth gained through meditation on His Word, sweet fellowship with other believers and reported salvations.

Jesus Camp for sixth grade and under had an attendance of 138 total with 77 of those being students. The material used to teach about Jesus’ birth, life, crucifixion and resurrection was a VBS program from Answers in Genesis called *Wonder Junction*. The students thoroughly enjoyed the songs, lessons, crafts and science experiments. For the teenagers, there was a total of 142 with 111 being students. A selection of pastors and preachers brought messages inspired by the book *The Missional Journey* by Robert E. Logan, specifically focusing on the first

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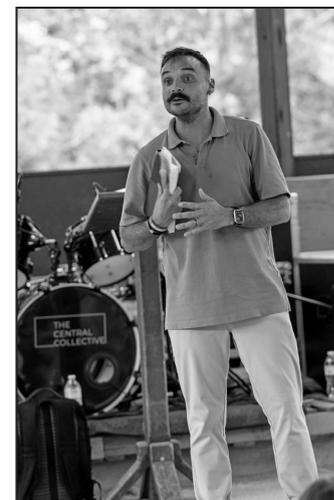


## Walk the Path – Camp Garwood 2025

Chris Polk

*You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore (Ps 16:11).*

So much has gone into making this camp year a success. We have prayed for countless hours. We have worked countless hours. We have sacrificed time from home and family. Shed blood, sweat and tears, literally. Honestly it was a little disappointing that our attendance was lower than expected. But you know what? We had a great week. We saturated the week in prayer and the Lord has blessed.



Jordan Bowen started off the week on Monday night speaking about his son, the treasure hunter. He then turned to the man who found a great treasure, buried it, sold all he had and bought the field.

Shawn Hammtree: (Tuesday a.m.) God’s Word is true, written over 1,500 years, 40 authors, one theme – Jesus. No matter what the world says, God’s Word is true. Shawn beautifully used a butter knife, pocket knife, hunting knife and full-size sword, comparing them to the small New Testament, student Bible, reference Bible, his regularly used Bible and the old big family Bible that everyone has and no one uses.

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Ps 119:105).* Your Bible is your sword. Is it powerful and ready for use, or there for show?

(Tuesday p.m.) Shawn brought out his dirty laundry, noting “Your laundry stinketh.” The things in your life that you don’t want anyone to know about. We like seeing other people’s dirty laundry but don’t want ours on display. Warnings of the trappings of social media, and the example of David and Bathsheba, where David – a man after God’s own heart – wandered far off the path of God. We are all prone to wander. Dirty laundry can include lying, cheating, coveting, gossiping, substance abuse, pornography, lust, sexual sin. A heart full of dirty laundry can be cleansed by repenting and turning to the Lord. *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*



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## State Missions

Dear BMAMO churches,

I remember years ago, George Reddin came to present the work of Lifeword and the missions that were being done through Lifeword. Most of our department leaders at that time (and probably still today) are not only department leaders but also preachers, so after they would present their work, they would preach a message. This particular Sunday evening, Bro. George Reddin preached a message on Daniel 11:32 about exploits for God.

*And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits (Daniel 11:32).*

I can't really say that I was ignorant of the word "exploits"; I just had never heard it used in connection with God's kingdom. After Bro. George explained the context, he then launched into a challenge for us to do great exploits for God.

Simply put, an exploit is an extraordinary work for the kingdom of God. It may be small in other people's opinions, but it's something that someone feels greatly led to, to do it by the power of the Lord to the glorification of God once it is achieved.

For the sake of this article, I want to express my humble opinion that we are in a great dearth of exploits being done for God! I'm not trying to be mean, I'm just saying this is an area wherein we need revival.

I think about our national missions field and some of the names from the past that come to mind that have done great exploits for God: Doyle Moore, David Dixon, Buddy Johnson, Don Newsom, Melvin Meade on an international level. And then on a state level: Eugene Bowerman, M.G. Robinson, Glen Fox, Jim Ford, etc.

Currently on an international level we have people like Cristian Martinez, Mike Quillman, Doug and Diane Lee, Charlie Costa, Stan Scroggins and of course many others. On a local and state level we have Juan Fernandez, Chuck Tedrow, and the list could certainly go on. I've just named a few, so I wasn't purposefully leaving anyone out, but these are names that just came to mind as I was preparing for this article. These people have and are trying to do great exploits for God.

So, here is the question: "Do we dream of doing exploits for God now?"

I'm talking to you. I'm talking to the person reading this article. I'm talking to the church member. I'm talking to the Sunday school participant. I'm talking to the GMA leader, to the Galilean leader, to the Awana leader. I'm talking to the Wednesday night participant. I'm talking to the Sunday morning, Sunday evening attendees....

Do we dream of doing exploits for God? I know right here all the excuses start..., stop it! Just stop. I'm begging you to have a moment of clarity. Sit down with the Holy Spirit yourself and ask God, "Is there something more I can be doing for you?" Of course, we know the power of the Holy Spirit must do what He can do, but that does not clear you or me of any effort, work, desire and passion to serve our great God! We have a role in this!

So, I get back to the question: "Do we dream of doing exploits?" The great Vernon Lee,



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*And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit (2 Cor 3:18).*

#### Praises!

For you and your church family for the unconditional support in prayer and finances. If you desire for me and my family to visit you for a ministry update, please contact me, for we would love to come and worship with you and be blessed with your fellowship, prayer and testimony of unity in the body of Christ. We are a pioneer ministry in this area, so the more we are present in your prayers the better. I have never intended to do ministry as a lone ranger but rely on the body of believers in local churches.

For a new semester at BMATS, I will resume my master's degree this coming month (August). I will be taking two credits, so

thankful for God's provision for a scholarship available for me as full-time missionary. I am praying to continue being trained and adding more tools for our service to the King.

We ask for you to join us and celebrate with us! In our timeline for our ministry we have prayerfully planned to have our first public worship service by the second Sunday of December. We are asking for you to pray for three families in our area to become our core team and continue accomplishing our ministry vision and mission. Also pray for more prayer houses for the glory of God in every place where the Lord has been leading

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whom I believe did do great exploits for God, challenged me with this years ago. He said, "Bro. Ben, it is your job to make sure that every person attending the church knows that it is their job – the health and growth of the church!" A church that's full of people that are looking for exploits to do for God's kingdom is going to be a healthy and growing church.

Let's just go through the list as we close this article:

- Are you asking God if there's something you can do to help your Sunday school class, your youth group, or a specific ministry in the church that you attend?
- Is God leading you to a specific ministry of the association or department, the WMA, the Brotherhood, one or both of our camps?
- What exploit do you feel God leading you to do for His glory in the advancement of the kingdom within your sphere of influence?

There is not a single church or ministry that is in existence today that didn't start with someone being burdened to start it. These ministries will not continue without God's children doing exploits for God to continue them.

Just a loving challenge. May the Lord richly bless you.  
Bro. Ben Kingston

P.S. To make this practical, stop right now and list three action steps you can take in the next 3-5 months to do an exploit for God in an area where you feel burdened. And if you want accountability, send them to me at [bethelbaptistchurch@live.com](mailto:bethelbaptistchurch@live.com) and I will pray for you and for God to accomplish these exploits for Him.

Be the change you want to see in others.

#### Financial Report BMA Of Missouri Missions July 2025

##### Checking Account:

Balance June 30 \$ 44,950.89

##### Income:

Missions \$ 2,494.37  
Total Income \$ 2,494.37  
Total Available \$ 47,445.26

##### Expenses:

Director, salary/bonus \$ 450.00  
Secretary, salary/bonus 200.00  
Juan Fernandez, support 2,333.33  
Total Expenses \$ (2,983.33)  
Balance July 31 \$ 44,461.93

##### BMAMS Revolving Loan Investment:

Balance June 30 \$ 122,310.75  
Interest 762.35  
Balance July 31 \$ 123,073.10  
Total in All Accounts July 31 \$ 167,535.03

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(Wednesday a.m.) Jordan spoke on prayer, *Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.* Two hundred campers prayed for thirty minutes and never asked anything for themselves. One of my favorite services of the week.

(Wednesday p.m.) Jordan walked us through Ps 139 *Search me, O God,* best remembered by the story of Jackson praying for rain so he wouldn't have to take a shower. Ultimately saying, *search me, O Lord,* and find what is there that needs to be removed. Don't let social media determine what you should look like. Only God should have that authority to search your heart and only God loves you as you are. He gave his only Son for you.

Thursday and Friday are just a blur. It was a cooler day, the humidity had dropped. We ran the big train in the day instead of the crazy train. It was going so well, I spent the entire lunch hour just walking around in the dining hall visiting with people – something I don't get to do very often.

One AC unit gave some trouble (we'll make some changes to it for next year), and we had one drain stop up, but Dad and the guys took care of that. I already have a long list of small things to do and will get started on them this coming weekend. Camp is a ministry, and it doesn't end when everyone goes home. That's when next year begins.

We had a total of 221 campers: 95 adults and 126 youth. And we had 17 professions of faith.

I am thankful to God for so many things this morning – for a family that stands so faithful by my side; for Melvin who knew something was going on and stopped to pray with me; for the men who stepped up at the right time. It was good, but the Lord knows it was hard, and I know it was worth it.

Our DEWr weekend is August 15-16th. I hope we have several Camp Garwood supporters present.

Camp 2026 will be July 27-31, with Bro. Larry Barker as evangelist. It will be here before you know it. Our theme will be "Perilous Times." It's not too soon to start praying for another great camp.



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us in these past four years.

The Lord continues blessing us daily with open doors for the gospel, both in person and online. We get to connect and share the gospel and our discipleship process for spiritual formation of each one of our contacts.

Sunday 5:00 p.m. continues to be a special time to get together with men for Discovery Bible Study. On the third Sunday in July the Lord blessed us with Fernando, a man who was hesitant to join us. The Lord had planned a special experience for him: as we read scripture in Mark 5, the Lord brought Fernando to his knees to surrender his life to Christ. We have a new brother in Christ!

This past Saturday we celebrated a time of faith, fellowship and fun with our families. We organized a gathering in the Chesterfield park to have our children play with other children. Then we took a break to enjoy healthy snacks and

refreshments, plus had a devotional in which each one expressed gratitude and concerns. We read about the account of events in Daniel chapter one, how the Lord calls us to be holy and stay pure for Him as we see His salvation carried out in each one who believes. We then continued with more fun in the park and more refreshments. We have a Bible study with this family every Saturday at 5:00 p.m. for discipleship.

Gods Provision and Protection  
 We have experienced septic system problems at home. We are so

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## • Updates from Our Churches •

### Landmark, DeSoto

Hello to all our fellow churches from Landmark Baptist, DeSoto! The Lord has continued to bless us with lots of good stuff over the past two months.

We had our Father's Day breakfast on Saturday, June 21st, which was well attended. Sis. Sharon Page headed up the entertainment committee with a special song for all the dads and some games as well. Everyone had a great time of fellowship. Thanks to ALL who helped and participated!

We are still being blessed with visitors on a regular basis. Still praying that they will decide to make Landmark their church home.

Several of our members are still dealing with major health issues. One of our ladies suffered a "mini-stroke" and required a trip to the ER and several days to recuperate. Kinda scary since she hasn't had any previous history for this. BUT PRAISE THE LORD, she recovered!

Our homecoming is approaching very quickly, October 5th. The Southern Gospel group, "The Wanda Mountain Boys" will present their music and testimony in the afternoon after the noon meal, starting around 1:30 p.m. Come join us if you can, if not for the whole day, then for the afternoon music!

We ask again that you will lift all of us up in prayer, that we will strive to be joyful in carrying out our God's Great Commission wherever we go every day. A grumpy Christian is NOT very successful in winning souls to Christ. I need to work on this myself

and overcome my chronic "snarky-itis." We will also continue to remember all of you in our prayers as well.

May God continue to bless you, and may our air conditioners not give out!

*Len Young, Pastor  
Barbara Williams, Reporter*

### Lindsay Lane, Florissant

Greetings to all from Lindsay Lane. We pray God's blessings on all.

Jesus Camp is in the history books once again. There were at least three precious souls saved there! Our group had quite a week! First the air conditioner went out in the van. Then somehow the step wasn't put back correctly. Pastor Brian came down with a bad sinus infection and ear infection, but with medicine and rest he survived!

Several came and helped put the shoe boxes together and ready to pack up! We have 125 boxes ready to go to the Missions office in Conway, Arkansas. We dedicated the boxes Sunday, August 3rd. We thank Bro. and Sis. Crawford for taking the boxes to Conway.

We survived the excessive heat and storms in July, and were reminded of Christ's brutal death in the book of Mark.

We are looking forward to what God has in store for Lindsay Lane! May God bless and keep you till we meet again!

*Brian Meade, Pastor  
Kathy Chapman, Reporter*

### Kewanee, New Madrid

Hello from Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church. Thankful the heat wave has

broken a little this past weekend. Camp Garwood is happening this week as I write this, so I will have more information next month.

Over the past couple of months, we have had six new members join the church. We pray God's richest blessings on their lives.

We filled 150 boxes for the shoebox ministry. They were filled and prayed over before being delivered to Conway, Arkansas, by our pastor, Dan Wisely.

We held our summer revival in July with Bro. John David Smith. Each night he brought us a little information about our BMA missionaries around the world and then a heartfelt message from God's Word. Such a blessing!

In June we had our Vacation Bible School. Our attendance high for the week was 70 students. The theme was "True North," trusting Jesus in a "wild world"! Throughout True North, kids were taken on an Alaskan adventure where they learned they could trust Jesus no matter what their day might bring. The Bible lessons focused on the book of Matthew, and our mission project was for "Just the Crumbs" ministry.

*Dan Wisely, Pastor  
Debbie Nowell, Reporter*

### Bethel, Sikeston

Hello from Bethel, Sikeston. Hope everyone had a blessed and safe Independence Day with your family and friends.

We are thankful for a few days of cool weather after all the hot days! Thank the Lord that we have a cool place to worship. We are so blessed!

We had a surprise dinner and celebration for Sis. Helen Beardsley as she retired her position after 30 years of dedicated service to teaching the ladies' adult class. She was surprised, to say the least, as she watched most of her family members enter the doors of the church. She was so touched by all of it. She is a very godly Christian woman who is an example for anyone to follow! But she is not a quitter. She has been led by the Lord to start a disciple class which will start on August 7th. This class will be held every Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to attend if you feel led to do so. You don't have to be a member of this church. Sis. Lisa Pipkin felt led to start teaching the ladies' class and has already started teaching. She is a great teacher!

Bro. Billy has started our Wednesday night Bible study on "The Sermon on the Mount" – a great study!

We had approximately 25 youth and adults attend camp this year, and they reported a great time despite the hot temps. We are so thankful to hear that there were numerous salvations this year! Praise be to God!! We are also thankful for everyone that helped with the work at camp and especially to Bro. Chris Polk and family for all the hard work and dedication all year to getting the camp ready.

Bro. John Beardsley filled the pulpit on August 3rd while Bro. Billy and Sis.

Donna were on vacation. He preached two inspiring messages on pride and worry of church members, very eye opening and well needed for all of us!

God bless you all!  
*Billy Davis, Pastor  
Joan Wood, Reporter*

### Oak Hill, Alton

Hello to all from Oak Hill! Thank the Lord for blessing us with cooler temperatures the first weekend in August.

A couple of weeks ago during Carstyn's appointment at St. Jude, the doctors saw something on his neck. He is going to have a biopsy this week. We hope and pray that it's just an infection or something else – not cancer!

This month our two local schools will be starting for the 2025-2026 year. Not everyone is ready to go back to school.

August has the most birthdays at Oak Hill. This month has five Sundays, and the fifth Sunday is the birthday of yours truly.

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

God Bless!!  
*Edward Casey, Pastor  
Jennifer Williams, Reporter*

### Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston

We rejoice in four professions of faith in July.

*Rodney Dunlap, Pastor*

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Typically, the update cycle begins in August, aligned with the start of the ministry year for many churches, and wraps up each April at the BMA National Meeting.

The information gathered throughout the year is compiled into our annual BMA Directory and Handbook, a valuable resource available to our churches and ministries for a small handling fee.

This year, we need your help to ensure your church's information is accurate and up to date.

Soon, your church will receive a packet from the Information Services team. Inside, you'll find a survey with the current information we have for your church. We ask that you review and either confirm the information is complete and accurate, or provide updates

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## ~ Upcoming Events ~

**WMA Sponsored Ladies' Retreat** – Sept. 5-6; Drury Plaza Hotel Cape Girardeau Conference Center

**Washington Co. District Auxiliaries** – Sept. 12; 7 p.m.; Landmark, DeSoto

**Meramec Association Annual Meeting** – Sept. 26; 10 a.m.; Straightway, Steelville

**BMA of Missouri Annual Meeting** – Oct. 11; 9 a.m.; Stony Point, Mineral Point

**Lifeword Sunday** – Oct. 19

**Celebration 2025** (worship celebration for adults) – Nov. 18-20; Chateau on the Lake, Branson

*Send event info to [mmbpaper@gmail.com](mailto:mmbpaper@gmail.com).*

## Jacksonville College - JC Singers

My name is Holly Blaylock, and I'm honored to serve as the new Music Director at Jacksonville College in Jacksonville, Texas! JC holds a special place in my heart – my husband and I are both proud alumni, and our oldest son just finished his time at JC and is headed off to university.

A little about me: I hold a Bachelor of Music from Stephen F. Austin State University and a Master's in Library & Information Science from the University of Houston – Clear Lake. I've been singing since I was three, and I've had the joy of leading and participating in choirs in Houston, Longview, San Antonio, and Jacksonville over the years. Right now, I sing on the praise team and in the choir at Central Baptist Church here in Jacksonville.

Now, here's where YOU come in!

We're launching a fresh new chapter in the JC music program called JC singers, and we're looking for young people who are passionate about worship to be part of something exciting. If you know a student who

loves to sing, play an instrument, or lead worship and wants to grow both spiritually and musically, we'd love to connect with them.

We're offering two dynamic music courses:

- MUEN – Vocal Ensemble
- MUWS – Worship Music

Both groups will play a key role in our chapel services, travel to local churches, as well as be part of special events across East Texas. Whether you play keyboard, guitar, percussion, or love to sing, there's a place for you here.

You can learn more about Jacksonville College at [jacksonvillecollege.edu](http://jacksonvillecollege.edu), or feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions!

Let's make music together – and worship the One who gives us every reason to sing.

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as appropriate. You can update and mail the physical form or provide updates online ([www.bmaamerica.org/annualchurchsurvey](http://www.bmaamerica.org/annualchurchsurvey)).

It's amazing how God uses each of us, often in ways we never imagined. Twenty years ago, I couldn't have guessed that a career in information services would become a way to serve churches across the nation.

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thankful that the issue with this system was discovered early enough to avoid a big mess in our house. We had to act fast and decided to go with professionals to do the job. I am afraid that I am not a handy man enough to fix, replace or repair a septic system. I could have tried sealing it with duct tape, but Hannah wouldn't let me. Seventeen thousand dollars later a new system was installed replacing the one installed back in the 1950s.

Also, I had one of our friends replacing rotors, calipers, pads and more brake related stuff on my 2014 truck. We spent an awesome time sharing the gospel with him and his son. We have been friends for almost three years now. They attended our services at Bethany for almost eight months. His wife is a Baptist believer, he is Catholic, and their children are 16, 22, and 24. We pray they soon can return to complete their spiritual formation. Anyways, the calipers were installed wrong and we had to have the brakes fixed by the dealer. The experience was bittersweet, trusting the Lord for His plans on this family and protection during the commute that no tragedy happened due to a big failure in the brake system. My kids named the truck "Popeye."

### Prayer

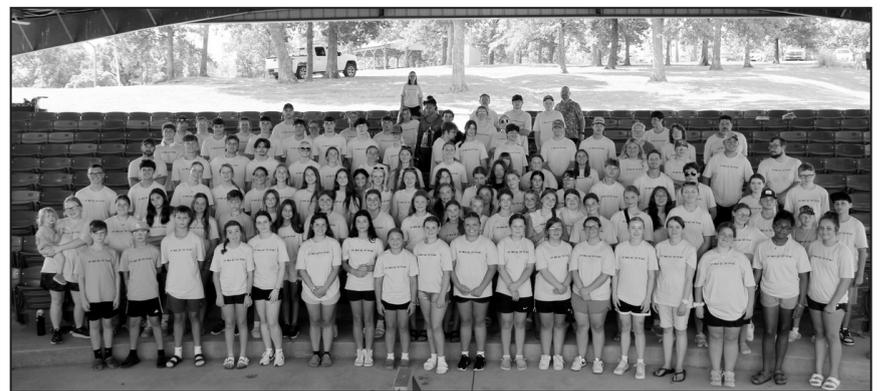
• For a clear and concise prayer network. We are always looking for prayer partners to pray for us daily. We know that's being done by some of your faithful members in the congregations across the state and the country. God is glorified when we pray in unity to honor Him and bring our friends in intercession for salvation.



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seven life commitments from the *ViaCordis* ("way of the heart"). The students were challenged to Love God through relationship, transformation and responsiveness, and to Love Others through authenticity, respect, involvement, and service. Both camps had a blast at the Sullivan pool and during recreation time where we focused on building community through games. With the heat index, many of the games revolved around water, and our counselors and volunteers did a wonderful job keeping the students hydrated and protected from the sun.

Praise the Lord for all His blessings and workings in the hearts and lives of all those in attendance at Jesus Camp 2025! There have been at least three reported salvations, and the fellowship among the churches and members bolstered our bonds and strengthened our love and faith in God. The youth in our communities contain an abundance of potential and interest in the kingdom of God and His purpose of their lives. It is at places like Jesus Camp where the body of Christ can pass on and instill the gospel in order to create disciples that are "fishers of men."



At this time we are asking God to bring forth any one who is passionate about missionary work in our neighborhoods to get together every Saturday morning at 8:00 for a time of fellowship and prayer. We are pushing forward to have a prayer meeting in person to pray for this ministry. The need is real and we have seen many of our contacts struggling to live without Christ, without God and without hope.

• For *Mision Bautista Belén* (Bethlehem Baptist Mission) to become *Primera Iglesia Bautista Belén* (Bethlehem First Baptist Church).

• As we continue our Discovery Bible Study in Florissant, Granite City,

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## The Poiriers' Missionary Work

### Quebec

The work in Quebec, Canada, is doing well. With everyone pulling together to achieve the will of God in their life the work is going forward. We have new



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visitors who come regularly, loving the preaching and the fellowship but don't like the restriction on them that keeps them from participating at the Lord's table. These people from other countries have been taught that wherever you go you are a member there. Because of that we teach those who have a desire to learn and to study the doctrine of the church. We received three new members by water baptism and one by letter. The Lord is blessing our

### Africa: Ivory Coast

ministry with good workers in the church, with people from different places: Chile, Africa, Philippines, Brazil, Haiti. We are excited to see their heart desire to reach their own country. (Matthew 28:19 – *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost*).

### Africa: Cameroon

The church is growing and last Sunday baptized five. They have 75 members and an attendance of 125. The building is small but there is always room for more. Prayer request: Pray for maturity in the life of the new



Baptiste Church in Levis Quebec

Christians and faithfulness to follow the Lord each day.

### Haiti

The work is slow, Christians are afraid to go out. Sunday morning the people come to church praying for safety and strength. The hope they have is in the Lord, they are strong and devoted unto the Lord. One of our elderly is blind and is always at church no matter what. What a great example to those who use all kind of excuses for not being in church. Church service lasts for four to five hours, followed with a meal of rice and beans, bread and coffee. Every month our two churches receive financial help to purchase



Church Segure Haiti

rice, noodles, water, oil, diapers, milk and whatever they need to survive. All together between the two churches, we have about 100 to 125 families who come to get help every week. The gangs in Haiti control 90% of the capital of Port au Prince which has a population of two million people. The gang leaders are recruiting young men promising food and security. So now we have 12-year-olds walking on the street with machine guns, terrorizing the population. The gang leaders are controlling the petroleum, and the receiving port. Whatever comes in the country is controlled by gangs and they take whatever they want. And can charge whatever they want. That is the condition in the country.

Pray for the Lord's work in these countries, without Him it would be impossible to reach the lost and help the feeble.

For the cause of Christ,

Michel and Ruth Poirier (pasteur.poirier56@gmail.com)

## Stampede Preview Days Set at Central Baptist College

Dr. Jeremy Langley, President

As President of Central Baptist College, there are few things I enjoy more than welcoming prospective students and their families to our campus. It brings me great joy to see new faces walking the sidewalks, exploring classrooms, and imagining the next chapter of their lives. That's why I'm thrilled to invite you to one of our upcoming Stampede Preview Days for the 2025–2026 academic year.

These special open house events offer an authentic glimpse into life at Central Baptist College. As you join us for a Stampede Day, you'll get to experience what it truly means to be a Mustang. From guided campus tours and lunch in the dining hall to attending chapel and sitting in on a college class, we've designed these days to be both informative and inspiring.

You'll also have the opportunity to meet our incredible faculty and staff, ask questions about academic programs, and explore areas like athletics or music. In fact, if you're interested in athletics, we'll help you schedule a meeting with a coach. If music is your passion, we'd love for you to audition during your visit. And as a fun bonus, everyone who attends will be entered into a drawing for a CBC door prize!

This academic year, we're hosting Stampede Preview Days on:

- Wednesday, October 8, 2025
- Wednesday, November 12, 2025
- Wednesday, March 4, 2026

To register, just head over to [cbc.edu/visit](http://cbc.edu/visit), or feel free to reach out to our Admissions Office by email at [admissions@cbc.edu](mailto:admissions@cbc.edu) or by phone at (501) 329-6873. We're here to help every step of the way.

If those dates don't work for you, we also offer personal campus visits tailored to your schedule. These one-on-one tours are a fantastic way to explore our campus in a more individualized setting. You'll still have the opportunity to tour, attend class, check out the residence halls, and share a meal with us. We believe there's nothing quite like being here in person to help you feel confident about your college choice.

At CBC, we are proudly and unapologetically Christian, Conservative, and Affordable. Our commitment to Christ is at the heart of everything we do. You'll find a community where faith isn't just something we talk about – it's something we live out every day through Bible classes, chapel, discipleship groups, and genuine relationships. We hold fast to traditional values, promoting a campus culture that reflects biblical truth, and we work hard to make private, Christ-centered education affordable through generous scholarships and financial aid packages.

### BMA Of Missouri Loan Program Financial Report October 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Balance Oct 1, 2024	\$ 450,794.66
Income	79,838.62
Paid Out	
Insurance	3,674.20
Lock Box Rent	35.00
Interest Payment - Camp	2,934.68
Edward Jones	60,000.00
Total Paid Out	(66,643.88)
Notes Receivable	(7,649.75)
Balance June 30, 2025	\$ 456,339.65
<b>Assets</b>	
Checking	\$ 66,818.16
CD/Money Market	369,012.25
Notes Receivable	20,509.24
Total Assets	456,339.65
<b>Grant Fund</b>	
Balance Oct 1, 2024	\$ 7,646.80
Offerings	6,122.05
Paid Out	(0.00)
Grant Fund Balance Mar 31, 2024	\$ 13,768.85

Choosing the right college is a big decision, but you don't have to make it alone. I personally invite students – and the parents, pastors, and mentors who guide them – to visit our campus. Come

see what God is doing here at CBC. I promise you'll be warmly welcomed, deeply encouraged, and maybe even a little surprised by how much this place feels like home. We can't wait to meet you!



## Comfort Found

Robin Tyler

Two pews up and just to the left is where she was. From my seat I could see she was in deep meditation. The words on the pages lay before her in her lap. She was completely consumed by what she was reading. What was it that had her so drawn in? What was it about the words she was looking at? I couldn't help but notice. She was being affected by what she read. From where I sat, it was a beautiful picture.

I wanted to take her picture, but felt it would be rude to do so and not ask. Getting up out of my seat, I made my way to the end of her pew. Squatting down beside her I told her my intent, and asked if she would mind if I took her picture. She was touched by my asking, and agreed to the pictures. Sitting back down behind her, I took several. My heart had been moved, by her heart being moved, by what she was reading in the Book. It's hard to describe what I saw. It was more about what I felt in her response to the Word than what I saw.

How can you explain the power of the Word? The words are old, but the application is new. The words have been quoted by the wisest men in the world. The words are read to children. The words are displayed in federal buildings, and national monuments. The words are printed in children's literature. The words have caused wars. The words bring peace. The words are ancient. The words are new everyday. The words convict. The words encourage. The words are to be shared.

There are many formats by which we have access to the Word. It is in audible or digital format on our tablets, computers, or smart phones. Portions of it are found in magazines, books, and other printed material. It is read by teachers and preachers. There are lectures and classes studying it. TV evangelists proclaim it. Many of us have multiple printed copies of it at our fingertips in our homes.

The ways to access the Word seem unlimited. One of my favorites is the exact same as I witnessed two pews up and just to the left. Feeling the weight of each side of the book in my hands as I open it. Hearing the crispness of the page. Smelling the familiar scent. Comfort found.

## BMA Seminary Spring Lecture

In honor of the Baptist Missionary Association of America's 75th anniversary, BMA Seminary's spring lectures series for 2025 included two speakers presenting on "The Importance of Associationism." BMA Seminary and Jacksonville College hosted the lectures.

Dr. Thom South, pastor of Eastside Baptist Church in Conway, Arkansas, and BMA Seminary Professor of Theological-Historical Studies, gave the first lecture defining "Church" and "Association." South's second lecture was entitled "Biblical Basis and Benefits of an Association."

Dr. David Erickson, President of Jacksonville College and former BMA Seminary Professor of Theological-Historical Studies, presented "A History of the BMAA" during the third lecture. Erickson's presentation focused on events leading up to the BMA's founding in 1950.

Video recordings of each lecture will soon be available for viewing at the BMA Seminary's website ([www.bmats.edu/videos/](http://www.bmats.edu/videos/)).

## Newsletter from Union Church Plant

Dear BMA Churches,

God is doing an awesome work in Union, Missouri.

It has been an awesome July at the church plant. We have had seven visitors this month with an average of fourteen in attendance. We enjoyed a fellowship meal on July 6th following the morning service. I was honored to attend a veteran appreciation dinner and open the evening in prayer.

We are looking forward to August 10th when missionary Bro. Micheal Strong will be speaking to us after our fellowship meal.

I am also looking forward to the opportunity to speak at Stony Point Missionary Baptist Church and Charity Missionary Baptist Church on August 17th.

The installation of the vinyl flooring is complete as well as the trim in the lobby and nursery. Workdays are scheduled for August 1-2 when a volunteer painter is coming to paint the ceiling in the worship area. Additional volunteers are needed to assist in preparing the area and then reset the area when the painting is completed.

The Union church plant received a huge blessing from the Meramec Landmark Baptist Association and an anonymous gift which provided enough support to buy the carpet for the worship area.

Our first priority has been discipleship with this core group of attenders to ensure we are all on the same page biblically. Lessons taught this month were on "Other Christians":

- Understanding your relationship within God's family
- Understanding your responsibilities with God's spiritual family
- Understanding the importance of fellowship within God's family
- Understanding how to handle conflict within God's spiritual family

If any church would like me to come speak, I am available this summer on Wednesday nights. I would love to share the vision with your people.

Church purpose: Recognizing the fulfilling of our MISSION . . . is totally connected to our FOLLOW-SHIP. Our church will do this in four actions. *Evangelism* of our area and around the world, *Establish* people in the Word of God, *Edify* people to get involved in church, and *Engage* people to reproduce themselves.

Striving together,

Bro. Chuck Tedrow, Church Planter

## Graduate Exit Interview

Philip Attebery, BMA Seminary President

Just before graduating with my Master of Divinity degree, then BMA Seminary President Philip Bryan invited me to his office for an "exit" interview. Dr. Bryan used the time to ask my thoughts concerning the strengths and weaknesses of my education and the institution itself.

Conducting such an interview remains the tradition at BMA Seminary. As the seminary's new president, it has been my pleasure to interview our 2025 graduates. I would like to share with you some of their encouraging comments that demonstrate how the Lord is working through your support of BMA Seminary.

Consider these quotes from recent BMA Seminary graduates. "Preaching courses helped my ability to handle and rightly deliver the Word." "Christian ethics particularly caused me to think through lots of issues, from different angles . . . provided a foundation for counseling when difficult issues come up." "I really liked the discipleship classes. They taught me a lot about soul-winning, how to approach people, how to disciple others." "Doctrine classes led me to a solid foundation to hedge against false teaching." "Every class helped me connect to Scripture."

Part of BMA Seminary's stated purpose is to equip students for Christ-centered service and leadership roles within BMA churches. I am sure that you can see from this sampling of comments from our recent graduates that proper views and skills related to preaching, ethics, counseling, disciple making, evangelism, doctrine and Scripture are a priority for BMA Seminary. Please continue to support us through prayers, financial gifts, and encouraging prospective students to attend your BMA Seminary. To request more information or schedule a visit, send an email to [president@bmats.edu](mailto:president@bmats.edu).

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Chesterfield, and Clarkson Valley.

• For our English Second Language class outreach. We will resume in September.

• For our next visit to our church family in Poplar Bluff, August 24. We are presenting a ministry update and preaching a message to

the congregation, praying the Lord continues blessing this church as they expand the message of the gospel in this town.

• For my dad and mom. They served the Lord for almost 49 years in Mexico. They are currently in Houston.

In His service, Juan Fernandez

## We're Back!!!

Mickeal and Sharon Quillman

Greetings from the field! After being away for seven months, we are so thankful to be back and want to share a little update on all the Lord has done during this time.

We began our furlough in December and spent the next few months traveling over 3,000 miles, visiting many supporting churches and dear friends. It was a blessing to reconnect, share what God is doing here, and be encouraged by your love and prayers.

While we were stateside, we also had the joy of welcoming three new grandchildren into our family! Astrid Mae arrived in December, Mickeal IV in January, and Anastasia in May. What a precious gift each of them is, and we are so grateful to have been present to welcome them into the world. We also got to spend time with our other three granddaughters: Addilyn, Aurora, and Isla Kate. It was a much-needed time of bonding with these beautiful babies.

Since returning to the field, we hit the ground running! Just five days after our arrival, we welcomed our first team – a wonderful group made up of both Romanian and American members. Their ministry and fellowship were a tremendous blessing, and we praise God for all that was accomplished together.

During their time here, we began building a cellar to store vegetables and two solar-powered freezers, which will help provide sustainable food storage for the community. We also built a smokehouse, and it was a joy to teach the Zambians how to cure meat using salt and smoke – an important step toward greater food security and self-sufficiency. In addition, we showed them how to preserve vegetables using salt, empowering them with practical skills to make the most of their harvests year-round.

Two of the men on the team also took the initiative to build desks for our community school, providing much-needed furniture to help create a better learning environment for the children.

On top of all these projects, we held a Vacation Bible School every day with over 100 children attending! It was a blessing to see so many young hearts eager to learn about Jesus and experience His love through songs, Bible stories, crafts, and games.

There is no slowing down! Our home church team arrives this coming Tuesday, followed closely by a BMMI team on Thursday. We are excited for the ministry opportunities ahead and look forward to seeing how God will continue to work through each visiting group. Would you pray with us for God to guide and sustain us during this time?

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. We could not do this without you, and we rejoice together in all that God is doing.



### WMA of Missouri Retreat

Speaker: Yalanda Merrell

September 5-6  
Drury Plaza Hotel Cape Girardeau Conference Center  
3351 Percy Dr. • Cape Girardeau, MO

Registration: \$70 (\$80 after August 22 deadline)  
Payable to MO WMA  
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## Mission Evangelism with a Purpose

Mike Goodwin, President of EIM

God's heart is to bring many sons and daughters to glory (Hebrews 2:10). As believers, we know we have a mandate to reach the world with the gospel of Christ. Over the years, I have seen many methods and programs developed to help the church reach others with the gospel. I have even met others who had no need of a program because of their passion to see people come to Christ. One thing I have learned, whether or not you have been trained to be a gospel witness or just have the burning passion to be a gospel witness, is that your gospel presentation must be intentional. It must have a purpose.

Evangelistic International Ministries is driven to share the gospel intentionally and purposefully. Through Shepherd's Bag distribution, Overseas Bible Schools, medical/dental teams, house-to-house evangelism, showing "The Jesus Film," or through crusade preaching, we are focused on preaching a clear gospel message with the purpose and intention of seeing people come to faith in Jesus Christ. When EIM goes into a country with the purpose of doing evangelism, we work directly with a pastor or church planter to help build up the local church. Recently, we took a team to Tanzania to conduct an Overseas Bible School. We worked in the village of Bubiki (Boo-Be-Key) where

a new church is being planted. The Bubiki church planter had completed an extensive Bible course and then was trained in evangelism by his pastor, Renuus Kanunu. (Pastor Renuus serves as EIM Director of Tanzania, as well as Country Coordinator for BMA Global.) The first day began by doing house-to-house evangelism. We sent out five teams, each having an interpreter with them as well as someone from the local church plant. When someone accepted Christ as Savior, the person from the local church plant wrote down their names so they can make follow-up visits

after we had left. In the afternoon we conducted our Overseas Bible School program. When we conduct our Bible School for children, we also teach the parents and adults the same lessons.

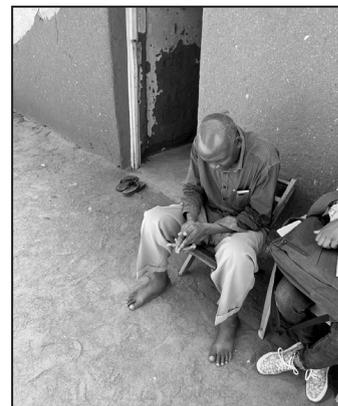
The curriculum we used was written by EIM, and begins with creation and ends at the cross. In the evening, "The Jesus Film" was shown in four locations in and around the village. During the five days we worked, we

had the privilege of sharing the gospel to over 4,000 people. Everyone who made a profession of faith had their name and the location of their home written down. Each person will have a follow-up visit



Game time with children during EIM's OBS Tanzania mission trip

by Pastor Emanuel and the church members. In September, we hope to return to Bubiki with a BMMI team and an EIM dental team. We plan to go back to follow up with those we made contact with in June and conduct more evangelism. Our goal is to saturate the village of Bubiki with the gospel. Pastor Emanuel and his team will have many people to contact and disciple. We pray that by this time next year



A soul saved in house-to-house evangelism – Tanzania

he will have baptized hundreds and will be running over 500 each Sunday.

This is what the purpose and intention of evangelism is for EIM. We strive to never do evangelism where there is no opportunity for follow up by a local congregation. Of course, there have been times when this was not possible, but we aim to make that the exception and not the rule.

Finally, I was told recently by a pastor who traveled with us on our last trip, "Mike, I know of no other mission organization who does evangelism like EIM. Especially, the house-to-house evangelism." If you would like to be part of an organization whose purpose and calling are to do evangelism, contact us. We can share how you can be used in the ministry of global evangelism.

You may contact me at mgoodwin@eimworldwide.org or by phone at (870) 904-2091.