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## January Storm Causes Damage at Camp Garwood



These two pictures show the collapsed roof of the dining hall at Camp Garwood. They are taken from the Tabernacle area looking down the hill towards the dining hall



I'm sure most of you have heard that the dining hall collapsed from the winter storm in January. As we work with the insurance company and make plans for rebuilding, please pray for the camp committee and myself, that the decisions we make in the coming days reflect the wisdom of our LORD.

At this time we are unsure what the insurance company is going to do. What we do know is our plans for a relatively easy summer, overnight became very chaotic. In the coming weeks we will be calling for help. We will need to move all the tables and chairs out. (They were folded along the outside wall, and therefore untouched.) Most or all of the kitchen equipment will be removed and some of the building fixtures may be salvaged, outside the damaged area.

We are continuing to plan for the retreats. Details and permission slips have been mailed for the Paintball Retreat on March 27-28. We are expecting a large crowd.

The Spring Retreat June 5-6 will likely be planned around the reconstruction of the dining hall. The dining hall aside, there are many things that could be done at camp as we prepare for the new year. Churches are encouraged to plan their own work weekends at camp. Contact me for an idea of what needs to be done.

Camp 2009 July 27-30 "Remove not the ancient landmarks." Theme verse for class time: 2 Timothy 2:22 "Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart." Speakers: Claude Evans, Mike Quillman, James Hoffmann, Melvin Meade, Wayne Gibson, and Jerry Adams.

Please see page 4 for the Camp Treasurer's Report and Paintball Retreat information.

## Reminder About Rooms for BMAA Annual Meeting

For those who are planning to attend our annual meeting at Branson in April it is important that you register in the designated hotels because of the room blocks arranged with them. These blocks will insure that the cost of our meeting facility will not be so high. Our contract is contingent on filling these blocks. So far the registration is very low and we are certainly hopeful that more people are planning to attend the meeting. Thank you for your cooperation.

*Your Committee on Arrangements*

## Ministers Resource Services

Retirement agency of the BMA of America  
*Ron Chesser, Executive Director*

### Frequently Asked Questions In Today's Economy

**What made the American economy take such a nose dive?**

Many economists attribute the current economic downturn to an excess of credit. Low interest rates extended to less credit worthy borrowers created a housing bubble that burst, leading to the situation we are in at this time.

**Is the current state of the economy unusual, something that normally happens in the market, or both?**

Since 1797, there have been 19 economic downturns, some of which were called panics, others called recessions and at least 3 termed depressions. Business cycles have always had ups and downs some of which are more severe than others.

**What will it take for the economy to turn around?**

In a capitalist society, recessions tend to correct themselves. In this case, the Federal Reserve has injected liquidity in the system in an effort to mitigate or shorten the current recession.

**Do you think things will turn around soon?**

Hard to say, but many think that the economy should be improving by the third or fourth quarter of 2009.

**What are some steps I should take personally to improve the economy and my own financial condition?**

Individuals should do the same things now as at any other time, manage credit card debt, watch spending; in other words, try to live within their means.

**Why does my latest report from MRS show a big loss in my LTG retirement account?**

Simply said, the market is down. Account values will follow

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**BMA of Missouri Men's Retreat**

**April 30 - May 2, 2009**

**For more information and registration form see Page 8**

+++ NEWS BRIEFS +++

**Mt. Zion, Ellington,** counts it a pleasure to come your way once again. It was truly a blessing to have Sis. Dianna back with us. Her foot is healing nicely and her visits to the doctor are winding down. Due to ice and snow our services were cancelled twice. Also, Logan Creek Association and nursing home services had to be re-scheduled. We counted our blessings as our power never went off. Our love and prayers are with all those families that had to give up so much due to the storms. We are looking forward to March and all it holds for the church. This past Sunday we had first time visitors.

Until next time – The Bible: know it in your head, stow it in your life, sow it in the world. Pray for the lost!

Emory Shelton, Pastor  
Mary Marcher, Reporter

**Shiloh, Poplar, Bluff,** reports that the Lord is truly blessing them. In February Bro. Vernon Sheets accepted the position of interim pastor. Our Wednesday evening Bible Study has seen substantial growth in attendance, and we have witnessed three souls being saved in the past two weeks. We do ask for your prayers as we witness to the people in our community, and try to do the Lord's work. We also ask prayer for some of our members who have been out due to sickness.

Vernon Sheets, Pastor  
Sara Asher, Reporter

**Kewanee, Kewanee,** has finished their study of Revelation. It lasted several weeks. This was a very enjoyable study. Bro. Tom you did a great job as always. Ted Martin, a representative of Gideon's International, presented their work to us February 15th in the evening service. It was a very good report. A love offering was taken to help in this ministry. Our church has a Faith Bible Institute Class going on now. Fifty days of Prayer and Giving started February 22nd. Each family will do this on their own. Bro. Tom began a study on

Church History February 22nd at 6:00 p.m. This will be a several week study and is very interesting. Friday through Sunday, March 13-15, Kewanee will start a Weekend Revival. Friday Night is Bro. Jason Redden, Saturday night Bro. Webb Manley, Sunday morning Bro. Mike Bolen and Sunday night will end with Bro. Rodney Dunlap. I'm looking forward to this. Congratulations to Tara Gross and Brandon Tucker on their recent marriage. I pray that you make God first in your lives. May God Bless you all. Tom McCanness, Pastor  
Vera Strickland, Reporter

**Bates Creek, Potosi,** continues to enjoy God's many blessings. There was a wonderful attendance at the Youth in the Harvest held at our church. The church recently enjoyed a great fellowship with each other. In the spirit of Valentine's Day fun, we "elected" little Miss Karlee Jacobs (age 11 months) as the "queen" and Bro. Blake Buckley (age 7) as the "king." We also enjoyed good food, games, and just good fellowship within our church family. Bro. Ray continues to bring sermons that are both informative and powerful. He and Sis. Dorothy are blessings to us. We have told you about praying for our church to grow. Praise be to God that with warm weather coming, we have 2 candidates for baptism and they are requesting a creek baptism. Please be in prayer for this couple. Also, we have a family of five that have visited a couple of times. They are actively seeking a church. Pray that God's will is done in their lives as well. Continue to pray for our church and all of the Lord's work.

Ray Thurman, Pastor  
Sara Buckley, Reporter

**Emmanuel, Sikeston,** has survived the woes of winter that ravaged our community. God has sustained us through power outages downed power lines, cancelled church services, icy conditions, and other trials. The hand of God's love and

protection was clearly evidenced. Pastor Mike Quillman is continuing his recovery from his illness. He is looking forward to his return to the pulpit as God allows. Bro. Billy Davis continues to fill the pulpit. Only twice has he had to be absent. Brethren Webb Manley and Tim Bell were able to come and preach. We are grateful for their willingness to come and the faithfulness of Bro. Billy and Sis. Donna. A clothes closet has been established to help families with fires or other calamities. Food is being collected to help needy families. We were blessed to take part in the "Fifty Days Of Prayer And Giving" again this year. We are looking forward to Spring and expanded activities and a soul winning endeavor in the community. Sis. Margaret and Bro. Glynn Dorris still need our prayers as she continues her brave battle against cancer. Sis. Wilma Acord fell and broke her leg and seems to be doing well as she undergoes rehab. Deepest sympathy is extended to the Glen Fox family. He was a godly man and a MIGHTY MAN OF GOD. May God's grace fall on all of HIS churches in 2009.

Mike Quillman, Pastor  
Vi Maclin, Reporter

**Bethel, Sikeston,** is thankful that our ice is gone and most of the tree limbs cleaned up. It is such a blessing when people of a community pull together when tragedy strikes and that is just how God wants us to pull together as a church at all times. God sent many blessings our way this month. Four souls were saved and added to the church. May God bless Leigh Ann Manley, Kyndal & Emily Bolen and Jacob Holt. We are planning a revival March 23-27 with Bro. Tommy Foster, Jr. and looking for God to do great things. We are still going on visitation Thursday nights. If you know anyone that lives in Sikeston or the surrounding area that you would like us to visit, call the church at 573-471-3750 and leave a message or email me at joanmwood@charter.net

Some members went on a Mission trip to Canada in 2007 to help Bro. Mike Poirier and his congregation pass out tracts door to door and to witness. During this trip we learned that Bro. Mike has a real passion for winning the lost and works very hard in the Lord's work. In a recent conversation with Bro. Mike we learned that he was in need of another truck, as his has seen it's better day's and they are not in a financial position to buy one right now. The Lord has laid it on our hearts to start a fund to purchase a better truck for Bro. Mike. The church agreed that we should help. Now we are asking you if you would like to help us with this need, if just 800 people gave \$10 each we could purchase a nice truck for him as we have already talked to a car wholesaler that is willing to get us one for an affordable price. Please keep this confidential as Bro. Mike is not aware that we are doing this. If you or your church would be willing to help with this need you can call Bro. Mike Bolen at 573-472-1212 or 573-471-6154 or you can email us at bptst@att.net. We have set a deadline for April 12th this year and would appreciate it if you could let us know something by that time. Bro. Mike Poirier plans on being here for a visit on April 19th. We thank you in advance for your help and concern. May God bless you all.

Jerry Adams, Pastor  
Joan Wood, Reporter

**Charity, Columbia,** invites everyone to a Family and Finance Seminar conducted by Dr. Travis Plumlee April 3-5. Bro. Plumlee's seminar will begin Friday at 7:30 p.m. The next session will be Saturday at 2:00 p.m. He will also be here Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Come to any or all sessions. If you have never heard Travis Plumlee speak you are really missing a blessing. He puts out a lot of information, bring a note pad with you because you won't remember all of it. The last time he was here he also had books and DVD's to purchase which are a great way to remind yourself of the information periodically and a good way to share with others who can't attend. His humorous, fast-paced and entertaining seminars are worth the drive. We are praying for a good turnout. Come support Bro. Plumlee if you possibly can. Charity is located at 1401 Ballenger Lane in Columbia, MO. For those staying over, Columbia has some great restaurants and hotels close to the church. If you have questions or need directions you can call the church at 573-474-6895, which forwards to Pastor Jim Ford's number or you can call Neil and Judy Bowers at 573-474-1030. Hope to see you here. We love visitors.

Jim Ford, Pastor  
Judy Bowers, Reporter

**Bethany, St. Louis,** is blessed  
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✝  **From Our Workers**  ✝

**From Our Director...**

Friday, May 15, we will host our annual Mission Symposium at Bethany Baptist Church in St. Louis. We are going to host a workshop entitled "Churches Planting Churches" beginning at 1:00 p.m. It is apparent that the New Testament method of church growth involved the planting of new churches. My desire for this year's mission symposium is that it will be both an encouragement and a catalyst for our churches to become personally involved

in birthing a new church. Our teachers for the various topics of church planting will be Larry Barker, Operational Director for North American

and myself. Although the symposium starts early in the afternoon, I want to encourage you to come when you can. You will benefit from the sessions even though you may not be able to attend them all. Please remember to ask your church to give a generous offering to the mission symposium. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for Bro. Rodney Dunlap and the **Abundant Life in Christ Mission** in Charleston, Missouri.

FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • February 2009		
General Fund		
Balance January 31, 2009		\$ 15,256.22
February Receipts:	\$ 2,551.64	<u>2,551.64</u>
Total Available		\$ 17,807.86
January Disbursements:		
Director's Salary	\$ 775.00	
Advisory Committee	331.10	
BMAA Partnership	2300.00	
Training Materials	119.36	
FileTaxes.Com	3.79	
SEMO Association	<u>400.00</u>	
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,929.25	\$ <u>3,929.25</u>
Ending Balance February 28, 2009		\$ 13,878.61
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 64,031.63	
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 22,537.49	
ING Direct Savings	\$ <u>40,414.61</u>	
Total in CD's:	\$ 126,983.73	

## Program For 2009 Missions Symposium

# "Churches Planting Churches"

Bethany Baptist Church  
 11229 Midland Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63114  
**May 15, 2009**

1:00 - 1:15 p.m.	Opening and Welcome	Danny Kirk
1:15 - 2:15 p.m.	Why "Churches Planting Churches"	Larry Barker
2:15 - 3:15 p.m.	Answers to Objections	Danny Kirk
3:15 - 3:30 p.m.	Break	
3:30 - 4:00 p.m.	What God Could Do?	Jamie Jones
4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Capturing a Leader's Heart	Danny Kirk
4:30 - 5:00 p.m.	How to Know When It is Time	Larry Barker
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Dinner (on your own)	
6:00 - 6:45 p.m.	Seasons of Church Planting	Danny Kirk
6:45 - 7:30 p.m.	Developing Outreach Plan	Jamie Jones
7:30 - 8:15 p.m.	Leadership Development	Larry Barker
8:15 - 9:00 p.m.	Message	Danny Kirk

Everyone is encouraged to attend all sessions

**Remember to Bring a Special Offering to Help Reach the Goal of \$10,000!!**

**From the Dunlaps...**

Greetings from Abundant Life in Christ Missionary Baptist Mission, and from our mother church, Bethel in Sikeston.

God is just so good! Despite obstacles, He continues to build this mission.

Attendance was good for February. Our morning worship averaged 28, which was only one off from our record average last December. Our Wednesday night average was 15, which was lower, but that's attributed primarily to sickness.

It was February 28, 2007, that we officially launched this mission. At our two year mark we have 57 who attend in some capacity. Of those, 41 attend on a somewhat predictable basis, meaning I expect to see them at least once or twice a month and this is the church they attend exclusively.

I'm thankful that our people are hungry for church. Due to the massive ice storm we had to miss the first Sunday of the month. The second Sunday, as soon as I stood up and said, "It's good to be in the house of the Lord today" the shouting started and it continued throughout the service, even beyond the last note of our closing song. It seems that a lot of America is bored with church and bored with the gospel. I praise God every day that that's not the case here.

Three presented themselves for membership by transfer of letter in February. Their letters have not been received. We also rejoiced the last Sunday of the month when Rachell Mitchell presented herself as a candidate for baptism. Because we have to borrow a baptistry we have not scheduled the date.

I want to thank in advance each of you who are going to participate in the state missions symposium offering in April. Our mother church has instructed us to use the proceeds from this offering to pay down, or pay off, the indebtedness on our building. I'm not sure what our current payoff is, and I have no idea of what kind of offering to expect, but if we could pay off our building with the symposium offering it would usher us into our next phase: beginning to pay toward missionary salary, supporting missions besides ourselves, and saving toward our permanent building. Should this happen, it would put us at the next stage a full year and a half before I anticipated us being there. Again, God is so good!

For the souls,

Rodney, Deb, Zee, Rachel & Eli Dunlap

**Editor's Note:** From the information I have, if we can reach the goal of \$10,000 that has been set for our Symposium special offering this mission could be out of debt on their building and have a good balance for future use. **Let's give sacrificially to help reach this goal!** Bring your offering to the Symposium or send it to our Director in time to be counted at the Symposium. God bless you for your support.

## Search and Rescue Materials Available

**Search and Rescue the Lost** are words that the BMAA Department of Missions hopes will be on the hearts and lips of every member of the BMAA this spring.

The mission kicked off at the 2009 Missions Symposium where Executive Director Grady Higgs challenged us to put the word LOST back in our vocabulary as it is a term that has "lost" its place in our conversations. Why is it that we don't use the word that Jesus Christ used in His word? Are we trying to be politically correct or non-offensive? The Apostle Paul was not scared to use the word and in essence said that when we start seeing humanity as **Lost** we will, of course, want to get involved in searching for them and rescuing them.

The BMAA Department of Missions has mailed a **Search and Rescue** guide to every BMAA pastor. The guide contains

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with visitors in almost every service. Some are showing great interest in becoming involved. Our Missions Emphasis was a blessing as we learned more about our missions program, missionaries, and leaders and as we received an offering of over \$3,500 for BMAA Missions. During the special emphasis for missions our regular offerings also increased. It is wonderful to see how God works when we obey Him. We look forward to hosting the BMA of Missouri Missions Symposium and Semi-Annual meeting May 15-16. Vacation Bible School will be in the evenings, Sunday, June 7, through Friday, June 12. Sis. Debbie Johnston is our director this year.

James Hoffmann, Pastor

Megan Eye, Reporter

<b>CAMP GARWOOD</b>		
<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>		
<b>OCTOBER 1, 2008 - FEBRUARY 28, 2009</b>		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
Beginning Balance	\$	5,038.87
Total Received		<u>6,822.95</u>
Total Available	\$	11,861.82
Total Disbursements		<u>(4,658.00)</u>
Balance On Hand 2/28/09	\$	7,203.82
<b>FOOD FUND</b>		
Beginning Balance	\$	0.00
Total Received		<u>0.00</u>
Total Available	\$	0.00
Total Disbursements		<u>0.00</u>
Balance On Hand 2/28/09	\$	0.00
<b>INSURANCE</b>		
Beginning Balance	\$	0.00
Total Received		<u>500.00</u>
Total Available	\$	500.00
Total Disbursements		<u>3,271.50</u>
Balance On Hand 2/28/09	\$	(2,771.50)
<b>CANTEEN</b>		
Beginning Balance	\$	0.00
Total Received		<u>0.00</u>
Total Available	\$	0.00
Total Disbursements		<u>0.00</u>
Balance On Hand 2/28/09	\$	0.00
<b>MATTRESS</b>		
Beginning Balance	\$	(12.26)
Total Received		<u>25.00</u>
Total Available	\$	12.74
Total Disbursements		<u>0.00</u>
Balance On Hand 2/28/09	\$	12.74
<b>PAINTBALL</b>		
Beginning Balance	\$	0.00
Total Received		<u>620.00</u>
Total Available	\$	620.00
Total Disbursements		<u>(265.59)</u>
Balance On Hand 2/28/09	\$	354.41
<b>SHED</b>		
Beginning Balance	\$	150.00
Total Received		<u>0.00</u>
Total Available	\$	150.00
Total Disbursements		<u>0.00</u>
Balance On Hand 2/28/04	\$	150.00
<b>DIRT WORK</b>		
Beginning Balance	\$	2,150.81
Total Received		<u>100.80</u>
Total Available	\$	2,251.61
Total Disbursements		<u>0.00</u>
Balance On Hand 2/28/09	\$	2,251.61
<b>TOTALS</b>		
Beginning Balance	\$	7,327.42
Total Received		<u>8,068.75</u>
Total Available	\$	15,396.17
Total Disbursements		<u>8,195.09</u>
Balance On Hand (All Funds) 2/28/09	\$	7,201.08

Chris Polk, Treasurer

## Spring '09 Paintball Retreat

at Camp Garwood  
March 27-28

With the dining hall being down, we will be using the lower girls dorm as our gathering place to prepare for playing.

The weather will determine where we eat. The kitchen will still

## Activity Participation Agreement

### Activity Information

(To be completed by the activity sponsor)

Name of sponsoring organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of sponsor's coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) and location of activity: \_\_\_\_\_

### Participant Information

(To be completed by participant or authorized guardian)

Name of participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (daytime): \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (evening): \_\_\_\_\_

Is sponsor authorized to approve medical treatment?  Yes  No

Is participant covered by personal/family medical insurance?  Yes  No

If yes, name of insurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy or group number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Participation Agreement

In consideration for the opportunity to participate in the above activity, the Participant (or parent/guardian, if Participant is a minor) acknowledges and accepts the risks of injury associated with participation in and transportation to and from the activity. The participant (or parent/guardian) accepts personal financial responsibility for any injury sustained during the activity or during transportation to and from the activity. Further, the Participant (or parent/guardian) promises to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the activity sponsor or its agents, employees, volunteers, or any other representatives (collectively referred to hereinafter as the "Sponsor") for any injury related directly or indirectly out of the described activity or transportation to and from the activity, whether such injury arises out of the negligence of the Sponsor or otherwise.

If a dispute over this agreement or any claim for damages arises, the Participant (or parent/guardian) agrees to resolve the matter through a mutually acceptable alternative dispute resolution process. If the Participant (or parent/guardian) and the Sponsor cannot agree upon such a process, the dispute will be submitted to a three-member arbitration panel of the American Arbitration Association for final resolution.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Participant or parent/guardian if participant is a minor)

be functioning to serve breakfast Saturday morning. Please eat before arriving Friday night.

Check in will be in the lower girls dorm.

Registration to play requires \$15 and permission slip for each player. (Please cut out and fill in the Activity Participation Agreement form above and turn it in when you register. Feel free to make additional copies as needed)

We plan to play with three teams at this retreat. We will keep church groups together as best we can. Players must be 10 years old to play.

Mills Iron Works from Poplar Bluff will again be making paintballs, air and CO2 avail-

able, along with a limited supply of rental guns and equipment.

We have been using the SPPL (Scenario Paintball Players League) rules as our guide for safety rules. Key rules include: 285 FPS max., 20 ft close fire range, safety barrel bag and goggles to be used in appropriate areas, firing rate is 15 bps, quarter size paint splashes count as hit, any splatter from grenade counts as hit, any splatter on a Ghillie suit counts as hit.

The rules can be viewed in full on-line at the SPPL site: [www.playsppl.com](http://www.playsppl.com).

A rough schedule for the weekend is as follows: (subject to change without notice).

#### Friday

Registration begins	7:00 pm
Night play (with new lighting)	9:00 pm - 10:00 pm
To the dorm	11:00 pm

#### Saturday

Breakfast	7:00 am
Message/Safety (required attendance)	8:30 am
Play begins	9:30 am

For more information contact Chris Polk 573-472-1038 home or 573-380-1975 cell

## Moral Action Committee

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## Pornography, A Moral Plague

Pornography, A Moral Plague. This is the third article in a series of four titled "Judeo-Christian Heritage" writings. The topics thus far have been:

### Abortion, The Great Issue

### Euthanasia, The Right to Die

All articles are posted on the Moral Action Committee web page [www.macbma.net](http://www.macbma.net).

Dr. James Dobson, family psychologist and Founder of Focus on the Family, states, "most Christians seem to believe that pornography is characterized by air-brushed nudity in men's magazines, but "mainstream porn" has become far more perverse in recent years focusing on rape, incest, defecation, urination, mutilation, bestiality, vomiting, enemas, homosexuality, and sadomasochistic activity."

Some say that pornography (sex magazines) is a victimless crime. The Bible exposes sexual explicit magazines for what they really are...smut and filth. Pornography is a slap in the face to the integrity and beauty of women and all who are sexually exploited.

Paul the Apostle, told the Ephesian culture not to even let impurity be named among them. Our modern era has to contend with sex parlors, topless bars, porno magazine stands, video stores, sex cable channels, dial-a-porn telephone services and internet porn. Most Americans are ignorant of how vicious this moral plague has become.

Ephesians 5:3-5 gives clear instruction regarding God's intolerance of such grave sin: "but fornication, and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God."

The pornography industry has entered the mainstream of American life via movies, magazines, and internet and seemingly has lost its offensiveness and shock. And yet, we Christian believers should adamantly oppose this ungodly industry and its profits.

### How to get involved and express your disapproval?

1) Contact your local, state and nationally elected officials. Be clear and concise in your opposition to the porn trade and lewd magazines in your local stores or on your local cable/satellite networks. Always be courteous and Christ-like in your activism.

2) Address your city council or county supervisors on issues of obscenity. Share your opinions regarding legal, medical and moral concerns. Communities need to band together to prevent exploitation of teens and children. Many sexually transmitted diseases are a problem related to some of the practices regarding pornography.

3) Inform your law enforcement officers and District Attorney of your concerns. Police and sheriff departments along with the district attorneys will investigate and prosecute those committing illegal and obscene acts in which the law is broken. Many cities and states have local and state prohibitions that are to be enforced.

5) Help stop indecent offensive language and sexually oriented

programming on television and radio. Contact the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) at their web site [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov). Scroll down to the obscenity/indecency link at the bottom of the left hand bar. Register your complaint and concern. American Family Association (AFA) and Citizen (Focus on the Family) magazines recently reported that it was not until more than half a million Americans complained about a "raunchy, breast bare Super Bowl halftime show, did the FCC take action. Christians, you can play an important role in making sure that the airwaves are wholesome.

### Light penetrates darkness.

Tom Minnery in his book "Why You Can't Stay Silent" writes, "Jesus challenged His followers to be the light of the world and that light will conquer the darkness." We can defeat the Porn industry in our locale by being active. It simply involves convictions and responsibility.

### Love Offering for Ms Neva McLaughlin.

Our hearts continue to be saddened by the death of Dr. Roy McLaughlin.

The Moral Action Committee Trustees invite each church or local association to give a love offering to Ms Roy (Neva) McLaughlin. You may send this expression of care and concern to:

Ms Neva McLaughlin  
3114 Derby Lane  
Swartz Creek, MI 48473

### National Day of Prayer.

The MAC encourages every church and pastor to make preparations for our May 7, 2009, National Day of Prayer. Go to [www.ndptf.org](http://www.ndptf.org) for more information.

### Highlighted Churches that Support the MAC:

Fellowship Baptist Church,  
Pittsburg, TX  
First Baptist, Mantachie, MS  
Farley Street,  
Waxahachie, TX  
First, Carthage, TX  
Friendship, DeQueen, AR

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markets as they did in 2001 and 2002. This is why it is so important to take a long term view of investing. Manning and Napier, our investment manager, has been working diligently during the market downturn to position the retirement portfolio to take maximum advantage during the future turn around.

### Does this mean my money is gone for good?

No, unless of course one sells when the account values are down.

### How does MRS compare with other retirement accounts?

Manning and Napier is the only money manager in America that has beaten the S&P 500 each year for the last 10 years.

### I'm retirement age and although I'm still working, I want my money to be safe. What should I do?

Once again, people should manage debt, watch overspending, and maintain a well diversified retirement portfolio in order to sustain a living standard geared to outpace inflation.

### I have a MRS retirement account but it'll be a while before I retire. What would you advise me to do?

Downturns have proven in the past to be excellent times to invest. When there is a sale at the mall, people tend to buy...it's no different in the stock market.

### I don't have a retirement account, and with the way the economy looks, I'm not sure I want to start one right now. What do you think?

I would refer back to my answer to the previous question. If you don't have a retirement account, now would be an excellent time to start one!

The BMA Ministers Retirement Plan at MRS is approved by the Internal Revenue Service for tax-deferred income from the churches and departments of the BMA. As a participant in the BMA Ministers Retirement, a pastor, church staff or employee of the BMA may tax-defer up to 100% of their annual salary and compensation not to exceed \$46,000 dollars each year. A participant's investment for retirement is designated between the Long Term Growth portfolio and/or Fixed Income portfolio. Manning and Napier Advisory Advantage Corporation of Rochester, NY, professionally manage these two retirement portfolios through our broker, Fawcett and Company Investment Strategies. Manning and Napier have had the same investment strategies intact with their Long Term Growth portfolio for over one-third of a century. You may contact Ministers Resource Services, the retirement agency of the BMAA, at P. O. Box 2866, Texarkana, AR 75504, by phone at 870-774-2654 or email Executive Director, Ron Chesser, at [RChesser6365@aol.com](mailto:RChesser6365@aol.com) to request a retirement packet or to open an account.

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suggestions on how to implement **Search and Rescue** efforts at each of our churches during the months of March and April. The **Search and Rescue** push will wrap up on May 3rd with **Search and Rescue Sunday**. Join us now in praying that at least one person will be saved in every BMAA church during this time.

The topics covered in the book include: preparation for **Search and Rescue**; information about the **Lost** and how to share the Gospel, and how to help those who have been rescued become disciples of Jesus Christ.

Additional materials and information may be obtained at [www.bmaamissions.org](http://www.bmaamissions.org). These materials include any logo that churches want to use pertaining to **Search and Rescue**, copies of the Roman Road To Salvation and necessary forms to be given to the congregation. Free posters, bulletin inserts, and bookmarks may be ordered via: [www.bmaamissions.org](http://www.bmaamissions.org), email, or phone (501-455-4977).

Every BMAA church is encouraged to join in this effort to **Rescue The Lost For Christ**.

## WMA & GMA NEWS

Articles for this column should be sent to **EDITOR**

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### Last Minute Reminder

Hopefully you receive this in time to remind you of the Washington County District WMA meeting, Friday, March 13, 2009. The guest speaker will be Bro. Jamie Jones. Bro. Jones is the new church planter for Missouri and he will tell us all about the new work in Smithville. The meeting will be hosted by Emmanuel Baptist Church in Lemay, Missouri and will start at 7:30 pm.

### Attention All WMA's

The Women's Missionary Auxiliary personal report form is no longer in use. However, the importance of personal service has not been diminished. In these trying economic times, WMA ladies need to remain faithful in service to the Lord. Ministering to others is a major part of WMA work. There are many opportunities to meet the needs of people in the church, in the community, and "unto the uttermost" through our BMA missions program.

Personal service involves many areas starting with personal prayer and Bible study. It also includes personal soul talks with others, visits, phone calls, flowers, cards, letters, or food to the sick or bereaved, and invitations to church. Benevolence (in the form of money, food, or physical help) is one of the main areas of personal service.

WMA ladies can provide help in many ways such as collecting canned goods, cooking, personal shopping, child care, yard work, house cleaning, and transportation. Look for opportunities to engage in personal service to the following in your church or community:

1. Widows or widowers.
2. Retired people on fixed incomes.
3. Single parents.
4. Those who have lost their jobs.
5. The bereaved.
6. College students.
7. The handicapped.
8. The homeless.

The ladies of our local WMA groups can make a difference in these trying times.

*Brenda Hornaday, National WMA First Vice President*

### Beware!

If you have children or grandchildren, work with children at church, or you have neighborhood children whose parents you know, please take note of the information below and pass it along to others. Schools are distributing this Book to children through the Scholastic Book Club.

The name of the book is "Conversations with God..." James Dobson talked about this book twice this week. It is devastating. Parents, churches and Christian schools need to be aware of it. Please pass this information on to Church/email addresses, Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, friends.

Please pay special attention not only to what your kids watch on TV, in movie theaters, on the internet, and the music they listen to, but also be alert regarding the books they read.

Two particular books are, *Conversations with God* and *Conversations with God for Teens*, written by Neale D. Walsch. They sound harmless enough by their titles alone. The books have been on the New York Times best sellers list for a number of weeks, and they make truth of the statement, "Don't judge a book by its cover

## Family Ark Ministries

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### Do You Need A Stimulus Package?

I have always liked watching the news to stay up with current events. You might say I am a news junkie. The addiction started with the 2000 presidential election. I was riveted day and night watching the recount in Florida. The addiction to news was further fed by the events of 9-11. I followed that up with the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. This was closely followed by what I considered far-reaching, nation-changing elections in 2004, 2006, and the recent one this last November. I knew this addiction to news was not a good thing, so I prayed for God to help me overcome my news addiction. He certainly answered that prayer! I can't bear to watch current events now.

I get upset over all the fighting and land giveaways in Israel. I am appalled at the current social re-engineering going on in our country. I have worked for years in abstinence education of our young people. Now, I sit back without any input and watch all of the programs and funding for moral programs like abstinence education to be stripped, and replaced with condom distribution, abortion promotion and the elevation of planned parenthood to new heights of glory. The final straw to break the news addiction however, has been all of this unending news coverage of the economy. Bail outs! Stimulus packages! Let's spend 30 million dollars of working people's money to study why pigs smell in Iowa. You don't have to spend 30 million dollars to know that. You don't even have to live in Iowa. Just drive around Arkansas, and if the wind is out of the right direction; you will know if you are close to a pig farm, a chicken farm or a paper mill plant. They stink. But alas, this has been pulling me down. So, I have quit watching the news. I guess I will have to search for some good news, because everything else is such a downer. Where could I find some good news? Let me think. Oh yes! God's Word to me. Psalm 119:147 - "I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word."

The Word of God is for all of us. We can always find some or title."

The author purports to answer various questions asked by kids using the "voice of God." However, the "answers" that he gives are not Bible-based and go against the very infallible word of God. For instance (and I paraphrase), When a girl asks the question "Why am I a lesbian?" His answer is that she was 'born that way' because of genetics (just as you were born right-handed, with brown eyes, etc.). Then he tells her to go out and "celebrate" her differences.

Another girl poses the question "I am living with my boyfriend. My parents say that I should marry him because I am living in sin. Should I marry him?"

His reply is, "Who are you sinning against? Not me, because you have done nothing wrong."

Another question asks about God's forgiveness of sin. His reply "I do not forgive anyone because there is nothing to forgive. There is no such thing as right or wrong and that is what I have been trying to tell everyone, do not judge people. People have chosen to judge one another and this is wrong, because the rule is "judge not lest ye be judged."

Not only are these books the false doctrine of the devil, but in some instances quote (in error) the Word of God.

And the list goes on. These books (and others like it) are being sold to schoolchildren through (The Scholastic Book Club), and we need to be aware of what is being fed to our children.

The children of our nation are under attack. So I pray that you be sober and vigilant about teaching your children the Word of God, and guarding their exposure to worldly mediums, because our adversary, the devil, roams about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8). We know that lions usually hunt for the slowest, weakest and YOUNGEST of its prey.

consoling good news in the Bible. You talk about a stimulus package! Do you want to be stimulated in the right direction? Do you want to be stimulated to the point of motivation and attitude adjustment? Do you want some happy thoughts? Open the Bible.

Hebrews 13: 5,6 - "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that I may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."

Awesome news. We need to not always be wanting more, but thanking God for what we have and be content with this. It doesn't matter if Wall Street fails. It doesn't matter if people walk out of your life and abandon you. The Lord will NEVER leave you. He will never turn his back on you, no matter how bad it gets. He won't abandon you even when you mess up. What a king! It doesn't matter if people are mean to us. I don't fear what they shall do to me. To die is gain. My home is in heaven. If you go so far as to kill me, you just promote me to my kingdom where I will live in perfect peace forever.

Romans 8:37-39 - "Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor power, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Just reading that scripture stimulates me. It doesn't matter how bad we fail. It doesn't matter how we are labeled by others. We can be called stupid, clumsy, ugly, divorced, depressed or whatever. And still God loves us 100%. When we come to Christ, the love of God will never move one inch away from us. In a chaotic world, we all need that kind of love. Do you have someone that always loves you no matter what? Regardless of your actions and attitudes, this person loves you with no strings attached? You have that, if you have Jesus Christ in your heart. Also, we can conquer our troubles with Jesus. Anger, de-

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# Meramec Banner

News of one of the oldest local associations in the BMA of Missouri

## Missions Director's Report

Danny Kirk, Director

There are FOUR big events coming up for our association. Let me list them in chronological order:

1) **Saturday, March 21**, we will host our quarterly associational meeting at Friendship Baptist Church in St. Clair, MO. Pastors Ben Kingston and John Dover will inspire us to become participants on God's Search and Rescue Team. The meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. and lunch will be served.

2) **Saturday, April 25**, we will host a fund raising event at the Meramec Retreat Center. All are invited to attend this great time of fun and fellowship. Bring your trivial team and your items to be auctioned.

3) The annual Men's Retreat will held **April 30 - May 2** at the Meramec Retreat Center. The cost is only \$60 and includes too many activities to be listed here. Please look elsewhere in this paper for the registration form.

4) **OUT OF SCHOOL BASH** will be held this year **June 4-6** at Smithville, MO. We are sending the youth of our association on a short-term mission trip to Smithville to help Jamie and Rebekah Jones with their new church plant.

I am glad that our association is busy in the work of our Lord. May His blessings be upon our planning and our labor, and our fellowship.

The Meramec Association presents the:

**"Out of School BASH"**  
**June 5-7, 2009**

A Service Mission to Smithville, MO. For Students (7th grade & up) and Adults willing to serve

Deadline to register by phone is April 15.

Call Jamie: 573-631-6274 for more information or to register



Smithville, MO

Hello everyone! Deputation continues for my family and I, but we are also getting ready for the summer. I am excited to announce that this year's out of school BASH (Biblical Answers for Searching Hearts) will be held in Smithville, MO.

Smithville is a bedroom community north of Kansas City, and is Missouri's newest mission point. There are 80,000+ people in a 10 mile radius of Hwy 169 and Hwy 92, which intersects near the center of Smithville. Many of those people have never experienced the Love of Christ. This is a chance for students to come and put their hands and heart to work for Christ, to serve these people. This mission of service (park & community cleanups, block parties, gas buy downs, community survey's, etc...) will help in the planting of North Lake Church. If you have a heart to serve and a love for people this BASH is for you!!!

In Christ,  
Jamie Jones

## Position Open

Caretaker position available at the Meramec Retreat Center close to Sullivan. Housing and utilities provided on site. Duties will include security and maintenance.

Call Bro. John Dover at 314-550-0656 or 636-629-1180.

## 2009 Meramec Camp Dates

Mark your calendars! The Meramec camps will be **July 19-22 for youth in the 5th grade and under** and **July 22-25 for youth in the 6th grade and up**.

What an exciting time is in store as we gather and worship, study, play, and fellowship with each other during this great week!

### Meramec Landmark Baptist Association Financial Report • February 2009

Balance January 31, 2009		\$ 10,161.99
<b>Receipts:</b>		
Bethel	\$ 420.00	
Cave Springs		
Central		
Charity	25.00	
Elmwood	138.00	
Emmanuel		
Fellowship	30.00	
First, Bourbon		
First, Potosi	555.72	
Friendship	250.00	
Grace Covenant		
Lakewood	448.00	
Landmark	57.69	
Lindsay Lane	200.00	
Lower Doe Run		
Moselle		
New Testament	315.00	
Oak Hill	44.00	
Ozark Heights	202.00	
Springdale		
Straightway	100.00	
Westview	50.00	
White Oak Grove	627.29	
Brotherhood Mutual	569.00	
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	\$ 4,031.70	\$ 4,031.70
<b>Total Available</b>		\$ 14,193.69
<b>Disbursements:</b>		
Danny Kirk	1,050.00	
FileTax.com	3.79	
RLF Transfer	285.00	
Banking Charges	25.25	
Brotherhood Mutual	532.83	
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	\$ 1,896.87	\$ 1,896.87
<b>Balance February 28, 2009:</b>		\$ 12,296.82
<b>Revolving Loan Fund Balance</b>		\$ 24,974.12

## Bethel Baptist Church Presents An Easter Walk:

# An End to the Beginning

A live, outdoor, walking theatre production of the life, parables, miracles & last steps of Jesus Christ while on Earth. Includes live animals, Roman Soldiers, meet with disciples, citizens of Jerusalem, travelers from the land of Samaria and a final surprise that will change your life forever!

For more information please call (636) 629-2978 or visit [www.BethelEasterWalk.com](http://www.BethelEasterWalk.com) (Groups of 20 or more please call ahead if possible.)

### Where:

Bethel Baptist Church  
569 Bethel Church Road  
Lonedell, MO 63060

### Directions:

From St. Clair take Hwy 30  
East 6 miles and turn left  
onto Bethel Church Road,  
1/4 mile to Bethel on the left.

### When:

Daily 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
(Guided tours every 15 minutes)  
Friday, April 3, 2009  
Saturday, April 4, 2009  
Sunday, April 5, 2009

### Free Event for All Ages

Complimentary snacks & drinks  
(Handicapped Carts Available)

**Annual Meeting of the  
Baptist Missionary Association of America  
April 20-22, 2009 • Branson, Missouri**

## Registration Form

for BMA of Missouri Men's Retreat April 30 - May 2, 2009

(Complete as an individual or as a church group)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

List contact phone number: (        ) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Men: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Men \_\_\_\_\_ X \$60 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

List number of Turkey Hunters: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

List number of men who will be golfing: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form to: Danny Kirk, 920 Lindsay Lane, Florissant, MO 63031

Please remember the **April 25th Deadline** for registration. Late registration (after April 25) must be by phone only.

First 12 Turkey hunters who sign up will have a guide.

If registering by phone, please call Danny Kirk at 314-921-2378. Leave message.

## 2009 BMA of Missouri Men's Retreat

A brochure outlining the schedule and activities of the Men's Retreat has been mailed to each church. For those who have not receive the brochure we give the information here.

The Retreat takes place at the Meramec Retreat Center in Richwoods, Missouri, April 30 through May 2.

Activities start at 2:00 p.m. April 30 and conclude at noon May 2.

Activities include golfing, ping pong, skeet shooting, eating, horseshoes, guided turkey hunts, Bible study, laughing, pitching washers, breakout sessions, door prizes, and EATING!

If you want to participate in a guided turkey hunt you must send an additional \$25 with your normal registration fee of \$60.

Please use the form above to register or call Bro. Kirk at the number listed on the form.

For more information or if you have questions please call Bro. Kirk.

We look forward to seeing you there!!!

## ‘Without Our Help...’

By *Matt Hudson* • National Brotherhood President

We are nearing the end of the National Brotherhood year. The project for the Brotherhood is Cape Verde and the national missionaries. (I'm sure you read the article by John David Smith a few months ago about the life and ministry of the national missionary in Cape Verde.)

Unfortunately, it seems there is not much concern for the work in other countries where we depend upon the national pastors who are doing the job. The funds are coming in slowly for the work of Cape Verde missionaries. I appreciate the churches who have given to this great cause of continuing the work where Bro. Smith and his family served for over a decade. It is up to us, as churches and individuals, if this ministry is to continue to be strong.

• **Without our help**, a missionary may not have the tools that are necessary to continue his studies in the Bible institute or to pay for his tickets to get to his mission points on the other islands.

• **Without our help**, these mission points will not have the Bible study helps needed to do small group ministry.

• **Without our help**, the mission points will not have the music material needed to carry out their ministry.

These missionaries need our help in additional training to increase their abilities to establish Great Commission churches; and I am asking you, as a Brotherhood or a men's group, to help with the task.

As of this month, we only have a little over \$1,000 for the project, and that is a long way from our goal of \$15,000. We need 300 men who will step up to the plate and give a one time offering of \$50. Bro. John David will be going to Cape Verde, Brazil and other Portuguese speaking countries very soon. It would be great if he could tell our brothers in Cape Verde that we are giving a great help to these great missionaries. Will you help us?

Please send your offerings to: Robert Bynum, 43 Bear Pen Creek Rd., Laurel, Miss. 39443. For more information, please feel free to call me at (662) 862-2510. I will be grateful to you for your help and God will be pleased.

## AVAILABLE PREACHERS

The following names are listed as a service to our churches in keeping you informed as to preachers that are available. The publishing of a preacher's availability for preaching appointments or pastoral work should not be considered as a recommendation by the *Missouri Missionary Baptist*. Names are published at the request of the individual and will be published in three consecutive issues unless the editor is otherwise instructed

**Denver Page**, a member of Landmark Baptist Church in DeSoto, is available for pulpit supply or service as the Lord leads. Phone 636-942-3503 or cell phone 314-283-7243. -2-

**Rocky Houston**, a member of Kewanee Baptist Church is available for pulpit use. You may contact him at home - 573-748-5879, Cell - 314-971-9268, or through his pastor, Tom McCannless at 573-748-5220. -2-

**Jimmy Daugherty**, is available for service in the area of Pastor, Interim, Associate, or Pulpit supply as the Lord leads. He has been in the ministry since 2000 and has served in Mississippi and Texas. He has been married 14 years and has 4 children. For more information contact him at 903-975-0352, or 903-975-1026, or by email at jimmysuziedarty4@yahoo.com. -2-

## DiscipleGuide To Launch Fellowship Forum

*Bobby L. Hudgens*

A forum is "a public meeting place for open discussion."

March 13th DiscipleGuide will launch a new forum on [DiscipleGuide.org](http://DiscipleGuide.org) for a general exchange of ideas, needs, and encouragement - a meeting place for open discussion and fellowship. Who is the forum for? You. Everyone. The Fellowship Forum will be an opportunity for individuals from a number of different homogeneous groups in our churches to share ideas and ask questions of one another.

For example, imagine that a number of Sunday School teachers were together in one room. At some point discussions would turn to their classes, study and preparation, presentation, methods, outreach, service projects, fellowship, and ideas they have used that were successful, etc. It would also be a chance for a less experienced teacher with a problem to get helpful solutions offered by experienced teachers.

The same dynamic would exist among other groups or ministry areas in our churches that can connect in a forum because of common interests. Here are just a few examples:

- Teachers
- Musicians
- Treasurers
- Clerks
- Children's ministry
- Student ministry
- Senior adult ministry
- Outreach and evangelism
- Literature and resources
- Fellowship
- Miscellaneous needs

The forum will be an open discussion on church life and practice and issues regarding our Christian walk. Starting March 13, plan on joining the fellowship.

• **ARK From Page 6** •      pression, loneliness, bad habits, sin. We can conquer them all in Jesus name.

That's exciting. I don't have to live in despair. I have a King who loves me, is always a present help in times of trouble ( Psalm 46:1), who is able to do exceedingly and abundantly above all I could ask of Him (Eph.3:20). All I have to do is call out to God, and He will come to me and do great things in my life ( Jeremiah 33:3).

I had about 20 scriptures I wanted to share, but I have run out of column space. That's okay. You have a Bible too. Just study it. If you need to be stimulated because all of this bad news is getting you down, you have a stimulus package laying nearby. It is your Bible. When we are reminded of the greatness of God, simultaneously with the futility of mankind, I get stimulated to know I am on the winning side. I have Jesus. I have victory. Jesus has never been defeated and I am on His team. Heaven will never need a government bail out and I am going to inherit heaven. Wow! What a stimulus program God has in store for all of those who shall believe in His Son - Jesus Christ!