

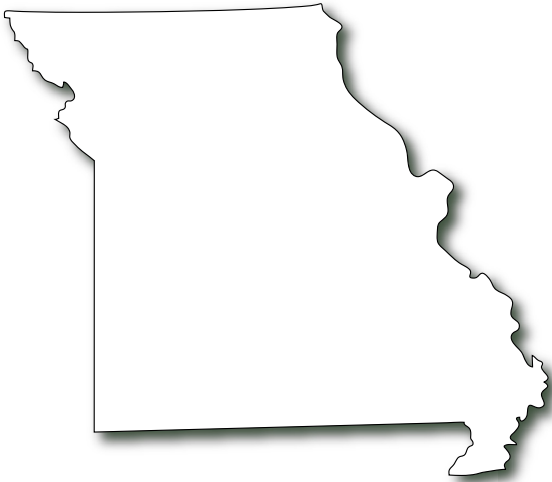
2025
Minutes
and Related Information

of the

Ninety-Eighth Annual Meeting

of the

Baptist Missionary Association
of Missouri



Held with the

Stony Point Baptist Church
Mineral Point, Missouri

October 11, 2025

**2025 Minutes
and Related Information**

of the

**Baptist Missionary
Association of Missouri**

Officers and Meetings for 2026

Moderator Matt Bolen
Vice-Moderator. Claude Evans
Recording Clerk Don Burke
Assistant Recording Clerk Jason Wieners

2026 Missions Symposium

– and –

Semi-Annual Meeting

**Bethel Baptist Church
Lonedell, Missouri**

May 15 • 7:00 pm - and - May 16 • 9:00 am

2026 Annual Meeting

**Bethel Baptist Church
Sikeston, Missouri**

October 10 • 9:00 am

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Historical Table

Year	Church	President	Secretary	Sermon
1928	Potosi	M.M. Hamlin	A.H. Dorman	Ben M. Bogard
1929	Sullivan	W.A. Gilbert	A.H. Dorman	W.E. Counts
1930	Antioch	C.D. Crites	A.H. Dorman	C.D. Crites
1931	White Oak Grove	C.D. Crites	A.H. Dorman	A. Studyvin
1932	Mt. Enon	C.D. Crites	A.H. Dorman	Ben F. Nall
1933	Oak Grove	C.D. Crites	E.S. Ray	C.W. Penrod
1934	Potosi	M.B. Hubbard	E.S. Ray	M.L. Winters
1935	Sullivan	M.B. Hubbard	E.S. Ray	M.B. Hubbard
1936	Mt. Pleasant	M.B. Hubbard	C.A. Darst	A.D. Bennett
1937	Mt. Arrat	L.H. Owens	C.A. Darst	L.H. Owens
1938	Independence	L.H. Owens	W.S. Gordon	C.A. Darst
1939	White Oak Grove	L.H. Owens	W.S. Gordon	H.F. Gunn
1940	Bethel	L.H. Owens	W.S. Gordon	Sol Gibson
1941	Mt. Pleasant	H.F. Gunn	W.S. Gordon	G.E. Jones
1942	Independence	C.D. Barton	W.S. Gordon	W.S. Gordon
1943	Potosi	C.D. Barton	W.S. Gordon	G.W.Hawthorne
1944	Mt. Zion	L.H. Owens	W.S. Gordon	H.W. Darst
1945	Independence	C.A. Darst	W.S. Gordon	E.C. Endicott
1946	Galena, Kansas	C.A. Darst	W.S. Gordon	F.E. Gimlin
1947	Kewanee	C.A. Darst	W.S. Gordon	J.F. McClain
1948	Independence	C.A. Darst	W.S. Gordon	G.W. Fox
1949	Galena, Kansas	C.A. Darst	W.S. Gordon	R.A. Brand
1950	Bethel	C.A. Darst	W.S. Gordon	C. McClain
1951	Potosi	C.A. Darst	G.W. Fox	E.C. Endicott
1952	Ellington	C.A. Darst	G.W. Fox	J.F. McClain
1953	Chambers Park	C.A. Darst	W.R. Speer	W.R. Speer
1954	Bethel	C.A. Darst	W.R. Speer	E.V. Davis
1955	Neelyville	C.A. Darst	W.R. Speer	H.C. Pape
1956	Potosi	W.R. Speer	Elmer Shults	R.E. Jordon
1957	Cave Springs	O.A. Robinson	Elmer Shults	H.M. Dry
1958	West Plains	O.A. Robinson	Cecil Burgess	Cecil Burgess
1959	Chambers Park	R.P. Mitchell	Elmer Shults	Jurl Mitchell
1960	Immanuel	R.P. Mitchell	Elmer Shults	C.A. Darst
1961	Ellington	G.W. Fox	N.J. Gibson	G.W. Fox
1962	Van Buren	G.W. Fox	G.W. Hawthorne	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	Charley 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	Dan 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
2025	Stony Point, Mineral Point	Dan Wisely	Don Burke	Larry Barker

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 Kelley Chairman Billy Davis Assistant Chairman
Dan Wisely Clerk Russell Chitwood Assistant Clerk

Special Missions Committee

A Sub-Committee of Missionary Committee

Michael Kelley (2026) Don Burke (2027) Dan Wisely (2028)
Claude Evans (2029) Bryan Buckley (2030) Russell Chitwood (2031)
Brian Meade (2032)

Publications Committee

Josh Wright (2026) Bryan Buckley (2027) Jim Ainley (2028)

Encampment Committee

Brian Whitlock (2026) Claude Evans (2027) Dan Wisely (2028)
Joe McElroy (2029) Jason Taylor (2030)

Missouri Missionary Baptist Loan Association, Inc.

Dennis Baker Don Adams Brian Whitlock
Matt Bolen Eddie Paul Oats

ALIVE Ministries Committee

Caleb Houston (2026) Bryan Buckley (2027)
Kevin Smith (2028) Jason Wieners (2029)

Resolutions Committee

Matt Bolen Terry Sharpe Michael Kelley

Enrollment and Finance Committee

Melvin Meade

Lee Miller

Joe McElroy

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Alive Committee	
Clerk	Kyle Roehrs
	724 Legacy Ridge Rd, Sullivan, MO 63080
Treasurer	Jim Ainley
	10479 State Hwy P, Potosi, MO 63664

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

1. Missionary Committee

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

2. Publications Committee

- A. There shall be a Missouri Baptist Publications Committee composed of three

members who shall be elected on a staggered basis and shall serve three-year terms. This committee shall be responsible for the publication of The Missouri Missionary Baptist.

- B. An editor and an assistant editor shall be elected annually, the editor's salary being determined by the messengers.
- C. The editor shall also serve as business manager of The Missouri Missionary Baptist and shall annually give a complete financial report.

3. ALIVE Ministries Committee

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

4. Kenneth E. Gibson Seminary Student Grant Committee

- A. The Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri shall have a ministry called the Kenneth E. Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund, administered by the Seminary Student Grant (SSG) Committee.
- B. The SSG Committee shall be composed of 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 \$500.00 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: \$1,000.00 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

I. 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 \$50,000.00 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-Seventh Semi-Annual Meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri

Convened at

Bethel Baptist Church – Sikeston, Missouri

Saturday, May 10, 2025 – 9:00 AM

Dan Wisely, Moderator – Don Burke, Clerk

First Morning Session

1. Host pastor Billy Davis welcomed the Association, followed by a congregational song.
2. Bro. Joe McElroy share a morning devotional from Colossians 3:23.
3. Moderator Dan Wiseley called the business meeting to order.
4. Bro. Dennis Baker shared reports for the Loan Association. M/S/P to approve.
5. Bro. Dennis Baker also shared an update on BMA Theological Seminary.
6. Bro. Chris Polk reported on Camp Garwood. M/S/P to adopt report.
7. Bro. Bryan Buckley gave Brotherhood President’s report. M/S/P to adopt.
8. Sis. Sara Buckley presented the WMA reports. M/S/P to accept. Sis. Janet Widger shared the work of the national WMA and Just the Crumbs disaster relief ministry.
9. M/S/P to take a five minute break then recess for Missionary Committee.

Second Morning Session

10. The Association reconvened after the Missions Committee meeting.
11. M/S/P to approve all business conducted by the Mission Committee.
12. Bro. Don Burke gave the Recording Clerk’s report. M/S/P to adopt.
13. M/S/P to approve of recommendation to discontinue the annual Christmas bonus for the Recording Clerk due to ongoing financial constraints.
14. Bro. Burke also presented Kenneth E. Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund Report. M/S/P to accept.
15. The Missouri Missionary Baptist reports were also shared by Bro. Burke. M/S/P to accept.
16. M/S/P to adjourn business portion of the meeting for worship.
17. Bro. Michel Poirier gave the Semi-Annual message, taken from Nehemiah 4, on handling discouragement.
18. Bro. Brad Banderman expressed appreciation on behalf of the Association to both speakers for the day.
19. Bro. Jerry Adams expressed the Association’s thanks to host pastor Billy Davis.
20. Closing prayer was offered, and the Association was dismissed for lunch.

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

Not to sound like a broken record, but when I was given the opportunity to do this position, my absolute burden and desire was to see our churches reach health

to the point that we can reproduce ourselves. We are still very much in the throes of that effort. If you have assessed your church, thank you; if you have not gone through an assessment, we beg you to prayerfully consider that. I believe it would be very helpful. I am working on the assessment stage and implementing and fixing, if you will, the troubled and problem areas that the assessment reveals in the particular church being assessed. The interesting thing about this whole process is that your Missions Director is also a pastor and I have a church that assesses themselves and we have glaring issues.

We are trying to address those and it is very organic. As a result, sometimes organisms stink and you have to work through that. As a result, I have seen part of this job, we will call it “morph” into a support or counselor/coaching position as well, and I have enjoyed it immensely.

I am excited about the further training that is in front of me. I will be talking with the Missions Committee about those opportunities and how they can impact us as Baptist Missionary Association churches of Missouri. I’m excited about what God is doing with Bro. Juan, I am excited about what God is doing with Bro. Chuck at Central Union and being in close proximity to that.

Please pray for our Missions Department. Please pray for the finances. I am so grateful and thankful for each church that supports monthly, and I’m excited about what God has for us. Again, if you have not planned an assessment, let’s please do that this summer. I have at least seven to nine Wednesdays available through the summer. I’m sure we can find a date that accommodates you. I’m also willing to come on a non-church evening if that would be better.

May the Lord richly bless you.

— Ben Kingston, Director of Missions

**BMA of Missouri State Missions
Semi-Annual Financial Report
October 2024 – April 2025**

Checking Account

Balance October 1, 2024	\$ 25,425.60
Oct-Apr Receipts.....	65,283.56
Total Available.....	\$ 90,709.16
Oct-Apr Disbursements.....	<u>(45,211.97)</u>
Balance April 30, 2025	\$ 45,497.19

BMAMS Investment

Balance October 1, 2024	\$ 119,803.75
Interest Oct-Dec.....	1,509.91
Interest Jan-Mar.....	<u>997.09</u>
Balance April 30, 2025	\$ <u>122,310.75</u>

Total in all accounts: April 30, 2025..... **\$ 167,807.94**

— Stacie Hatfield, Missions Office Treasurer

Missionary Committee

The Missionary Committee met between sessions of the Mid-Year Meeting of the BMA of MO.

- Moderator Michael Kelley called the Committee to order.
- Missions Director Ben Kingston shared his report. M/S/P to adopt.
- M/S/P to continue supporting Bro. Chuck Tedrow's ministry at Union at \$200.00 per month.
- M/S/P to adjourn.

– Michael Kelley, Moderator

** This report was reconstructed from Recording Clerk's notes after Missions Committee Minutes were misplaced.*

Missouri Missionary Baptist Editor's Semi-Annual Report

Greetings to all our Association's churches and to the messengers representing them. It's great to have this opportunity to update you on the ministry of the Missouri Missionary Baptist.

The routine monthly efforts of putting out the paper have pretty much settled into, well, a routine. And as always, we wish to express our thanks to those who contribute – whether in the form of content or finances – which makes the routine possible.

Some of the more behind-the-scenes activities are finally progressing along as well. Paperwork with the state has finally been squared away, which has in turn allowed us within the past month to set up a new checking account at a local bank. We now begin the task of moving business transactions from the old to the new.

Speaking of financial contributors, I would like to specifically express our appreciation to the now-disbanded Independence Baptist Church, Neelyville. As shown in our financial report, this church shared \$3,000.00 in its final distribution of assets with the Missouri Missionary Baptist. While we obviously are saddened by the need to close one of our sister congregations, we do appreciate their remembering us in their last actions.

The financial report shows a net deficit of \$1,800.00 since our report in October. Operationally, the deficit is more like \$4,800.00 when the special one-time offering is factored out. I don't mean to be an alarmist, but a net loss of approximately \$700.00 a month cannot be sustained for long.

In researching some statistics for this report, I discovered a few tidbits you might be interested to know. For one, each month we mail out 872 copies of the Missouri Missionary Baptist, sent to 831 addresses. For the past year the routine giving of our churches, auxiliaries and individuals (excluding the one-time offering from the disbanded church) totaled just over \$15,000.00 – which averages out to \$17.22 per subscription! Kudos to our folks for such a giving spirit! On the expense side, each issue of the newspaper mailed out costs \$2.05 per copy, meaning the twelve issues each subscriber receives during the year costs far more than the \$10 subscription rate. So, you can see how important your support to this ministry really is.

If you have any questions about this report or about other aspects of the paper's ministry, please do not hesitate to contact me at mmbpaper@gmail.com.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve both our Lord and our Association in this tremendous ministry.

— Don Burke, Editor

Missouri Missionary Baptist Semi-Annual Financial Report

October 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025

Beginning Balance	\$ 23,924.13
Funds Received	
Offerings & Subscriptions	\$ 8,182.14
Distribution of Assets – Independence BC	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Received	\$ <u>11,182.14</u>
Funds Available	\$ 35,106.27
Expenses	
Editor Salary	\$ 6,400.00
MMB Printing	1,295.00
MMB Mailing	4,779.31
Computer Software/Subscription	446.84
Checks Printed	32.74
Office Supplies	18.18
Misc.	<u>7.39</u>
Total Expenses	\$ <u>12,979.46</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 22,126.81

— Don Burke, Editor

Camp Garwood Director’s Semi-Annual Report

We’ve had a very busy spring at camp. As most of you know, The Master’s Builders came to work on our new nurse/evangelist building. They were here for two weeks and were able to raise the building, get the metal on and get most of the wiring in place. We had worked ahead of their arrival taking down the old canteen building, leveling the ground and getting the rough plumbing ready. Daniel Cooper and his crew volunteered their time pouring the concrete.

At this point we have spent \$47,691.62 on the building. We are in the process of finishing the wiring and plumbing. We will soon be insulating and hanging sheetrock. I’ve lost nearly all of May due to a birthday party, a wedding, a Trail Life weekend and the mid-year meeting. I have been working some after work going to work from camp. We’re getting there, it just takes time.

We had a great Renewal Weekend with the men. I’m sure others will report on it, there were 35-40 men. This weekend is always encouraging to those who attend.

Looking forward to May 30-31 when we will be hosting a prayer retreat. How’s your prayer life? Would you say it is all it should be? Most of us, if we are honest, could use encouragement in this area. Bro. Larry Barker will be at camp to do just that. You may be thinking, “I don’t need that. I know how to pray, I just need to do it.” That may be true. But setting aside this weekend for prayer will be a great boost to help you do just that! I know you are busy. I’m busy. We are all too busy. That’s the problem. Clear your schedule. Join us and spend the weekend with the Lord in intimate conversation. You will not regret it.

While you are setting your schedule, add June 20-21 for the GMA retreat and July 28-August 1 for Camp Week. It'll be here before we know it.

Camp Theme: "Walk the Path" (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.*

There are always things to do at camp. If you want to help get the grounds ready, reach out to us at campgarwood@gmail.com or give me a call at (573) 380-1975.

There's only twelve Saturdays until camp week. Take out May and a couple other dates. We only have seven days to complete the building and get everything else ready. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.

— Chris Polk, Director

Camp Garwood Semi-Annual Financial Report

October 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025

General Fund Beginning Balance	\$ 10,179.23
Received	75,516.10
Disbursements	<u>(66,301.32)</u>
Total Fund	\$ 19,394.01
Food Fund Beginning Balance	\$ 0.00
Received	400.00
Disbursements	<u>(3,685.37)</u>
Total Fund	\$ (3,285.37)
Insurance Fund Beginning Balance	\$ 0.00
Received	2,934.68
Disbursements	<u>(11,022.60)</u>
Total Fund	\$ (8,087.92)
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$ 8,020.72
Money Market Account (as of 4/30/25)	\$ 12,326.82

— Chris Polk, Director

Missouri State Brotherhood Semi-Annual Report

Greetings from the Brotherhood. We come into 2025 with a refreshed and renewed vision for the Brotherhood. March 1, we held our annual meeting at Matthews Church. We were encouraged as a state by choosing to focus on the core values of the Brotherhood which will in turn strengthen the men in our association and help mentor the younger men. Over much prayer we feel it has been revealed to us our mission is reaching the men and building them up to be godly men.

We were blessed with the opportunity to represent Missouri at the National Brotherhood meeting in Waxahachie, Texas. It was encouraging to see an increased interest in building up godly men in the BMA at home and across the globe. The new national project is for the Galileans of Mexico. We were also able to meet with the Baptist Publishing House to discuss them producing study lessons for the Brotherhood. We will need to help cover the cost incurred for producing this new

and needed literature for men. A challenge has been set for each church to give \$500 to reach our goals for the 2025-2026 year. This would help the Brotherhood meet the needs of the ever-increasing interest in an International Brotherhood and Galileans across the globe as well.

The National Brotherhood also now has a website. Please feel free to visit bmbrotherhood.org. This website is to help keep men connected not only to the National Brotherhood, but it has links to the State Brotherhoods as well.

On April 25 and 26, we held the Brotherhood Renewal Retreat at Camp Garwood. We had a time of great fellowship, and we were encouraged with lessons and instruction on discipling. We had a time of good food and fellowship throughout the retreat.

We are looking forward to our annual fishing tournament which will be held June 7th at Council Bluff Lake. It will be a time of great fellowship, food, and mentoring opportunity between the men. Please invite the men in your churches to attend. We are also looking forward to the Fall Brotherhood Retreat at the Meramec Retreat Center. We will continue our mentorship of the young men in *Raising a Modern Day Knight*. Bro. Ben Kingston will be leading us in this retreat. We covet your prayers and support to the important mission of the men of our churches. The more the Brotherhood grows, the stronger our churches and association will become. We ask for you to pray for the men to embrace these principles: *to reject passivity, accept responsibility, lead courageously and expect the greater reward.*

— Bryan Buckley, President

Kenneth E. Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund October 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025

Beginning Balance	\$ 31,643.07
Receipts	<u>0.00</u>
Total Available	\$ 31,643.07
Disbursements	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 31,643.07

— Don Burke, Treasurer

Missouri Missionary Baptist Loan Program 2025 Semi-Annual Report

One of the lessons to learn from the Matthew 25 “Parable of the Talents” is that God gives us the opportunity and privilege to serve and multiply His goods. The three servants fell into two categories: faithful and unfaithful. The faithful servants took their talents and put them to work for the Lord. The unfaithful servant hid his talent instead of using his opportunities.

While God is ultimately the judge of our faithfulness, the attached chart shows the performance of the Loan Department from December 31, 2020, to May 7, 2025. The net worth of the BMA of Missouri Loan Department increased by \$10,798.18. \$103,500.00 was paid out from the General Fund for loans and commitments due to sale of Parkview Arnold property, \$13,792.37 was paid out from the Grant Fund, and

\$24,282.89 was paid from interest earnings from checking, loans, and Certificates of Deposit for a total of \$141,575.26 paid out.

God has given the Loan Department the opportunity and privilege to serve and multiply His goods! We look forward to partnering with the other departments of the BMA of Missouri as each uses the resources He has given to each department to multiply His kingdom.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

— 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.

Recording Secretary's 2025 Semi-Annual Report

Please allow me to share some random miscellaneous statistics gleaned from work with the 2024 annual church letters and Minute Book:

- Our State Association presently has 40 member churches. This compares to 71 churches when I first took this job in 2008.
- There were 23 annual church letters (58% of churches reporting) sent in this year.
- Of those letters which included detailed attendance information, there was a total of 46 baptisms reported. Overall our churches on average experienced a membership growth of 5.5 people through the year.

Due to the closing of the local bank branch which held the Minute Fund, that account has been relocated to a different local bank. While doing that I took the liberty of adding my wife's name on the account in the event that something might happen to me. I trust this meets with the Association's approval.

There is one item of business I ask the Association to consider. To be honest, it is hard to get a full grasp of the financial status of the Minute Fund when we just see half of the picture at this time of the year and the other half in our fall meeting. But looking at the previous year's financials (eleven months) we find that the Minute Fund has operated at a net deficit of just over one thousand dollars. Additionally, a look at expenses for a typical year confirms that the \$2,400.00 we received in offerings this year is some \$1,200.00-1,300.00 short of our normal financial needs. I therefore recommend that the Christmas bonus which the Association approved of a couple of years ago be discontinued. I would like to express my appreciation to the Association for its generous heart in approving the bonus, but the simple truth is that it over extends the Minute Fund's income at this time. If approved, this change – along with some other foreseeable savings – will cut the anticipated deficit in half, and hopefully the churches can increase their giving to help offset the rest. If not, in the near future we will have to consider a reduction in clerk hire, which is the only other option for cost savings.

Thanks for allowing me to serve as your servant in this capacity. At the conclusion of this meeting I will have completed 17 years as clerk – 17 years and 17 Minute Books, and I believe I maybe starting to get the hang of it.

— Don Burke, Clerk

Recording Secretary's Semi-Annual Report

September 1, 2024 – March 31*, 2025

Beginning Balance		\$ 2,990.15
Funds Received		
Minute Fund Offerings	\$ 2,395.00	
Total Received		<u>\$ 2,395.00</u>
Funds Available		<u>\$ 5,385.15</u>
Expenses		
Travel	\$ 86.04	
Clerk Hire	1,300.00	
Clerk Christmas Bonus	500.00	
Bank Paper Statement Fee (7 mths)	<u>43.00</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>\$ 1,929.04</u>
Ending Balance (April 30)		<u>\$ 3,456.11</u>

— Don Burke, Clerk

**Please note when comparing this report to previous years that this period reflects one less month of time. This shortened period is due to the Semi-Annual Meeting being earlier than normal this year, leaving April bank statement unavailable at the time of reporting.*

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

Convened at

Stony Point Church – Mineral Point, Missouri

Saturday, October 11, 2025 – 9:00 AM

Dan Wisely, Moderator – Don Burke, Clerk

Morning Session

1. A welcome was given by host pastor Claude Evans, followed by an opening congregational song and prayer. Bro. Claude gave the morning devotional from Philippians 3:13.
2. Moderator Dan Wisely called the meeting to order and recognized messengers.
3. Bro. Don Burke gave the Missouri Missionary Baptist newspaper reports. M/S/P to adopt.
4. M/S/P to reelect Bro. Burke as editor at a salary of \$800.00 per month.
5. M/S/P for Jim Ainley to be reelected to Publications Committee (term ending 2028).
6. Bro. Matt Bolen gave Camp Garwood report. M/S/P to receive.
7. M/S/P to reelect Jason Taylor (2030) to Camp Committee.
8. M/S/P to authorize Bro. Matt to write a check for the amount that Bro. Chris did not receive in regular compensation (including mileage) through the year.
9. M/S/P to reelect Bro. Chris Polk as Camp Superintendent and Treasurer and Bro. Matt Bolen as the Assistant Camp Superintendent and Assistant Treasurer.
10. Loan Association reports shared by Bro. Dennis Baker. M/S/P to accept.
11. M/S/P for the Loan Association's interest-on-deposits received (less operational expenses) be divided as follows: 75% to Garwood, 25% to Missouri Missionary Baptist paper.
12. Bro. Bryan Buckley presented an oral Alive report. M/S/P to approve.
13. M/S/P to elect Jason Wieners to Alive Committee (2029).
14. Bro. Matt Bolen presented Resolutions Committee report. M/S/P to approve.
15. Sis. Tracy Goede gave the WMA report. M/S/P to approve.
16. Bro. Bryan Buckley shared the Brotherhood reports. M/S/P to accept.
17. Bro. Gary O'Neal reported on the work of the BMA Seminary.
18. Bro. Larry Barker and Bro. Charlie Costa updated the body on BMA Global missions work.
19. Bro. Ben Kingston shared the ministry of Central Baptist College.
20. Bro. Mike Angus presented Just The Crumbs ministry.
21. Bro. Matt Bolen shared the Baptist Publishing House report.
22. The Association recessed from business for the morning worship service. After a special in song by Sis. Dieatre Gillam, Bro. Larry Barker gave the annual message on Biblical Hope, taken from Romans 15.
23. Bro. Bryan Buckley offered thanks to Bro. Larry for the message.
24. Bro. Wisely called for noon break.

Afternoon Session – Reconvened after Missions Committee

25. M/S/P to accept reports from Missions Committee.

26. M/S/P to approve four recommendations from Special Missions Committee. (See page 33 for details.)
27. Bro. Don Burke shared Kenneth E. Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund reports. M/S/P to adopt report.
28. M/S/P to go to Bethel, Lonedell, for the 2026 Missions Symposium and Semi-Annual Meeting.
29. M/S/P for the Annual Association to go to Bethel, Sikeston, for the 2026 Annual Meeting.
30. Bro. Matt Bolen was elected as Moderator for the coming year.
31. M/S/P to retain Bro. Don Burke (Recording Clerk) and Bro. Claude Evans (Vice Moderator).
32. Bro. Jason Wieners was elected as Assistant Clerk.
33. M/S to support from the Missions Fund the following ministries represented at this meeting: \$5,000.00 for Missionary Care Fund; \$3,000.00 for Charles Costa's Ministry; \$1,000.00 for Just the Crumbs. Motion to amend that we double those amounts, but no second. Original motion approved.
34. Bro. Don Burke provided the Recording Clerk's reports. M/S/P to approve.
35. Enrollment Committee's final report:
 - Number of Messengers: 26, representing 13 churches;
 - Church letters received: 16;
 - Minute Fund offering received: \$1,425.00.M/S/P to approve.
36. Standing vote of appreciation was given to the host church.
37. Moderator re-appointed the same members as last year to Resolutions Committee (Bros. Matt Bolen, Terry Sharpe, Michael Kelley) and Enrollment Committee (Bros. Melvin Meade, Lee Miller, Joe McElroy).
38. M/S/P to dismiss.

BMA of Missouri

Missions Director's Annual Report 2025

Dear BMAMO Churches, I hope and pray that this report and article find you doing well in the Lord.

The Lord is truly blessing Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, and in my humble opinion, our Association as a whole. It has been a fruitful year with Bro. Juan Fernandez serving as our national missionary to the greater St. Louis area. You'll be hearing more about what God is doing there in his report, but suffice it to say here that God is richly blessing. Juan, his wife and family are faithfully serving the Lord in this effort.

Bro. Chuck Tedrow is doing an excellent job in replanting the church in Union, Missouri, now known as Hillside Missionary Baptist Church. They will be having a soft launch on November 2. Please be praying for Chuck's health and for the continuing discipleship to Hillside.

I was able to go to the Church Multiplication Training in Texas at the end of August. Bro. Chris, Todd West, and Heath Mitchell led that particular training. I will be trying to implement many of the things that I was exposed to there to help the

health of our churches here in Missouri. Bro. Larry Barker has been a tremendous support and help in these efforts as our North American Director of Operations.

As you know, three ladies in our associational churches were able to go on mission trips this summer, and we praise God for that. Still to this day, the greatest emphasis of this Missions Director and the Missions Department in Missouri is the health of our churches, specifically focusing on discipleship. I stand ready to help any church that is willing to be assessed and help them to determine and figure out how to better carry out the Great Commission and ultimately be disciples that disciple disciples, that disciple disciples, that will result in a healthy church that plants other healthy churches.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve. May the Lord richly bless the churches in Missouri as we strive to carry out the Great Commission.

— Ben Kingston, Director

BMA of Missouri Missions Department Financial Report

October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025

Checking Account Balance, October 1, 2024 . . .	\$ 25,425.60
Income	
Amity, Doniphan	\$ 777.62
Berean, Festus	1,223.16
Bethel, Lonedell	4,660.00
Bethel, Sikeston	2,928.17
Bethany, St. Louis	100.00
Fellowship, Potosi	750.00
First, Matthews	100.00
First, Potosi	300.00
Grandview, Springfield	5,338.68
Kewanee, Kewanee	3,600.00
Landmark, Desoto	1,092.96
Lindsay Lane, Florissant	408.61
Moselle, Moselle	2,500.00
Mt. Olive, Salem	650.00
New Testament, Sullivan	3,170.00
Oak Hill, Alton	600.00
Oak Ridge, Cassville	2,718.00
Ohlman, Bunker	1,450.00
Ozark Heights, Potosi	828.00
Stony Point, Mineral Point	2,804.37
Temple, Belgrade	775.00
Westview, Jeff City	300.00
Zalma accounts	27,178.80
Zion, St. Louis	1,100.00
Donations	340.00
WMA - Juan Fernandez Work Funds	504.05
Insurance Refund	1,443.14
Insurance Reimbursements	<u>14,696.80</u>
Total Received:	\$ 82,337.36
Total Available:	\$ 107,762.96

Expenses

Director: Salary and Bonuses	\$ 5,850.00	
Director: Expenses	1,561.86	
Clerical/Director's Assistant	2,600.00	
Office/Banking	35.26	
New Testament Church Plant	1,600.00	
Juan Fernandez Support/Bonus	28,999.96	
Juan Fernandez Work Funds	504.05	
Zalma, Zalma.	19.71	
Jim Hoffmann Love Offering	500.00	
Web Master & Domain Fee	1,450.54	
Insurance	<u>19,701.00</u>	
Total Expenses:		\$ 62,822.38
Checking Account Balance September 30, 2025		\$ 44,940.58

BMA of MS Revolving Loan Fund Investment:

Balance October 1, 2024.	\$ 119,803.75	
Income: Interest.	<u>3,508.26</u>	
BMAMS RLF Balance September 30, 2025		\$ 123,312.01
Total in all accounts September 30, 2025		\$ 168,252.59

Missionary Committee Meeting*

The Missionary Committee met on October 11 at the annual meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri at Stony Point Baptist Church of Mineral Point, MO. The following business was conducted:

- After calling the Committee to order Moderator Michael Kelley called upon Director Ben Kingston to give his reports. M/S/P to approve.
- Bro. Juan Fernandez updated the Committee on his work with the Hispanics in the St. Louis area. M/S/P to approve.
- The Special Missions Committee presented four recommendations. M/S/P to adopt.
- M/S/P to continue support for the mission plant at Union, MO, at \$200.00 per month.
- M/S/P to reelect Brian Meade on Special Missions Committee (2032).
- M/S/P to reelect Missions Committee roster of officers (Michael Kelley – Chairman; Billy Davis – Assistant Chairman; Dan Wisely – Clerk; Russell Chitwood – Assistant Clerk).
- M/S/P to adjourn.

— Michael Kelley, Chairman

* This report was reconstructed from Recording Clerk's notes after Missions Committee Minutes were not obtainable.

Special Missions Committee Minutes

The Special Missions Committee met via text on Monday, October 6, 2025. Bro. Bryan Buckley made a motion to present the following recommendations to the Association for the 2025 - 2026 term. Motion seconded by Bro. Brian Meade. Unanimous vote to approve.

Recommendations

1. To retain Bro. Ben Kingston as Missions Director at current salary (\$450.00 per month, with \$200.00 per month given to Missions Office Treasurer).
2. To retain Bro. Don Burke as Assistant Missions Director.
3. To retain Bro. Juan Fernandez as Missionary in the St. Louis area at his current salary (\$28,000.00 annually).
4. To give the same Christmas bonus amounts as last year.

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

Missouri Missionary Baptist Editor's Annual Report 2025

As the wise man of old once stated, *Like cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.* (Proverbs 25:25) I'm not so sure that Potosi, Missouri, qualifies as a "far country," but it is the funnel point each month for collecting the various elements of BMA-related news from Matthews to St. Louis to Springfield to Conway, Arkansas, to Jacksonville, Texas, to Haiti to Africa.

Over the years I've heard more than one person say that when the paper arrives each month they immediately turn to the church news section. Good news from brothers and sisters is uplifting; shared struggles offer us the opportunity to become more invested in others as we take them and their needs before our Father. And Pam (my wife) and I are blessed with the responsibility – and at times, the challenge – to each month sort through these various items and share the news from all those "far countries" with our readers.

Just this week we finished the October edition – our thirty-ninth issue so far. And as is often the case, we were faced with the challenge of selecting what content would be included and what would not. Naturally, what is interesting and helpful to you the readers is always a major factor in that selection process.

While we've never formalized a breakdown for what makes up a given edition of the paper, we seek to give a mixture of content that will inform, inspire, and educate..., and occasionally we will add something just for fun. Being a newspaper, it is not surprising that much of our content is simply to inform our readers of news from churches, missions and associational departments. Elements of inspiration and education are found in not only the good reports from churches and elsewhere, but in the WMA blog or the occasional editorial or guest article from outside contributors. And one of the things we've received the most favorable feedback on is the for-fun (and maybe a little education, to boot) puzzles that Pam (our resident puzzle-maker) adds from time to time. The various parts fit together, we hope, for a dose of "good news" that refreshes our readers from month-to-month.

Naturally, this ministry is not without its challenges. The most recent has been reported delays in receiving your papers each month. I have reported this to our mailer, and they tell me that we are not alone – that many others are experiencing similar untimely deliveries from the postal service. We apologize, but currently I'm not sure there is anything left for us to do to help overcome this problem.

Once again we close the year with a net financial deficit. We have spent \$5,400.00 more than we took in – which is nearly \$500.00 a month. Postal rate hikes have contributed to that, raising our shipping costs approximately \$100.00 each month (compared to just a couple of years ago). I've considered raising subscription

rates, but the truth is virtually no one pays subscriptions and we are currently solely supported by offerings. The simple solution is a substantial increase in those offerings, or other options will need to be explored.

But as another wise man noted, you don't get milk without the mess of raising a cow (adapted from W.A. Criswell's footnote to Proverbs 14:4). Challenges are just part-and-parcel of most any job worthy of our doing. So challenges notwithstanding, we consider ourselves blessed to be a part of bringing good news to you from both near and far each month.

— Don Burke, Editor

Missouri Missionary Baptist Annual Financial Report May 1 - September 30, 2025

Beginning Balance		\$ 22,126.81
Funds Received		
Offerings & Subscriptions	\$ <u>5,362.63</u>	
Total Received		\$ <u>5,362.63</u>
Total Available		\$ 27,489.44
Expenses		
Editor Salary	\$ 4,000.00	
MMB Printing	965.00	
MMB Mailing	3,512.71	
Office Supplies	159.66	
Computer Software/Subscription	<u>309.89</u>	
Total Expenses		\$ <u>8,947.26</u>
Ending Balance		\$ 18,542.18

Camp Garwood 2025 Annual Report

“... I have been praying that God would send a man to the camp who would have a heart for the camp and for service to the BMA of Missouri who would be qualified to take over the responsibilities of Camp Superintendent. A few years ago, God did send such a man to the camp. It has taken me these last several years to convince him that his heart for the camp came directly from God, but God has spoken to him, and he has agreed to accept the position if you decide to elect him. Bro. Chris Polk is both knowledgeable about the physical part of Camp Garwood and is also aware that it is the working of God that causes the Camp to be what it is. After working with Bro. Chris, I would take this opportunity to recommend him to you as Camp Superintendent. If you place him in this position, you must also commit yourself to supporting him with your financial support and your prayers.”

This is an excerpt from the last report delivered by Bro. Wayne Gibson as Camp Superintendent. In his first year as Camp Superintendent, Bro. Chris recorded 2,600 miles between December and June of 2002. This year, 23 years later, he reported 9,632 miles during a similar time frame. Camp is so very blessed to have such a devoted leader.

This year's camp week came with God's blessings to complete so much work in so little time by such a limited group. But through it all, our beloved encampment was presented with a truly incredible nurse's station and an evangelist's quarters

that can accommodate two separate speakers, or one speaker with all his family. Doubling as a comfortable “check-in” station and hummingbird hideout, this is a major improvement to our valley.

Our speakers, Shawn Hammontree and Jordan Bowen, teamed up to deliver a series of messages and memorable moments and stories that held our attention through another hot summer week. As reported previously, our numbers were down from our expectations but yielded great results. We welcomed 221 campers, with 43% being adults. We were vocal about the ease of the camp week with very few complications and issues. Then, Thursday afternoon Satan reared his ugly head. We were shaken but prayerfully proceeded with grace and wisdom. Thankfully, even during the evening which showcased an incredibly detailed look into John 3:16, God used his man and His hedge of protection to shield our campers from the distractions before us.

The names and details of that attempt to derail God’s work will not be shared, but there are a few people that we would like to introduce. Camp saw 18 professions of faith. These are your new brothers and sisters in Christ: Jamie Simmons, Dawson Robbins, Andrew Holland, Charlie Stacy, Haytee Bennett, Katelyn Mendenhall, Evelyn Damouth, Avery Combs, Layla Medlock, Jaxson McClanahan, Lexi Trimble, Kole Dodd, Brooke Rushing, Natalie Steelman, Ava Ritter, Gracie Schuling, Ethan Sannes, and Alexis Baker.

Please pray for one young man who confessed that he was struggling with God’s calling on his life to preach.

Next year, we welcome Bro. Larry Barker as our Camp Evangelist for the week of July 27-31, 2026. The theme is “Perilous Times,” and we look forward to God’s work yet again. With exceptions to improvements to the tabernacle and a possible pavilion for one of our classes, we do not foresee any major projects. However, Camp itself is always a major project. Feel free to visit anytime, work ANYTIME, and volunteer to keep our camp open and free to all comers. Remember, the ministry of Camp Garwood is 365 days a year, not just five days in the summer. God is good, ALL the time.

— Matt Bolen, Assist. Camp Director

(See page 40-41 for the Camp Annual Financial Report.)

2025 WMA Annual Report

The Missouri State WMA met on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at Matthews Baptist Church in Matthews, Missouri. Sis. Sara Buckley did an excellent job leading the meeting. Bro. Miceal Quillman, missionary to Zambia, Africa, spoke on the work that he and his wife Sharon are doing there and the great need he sees there as the people have a desire for the Word of God. Bro. Quillman challenged us to be missionaries where we are and to answer the call when God needs us to serve. We enjoyed a wonderful lunch served by the host church. Sis. Deiatre Gillam presented our afternoon program, “Wherever He Leads I’ll Go.” She introduced Sis. Sharon Quillman, who then spoke on her experience in Africa and she also encouraged the ladies to answer the call. The program concluded with past and present missionaries’ wives having a prayer circle.

New officers were installed. The following are the officers for 2025-2026: President – Tracy Goede; Vice President – Sara Buckley; Secretary – Norma

Womble; Assist. Secretary – Kari Hartlein; Treasurer – Connie Reifsteck; Assist. Treasurer – Juanita May; Bible/Tract Distributor – Bea Evans; Historian – Deiatre Gillam; Youth Promoter – Samantha Barnett; Assist. Youth Promoter – Lauren Russell; Retreat Committee – Sara Buckley (2025), Amy Asher (2026), and Janet Widger (2027); Advisory Council – Bros. Dennis Baker, Bryan Buckley, and Claude Evans.

Our 2025-2026 Project is: 25% General Fund, 25% Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper, 25% Juan Fernandez Work Fund, and 25% Mickeal Quillman.

The 2025 MO WMA-sponsored retreat was held September 5th and 6th at the Drury Plaza Hotel Cape Girardeau Conference Center. Our guest speaker was Yalanda Merrell. There were over 100 ladies registered, and we had seven states represented. We were honored to have the National WMA President Cindy Allen and past president Charlotte Johnson in attendance.

The National WMA project is Just the Crumbs Ministries. Several of our ladies have helped with this ministry, the last time helping feed the town of Des Arc, Missouri, after tornados destroyed the town in March. The goal set by the national project committee is \$90,000.00 (80% Just the Crumbs, 10% General and 10% youth). A special offering was collected for Just the Crumbs at the retreat with over \$1,000.00 given. Once again the ladies of Missouri stepped up and met the challenge, helping raise \$93,565.00 for the past project. So the Zambia Bible Institute received \$80,879.25. The ladies from Grandview in Springfield once again led the way in giving the most for the project. There were ten other churches in Missouri that gave \$1,000.00 or more and the Missouri State WMA gave over \$3,700.00. I am so proud of our ladies here in Missouri for always stepping out and giving to the national project. I would like to challenge our women to give the same if not more for this year’s project as our communities could be the next one hit with a disaster and Just the Crumbs responds. All contributions can be sent to Janet Widger, Treasurer, PO Box 23, Salem, MO 65560. (*Please note that it is for the project.) Of course, no retreat would be complete without the silent auction. There were 555 bid cards (some cards had multiple items) and over \$2,000.00 was raised for Camp Garwood.

The 2026 Retreat has been scheduled for September 11th and 12th at the Drury Plaza Hotel Cape Girardeau Conference Center. The retreat committee is working hard to get all the plans confirmed and in place; so look for more information in the paper and on the Face Book page.

— Tracy Goede, President

WMA 2024 Annual Financial Report February 28, 2024 – February 27, 2025

General Fund

Beginning Balance	\$	822.35
March 2024 offering.		507.10
2024-2025 Project Distribution		504.05
Total	\$	1,833.50

Paid Out

2024 meeting speaker H. Fernandez	\$	150.00
Deiatre Gillam expenses		179.06
Bates Creek WMA Bag imprinting.		150.00

Total		\$ 479.06
New Balance		\$ 1,354.44
Project Fund		
Received		
Bates Creek.....	\$ 150.00	
Grandview	25.00	
Ohlman	464.25	
Stony Point	210.20	
Zion	<u>1,166.75</u>	
Total Received.....	\$ 2,016.20	
Distribution		
25% Juan Fernandez work fund	\$ 504.05	
25% Mickeal Quillman support fund	504.05	
25% Missouri Missionary Baptist paper	504.05	
25% General Fund	<u>504.05</u>	
Total Distributed.....	\$ 2,016.20	
<u>Retreat Fund</u>		
Beginning Balance.....		\$ 1,359.80
Fees and Drink Setups		<u>6,852.00</u>
Funds Available		\$ 8,211.80
Disbursed		
Drury Inn and Convention Center*	\$ 6,167.27	
Speaker Yolanda Terrell.....	200.00	
Molly Kingston music & equipment	100.00	
Valerie Owens	50.00	
Virginia Conrad (3 fees).....	180.00	
Janet Widger supplies	70.20	
Lisa Cox cookbook	<u>115.57</u>	
Total Paid Out		\$ <u>6,883.04</u>
New Balance		\$ 1,328.76
* Includes meeting room, auction room, hotel room for special guest, sound system, meals, drink setups, etc.		
Auction Proceeds: \$2,648.00 to Camp Garwood First Aid Station		
Offering for Quillmans (National WMA project): \$3,234.00		

2025 Brotherhood Annual Report

Greetings from the Missouri State Brotherhood. The Missouri Brotherhood continues to grow, and since the Brotherhood has been working with our State Missions Director it has continued to become more successful in our churches. The core principle of the Brotherhood is to build up the men, so they are pursuing God and leading in their marriages, homes, workplaces, communities and churches. We held our fall retreat on November 8 and 9 at the Meramec Camp. The theme was "Raising a Modern Day Knight." Several boys went on the Wisdom Walk, and it was great to see the men investing into the younger men. It was a time of great fellowship and food as well. In December we had an opportunity to set up at the Alive conference and introduce young men to the Galilean and Brotherhood. The Brotherhood was blessed to attend the National meeting and fellowship with the Brotherhoods from across our nation.

Our national project is supporting the Galileans in Mexico with a goal of \$7,500.00 and supporting the production of Brotherhood study material with the

Baptist Publishing House of \$3,000.00. On April 25 and 26 we held the spring retreat at Camp Garwood with good attendance. The Brotherhood and Missions Department were blessed to be able to pour into the men and boys in our churches. On September 9 the Brotherhood held its annual fishing tournament at Council Bluff Lake. It was a time of fun, fellowship and good food. It is always a blessing to fellowship with other Christian men.

I would like to take a moment and encourage your church to start a Brotherhood within your church. Then you will see men that are stronger in their faith and stronger churches as a result. I would also like to encourage the districts in the Missouri BMA to organize as District Brotherhoods. This will help strengthen the bonds between the men of the churches. As a man in the Brotherhood and your State and National Brotherhood President, I would ask you also to encourage the ladies to form local and district WMAs.

Our ladies have always been and continue to be prayer warriors as we press for the mark.

They raise money for missions and support mission work. Together we are all stronger, and together we are doing kingdom work for the Lord. I encourage you to get involved today.

— Bryan Buckley, President

Brotherhood 2025 Annual Financial Report

Balance brought forward		\$ 2,464.96
Deposits		
Transfer from Wash. Co. Dist.	\$ 1,200.00	
Ohlman	75.10	
Norma Womble (National Brotherhood)	12.00	
Zion (National Brotherhood)	138.00	
National Brotherhood	2,977.94	
Spring Retreat (cash)	360.00	
Stony Point Brotherhood	250.00	
Ohlman	34.00	
Interest67	
Total Deposits		\$ 5,047.71
Total Funds		\$ 7,512.67
Withdrawals		
Check Order	\$ 43.99	
Camp Garwood	700.00	
Byran Buckley	529.26	
Sheila Wieners	175.00	
Wal Mart	247.67	
National Galileans (National Project)	1,000.00	
Total Withdrawals		\$ 2,695.92
Preliminary Balance		\$ 4,816.75
Minus National Brotherhood Account		2,127.94
Ending Balance		\$ 2,688.81

Camp Garwood Annual Report 2024

<u>Church</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Food</u>	<u>Insurance</u>	<u>Canteen</u>	<u>Total</u>
RECEIPTS					
AMITY	-	500.00	-	-	500.00
BMA OF MO	-	400.00	-	-	400.00
BMA OF MO LOAN ASSOC	-	-	2,934.68	-	2,934.68
BETHANY	450.00	250.00	-	-	700.00
BETHEL (SIKESTON)	7,056.35	-	-	-	7,056.35
BETHESDA	120.00	-	-	-	120.00
BLACK CREEK	80.00	-	-	-	80.00
BRETON CREEK	250.00	-	-	-	250.00
CANE CREEK	5,589.64	-	-	-	5,589.64
CANE CREEK YIH	641.44	-	-	-	641.44
DEW (Dollar Each Week)	4,917.05	-	-	-	4,917.05
FIRST MATTHEWS	75.00	-	-	-	75.00
FIRST MATTHEWS WMA	292.00	-	-	-	292.00
FIRST THOMASVILLE	1,700.00	-	-	-	1,700.00
GRACE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP	250.00	-	-	-	250.00
INDEPENDENCE (NEELYVILLE)	35,347.65	-	-	-	35,347.65
KEWANEE	6,800.00	-	-	-	6,800.00
LIGHTHOUSE	500.00	-	-	-	500.00
LOWER DOE RUN	1,395.00	-	-	-	1,395.00
LOWER DOE RUN WMA	80.00	-	-	-	80.00
LOYALTY	1,775.00	-	-	-	1,775.00
MACEDONIA	500.00	-	-	-	500.00
MO STATE BROTHERHOOD	300.00	-	-	-	300.00
MO STATE WMA	2,648.00	-	-	-	2,648.00
MT OLIVE	1,100.00	-	-	-	1,100.00
NEW MADRID BAPTIST	1,440.00	-	-	-	1,440.00
OAK HILL	1,000.00	-	-	-	1,000.00
OHLMAN	4,680.00	-	-	-	4,680.00
PROVIDENCE	275.00	-	-	-	275.00
STONY POINT	1,043.12	-	-	-	1,043.12
THE FATHER'S HOUSE	800.00	-	-	-	800.00
UNITED BAPTIST	1,260.00	-	-	-	1,260.00
ZION	2,669.00	400.00	-	-	3,069.00
INTEREST CHECK ACCT	7.54	-	-	-	7.54
CASH RECIEPTS	1,122.55	350.00	-	-	1,472.55
KAREN MAGEE	450.00	-	-	-	450.00
KELSO FARMS	500.00	-	-	-	500.00
LONNIE POLK	2,000.00	-	-	-	2,000.00
POUND IN A PURSE	1,280.00	-	-	-	1,280.00
TRIVIA NIGHT	465.00	-	-	-	465.00
PAINTBALL	230.00	-	-	-	230.00
PAMPERED CHEF FUNDRAISER	142.25	-	-	-	142.25
PIZZA INN FUNDRAISER (BLACK RIVER)	460.89	-	-	-	460.89
RAYMOND JAMES - CD	20,000.00	-	-	-	20,000.00
SALES 2025	-	-	-	4,045.67	4,045.67
DONATION FOR HOT DOG ROLLER	-	-	-	425.00	425.00
IN MEMORY OF JAMES HOFFMAN	1,475.00	-	-	-	1,475.00
IN MEMORY OF MICKEAL QUILLMAN	1,000.00	-	-	-	1,000.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	80,131.65	700.00	0.00	5,807.97	86,639.62
DISBURSEMENTS					
OZARK BORDER ELEC COOP	8,782.63	-	-	-	8,782.63
ELLINGTON TELEPHONE CO	1,229.58	-	-	-	1,229.58
EXCEL (LONG DISTANCE)	207.21	-	-	-	207.21
CHRIS POLK (MILES)	6,292.50	-	-	-	6,292.50
CHRIS POLK (COMPENSATION)	1,800.00	-	-	-	1,800.00
SHAWN HAMMONTREE (EVANGELIST)	600.00	-	-	-	600.00
JORDAN BOWEN (EVANGELIST)	600.00	-	-	-	600.00
CASH FOR CRAWFISH	-	300.00	-	-	300.00
21 DRIVE IN	1,200.00	-	-	-	1,200.00
ACADEMY	30.35	-	-	-	30.35
AIR MED CARE NETWORK	350.00	-	-	-	350.00
AMAZON.COM	5,109.97	-	-	-	5,109.97
AUTO TIRE & PARTS	84.00	-	-	-	84.00

<u>Church</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Food</u>	<u>Insurance</u>	<u>Canteen</u>	<u>Total</u>
B&C METALS	6,492.86	-	-	-	6,492.86
BAKER IMPLEMENT	191.37	-	-	-	191.37
BIG SPRING AUTO PARTS	289.66	-	-	-	289.66
BLAKE WILSON (CENTRAL COLLECTIVE)	1,200.00	-	-	-	1,200.00
BMA GLOBAL	500.00	-	-	-	500.00
BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS	-	-	11,022.60	-	11,022.60
BUCHHEIT METALS	555.91	-	-	-	555.91
C&K BUILDING SUPPLY	10,489.72	-	-	-	10,489.72
CAPE BLUEPRINT	79.20	-	-	-	79.20
CAPE WINAIR	7,860.74	-	-	-	7,860.74
CASEY'S	166.23	-	-	-	166.23
CASH - Master's Builders (Jolly Cone)	44.00	-	-	-	44.00
CENEX - MAIN STREET MARKET	141.24	-	-	-	141.24
COLYOTT'S	3,050.00	-	-	-	3,050.00
CUDDEBACK	16.38	-	-	-	16.38
CURRENT RIVER EXPRESS	33.07	-	-	-	33.07
DANIEL COOPER (Concrete)	10,245.83	-	-	-	10,245.83
FIRST STATE BANK(BANK CHARGES)	17.00	-	-	-	17.00
HARLAND CLARKE(checks)	55.07	-	-	-	55.07
HEARTLAND WOOD TRUSS	2,256.79	-	-	-	2,256.79
HENSON TRASH	721.00	-	-	-	721.00
HOME DEPOT	22.36	-	-	-	22.36
JU JU PROMOTIONS	-	-	-	1,944.00	1,944.00
LEGACY LUMBER & FARM	2,277.02	-	-	-	2,277.02
LONNIE POLK (REIMBURSE)	114.94	-	-	-	114.94
LOVE'S	154.90	-	-	-	154.90
LOWES	437.07	-	-	-	437.07
MAIN STREET MARKET	-	150.60	-	-	150.60
MEDLIN EQUIPMENT	912.93	-	-	-	912.93
MENARDS	15,319.28	-	-	-	15,319.28
MELVIN & MAGGIE BARNETT (COOK)	-	600.00	-	-	600.00
MELVIN BARNETT (REIMBURSE)	-	385.48	-	-	385.48
MICKEAL QUILLMAN (Spring Retreat)	500.00	-	-	-	500.00
MIKE RENTALS	1,017.85	-	-	-	1,017.85
MO BMA LOAN ASSOC (PAYMENT)	5,000.00	-	-	-	5,000.00
PARTS SELECT	154.83	-	-	-	154.83
REMINDERBAND	583.50	-	-	-	583.50
RHODES 101	165.77	-	-	-	165.77
RICK AND TINA GARZA (COOK)	-	500.00	-	-	500.00
SAM'S CLUB	-	807.46	-	1,658.61	2,466.07
SIKESTON RESTAURANT EQUIP	-	-	-	115.37	115.37
TIPPMANN PARTS	189.14	-	-	-	189.14
US FOODS	-	8,935.74	-	-	8,935.74
VAN BUREN PROPANE	349.49	-	-	-	349.49
WAL-MART	-	626.90	-	207.02	833.92
WEBSTAIRANT	-	-	-	79.84	79.84
WESCO TRAILER	999.00	-	-	-	999.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	98,890.39	12,306.18	11,022.60	4,004.84	126,224.01
BALANCE FORWARD	10,179.23	-	-	-	10,179.23
TOTAL RECEIVED	114,167.48	1,900.00	2,934.68	4,470.67	123,472.83
DISBURSEMENTS	98,890.39	12,306.18	11,022.60	4,004.84	126,224.01
BALANCE ON HAND	25,456.32	(10,406.18)	(8,087.92)	465.83	7,428.05
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	(18,028.27)	10,406.18	8,087.92	(465.83)	-
ENDING BALANCE	7,428.05	-	-	-	7,428.05
Money Market Acct:	12,426.55				

Annual Financial Information Reported for 2025

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							
Amity, Doniphan		No data reported					
Bates Creek, Potosi		No data reported					
Berens, Festus		No data reported					
Bethany, St. Louis		No letter received					
Bethel, Lonedell		No data reported					
Bethel, Sikeston	30,856	300	11,163	2,928	7,434	72,976	125,657
Bethesda Landmark, Park Hills	-No letter received						
Bethlehem, Doniphan		No letter received					
Black Creek, Poplar Bluff		No data reported					
Black River, Quin	9,120	150	820	50	50	8,762	18,952
Bretton Creek, Potosi	23,400		1,150	50	50	33,434	58,195
Briar, Doniphan		No data reported					
Charity Landmark, Bismarck	10,639	4,740	10,813	600	650	12,166	33,618
Fellowship, Potosi	16,300	1,850	1,850	1,450	547	23,195	46,135
First, Matthews	9,900	1,657	2,050			19,104	34,708
First, Potosi		No letter received					
Friendship, Caseyville		No letter received					
Grandview, Springfield		No letter received					
Kewanee, New Madrid		No letter received					
Landmark, De Soto	26,375		879	879	879	40,611	72,024
Lighthouse, Malden		2,400					
Lindsay Lane, Florissant		No data reported					
Lower Doe Run, Ellington		No letter received					
Mount Carmel, Ellisnore		No letter received					
Mount Olive, Salem		No letter received					
Mount Zion, Poplar Bluff		No data reported					
New Testament, Sullivan	15,600		3,978	3,150	300	42,716	65,744
Oak Hill, Alton		No data reported					
Oak Ridge, Caseyville		No letter received					
Ohman, Bunker		No letter received					
Ohman, Bunker		6,860	6,095	7,696	450	73,643	94,744
Ozark Heights, Potosi		No letter received					
Pleasant Grove, Caledonia		No letter received					
Stony Point Landmark, Mineral Point	34,450	300	14,193	6,673	7,328	31,956	95,198
Temple, Belgrade		No letter received					
Westview, Jefferson City		No letter received					
Zion, St. Louis	4,800	100	6,574	5,812	721	26,131	64,459
							44,138

Annual Membership and Attendance Information Reported for 2025

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	26	20	1	---	---	7	---	8	12
Anity, Doniphan	46	48	2	---	---	---	---	---	---
Bates Creek, Potosi	---	---	5	---	---	---	---	25	35
Berean, Festus	55	56	1	---	---	---	8	8	20
Bethany, St. Louis	---	No letter received	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Bethel, Lonedell	828	11	9	---	16	---	---	---	---
Bethel, Sikeston	---	No date reported	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Bethesda Landmark, Park Hills	---	No letter received	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Bethlehem, Doniphan	---	No letter received	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Black Creek, Poplar Bluff	27	36	---	9	---	---	---	---	---
Black River, Quin	32	23	---	---	---	9	---	---	15
Breton Creek, Potosi	16	16	---	---	---	---	---	---	10
Briar, Doniphan	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---
Charity Landmark, Bismarck	15	13	---	---	---	---	15	10	21
Fellowship, Potosi	86	80	---	---	3	---	---	---	---
First, Matthews	85	80	---	---	1	4	35	35	40
First, Potosi	---	No letter received	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Friendship, Caseyville	---	No letter received	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Grandview, Springfield	---	No letter received	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Kavanaugh, New Madrid	---	No letter received	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Landmark, De Soto	88	90	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Lighthouse, Malden	47	47	---	---	---	---	10	10	15
Lindsay Lane, Florissant	---	No letter received	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Lower Doe Run, Ellington	---	No letter received	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mount Carmel, Elsimore	22	23	1	---	---	---	13	10	14
Mount Olive, Salem	38	35	---	---	---	3	20	17	22
New Testament, Sullivan	1183	1183	5	2	6	1	---	---	---
Oak Hill, Alton	---	No letter received	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Oak Ridge, Caseyville	---	No letter received	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Ohlman, Bunker	86	90	3	1	---	---	---	---	---
Ozark Heights, Potosi	---	No letter received	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Pleasant Grove, Caldonia	73	76	4	---	1	---	40	35	45
Stony Point, Mineral Point	---	No letter received	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Temple, Belgrade	96	96	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Westview, Jefferson City	14	14	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Zion, St. Louis	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Kenneth Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund
Annual Financial Report
May 1 - September 30, 2025

Beginning Balance	\$ 31,643.07
Total Funds Received	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Funds Available	\$ 31,643.07
Total Expenses	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 31,643.07

Missouri Missionary Baptist Loan Program
2025 Annual President’s Report

In his book *The Church Attending God’s Business*, Bro. Gerald Keller offers a noteworthy perspective on denominational giving within churches. He observed that many congregations are unaware of their broader denominational responsibilities, focusing solely on supporting local initiatives. He asserts that a church’s obligations extend beyond local expenses; as a global institution, its responsibilities reach the farthest corners of the world. Keller further contends that any church identifying as “Missionary Baptist” should actively support all aspects of cooperative work among Missionary Baptists, including domestic and international missions, Christian education, and benevolent efforts.

As a pastor, I am grateful for the opportunity God has given me to serve in a congregation that demonstrates strong support for the work of the Baptist Missionary Association at every level – national, state, and local. This church is committed to providing both financial contributions and prayer support to nearly every department within the Association.

At the present time, approximately 25% of the church’s total income is dedicated to the cooperative work of the Baptist Missionary Association. This significant allocation highlights the congregation’s priority in supporting cooperative efforts that extend beyond the local church.

Prayer is an integral part of this commitment. The congregation regularly lifts up the leaders and staff of each department in prayer, recognizing their important roles within the Association. This practice emphasizes a continual and intentional focus on the needs and ministries of the associational work.

The church’s dedication to both financial and prayer support for every department is rooted in a belief that these departments are divinely established to share the gospel message with those who have not yet heard of Jesus Christ. By actively supporting these efforts, the church fulfills its role as part of a global institution, participating in the broader mission to reach unreached individuals with the gospel and affirming its responsibility in God’s worldwide work.

Our church demonstrates its ongoing commitment to the mission and objectives of the Baptist Missionary Association (BMA) of Missouri Loan Department by providing both monthly financial and prayer support. This consistent partnership reflects our congregation’s dedication to furthering the department’s work.

Collaboration between the Loan Department and the BMA of Missouri Missions Department is vital in advancing local church missions. Through this partnership, both entities contribute significantly to the growth and outreach efforts of churches within our Association.

The Loan Department plays a crucial role by assisting congregations with property acquisition and the construction of meeting facilities for associational mission projects. These efforts help local churches fulfill their mandate to evangelize and serve their communities effectively. Furthermore, the committee supports improvements and renovations to established churches, ensuring that they remain equipped for ongoing ministry.

Our church also supports the Loan Department by allowing its pastor to serve as President/Treasurer, further strengthening our connection and involvement. This leadership role underscores our commitment to the Department’s objectives.

It is important for every committee member to set an example by encouraging their local church to provide both financial and prayer support for the values and mission of the committees on which they serve. Such encouragement ensures that all departments within the Association receive the support necessary to continue their important work.

The Loan Department Committee members give all the glory to God for the financial blessings received during the associational year 2024-2025. The Committee reports that investment interest for this period totaled \$8,670.01, representing an increase of \$1,789.51 compared to the previous year.

These funds are allocated to cover the Committee’s annual operating expenses, including the Loan Committee’s share of the Association’s insurance premium. After fulfilling these financial obligations, the Committee recommends to the churches that the remaining balance be divided equally between Camp Garwood and Alive Ministries. This allocation ensures continued support for these important ministries within the Association.

— Dennis Baker, President

Missouri Missionary Baptist Loan Program Annual Financial Report

October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025

Balance as of October 1, 2024 \$ 450,794.66

Income General Fund

Bethel-Lonedell	\$	60.00
Bethesda-Park Hills		31.10
Camp Garwood Loan #XXXX3207		5,000.00
Comm Bank to Ed Jones Trans XXX431		50,000.00
Landmark-De Soto		10.00
Mid Bank to Ed Jones Trans XXX431		10,000.00
Mt Zion-Poplar Bluff		14.30
Mt Zion-Poplar Bluff Loan # XXXX3101		3,657.18
Zion-St Louis		36.00

Total General Fund Income \$ 68,808.58

Income Grant Fund

Bethel-Lonedell	\$	540.00
Bethesda-Park Hills		1,479.65
First-Matthews		80.00
Landmark-De Soto		4,222.57

Mt Zion-Poplar Bluff	121.70	
Stony Point-Mineral Point	366.47	
Zion-St Louis	<u>324.00</u>	
Total Grant Fund Income		\$ 7,134.39

Interest

Checking-Commercial Bank	\$ 54.76	
Mt Zion-Poplar Bluff Loan # XXXX3101	591.46	
CD's Commercial Bank	XXXXXXXXXX	
XXX3999	0.00	
XXX4833	0.00	
XXX6878	0.00	
XXX7060	0.00	
XXX7237	0.00	
XXX7251	0.00	
CD's Midland States Bank	XXXXXXXXXX	
XXX0186	0.00	
XXX0187	0.00	
XXX0188	0.00	
XXX0189	0.00	
XXX0190	0.00	
XXX0191	0.00	
XXX0195	0.00	
XXX0196	0.00	
XXX0197	0.00	
Money Market's	XXXXXXXXXX	
Edwards Jones XXX431	<u>0.00</u>	
Total Interest Income		\$ 646.22

Paid Out

Brotherhood Ins, Loan Dept Proportion	\$ (3,674.20)	
Lock Box Midland States Bank	(35.00)	
Trustee Lunch Grecian Stk Hs Sikeston	(99.03)	
Edwards Jones XXX431	(60,000.00)	
Interest 2023-2024 Gift Camp Garwood	(2,934.68)	
Notes Receivable		
Camp Garwood Loan # XXXX3207	(5,000.00)	
Mt Zion-Poplar Bluff Loan # XXXX3101	<u>(3,657.18)</u>	
Total Paid Out		\$ (75,400.09)

Balance September 30, 2025 **\$ 451,983.76**

Assets

Checking Commercial Bank XXX6755	\$ 15,827.90	
Checking Midland States Bank XXX3520	<u>53,147.68</u>	
Total Checking*		\$ 68,975.58

CD's/Money Market

Commercial Bank XXX3999	\$ 0.00
Commercial Bank XXX4833	0.00
Commercial Bank XXX6878	0.00
Commercial Bank XXX7060	0.00
Commercial Bank XXX7237	0.00

Commercial Bank XXX7251.....	0.00		
Edward Jones XXX431.....	0.00		
Midland States Bank XXX0186.....	0.00		
Midland States Bank XXX0187.....	0.00		
Midland States Bank XXX0188.....	0.00		
Midland States Bank XXX0189.....	0.00		
Midland States Bank XXX0190.....	0.00		
Midland States Bank XXX0191.....	0.00		
Midland States Bank XXX0795.....	0.00		
Midland States Bank XXX0796.....	0.00		
Midland States Bank XXX0797.....	<u>0.00</u>		
Total CD's.....		\$	0.00

Notes Receivable

Mt Zion-Poplar Bluff Loan # XXX3101.....	<u>\$ 19,501.81</u>		
Total Notes Receivable.....		\$	<u>19,501.81</u>

Balance September 30, 2025.....		\$	88,477.39
<i>* Includes Grant Fund</i>			

Grant Fund

Balance October 1, 2024.....		\$	7,645.80
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Offerings

Bethel-Lonedell.....	\$ 540.00		
Bethesda-Park Hills.....	1,479.65		
First-Matthews.....	80.00		
Landmark-DeSoto.....	4,222.57		
Mt Zion-Poplar Bluff.....	121.70		
Stony Point-Mineral Point.....	366.47		
Zion-St Louis.....	<u>324.00</u>		
Total Offerings.....		\$	7,134.39

Paid Out.....		\$	<u>0.00</u>
Grant Fund Balance September 30, 2025.....		\$	14,780.19

Progression of Capital Accounts

Account	<u>10/1/2024</u>	<u>9/30/2025</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Loan Fund	\$450,794.66	\$460,007.55	\$9,212.89
Grant Fund (Included in Loan Fund)	7,645.80	14,780.19	7,134.39
Less Grant Fund	<u>(7,645.80)</u>	<u>(14,780.19)</u>	<u>(7,134.39)</u>
Net Worth	\$450,794.66	\$460,007.55	\$9,212.89

Chk Acct-Commercial Bank XXX6755	\$72,382.02	\$15,827.90	(\$56,554.12)
Chk Acct-Midland Bank XXX3520	46,747.28	53,147.68	6,400.40
Cert Deposits/Money Market	303,506.37	371,530.16	68,023.79
Receivable-Camp Garwood XXX3207	5,000.00	0.00	(5,000.00)
Receivable-Mt Zion Baptist XXX3104	23,158.99	19,501.81	(3,657.18)
Grant Fund (Included in Loan Fund)	7,645.80	14,780.19	7,134.39
Less Grant Fund	<u>(7,645.80)</u>	<u>(14,780.19)</u>	<u>(7,134.39)</u>
Net Worth	\$450,794.66	\$460,007.55	\$9,212.89

Recording Clerk's Annual Report 2025

A few items bear mentioning. First, due to oversight the clerk failed to mail the annual Minute Books over the summer. They should be mailed soon. Second, we experienced another year of net financial deficit – of approximately \$1,000.00. Present funds and giving levels will allow us to operate about two more years before funds are depleted.

Also, in August we were contacted by Emmanuel Baptist Church of Sikeston, asking that their name be removed from the State Association membership roll. It's my understanding that the church has disbanded.

— Don Burke, Recording Clerk

Recording Clerk's Annual Financial Report May 1 – August 31, 2025

Beginning Balance	\$	3,456.11
Funds Received		
Minute Fund Offerings.....	\$	75.00
Total Funds Received	\$	<u>75.00</u>
Funds Available	\$	3,531.11
Expenses		
Trumpet Printing (minutes).....	\$	1,403.33
Travel		86.04
Wal-Mart (office supplies).....		48.35
Bank Statement Fee (4 mths)		<u>6.50</u>
Total Expenses	\$	<u>1,544.22</u>
Ending Balance	\$	1,986.89

— Don Burke, Clerk

Resolutions Committee 2025 Report

II Corinthians 5:17-20 states, *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.*

Therefore, be it resolved:

That we stand united in our commitment to one another and to the Great Commission that we've received from God to faithfully proclaim the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ as detailed in I Corinthians 15;

That we reaffirm our commitment to the uncompromising stand to preach without shame all biblical truths to all the world;

That we pray for our country and our country's leaders and that we vote for leaders who support biblical values;

That we continue unwavering support and protection of the nation of Israel;

That we always promote and protect the sanctity of life in that life begins at conception and is to be protected at all stages.

Moreover, that we are diligent to be sure that our words and our thoughts are acceptable to our Lord; That we redeem the time not only with those that are lost and without hope, but also with our families to show them their value and worth;

That we think on things that are true and honest, on things that are just and pure, and on things that are lovely and of good report;

That we be thankful and let God's peace rule in our hearts; That we be diligent to make our calling and election sure;

That we read the many resolutions found within our Church Covenant which is based wholly on the Word of God, to remember how we should represent the body of Christ;

That we show our appreciation to Stony Point Missionary Baptist Church for their hospitality in hosting this meeting.

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(Check previous section for more information on each church/mission.)

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De Soto	Landmark	1215 Boyd St
Doniphan	Amity	1642 Hwy 142E & 24A
	Bethlehem	2033 Ripley Rt. U
	Briar	10015 Hwy 160
Ellington	Lower Doe Run	H Hwy & 2800 County Road 510
Ellsinore	Mount CarmelK Hwy
Festus	Berean	2245 Berean Ln
Florissant	Lindsay Lane	920 Lindsay Ln
Jefferson City	Westview	1036 Lomo Dr
Lonedell	Bethel569 Bethel Church Rd
Malden	Lighthouse	1001 Pittmon Rd
Matthews	First	302 W Hall St
Mineral Point	Stony Point	13129 Old 8 E
New Madrid	Kewanee	12391 Highway 61
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 - Salem** **Mount Olive**..... .968 Hwy 68 N
 - Saint Louis**..... **Bethany** 11211 Midland Blvd
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 - Sikeston** **Bethel** 128 5th St
 - Springfield** **Grandview** 3208 N Barnes Ave
 - Sullivan**..... **New Testament** 962 N Church Rd
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