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Philippians 2:16

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## A United Meeting

by Diane Sprigs via *The Baptist Trumpet*

The theme for the 2010 BMA of America Meeting (Unity: Get In "The Way") was prophetic in many ways as the messengers worked together to do the Lord's business and worshipped together in "heavenly places," especially during president's message by Dr. Philip Attebery, the annual sermon by Jason Aultman and the Pastors' and Laymen's Conference message by Steve Stroope.)

Music was, as always, a highlight of the meeting and groups included Fragile Stone and the Antioch Baptist Church at Conway Choir. For the first time ever, a concert was also presented by the "unified" choirs of Central Baptist College, Jacksonville College and Southeastern Baptist College led by their directors - Jim Turner, Gerald Orr and Glenn Padgett.

Another "unifying" factor was that members of the Disciple-Way team shared Scripture and voiced prayer at the end of each session. This BMA discipleship program is scheduled to be "launched" at next year's meeting - April 11-13 (note the date change!) in Wichita Falls, TX.

All recommendations from the various departments and ministries of the BMA were approved as listed in the Reports and Recommendations book - another sign of unity.

This year's attendance was down a little - 852 messengers and visitors, compared to 907 last year in Branson, MO; 911 the previous year in Waco, TX; and 963 in Fort Smith in 2007.) But six churches petitioned for membership, compared to only three last year:

• **LifeSong Baptist Church**, Greenbrier, AR; Freddie Mark Wilcox, pastor

• **Anchor Baptist Church**, McAllen, TX;

Dr. John Tisdale, pastor

- **Centro de Vida**, Houston, TX; Richard Robinson, pastor
- **Lifepointe Baptist Church**, Hernando, MS; Kevin Marr, pastor
- **New Found Baptist Church**, Straw Plains, TN; Bill LaRoy, pastor

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## Camp 2010

by Christ Polk

The theme this year is "**That Day**" based on Matthew 24:36, *But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.*"

As of this writing there are only 11 weekends left before camp. I hope you have chosen one to come and help get camp ready.

There are three, that I know of, that I don't expect to be working at camp: June 5th, July 10th and July 17th. That means we have less than 8 weekends to complete the dorm, prepare the tabernacle, set up the dining hall, repair the leaking toilets, clean out the dorms, set out the trash cans, check and set out the picnic tables, repair some light fixtures, repair the Aoooga horn, do some regular maintenance like painting and grounds cleanup, and checking and setting up the recreation areas all while keeping up the mowing, chasing off ALL the snakes and insects, and trying to retain some form of family life.

But, that's a typical camp season. I'm just trying to share the fun. Come join us we'd love to find you something to do.

If you were a teacher last year and haven't talked to me yet about camp this year please contact me.

If you are interested in helping with recreation please contact me, I really need your help.

Everyone else, Pray, for our evangelists Bro. Don Burke in the morning services and Bro. Ben Kingston in the evening services, and the Harper family leading in song and praise. Pray the lost, will come out and hear the truth.

Chris

## Proposed Amendment to Operational Guidelines of The Missouri Missionary Baptist Loan Association item #9

Item # 9 now reads, "Any and all fees associated with a loan shall be paid by the Loan Association."

Proposed amendment would read: All fees incurred in the securing and release of property shall be collectable by the Loan Association 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 Association can pay such fees but the expense will be added to the applicants loan balance.

Explanation:

Article II-Purpose states that, "The purpose of the Missouri Missionary Loan Association is to provide interest free financial aid to Baptist Missionary Association messenger approved mission projects and to receive or release property and buildings as authorized by churches cooperating with the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri. The fees as defined in the proposed amendment could add up to thousands of dollars and reduce the Loan Association's ability to fulfill its purpose as stated in Article II of the Bylaws of the incorporation. Therefore, the loan applicant should have the responsibility for all fees associated with such expense.

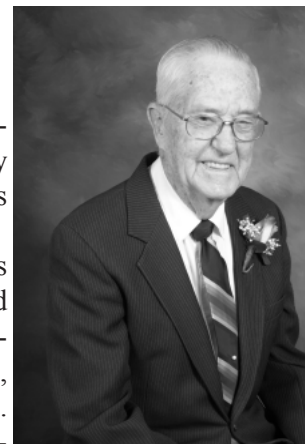
## Former Pastor Called Home

Osmond Aaron Robinson, affectionately known as Ottie, passed away May 4, 2010 with his family by his side.

Ottie was born in Hiram, Arkansas August 16, 1916. Son of Delbert and Alma Robinson, Ottie had seven siblings: Raymond, Naaman, Louise, Norman, Nina, Viola, and Pauline. His family moved to Flatwoods, Missouri where he grew up and later met

and married Ruby Penrod, to whom he had been married for 73 years. Together they raised three children: Janet, Ken, and Karen.

Ottie devoted his life to the ministry where he faithfully served for 50 years. A self-taught Bible scholar, he was dedicated to teaching and sharing his passion for God with those around him. Ottie worked as a sawmill worker in Potosi, MO when he received his call to the ministry. He began pastoring at Fellowship Baptist Church in Potosi, in 1951. He went on to pastor Springhill Baptist Church in Fairdealing, MO; Victory Baptist Church in Twin Falls, ID; Trinity Baptist Church in Florissant, MO; and



Pastor O.A. Robinson

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# +++ NEWS BRIEFS +++

**Mt. Zion, Ellington,** is glad to be coming your way again. The Reeses were able to be back with us. Our prayers were answered. While vacationing, Bro. Melvin and Sis. Carolyn Meade came our way Easter Sunday. We always enjoy seeing them. Bro. Emory brought an inspiring message. We had special singing by Bro. Melvin, Sis. Carolyn and Sis. Dianna. We never tire of listening to their uplifting music. After a delicious lunch we all went to the nursing home. Bro Emory brought a great message and of course, there was more good singing. We were saddened to hear that one of the residents had been called home. She loved to sing and we will miss her sweet voice. The Ordination Service held April 4th at Antioch was well attended. Our members enjoyed the services and the message by Pastor Brian Meade. The fellowship was great and each felt a blessing by attending. Our church has needed safer steps at the kitchen door for some time, where Sis. Dianna fell and injured her foot. Bro. Emory and Bro. Albert had promised to take care of this. Well, they got together and built a new deck and steps with a handrail. We really like and appreciate their efforts. Sis. Elaine Purvis from Oklahoma City spent a few days with her mother Mary Marcher and attended church. Sis. Connie's niece, Johnna Easter, from Farmington visited with us and we enjoyed having her. Sis. Rita's mother visited with us again. We truly enjoy our visitors. We were informed that Pastor Lee Miller, his daughter, Bro. Gerry Joiner and Sis. Dianna are having health problems. Please remember them in your prayers. Until next time—A heart that is focused on others will not be consumed with self.

Emory Shelton, Pastor  
Mary Marcher, Reporter

**Ozark Heights, Potosi,** sends greetings to all. What a busy month! April 2nd we observed the Lord's Supper. It was a very special night as we

watched clips from the "Passion of Christ." We followed His steps walking through the last evening, into the garden, the betrayal and all the unbelievable pain leading up to Him giving it all on Calvary. We must all remember Christ and that He shed his blood for all of us. The 4th of April we chose to replace Sunday school service and add the Easter experience as we celebrated the empty tomb and the glorious miracle of the resurrection. Bro. Brian provided a wonderful worship service following at 11 o'clock. We had a great and joyful morning committed to our remembrance of our Savior. We had a work day at the church which was a big job for Bro. Butch and Bro. Brian! Thank You: great job remodeling the bathrooms, taking care of getting the carpets cleaned and so many other things. On another work night the ladies met to work on costumes for VBS. We were blessed with a message from Bro. Ron Eye on Sunday evening April 11th. He preached an inspiring message that blessed our hearts. We are blessed to have such a fine young minister serving within our church. We delivered Krispy Kreme donuts on the 23rd; Sis. Loretta and Bro. Butch picked them up at 5 a.m. and had the crew waiting to deliver them. Bro. Brian Meade assisted in the ordination of Bro. Doyle Abby April 24th at Antioch. Our prayers are with Bro. Doyle in his service to the Lord. We are so happy Sis. Sharon is back home. We have been praying for all our shut-ins, may God Bless and provide all their health needs. Until next month, we send our prayers and love to you all.

Brian Meade – Pastor  
Georgie Brokaw – Reporter

**Bethany, St. Louis,** reports that April has provided us with many special events. We had beautiful special music and a wonderful worship service Easter Sunday, followed by an egg hunt for the children. A wedding shower was held at the church for Tyler and Alex Boll-

man. They were married last November, but due to their schedules they were not available for a shower until this past month. We ask the Lord's blessing on their marriage. Lee and Amy Gowen brought their third child, Zachary, into this world during the first week in April. Just in time for Easter. Sis. Mable Gibson and Sis. Bernice Herin passed away this past month. The ladies had their monthly meeting April 22 at the church. We send our sympathy to the families of former Pastor O.A. Robinson and Sis. Wilma Fox, as we learned of their going to Glory recently. Both were great servants of the Lord. We are looking ahead to the National Day of Prayer May 6th, the Missions Symposium and BMA of Missouri meeting May 14-15, Talent Time at Bethany May 30, and VBS the week of June 6-11. James Hoffmann, Pastor  
Carol McDonald, Reporter

**Antioch, Ellington,** sends Christian greetings to all of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. We had our ordination service for Bro. Doyle Abbey. We had a wonderful crowd with 14 ordained men on the council. Bro. Gene Warden questioned Bro. Abbey and Bro. Brian Mead preached the ordination message. It was a very good message based on II Timothy 4:1-8. Sis. Betty Abbey has been very sick, but was able to make the trip down to Ellington to be by her husband's side. We are praying that she is soon well. It was such a blessing to have a good group of Christian's in one place and to have great fellowship with them. Please keep us in your prayers as we try to do what the Lord wants here in our church and community.

Doyle Abbey, Pastor  
Minnie Asberry, Reporter

**Stony Point, Mineral Point,** says "Hello, Everyone! Spring has sprung!" April 11 five new members were added to the Lord's Church by baptism, Sis. Taylor Tuning, Sis. Ashtyn Tuning, Bro. Gavin Tuning, Sis. Pam Hampton and Sis. Sandy

Evans were baptized by Bro. Claude Evans; and all God's children said, "Amen." There were a couple of halleluiais in there too. Also in April Kenny Hamby accepted Christ as his Savior. Praise be to God! There is excitement in the air here...now we need to get it out of the air and on the ground so we can use it for the Lord's work. Bro. Claude and Sis. Bea attended the national association meeting in Fort Smith, Arkansas, and came back to us with news of great things that are happening because of the grace and mercy of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We would like to invite everybody to our third annual Community Fun Day to be held Saturday, June 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. Please try to come by and enjoy great fellowship, food, and games for everyone.

Claude Evans-Pastor  
David Hughes-Reporter

**Kewanee, Kewanee,** says "HOWDY!" As Minnie Pearl would say, "I'm so glad to be here," of course, she was referring to the Grand Ole Opry but we are glad to be here, in the Lords church, gathered with fellow Christians. Bro. Larry Tucker started our services for the month of March, and the puppet team provided us with another program in our p.m. service. They have new puppets and strangely enough some of them resemble some of our church members. Bro. Lloyd "Hoppy" Jackson has started

helping with the nursing home ministry as song leader. Bro. Larry and Bro. Rocky appreciate his help. Sis. Jackie Vaughn has been very faithful with the ministry and she is a blessing to them. We were blessed to have Bro. Ken Strickland visit with us and bring the word of God. Several of the ladies attended Wonderful Weekend for Women in Sikeston. They enjoyed the fellowship with other Christian women and were inspired by the speaker and the praise leader. We would like to congratulate Samuel Faulkner and Jennifer Ackman on their marriage. We pray Gods greatest blessings on them as they start their life together. Bro. Larry Tucker and Bro. Rocky Houston have been filling in at Providence as well as Kewanee, when needed. We are grateful to them as well as Bro. Webb Manley for the bringing the word of God to us. Bro. Don Adams filled the pulpit for Easter services with about 150 in attendance. It's great to have a big crowd for Easter--but where are they every other Sunday? Christ's death and resurrection is to be honored and celebrated every day--not just Easter Sunday. April 11th in our evening service we watched the video of Bro Jim Kerr's Easter service. We are looking forward to hearing the message that God has laid on his heart for us. Several ladies attended the district WMA at Emmanuel in Sikeston on April

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## ✝ From Our Workers ✝

### From Our Director...

I have good news to report this month concerning our program to help existing churches to reach a level of full pastoral support. Stony Point Baptist is now ready to assume full financial support for their pastor, Bro. Claude Evans. For more than a year, our association has provided \$250 per week to allow Bro. Evans to remain full time at the church. During this time, myself and members

of our mission advisory committee have met with Bro. Evans and provided counsel and encouragement. We praise the

The work at Smithville with church planters, Jamie and Rebekah Jones, continues to grow and show promise. The advisory committees of both the State and Meramec associations will visit the field this month and assess other ways that we may help this work. Please continue to pray for the Lord for His goodness toward Jones Family and the new people at NorthLake Church.

FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • April 2010		
General Fund		
Balance March 31, 2010		\$ 11,950.78
April Receipts:	\$ 2,964.08	<u>2,964.08</u>
Total Available		\$ 14,914.86
Disbursements:		
Director's Salary	\$ 700.00	
BMAA Partnership	1,500.00	
Stony Point Assistance	1,000.00	
Director's Expenses	<u>129.19</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$ 3,329.19	\$ <u>3,329.19</u>
Balance April 30, 2010:		\$ 11,585.67
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 65,176.76	
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 22,794.67	
ING Direct Savings	\$ <u>20,782.48</u>	
Total in CD's:	\$ 108,753.91	

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Bethany Baptist Church in St. Louis, MO. He continued to share his gift to teach, serving as an interim pastor for several congregations long after he had retired. His gentle and respectful manner but powerful presence proved him a natural leader. He was a skilled orator, delivering compelling sermons that touched many lives.

Ottie served in the U.S. Army in World War II and was stationed in Okinawa, Japan. He was honorably discharged in 1946 and returned to his family. Ottie was a fine craftsman having an affinity working with wood. His skilled carpentry work was a pleasure past-time for him but the pieces he created were the joy of enumerable recipients.

Memories of Ottie will live on in his children and grandchildren who remember him to be playful and full of life, sharing his contagious smile and joyful laugh. He inspired love and patience, being an influential part of not only each of his

family member's lives but all that were pleased to know him and his graceful character.

Ottie was preceded in death by his parents, siblings Raymond, Naaman, Norman, Pauline, and Nina, and his youngest beloved daughter Karen Anlauf. Ottie is survived by his wife Ruby Penrod Robinson, children Janet Ridlen and Ken Robinson, sisters Louise and Viola, nine grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, and many special friends.

Anyone wishing to send a memorial in lieu of flowers, please make donations to Life Word Ministries 609 Locust St. Conway, AR. 72034.

## Former Missionary Called Home

Word has just been received that Bro. Howard Rhoden, former BMA Interstate, Mississippi State and Louisiana State Missionary passed away May 4, 2010.

## A Dear Lady Called Home



Wilma F. (Parkin) Fox

A dear lady, faithful pastor's wife, and dedicated Christian Wilma F. (Parkin) Fox, 80, of Poplar Bluff died Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at her residence.

Sis. Fox was born December 19, 1929 in Belgrade. She was an active member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church where she was active in the local, state and national Women's Missionary Auxiliary, and was a homemaker. She enjoyed being a pastor's wife, spending time with her family,

## BMAA Missions March On

*Blessed by a smooth transition*

by Diane Spriggs via *The Baptist Trumpet*

This year's meeting marked the end of an era in the BMA of America Missions Department when Grady Higgs stepped down as executive director after seven years of service and the association wholeheartedly approved the Advisory Committee's recommendation of Dr. John David Smith as his successor. "This is a historic night," said Committee Chairman James Schoenrock, adding that "We need to maintain our heritage while embracing our future."

After brief comments from Dr. Smith as he accepted the position, special prayer was voiced by his father, Arthur Smith.

Later, right before the commissioning service for new missionaries, Bro. and Mrs. Higgs were honored by several speakers, including their children, on behalf of the entire BMA. There was laughter and tears, but all the comments boiled down to these: "You've done a great job, Bro. Grady. We'll miss you."

The Higgs were also surprised with a two-week Hawaiian vacation.

### New Missionaries

A **Creative Access Nation (CAN) family** was approved at the meeting, but their names and mission locations are being withheld from publication for security reasons.

**Anthony Pennington**, who wasn't present at the meeting, was approved to serve as an associate missionary with Merritt Youngdeer in New Mexico.

A "change of field" was also approved for **David Dickson**, who will serve as a field consultant for Latin America.

**Four self-funded, missionaries** to foreign fields were also elected. Some specific fields of service will not be given for security purposes and will only be listed as "Creative Access Nation" (CAN):

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church family and friends and working in her yard.

January 15, 1949 she was married to Glenn W. Fox in Flat River. He preceded her in death January 29, 2009.

Other survivors include her children, Dennis L. Fox and wife, Sue and Cathy J. Fox all of Poplar Bluff; two grandchildren, Nicole Conover and husband Jeremy and Andrew E. Fox all of Poplar Bluff; great-grandchild, Katelyn Conover; sister, Edith Darst of Tyler, Texas; two sisters-in-law, Ruby Fox of Littleton, Colorado and Dorothy Hassler and husband

Ray of Webster Groves; and many nieces and nephews.

Her parents, Irvin and Anna P. (Akers) Parkin and sisters, Edna Parkin, Christina Halbrook and Rosalie Brand also preceded Mrs. Fox in death.

The funeral service was May 1 at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, in Poplar Bluff with Elder Don Seat officiating and Elder Matt Johnson assisting. Burial was at the City Cemetery in Poplar Bluff.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 1600 South 11th St., Poplar Bluff, MO 63901.

## A Special "Thank You"

We would like to Thank You for your prayers cards, emails and etc., while Ernie has been waiting, having and recovering from surgery. Only God could have done what has taken place, how else would we have ended up in New Orleans, LA for surgery with a doctor who believed that "God" was The one who made it possible for him to learn and perform this procedure successfully! His biopsy came back good with NO signs of cancer and he does not have to wear a bag the rest of his life! He is scheduled to go back to work next Monday, May 10th.

Yours in Christ, Ernie and Becky Cate

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27th. We had a good time of fellowship and enjoyed the program from Matthews--"Recipe for Friendship-sisters in Christ". We each received a bag of fresh baked chocolate chip cookies from Sis. Laura Polk of Matthews. Some of our members have declared war on the church's landscaping. They have cut, clipped and raked. The shrubs are starting to look like shrubs again. Thanks, guys, and gals for all your hard work. It's looking a lot better! Our VBS committee has been meeting each month to get ready for "Saddle Ridge Ranch." Our kickoff will be Sunday, June 13th, in the afternoon, with games and a weaner roast (weather permitting). VBS will be June 14th-18th, from 8:30 till 11:30 a.m. Children grades Kindergarten through 6th grade are encouraged to attend. Continue to pray for us as we wait upon the Lord as we seek a pastor. Romans 8:28 tells us, "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose. We know God has called a man to be our pastor and he is preparing him for us and us for him. We are looking forward to his coming and leading us according to God's plan.  
Debbie Houston, Reporter

**First, Potosi,** continues to invite you to pray in all things. Our church has 95 on the prayer list for this month. Add this to praying for our missionaries, and each of us has something to do for the Lord every day. Let me give you some other numbers: we had two new members this month; we extended Christian sympathy to eight families who lost loved ones; there were two new babies born in families of our church this month; Awana's had their closing program with an average attendance this year of 152 (the greatest number attending on M&M [Me and My friend] night; there were 18 with perfect attendance and seven workers with perfect attendance; Markalyla Wilson has four years of perfect attendance; and there was an

AWANA appreciation banquet for volunteer workers Sunday. The GMA's attended the annual House Party at Ohlman Baptist Church in Bunker. Now they want to go to the national camp, but first they are planning their Mother's Day Breakfast for the ladies of the church on Mother's Day. April was Library Month, and several more members learned of our Christian fiction, devotional, self-help books and great reference sections of our library. Sunday School classes were encouraged this month to pray, visit and invite all possible to our revival in May. We had seven high school graduates and two college graduates to receive our congratulations this year. We had around fifty ladies sign up for the 5:00 p.m. study on Sunday evenings. To replace the AWANA program for student grades 1 through 7, Sis. Kami is inviting them to be a part of "THE BIG TRIP MUSICAL" which will have some emphasis on evangelism. TOEjam program has seen 24 visitors with some planning to come back for other services. The COW (come on Wednesdays) group is planning to attending the Baccalaureate to support students who still want this program to continue. We are thankful for our pastor who supports our BMA work and is prayerful about decisions of our church in the community. One part of our worship services that is not mentioned much is the signing for the deaf section in our auditorium. Just to watch the gracefulness of this worship and not know the signing is a blessing in itself. We lost one of our faithful members of this group this month. Sis. Lindsey signed at the funeral which was very hard for her to do because she felt the loss of the man who proclaimed Christ right up until he went to be with the Lord. She has a very emotional expressive way which we all love and have empathy for her loss but heaven's gain.  
Jamie Haguewood, pastor  
Beverly Simpson, reporter

**Oak Hill, Alton,** sends Springtime Greeting to all!! This spring is one of the most unusually

beautiful springtimes I have ever experienced if my memory is on track. And this renewal experience that springtime offers encourages me and perhaps you, also, to seek His face and His Word to desire a spiritual renewal as well. Earlier this year another of our young people, Hannah Smith, gave her heart to Jesus. The glow on her face speaks of Christ's love SO magnificently. And we have others attending our services who we are trusting will soon give their hearts to Jesus. There have been many vacancies in our pews this year. Troubling illnesses have been taking their toll on our attendance. When the prayer list is updated our pastor, Bro. Edward, often says, "And the list just goes on and on." May God's will be done.

Edward Casey, Pastor  
Marianne Hufstедler, Reporter

**Emmanuel, Sikeston,** sends greetings to all sister churches. We have been busy and are rejoicing in what God is doing. The Lord's Supper, which is a very beautiful and moving ordinance of the Church was observed Sunday evening, March 28. Bro. Jerry Adams preached some inspiring and challenging messages at our recent Revival. We believe the goal of reviving the church was much in evidence. We were thankful for the visitors that attended and hope to see continuing results as time passes on. A Yard Sale and Breakfast was held Saturday, April 10. The church is trying to pay off the loan on the Fellowship Hall that was made in the past. We want to free up the funds that are needed each month for this debt that we may support Missions more and have a better outreach in our community. A goal of \$4,000 was set for this first endeavor. The Lord greatly blessed with a surprise love offering from the Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church of \$1,000 plus another \$1,000 from one of their members who wishes to remain anonymous. These offerings added to the Yard Sale and Breakfast receipts gave a total of over \$4,000 to pay toward the loan,

leaving a balance of about \$36,000. We trust the Lord for His help in achieving this goal. We praise Him for everything this far. The SEMO District WMA met at Emmanuel Tuesday evening, April 27. A meal was served followed by business and a good program by the Matthews WMA. Great fellowship prevailed throughout the evening. Saturday, May 8, the ladies will have a Mother-Daughter Luncheon and are looking forward to it. Saturday, May 22, has been set aside as Community Day at Emmanuel. It will begin at noon. There will be games, food, fun, and special singing. Also special presentations of the gospel. This is a day designed to acquaint our community with our church and her outreach. The SEMO District Youth In The Harvest Meeting will be included as part of this afternoon's events. We are praying for a good attendance. Pray for us as we pray for you.

Billy Davis, Pastor  
Vi Maclin, Reporter

**Bethel, Sikeston,** sends Greetings to our sister churches. The children put on an Easter Play for the church. Sis. Shelly Kinder did a very good job directing and her talent shows thru working with the kids and bringing everything together so well in the end. Bro. Jerry preached at Emmanuel's Revival here in Sikeston. The following week he attended the BMAA meeting in Fort Smith, Arkansas. This gave Bro. Webb Manley and Bro. Mike Bolen opportunities to preach. It is always a blessing to hear them. God has blessed Bethel with some really straight forward preachers who stand on the Word of God and preach from the KJV, which now days is rare. God has been so good to us here at Bethel. We collected items for soldier's who are in need of personal supplies over in Afghanistan. It's great to help out our military when needs come up and it is the least we can do for the sacrifice they make daily for our country. Continue to pray for them and for our Nation's leaders, that they will seek God's guidance

in daily decisions. Everyone have a wonderful May and Blessings to you all.  
Jerry Adams-Pastor  
Marcia Hickman-reporter

**Lower Doe Run, Ellington,** back in March voted to have a WMA and had an organizational meeting. Our next meeting is to be May 6th. We are looking forward to it, because we will start studying Valarie Fish's book, "Get Real" Sis. Thelma Hoffmann will be our teacher. We have also decided to have a one day VBS. The date hasn't been set, but plans are being made. Please pray for us as we want both of these to be an outreach into the community. We are also having a food and fellowship time once a month. So far it has only been members that have attended, but we hope we reach some that like to play games and eat snack food. Bro. Dan Morris was in the hospital for a few days this past month. Also, Bro. Roy Williams has spent a few days in the hospital in St. Louis. Easter Sunday, we had 47 for church services. Wish we could have at least that many all the time. There were three couples from Lower Doe Run that were able to attend the National Meeting in Fort Smith, Arkansas. It was just about the best one that I have ever attended. Those that went were: Bro. Don & Sis. Thelma Hoffmann, Bro. Roy & Sis. Frieda Williams and Denver & I. What a blessing it was to be able to go. I am already looking forward to the meeting in Wichita Falls, TX, next April. There were also 8 of us that attended Bro. Doyle Abbey's ordination into the ministry at Antioch. We at Lower Doe Run would like to extend our sympathy to the family of Sis. Wilma Fox. Till next month or the Lord's return  
Denver Page, pastor  
Sharon Page, reporter

**Charity, Bismarck,** is thankful for God's blessings another month. Sweet fellowship and hours spent in the Word mark the past month and we anticipate more to come. Every service is like Revival when our

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# Moral Action

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## Recommendations Adopted at 2010 Session of BMA of America

The following Moral Action resolutions were adopted by the messengers of our churches and will be mailed to the President, United States Senators, The United States House of Representatives and the United States Supreme Court.

### Resolution #1

#### Recognize the need to elect Godly leaders to political offices

**Whereas**, politicians are always anxious to appear to be strong supporters of God and His kingdom; and

**Whereas**, some corrupt politicians try to use religion for political ends; and

**Whereas**, these types of political leaders are guilty of selling faith for corrupt power;

**Be it therefore resolved**, that we born again believers in Christ work to elect good and Godly men and women who share our Biblical values and who support our churches' policies of morality; and

**Be it therefore resolved**, that we urge these Godly political representatives to care for the public trust; and

**Be it therefore, further resolved**, that the Baptist Missionary Association of America meeting in Fort Smith, Arkansas, in April 2010, work diligently to elect good and Godly men and women to public offices in the United States.

### Resolution #2

#### Resolution to stand firmly against Homosexuality in a Christian Manner

**Whereas**, Christians can and should minister to homosexuals and lesbians in a kind yet biblical manner; and

**Whereas**, God can work through our lives to minister and touch those that are practicing this gross sin; and

**Whereas**, our pulpits and lecterns can proclaim the destructiveness of the Gay Rights Movement in America;

**Therefore, be it resolved**, that we strongly urge the Baptist Missionary Association of America messengers meeting in Fort Smith, Arkansas, in April 2010, to continue to take a Biblical stand against the sin of homosexuality in a Christian manner.

### Resolution #3

#### Reaffirmation of the United States Government to support and help protect the Jewish nation of Israel, God's own people

**Whereas**, we believe Jehovah God attested both the existence and the continuing existence of the Jewish people and by the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

**Whereas**, we pray for genuine peace in the Middle East; and

**Whereas**, we Christians believe that the present state of Israel maintains a divine right to the land given to Abraham;

**Therefore, be it further resolved**, that the messengers and churches of the Baptist Missionary Association of America meeting in Fort Smith, Arkansas, April 2010, urge the United States Government to maintain a recognition of Israel and support unequivocally her right to exist as God's people.

### Resolution #4

#### Reaffirmation of God's Plan for Marriage: One man and one woman

**Whereas**, the ongoing battle by Satanic forces to dissolve the institution of holy marriage; and

**Whereas**, the media, the liberal press, and social progressives and the liberal churches seek to diminish the importance of true

• **NEWS From Page 4** • hearts are right with Him. We are very excited to see a young man of the church graduate as a Registered Nurse this week. Stephen Price has completed the requirements in a two year course while continuing to work at his regular job. He also serves as our church musician, doing an outstanding job as pianist. We congratulate him on this accomplishment and congratulate Donnie Kennard as he graduates from High School and has his sights on a Welding School in Oklahoma. We look forward to the men of the church treating the mothers to dinner on Mother's Day. The Harper Family will be with us for that special day also. It will soon be time for the Charity WEPAS to host the District WMA and Brotherhood on June 4th at 7:30 p.m. Sis. Janet Price, our program chairman, plans to present a video of her trip to the Holy Land. Don't miss it. Some of us traveled to Poplar Bluff to pay our respects to the family of Sis. Wilma Fox, a dear friend and soldier of the Cross. She will be greatly missed. We are reminded that we must give our flowers while they live and not wait until they are gone to express how much they mean to us. So many dear ones come to

mind that have mentored us over the years. God bless you everyone.

Lee Miller, Pastor  
Carolyn Meade, Reporter

**Friendship, Harviell**, reports that the Lord has truly blessed us since the last report. We are thankful for the donation of an acre of land joining the church property on the West Side and we have purchased another church bus (14 passenger). Our attendance continues to climb a little with lost souls in about every service. While our pastor was out having surgery and recovering, we were blessed by Bro. Jim Dowd who preached on Sunday Morning and Bro. Jesse Cate who preached Sunday Night. We are collecting aluminum cans for camp as well as filling up bottles with change so we can attend Camp Garwood this summer. The kids are already asking when is camp! All we can say is THANK YOU JESUS for our pastors biopsy coming back good and he and his wife making the trip to New Orleans and back and the surgery being successful! When the doctor talked to them, before surgery, he (Doctor) told them "that he did nothing that GOD did it all" WOW! That is

the kind of doctor to have!! As of May 1, Sis. Sue Maynard is in the hospital. She is hoping to get to come home on Monday. Keep her in your prayers. Continue to pray for our pastor for a full recovery and for our church. Ernie L Cate, Pastor  
Thelma Dunlap, Reporter

**Mt. Zion, Poplar Bluff**, is thankful that the Lord has sent Bro. Matt Johnson as our interim pastor. We welcome him and his wife, Tamara, and their new baby girl, Katherine Grace, born April 30, 2010. Sis. Wilma Fox, a faithful member of Mt. Zion was called home to be with the Lord after a long illness. She was a loving mother and grandmother and beloved wife, always doing the Lord's work along side her husband, Bro. Glen Fox, for over 60 years. She was a wonderful pastor's wife, always friendly, compassionate and a Christian leader in Church and WMA for over 50 years. We pray that God will lead us as we "pick up the pieces" and do His Work. We were blessed with a visit from former members, Bro. Larry and Sis. Judy Cravens from Mississippi. We enjoyed wonderful singing and fellowship together.

Matt Johnson, Interim Pastor  
Dorothy Goldschmidt, Reporter

## Ordination of Bro. Doyle Abbey

by Leonard Compton, Clerk of Ordaining Presbytery

At the hour of 11 a.m. on Saturday April 24, 2010, a host of people assembled at the Antioch Baptist Church of Ellington, Missouri to witness the ordination of Bro. Doyle Abbey into the Gospel Ministry.

Following some congregational singing and a welcome by Bro.

marriage; and

**Whereas**, Christians affirm God's plan for marriage and sexual intimacy as one man and one woman legally married for life; and

**Whereas**, any other relationship that involves sexual intimacy is considered outside the bounds of God's law;

**Be it therefore resolved**, that we promote Godly marriages and urge the churches and messengers of the Baptist Missionary Association of America meeting in Fort Smith, Arkansas, April 2010, to recognize the importance of the institution of marriage.

### Resolution #5

#### Resolution to Stand for the Longevity of Life and Against Euthanasia and Physician Assisted Suicide

**Whereas**, believers in Christ do not believe in the elective death approach to the end of life by euthanasia and physician assisted suicide; and

**Whereas**, elective death as a health care option is perceived as a source of ruin to the sanctity of human life; and

**Whereas**, the Bible prohibits and decision or procedure which is to be construed as elective death;

**Therefore, be it resolved**, that the messengers and churches of the Baptist Missionary Association of America meeting in Fort Smith, Arkansas, April 2010, resolve to stand for the longevity of life and against the so-called elective death promotion by man.

Abbey the church voted to proceed with the ordination as voted by the church on February 7, 2010.

Twelve ordained brethren participated in organizing the presbytery. The following were elected to various positions:

Moderator - Terry Sharpe  
Clerk - Leonard Compton  
Present Candidate - Edith Burns

Question Candidate - Eugene Warden

Ordination Prayer - Terry Sharpe

Message & Charge - Brian Meade

Present Bible - Edith Burns

Following the fulfillment of each position the newly ordained pastor and his wife, Sis. Betty Abbey, were given the hand of Christian love and fellowship by the Church and all present. Those attending the service enjoyed a great feast prepared by the church and it was enjoyed by all.

## WMA & GMA NEWS

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## National GMA Project 2010

Greetings from Kelsey Fagala, National GMA 1st Vice President. GMA Camp 2010 is right around the corner and I hope you are all as excited as I am! I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at Daniel Springs June 15-18.

Our national project is 90% Philippine Bible College, 10% General Fund. The officers have set a goal of \$25,000. Please remember to send your project money as soon as possible to our national GMA treasurer, Mrs. Ruby Poteet: 8303 Middle Warren Road, Pine Bluff, AR. 71063 (870)879-1378 rwp8303@aol.com

I would like to challenge each girl and/or GMA group to create a rocket for our project promotion. Fill this up with your spare change. You may use a 20 ounce or a 2 liter coke bottle, or you can use your CREATIVITY! These will be judged at camp. Other project fund-raisers for camp will include our officer competition, candy grams, grab bags, quarter folders, and buttons. Our most popular fund-raiser at camp is our silent auction. Please help us by bringing gifts to put in this auction.

Tuesday night at camp is always national camp T-shirt and blue jean night. I would like to encourage everyone to buy one of these shirts! They are going to be SO cool! They will be royal blue with a yellow shooting star on the front left chest area. The back of the t-shirt will have a planet with the theme "How Great Is Our God" across it along with our theme verse, 1 Chronicles 16:25. Order forms for these shirts can be found on our GMA website [www.nationalgma.com](http://www.nationalgma.com). The cost is \$12.00 and order forms and money should be sent to Mrs. Ruby Poteet no later than May 15.

Afterglow will be held again this year on Wednesday night. If you have girls who would like to participate with a song or skit, please contact Sarah Hebert, Adult Song Leader as soon as possible at [sarah\\_h\\_2006@hotmail.com](mailto:sarah_h_2006@hotmail.com).

We want to encourage everyone to participate in the project and to get involved at camp! Hope to see you all there!

God Bless,

Kelsey Fagala, 1st Vice President National GMA

## Washington County District WMA

### Change of Date

The Washington County District WMA will meet Friday, **June 4, 2010**, at Charity Landmark Missionary Baptist Church in Bismarck, Missouri. Since some of our ladies and girls may be going to National GMA camp we moved our meeting a week early to give them more time to prepare for their trip.

Sis. Janet Price is in charge of the program. Come join us for a great time of worship and a fun time of fellowship!

## 2010 Ladies Retreat

Remember to make your reservations for the Ladies Retreat, October 8-9, 2010 at Zeno's in Rolla, MO.

Reserve your rooms directly with the hotel at 573-364-1301.

Send your registration fee by September 1, and the fee will be \$50. After September 1 the fee is \$60. This includes three meals. Send registration check made out to MO WMA with your name, address, phone number, and name of church to: Janet Widger, 7409 Rupert Ave. St. Louis, MO 63117.

Pray for our speaker, Sis.

## Family Ark Ministries

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## Young Ladies, Be Vigilant

This is the time of year when many young teen girls and college-age ladies have a full social calendar. There are school events such as prom, graduation parties, end of the year get-togethers etc... There are also many fun things planned for the warmer months such as trips to the lake, swimming and playing sports. While I do not want any young lady to walk through life fearful, I do exhort you to always be vigilant. Pay attention to what is going on around you. Do not put yourself in potentially dangerous positions. Sometimes, you may not even think about something as being dangerous. It probably won't be most of the time. However, it only takes once to change your life forever. So be wise as the Bible says. I will go over some protection points at the end of this article.

I Peter 5:8 tells you, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." You are the target of Satan's hatred because you are a Christian young lady. He would love nothing more than to crush your future before it ever gets started. While the boy you are dating may not be seen by you as a devil; never underestimate the power of Satan to use someone like that in your life to cause you suffering. You are a lamb; as Christ is your Shepherd. The lion, Satan; is walking around seeking which young ladies he can devour.

I am saying all of this to warn you that as many as 66% of all young ladies will suffer from what is commonly called "Date Rape". You have to set up boundaries of protection to see that this doesn't happen to you. You need to always be asking yourself, "Is this a wise thing to do?" Embrace wisdom and let the Holy Spirit guide you. Don't just say yes, and jump into a car before asking that question. I spent several years establishing rape crisis and abuse centers for women. The problem is so widespread it boggles the mind. You may not think it is so widespread, but that is because people generally don't admit to everyone they have been abused or misused.

You don't have to be raped to be abused. All abuse is evil. And there are many forms of abuse. Many girls are psychologically abused by means of verbal abuse. Did you know that you were not made by God to be the recipient of abuse? You deserve better than that. If your boyfriend verbally attacks you, set boundaries with him. Say something along the line of: "I don't know who has made you so angry today. I will be happy to calmly discuss it with you and listen to you. However, I am not the target of your anger, and I will not allow you to speak to me that way." If he doesn't take heed, end the date.

If you tend to attract boys who are mean to you, take advantage of you or who are jerks; then I need to lovingly suggest you stop all relationships at this time. You need to work on getting yourself healthy and holy first. Then, you will attract guys who are healthy and holy. A lot of who you attract depends upon how you view yourself inside. Work on your self-esteem in Christ so that you operate from a position of being loved, accepted, forgiven and pleasing to God. Because of Christ, you are a daughter of the Most High God Almighty. II Corinthians 6:18. Live out the reality of who you are in Christ.

Jerene Reddin as she prepares for the retreat.

We hope to see many new faces this year as you invite your friends to join you for the

great time of food, fun, and fellowship in God's Word. For more information contact Janet Widger, Terri Adams or Paula Reece.

## Potentially Dangerous Things:

1. Hold on to your drink. Rohypnol, (roofies) ketamine, or GHB are known as date rape drugs. For common slang names see the internet on date rape drugs. It is very common today. You can't see, taste or smell it. A guy can drop it into your drink and it will temporarily paralyze you and then you are at his mercy. Thousands of girls in high school and college are raped every year this way. Don't take your eyes off your drink. Don't ask a friend to watch it for you while you go to the bathroom. If you set your drink down, dump it when you come back.

2. Fight to your death at the first sign of trouble. If you are in a parking lot of a mall or store and someone points a gun at you, or tells you to get into a car -don't. Take your fight right there in the parking lot. Crime scene number two out in the country is always worse than crime scene number one in the parking lot. You have a chance to escape and be seen by others in the parking lot. There will be no escape if you get into the car with them. 3. Don't be alone with a boy until you have dated him for months. Practice courtship. Do things in groups out in public. You may think you know him, but you really don't. He can go to church with you, be nice and cute and hurt you so bad. Abusers usually do come across as smooth operators. 4. Don't go out in the country unless he is taking you to your home. Being with a boy at a lake, or parking on a road is asking for trouble. 5. Don't go to his home with no one there, nor allow him in yours alone. 6. Don't get in a position that leaves you vulnerable. Don't allow the boy to lay on top of you. If you do, you have lost your ability to control the situation. He now can dominate you. 7. Use your phone and call for help. I don't care what others may think, better safe than sorry. Allow the Holy Spirit to prompt you. If it feels wrong, it may be wrong. Don't go. Suggest an alternative. Take care of yourself. You deserve respect.

# Meramec Banner

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

## • MISSIONS From Page 3 •

• **Alicia Ramshur** - "Years ago, God planted a seed in my heart for missions," said Alicia. "It became my dream to use nursing on a foreign mission field, and now God has paved the way for me to work in a hospital in this CAN... That will be the avenue we use to build relationships and friendships with the people there so we can introduce them to Jesus."

• **Nichole Prickett** - "Nicci has some physical disabilities," said Dennis Knight, who has been her pastor at Paramount Baptist Church at Perkinston, MS, since she was two years old. "but she doesn't have any mental or spiritual disabilities. She is an able Christian and she will do us proud and will serve us well."

"You'll notice that I don't stand behind the podium," said Nichole, "because that's my disappearing act when I do because I'm only 4'6" tall... A number of years ago, the Lord laid international missions on my heart... He began to open one door after another and last year I went as a student missionary to a CAN... And I knew that was where He wanted me to be. I now have a job as an English teacher in a country that is 90% Muslim. Please pray for the people there that the Holy Spirit will soften their hearts and that they will truly hear the Word of God."

• **Margaret Bean** - "Two years ago I went on my first missions trip (to the Philippines) and two weeks into my trip I knew something was different in my life... Every week we would go out to this island where there were the 'poorest of the poor' children who had nothing and we'd share Bible stories with them... the next week when we went back, the children would remember every story, detail for detail. It was amazing."

"The last night we were there, we had a big party, and all those kids showed up dressed in their Sunday best. At the end of the party, I heard the kids asking their parents something over and over in their language, so I asked what they were saying and was told they were asking: 'Who will teach us now?' It was so hard to leave them and I began to feel God's call to missions. God has since opened the door for me to work in a CAN and I'm willing to do whatever it takes to reach those people." She will also serve as an English teacher, working with Alicia Ramshur.

• **Sarah Hebert** - "I'll be leaving to go to the Philippines in August. Four years ago when I started school, I was looking forward to my ministry when I graduated... Then God began to open doors I didn't even know He was opening but I walked through them and He showed me Himself in big ways through different people... That's what I want others to understand - that He is faithful and that He loves them. I want the people to understand who God is and have that relationship with Him that I strive to have every day. That's my heart; that's what I want to do and, like I've told several people, I can't not do it after what He has done for me. This is my reasonable service."

Two North American missionaries were also elected:

• **Ashraf Sara**, of Iraq, was "recommended for training and for vision clarification in preparation for future consideration as a North American partnership missionary to the Arabic-speaking people." He will graduate with a M.Div. degree from BMA Seminary. He and his wife, Jenny, have two sons, John and Mark.

"He wants to reach the most people he possibly can with the gospel of Jesus Christ," said Larry Barker. "He knows how to reach people in that language, that culture and that religion better than most of us. He is very well trained."

"I thank each and every one of you for the trust you put in us," said Bro. Sara. "I do believe that if we want to do a biblical and effective ministry, we need to do it according to the Bible. For the last three years I've been taught well at BMA Seminary and it has been a blessing to me. God has put a burden in our hearts. There are 7-9 million Arabs today in the United States and it is an opportunity for a big harvest to the Lord. This is our vision... God

has called us to the ministry with Arab and Iraqi refugees in America. These people need the Lord. Please pray for us..."

• **Leo Loughmiller** will work as an associate missionary with Brad Faulk in the Tri-Cities area of Washington. He is a gifted musician and will work primarily in the area of worship.

"My heart is for people... I never thought I'd leave Texas, but God let me know there are lost people everywhere and that we need to reach them... The western side of the area we'll minister in is really green with mountains and the eastern side is a desert but that's okay because God created the desert and we're going to go take it back over for Him if that's cool with y'all. Thank you, I appreciate your support very much. God bless."

## Additional Recommendations

In addition to the eight recommendations listed previously in the report and recommendations booklet, the following eight recommendations were added and approved at the meeting:

• We recommend a 3% raise for all missionary personnel.

• We recommend that the housing allowance for all directors be set at \$24,000 annually.

• We recommend the election of Margaret Bean as a self-support, Creative Access Nation missionary.

• We recommend the election of Sarah Hebert as a Creative Access Nation, self-support missionary.

• We recommend the election of Nichole Prickett as a Creative Access Nation, self-support missionary.

• We recommend a change of ministry emphasis for Fiodor Baraniuk from International Russian Coordinator to North American Russian-speaking Coordinator.

• We recommend a change of field for Michael Cross from Scotland to Asia Pacific.

• We recommend Ashraf Sara for training and vision clarification and preparation for future consideration as a North American partnership missionary to the Arabic-speaking people.

## Meramec Landmark Baptist Association Financial Report • April 2010

Balance March 31, 2010	\$ 10,105.60
Total Receipts:	\$ 2,376.32
Total Available	\$ 12,481.92
<b>Disbursements:</b>	
Danny Kirk	1,100.00
Director's Expenses	277.60
BMA of MO (Partnership)	1,000.00
RLF Transfer	394.87
Meramec Retreat (New Bunk Beds, transportation, etc.)	1,981.52
Pastor's Meeting	100.00
Brotherhood Mutual	609.16
Total Disbursements:	\$ 5,463.15
Checking Balance, April 30, 2010:	\$ 7,018.77
Revolving Loan Fund Balance	\$ 45,118.95

## From Our Director of Missions

Please mark your calendars for our next meeting of the Meramec Association. It will be held with the Charity Baptist Church in Columbia on Saturday, August 7.

In my last report, I spoke of an opportunity to go on a mission trip to Bolivia this summer and go up the river on the M.S. Arrington medical boat, the "River of Blessings." Pastor Haguewood and Bro. Phil Knott are coordinating a 10 day mission trip and they would like to invite you to come along. To encourage our pastors and our laymen to go, the Meramec association voted to match a church's gift to send one of their men, up to an amount of \$500. That is, if your church will help one of its men with at least a \$500 offering, the Meramec Association will match it with a gift in kind. So far, we have had 4 churches to take advantage of sending their pastor "up the river."

The total cost of trip, per person, will be approximately \$2500 and the space on the boat is limited. The trip begins August 8, 2010, and we need you to sign up before the end of June. If you need more information, contact Pastor Haguewood.

The camp committee has been busy planning this summer's camp.

We were fortunate to be involved in a bidding war for some used bunk beds at Fort Leonardwood. We owe Pastor Brad Banderman much appreciation for securing 200 more beds for our use. You will notice that in our financial report the cost of purchasing the beds and for transporting them to camp came to nearly \$2000. The cost is worth it...if we will fill up our camp with kids.

The theme this year is "No More Excuses." **Are you making plans to attend camp?**

## Meramec Landmark Baptist Association Jesus Camp 2010

**NO MORE  
EXCUSES!**

Theme for this year's camp

### Camp Dates:

Jr. Camp: Sunday, July 18-21, 2010

Teen Camp: Wednesday, July 21-24, 2010

Camp Packets will be emailed or they can be downloaded from the Meramec Association Web Page...go to [www.meramecassociation.com](http://www.meramecassociation.com) and click on Jesus Camp 2010.

**Make Plans Right Now to Attend and Bring Your Young People!**

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### 2010 Commencement Exercises

The Baptist Missionary Association (BMA) Theological Seminary of Jacksonville, Texas will hold its 2010 commencement exercises on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. The event will be held at Dorman Memorial Chapel on the campus of BMA Theological Seminary at 1530 E. Pine Street in Jacksonville, Texas.

This year's graduating class will be the seminary's fifty-third. Associate, Bachelor and Master's degrees will be awarded during the ceremony.

The Reverend Don Brown will deliver the commencement address. Brown has been the editor of the Mississippi Baptist paper for 32 years, is currently a member of the BMA Seminary Board of Trustees and serves as pastor of Big Creek Baptist Church in Soso, Mississippi.

The public is invited to attend the event.

BMA Seminary provides accredited theological education to qualified individuals by seeking to equip them for Christian service and leadership roles. The seminary supports the educational needs of the Baptist Missionary Association of America and other groups who share a like commitment to the authority of Scripture.

#### • BMAA MEETING From Page 1 •

• **Rock Creek Baptist Church**, Union, MS; Wayne Stockstill, pastor

Grady Higgs, the outgoing executive director of BMAA Missions, was elected to bring next year's annual sermon, with Dr. John Adams as alternate. Paul Bullock was elected associational president. Valarie Fish was elected president of the Women's Missionary Auxiliary.

As suggested by the Committee on Arrangements, the 2012 meeting will be held at the Jackson Convention Center in Jackson, MS, April 16-18.

Although it is impossible to tell you everything that went on at this year's BMA of America meeting, these are a few of the highlights:

#### Ministerial Directory

Every five years, the Baptist Trumpet (The BMA of Arkansas official Newspaper) teams with LifeTouch Church Directories to produce a ministerial directory that features BMAA ministers, pastors, departmental directors, music, youth and education directors. This project was the brainchild of former editor David Tidwell, and is a wonderful tool for, as well as a historical documentation of, our ministers. Each participant will receive a free 8x10 photograph and a copy of the finished directory (which should be ready in 3-4 months). What does the Trumpet get out of the project? Discs containing the 324 photographs that were taken, which we use in our paper and share with other BMA newspapers, departments and churches.

There was also a drawing for a digital camera (provided by LifeTouch) in connection with the "shoot." The winner was Bob Whitten of Texas.

#### New Projects

The WMA raised \$42,692.58 for their 2009-2010 project, a BMMI clinic in Laos. They chose a joint project for the coming year: 40% DiscipleWay; 40% IAW (Arab Women); 15% General Fund; and 5% Youth Fund.

The Brotherhood selected Moral Action as their 2009-2010 project (\$12,331.25 was raised) and they chose this ministry again for the coming year.

#### Name Change

The only proposed constitutional amendment passed without opposition noted. It involved changing the name of Moral Action Committee to Moral Action, an agency of the Baptist Missionary Association of America.

#### Baptist Music Fellowship

All current BMF officers were reelected: Stan Scroggins, president; Aaron Ledford, vice president; and Timothy Fish, secretary/treasurer.

#### Master's Builders

This has been a "busy year" for the Builders as they have worked on two mission churches, including the new Hispanic Building in Little Rock, with two more projects scheduled. Since the Builders began in 1991, they have worked on 106 projects.

#### Coordinating Council

The group met several times during the year, including a meeting in January with the departmental directors. The major project of the Council this year has been DiscipleWay. Doug Brewer was elected to succeed himself on this committee.

#### Special Groups

Two special groups of men - chaplains, led by David Norvell; and Hispanic pastors, led by Buddy Johnson - were recognized at the meeting and given time to briefly talk about their work on two important mission fields.

#### Seminary

President Dr. Charley Holmes reported on the evangelical emphasis at BMA Seminary and noted that "It is not our job to lure people into the church. It is our job to go where they are... we are in the world, not of the world."

"Realizing that at times our churches feel overburdened with the number of appeals for special offerings, this year we are again asking only for special prayer the week of May 10-16, Seminary Graduation Week," said Dr. Holmes.

The \$1,246,593 budget was approved, and Dr. Holmes was reaffirmed as Seminary president.

#### LifeWord

## 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.

**Ray Thurman**, is available for pulpit supply or to serve as a interim pastor as God leads. You may contact him at 573-438-2195. -2-

**Tim Bell**, a member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Sikeston Missouri, is available for pulpit supply. Contact him at 573-471-5063 or 573-475-0517 -5-

**Rocky Houston**, a member of Kewanee Baptist Church, is available for supply or however the Lord leads. Contact him at 573-748-5879 after 4:00 p.m. -5-

### Seeking A Pastor

**Denver Street Missionary Baptist Church** in Greenwood, Arkansas is seeking a full time Pastor. Resumes may be sent to the Denver Street Missionary Baptist Church Search Committee, % Kenneth Colvert, 2326 Skye Road, Fort Smith, AR 72908 or you may call Kenneth at 479-649-6122, or e-mail [krcolvert@cox.net](mailto:krcolvert@cox.net).

Executive Director George Reddin, who was reelected, noted that there is "great unity" at LifeWord and they are looking forward to adding three to five new languages during the coming year to expand broadcasts to areas in Africa, Asia, Mexico and Central America. It was noted that listener response has increased from 36,000 in 2007 to over 82,000 in 2009 and "each one has a story."

The current debt for the department is \$358,000 and they hope to be debt free by 2013.

#### DiscipleGuide

"It's a great time to be in the disciple-making business," said Executive Director Kevin Clayton. He noted that great strides are being made in every area of this ministry and that the department finished the year in good financial shape.

Good reports were given by Jerome Cooper (publishing), Donny Parrish (conferences), James Speer (Daniel Springs) and Bobby Hudgens (information services).

The department held a drawing at the meeting to award a Kindle Reader (Carl Willis, winner) and an iPad (Bo Bankston, winner).

Dr. Clayton was reelected as executive director.

#### Ministers Resource Services

"I came to the department 10 years ago," said Executive Director Ron Chesser, "and this

year has been the best year in many ways." He went on to note that at the end of trading April 19, the MRS portfolio totaled \$9,634,521.75, and was averaging an increase of \$90,000 per month. The department's growth continues to outshine most secular programs.

His report was brief and upbeat and allowed him time to take questions from the floor. Bro. Chesser was reelected.

#### Moral Action

Executive Director Dr. John Adams reaffirmed the agency's determination to speak up on biblical issues, and noted that it is "not a time for timidity." He encouraged participation in the National Day of Prayer, May 6, and announced plans for two special "Freedom Offerings" - July 4 and July 11.

Dr. Adams presented a plaque to Bobby Hudgens for five years of service as chairman of the Moral Action trustees.

Six Moral Action Resolutions were approved and appear in this issue of the Missouri Missionary Baptist. Dr. Adams was reelected.

#### Final Enrollment Report

244 visitors, 608 messengers, 275 churches represented by messenger, 217 churches represented by letter only, 6 petitionary letters, 218 missionary committeemen and 49 churches gave \$3,685 to the Minute Fund.