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"Holding Forth The Word of Life"

Philippians 2:16

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Reflections of Camp 2010

From our camp Director...

I would like to thank all those who really poured it on these last few weeks, making camp ready for services last week. Also, to my family who has not only stood beside me but at many times propped me up this past year. And to the church at Matthews whose patience, love, and support has been poured out week after week. Without which camp would have gone much differently.

I would also like to thank those who stayed to work after camp. Giving us a good start on remodeling the upper girls dorm. However we have a long way to go.

I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage people to remember the three things needed to complete the dorms and prepare for camp in 2011. **Time, Money and Prayer.** You may not have much of the first two, but everyone can pour their heart into Prayer for camp, for the speakers, the services, the preparations, and then those who can, will provide the time, and funds.

You shouldn't think of camp this year being over. But, camp next year just beginning.

Again thanks to all of you who made camp possible. There were around 300 campers and I never heard a solid count on the number of professions. Around 12 was the last I heard.

In His Service,
Chris

Editor's note: We appreciate Bro. Chris and his family and their dedication to the ministry of Camp Garwood. Let's do our best to show them our appreciation by helping get the dormitory improvements completed this fall and be ready for another great camp in 2011!

BMA of Missouri Annual Meeting Reminder

Date:
October 23, 2010
Place:
Bethel, Sikeston

Pictures of Camp Garwood 2010

On this page and on page 8 you will find pictures of those attending Camp Garwood 2010. Thanks to those who emailed pictures to be printed and special thanks to Sis. Sharon Lourance from Black River Church in Quin for loaning her camera to the editor to use while at camp.



Some of the precious souls who were saved at Camp Garwood



Bro. Ben Kingston blessed us with God's Word



Class time was a hit and they enjoyed the crafts that went along with the lessons



The music of the Harpers inspired clapping and singing

First Baptist Church? A Wonderful Opportunity!

This building, located on 37 acres on Hwy. US-67, halfway between Poplar Bluff and Greenville in Missouri, in the communities of Cool Springs and York Village, is available for the planting of a new church. Plans are also being made to add a family life center to the existing large church plant, with the entire facility being donated to a new congregation.

"We are looking for an energetic, family man and preferably a seminary graduate... who has the potential to take this building and turn it into a



successful BMA church," said Gaylord Harvey, pastor of Amity Baptist Church in Doniphan, Missouri, who has contact with the owner of the property.

The building has a beautiful interior with a sanctuary with enough floor space for more than three hundred seats and a balcony with two stairways leading up from the 12' x 25' foyer. There is also a pastor's study, a kitchen with oak cabi-

nets, two main restrooms, a nursery with diaper changing room, and plenty room for growth.

All we need is God's man to come and establish a vibrant congregation in this facility.

For information, contact Bro. Harvey at (573)996-5586, gaylordh@windstream.net, or Amity Baptist Church, 402 Green St., Doniphan, MO 63935.

+++ NEWS BRIEFS +++

Charity, Columbia, shares some of the Lord's blessing with us. We have been praying for a man, now brother, for several years. He is about 50 years old. God saved him a while back and after about a year or more of growing spiritually, he presented himself for baptism. His wife, a church member, rejoiced greatly. We all did! A few weeks later another man about 50 years old made a profession of faith and was baptized. This was a result of Bro. Davis' Jail Ministry, and two years work. A few weeks later two sisters about 8 and 11 made professions of faith and we baptized them. These girls have been brought to church by their dad since they were babies. At times we sow the seed and water for a long time before God produces a harvest. But He is faithful and His Word will accomplish His purpose.

Jim Ford, Pastor

Ozark Heights, Potosi, sends their love to all their Brothers and Sisters. The month of July has been a busy time for us. We paid tribute to all our veteran's on the 4th of July, for all those who have put their lives on the line in order for us to enjoy freedom; our prayers and love goes out to all. We also enjoyed the testimonies of 2 boys that came forward with their professions of faith. Sammy Eye and Trevor Lewis asked the Lord to come into their lives in Junior Church. PRAISE GOD for Independence from sin through Jesus. Sunday, July 11th, we enjoyed lunch with the pastor! This is a quarterly opportunity to sit with our pastor as he gives us his vision and help for the work of our church. We held a car wash July 17th to help raise funds to finance Bro. Brian's mission trip to Bolivia. We will all be in prayer for Bro. Brian and all who goes on the trip. It really makes us appreciate what we have here in our own country. July 18th we were excited to receive Bro. Joe and Sis Clarice Cassner as church members. We are so thankful that God

has led them to us. Everyone has now returned from Church Camp; a very hot week, but all seemed to enjoy the great time and fellowship. We also received word of several saved and decisions to serve coming from camp this year. Praise God! From our Youth Reporter Shafawn Masson: The youth just got back from camp. They got to stay in the new dorms and had a blast. I didn't get to go personally but the group experienced change and wonderful messages. We want to thank our church for financing the experience and also every person who put their time and effort into making church camp possible. Until next month: May God bless all our churches and members. Thanks, Bro. Gary, for Butch's Corner it always puts a smile to our faces.

Brian Meade, Pastor
Georgie Brokaw, Reporter

Mt. Zion, Ellington, is looking forward to the month of August and somewhere down the line cooler days. The service at the nursing home was great with an inspiring message. Sis. Dianna and her mother spent an enjoyable week vacationing in Branson. Sis. Dianna's little granddaughter, Aubri, spent a few days with her and attended church. We enjoyed having her. Rick Rayfield also came our way and we are always glad to see him and we were glad to see David again. We were blessed to have several visitors come in Sunday. Bro. Melvin and Sis. Carolyn Meade and three of their friends had been helping clean at Camp Garwood and stopped in to attend the service. Bro. Emory brought a good message and we were blessed with uplifting music. We pray that many souls will be saved at camp. Until next time – never measure God's unlimited power by your limited expectations.

Emory Shelton, Pastor
Mary Marcher, Reporter

Bethany, St. Louis, held a wedding shower for Bro. Clayton McKibbin and his bride,

Kinsey, on the 11th of July. The Ladies' Meeting was held in fellowship hall July 15th. Karen Leija was our hostess. Good food, a beautiful devotion, and fellowship was enjoyed by all who could attend. Some of our youth and adults went to Camp Garwood the last week in July. They reported that despite the heat it was a great week!! Souls were saved and lots of snow-cones were consumed. We are preparing shoeboxes for the BMAA Missions Christmas Shoebox Project. These will go to children in Armenia and El Salvador. Election of Officers and Teachers for 2010-2011 will be August 15th in our annual business meeting.

James Hoffmann, Pastor
Carol McDonald, Reporter

Friendship, Harviell, wasn't able to take a large group to work at Camp as planned, but we did get a smaller group that worked and had some fun. We are excited about the organization of a WMA. We will be hosting the Youth In The Harvest in August with a Back to School Lock-In following. We didn't have a evening service July 25th. Everyone drove to camp, helping get the campers there and surprised First Lady Becky for her birthday with grilling of hot dogs and hamburger and cake. We were blessed to take a total of 30 to church camp this year with 26 of them being kids. Three of our group accepted Christ as their Savior while at camp. August 1, for the evening service, each person who attended camp had the opportunity to tell about what camp meant to them. It was very interesting to hear the Youth tell of all the friends they met and how they felt the presence of God.

Ernie L Cate, Pastor
Thelma Dunlap, Reporter

Faith, St. Charles, sends greetings to all our sister churches. We held our annual election of officers and teachers and I was given the "reporter" position. We have had many members face the pain

of the loss of loved ones and/or serious illness. I am saddened to say there are too many to name individually. We just ask for your prayers to the Lord for their comfort; He knows all their names. Bro. Boatright had to undergo surgery on his back last month and he is steadily healing. We have enjoyed the visiting pastors during his recovery but we will all be happy to see him back to his good old self soon. He has suffered much pain through this ordeal and can use your prayers also. Some of the men at Faith have been busy remodeling our fellowship hall trying to make it warmer and look nice too. It is almost finished. Good job guys! We have been blessed with several new members in the last few months. Charles and Mary Daniels chose Faith as their place of worship and Richard and Helen Young "re-joined" the congregation. Their son, Garrett recently joined the military - we will all pray for him. Our overall attendance has been down through the summer "vacation" run so we hope those of our members who are visiting other places will be visiting with some of the churches in the area they go to. Faith would be pleased to share our worship time with those of you who may be traveling in our area. A couple in our church, Tony and Flo Myers will be leaving for another mission soon. They are part of The Masters Builders group and are honored to serve the Lord

where He leads. We are getting ready to start our AWANA program in September. Our church really enjoys working with these children. Until next month, we pray God's blessing to all of you.

Tim Boatright, pastor
Chris Pruett, reporter

Charity, Bismarck, sends greetings to all the churches. It was a full summer month with a lot of visitors and many others out for vacations. The lot next door to the church has come up for sale. We think it would be an asset to the church plant but are waiting on direction from the Lord. April and Brenda were back the week before camp and Brenda got to attend work days and the first day of camp. Becky and Lenn were a great help in the canteen at camp. Ellen got to serve as a Disciple in Training and enjoyed the experience. Charity was in charge of the canteen so we missed out on a lot of activities and fellowship. However, we met a lot of friends at the canteen windows. We particularly enjoyed the Harper Family, the two camp pastors, Bro. Ben Kingston and Bro. Don Burke, and Bro. Leonard Gladden leading the adult choir. What a joy. Camp is a great experience. Thank you, Bro. Chris and family, for all your hard work getting it all ready. The Fellowship Choir enjoyed the concert and fellowship at Stony Point on the 31st. Our next

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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • July 2010

General Fund

Balance June 30, 2010		\$ 17,802.13
July Receipts:	\$ 5,039.35	<u>5,039.35</u>
Total Available		\$ 22,841.48
Disbursements:		
Director's Salary	\$ 700.00	
BMAA Partnership	1,500.00	
Office Supplies	<u>39.89</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$ 2,239.89	\$ (2,239.89)
Balance July 31 2010:		\$ 20,601.59
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 65,176.76	
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 22,794.67	
ING Direct Savings	\$ <u>10,782.48</u>	
Total in CD's:	\$ 98,753.91	

From Bro. Jones....

Hello Friends,

As I write this report to you, there is a Church in route to Smithville from Oklahoma. This group will be here for the next five days, and it will be our last service group to host for the summer.

While the summer has been very fast paced and tiring, I am somewhat sad because it has also blessed North Lake in a major way. We have thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship and partnering in ministry with all the Churches that have come to help in the planting efforts here in Smithville. God has opened doors into lives and we have made some great contacts for the future. We have been blessed with groups that came to help and get dirty while serving others. Each group was different and God blessed each

in a "custom" kind of way. It was great to watch God do specifics in the lives of some of the sponsors, the teenagers, and groups as a whole. The "random" meetings that turned into visits to our services from "random" strangers gave many a sense that God is working all around if we just look for it. Thank you to each of them!

Cool story - We met a lady last year at a gas station service project, who brought her husband to our Bible study. He now leads our teen Bible study. They sent their son along with a couple other teens with us to church camp, and now their son and a friend KNOW Jesus Christ as savior!

I can't wait to see what God does with our next group.

Expecting Great Things!

Jamie Jones

Luke 19:10



The group from Smithville that Attended the Jesus Camp



Rebekah's Kids Class at North Lake Church

Service Projects - Reap New Contacts



The picture on the left shows two young men preparing a fireplug for painting. The picture below shows the finished product with a sign informing the neighbors of who did the work.

These "service projects" get a lot of attention from the neighborhoods and many time open doors for contacts for the Lord's work.

Thanks to all those who have helped "open doors" for North Lake Church in Smithville this summer!



The finished project with North Lake Signage

When You Are About To Collapse...

by Joseph Harris, Vice President of Southeastern Baptist College
via miniedition.net

"If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? And if in the land of peace wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of the Jordan?" Jeremiah 12:5

Have you ever felt as if you were at the end of your rope and did not know what to do? An old saying goes like this: "When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hold on." When I was in college, the last few weeks of a school year seemed too intense. My thought always was, "The end of the semester is almost here, school will be out and I can relax. No tests, no more research papers, no deadlines. I will be accountable to no one."

Maybe you have just experienced a difficult time in your life. You may even still be in the middle of difficulties. Do you feel that you have been put through the grinder? If so, then brace yourself. It probably won't be the last time. (This is not meant to discourage, but encourage. Read on.) There may even be a larger grinder somewhere in your future. In the previous verse, Jeremiah is saying, "Hey, if you have raced against other men on foot and they wore you out, then how do you think you will do when racing on foot against a horse?"

We all get weary in life and even get weary when doing right. We can get tired of hearing others encourage us to keep on keeping on. Just remember, every problem, trouble, grief and discouragement God has brought you through just might be a foot race, preparing you to run against a horse someday. If your current trouble is severe, rest assured, your previous foot races have prepared you for this trial. Encouraging words in the middle of discouragement often miss their mark, but take heart. When you run against horses in the future, the footmen and all they put you through now, will not seem so bad. This realization in itself is encouragement for today's race. *"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."* Galatians 6:9

• **NEWS From Page 2** •
 practices are at Zion on August 13 and Landmark on the 27th. If you love to sing, and can make it, join us at 7:30 each of those evenings.
 Lee Miller, Pastor
 Carolyn Meade, Reporter

Lower Doe Run, Ellington, started off the month by having Sis. Valarie Fish speak to our WMA. Our men and some visitors were there, too. I believe that everyone received a great blessing and a challenge to be "Real Christians." We had refreshments afterwards and had a good time of fellowship. Makenna Chilton came forward to make her public profession of faith and asked for baptism the first Sunday of July. She will be baptized August 22nd. Please pray for her as she awaits this event in her life. We have been blessed with quite a few really good rains recently for which we are so very grateful. We had prayed and asked the Lord to bless our efforts with the garden. He has done so, and we are reaping those good things now. We have been able to share some of those goodies. We had our one day VBS on the 17th. It turned out very good with 22 children and 11 workers. It was a hot, hot day, but the kids got to play in the water and soak down the preacher, so I don't think they noticed too much. Denver and I were so blessed to be able to attend Camp Garwood for three nights. We helped out in the kitchen somewhat, but even that was enjoyable. We also had fun singing in the choir Wednesday night. Tuesday night three of our ladies came out. It was hot, but when the sun started going down, it wasn't bad at all. We've had some that have been on the not-too-well list this month. Sis. Thelma Hoffmann had a stint inserted. Sis. Betty Rayfield had some tests, and Sis. Helen Morris has been put on a very strict diet for her heart problems. Also, there were others and many on our prayer lists at church. Please remember Denver as he and four other men from the Meramec Association leave on the 8th of August

for a mission trip to Bolivia. They will be staying on the M.S. Arrington and working from the boat. They will return the 20th. Until next month or the return of Our Savior.
 Denver Page, pastor
 Sharon Page, reporter

Kewanee, Kewanee, sends a big "Hello" with thankful hearts for the Lord has heard and answered our prayers. Bro. Dan Wisely has accepted the church as pastor. July 11th, Bro. Dan and his wife, Pam, came to visit with us. We had a dessert social at 4 p.m. before our evening services so we could get to know them a little better. We enjoyed this time and as usual had some very good desserts. After the fellowship we asked Bro. Dan several questions and he had some for us. The church had been praying that when the right man, the man God wanted for us, would come, we would all know it, and that is exactly what happened. Bro. Dan was voted in 100%. The youth have hosted the potluck for the last 2 months to help them raise money for their trip to Youth Alive. They are excited! This will be the first time any of them have ever attended. July 20th the ladies attended the District WMA at Matthews. Kewanee presented the program. We had a good time of fellowship and would like to invite all the ladies to be a part of our WMA meetings. We are gearing up for the Walk/Run for the World. Our date is October 9th. We are also planning a rummage/bake sale September 11th at the church storage building. All the proceeds will go to LifeWord. Congratulations to Brandon and Tara Tucker on the birth of their son, Mason Lee Michael Tucker. Wesley and Keaton Adams were saved at their home and came before the church as candidates for baptism. We look forward to having them as new church members and we ask you to pray for them as they start their new life for Christ. Bro. Dan's first day as pastor was July 25th. They had a very good welcome to our little area of the flatlands, as they got

locked out of the parsonage and got a little more acquainted with our mosquitoes in their first weekend! Deanna, their daughter sang a special during the Sunday morning services. She did a wonderful job, and it was a blessing to us all. We are looking forward to our new church year, with our new pastor, and we pray for renewed hearts for all. Our God is an AWESOME God and He has awesome things planned for His children. We need to wake up and realize our time on earth can end with one simple little heartbeat. Everyday is a blessing and we need to spend it serving the Lord!
 Dan Wisely, Pastor
 Debbie Houston, Reporter

Emmanuel, Sikeston, celebrated her 59th anniversary July 11. It was a wonderful Homecoming Day. Former pastor, Bro. Ray Thurman and his wife Dorothy came. Everyone was so glad to see them. He was the guest speaker for the morning service and preached a very challenging and encouraging message using our theme for the day, "Victory Ahead!" After a good meal and a joyous time of fellowship there was an afternoon of church history, music, and testimonies. We had a good time in the LORD! Thanks to all who made it a great day! The evening service was dismissed. Sincere sympathy is extended to the Jimmy Johnson family in the unexpected death of his brother and to the Roger Ross family in the death of his eighteen-year-old niece, killed in a tragic automobile accident. Bro. Billy has been preaching a series of messages warning about there may be no tomorrow for us, and today is the day of salvation. These unexpected deaths certainly had a great impact on the church. Pray for us as we joyfully serve the Lord.
 Billy Davis, Pastor
 Vi Maclin, Reporter

First, Potosi, sends greetings to all. The youth shared with the church their experiences they had in Smithville with Bro. Jamie Jones' mission. Several

Missouri State GMA Retreat



July 17-18, 2010, girls and their counselors gathered at Camp Garwood for the annual Missouri State GMA Retreat. The picture above shows many of the girls in "Egypt" as they learned about how the Israelites lived in the time of Moses. The side picture shows some girls making "bricks" out of mud and straw as the Israelites had to do.

received Christ at Jesus Camp. It is a blessing to hear how God has touched the lives of our youth. The GMA's attended the State Retreat at Garwood where they experienced life as a Hebrew slave making bricks. The Passover meal was also presented to the girls. Wednesday nights the children worked on The Big Trip Musical! What is your final destination? They presented the way of salvation through song and skits on Sunday night. It was led by Sis. Kami Haguewood. The Joy group planned a trip to visit the Bethel church building that extended an arm to start First Baptist. Due to the heat it was postponed. On Heritage Day when members dressed in old fashioned costumes we had an evening of guessing past pictures of members, and from one line of a song someone tried to sing the next line. Be in prayer for Bro. Jamie and the others that are going on the mission trip to Bolivia. Remember to pray for our missionaries and our students as they return to school.

Jamie Haguewood, Pastor
 Beverly Simpson, Reporter

Antioch, Ellington, sends Christian greetings to all our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are still being greatly blessed by God. July 11th we

baptized one and had an attendance of 29. We went to the creek for the baptizing. We observed the Lord's Supper July 25th and had two more people come to join the church. They will be baptized August 1st. We recently met at Sis. Maudeline's house for a barbecue and celebrated Bro. and Sis. Abbey's birthdays.
 Doyle Abbey, Pastor
 Minnie Asberry, Reporter.

Oak Hill, Alton, sends their greetings. I'm thinking at this moment that I'd really appreciate a snow storm. But, do you suppose I would? Perhaps I just need to remind myself that my Heavenly Father knows what this planet needs. In May Janie Ayers received the gift of salvation. In June, Ted Simpson was saved. He, his wife Barbara Dawn, and their daughter Desiree joined our church. Ted and Desiree were baptized. Saturday a beautiful wedding was held at our church. Courtney Barton, daughter of Jeff and Edith Barton and David Masterson were joined together in holy matrimony. Thank you for your prayers for Lynda Keck and we would appreciate your continuing to pray for her. Some of her days are better than others.
 Edward Casey, Pastor
 Marianne Hufstedler, Reporter

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How To Respect Our American Flag

Francis Bellamy, a clergyman and editor of "Youth Companion" is believed to have written the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag in September, 1892: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In 1892, the magazine printed it to celebrate the four hundredth (400th) anniversary of Columbus discovering America. School age children recited the pledge October 12, 1892, Columbus Day.

The original words read, "I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In researching this information for you readers, it was discovered that the words were altered in the 1920's when "my flag" was changed to "the flag of the United States of America." In 1942, the Pledge was granted recognition by the United States Congress when it was included in the Flag Code. Congress then added the phrase "under God" in 1954.

When an American citizen cites the Pledge, the following rules of respect should be recognized:

1. All should stand at attention and face the flag.
2. The United States Flag Code requests that those not in military uniform should place the Right hand over the heart.
3. That those not in military uniform who are wearing a hat, should remove it with the right Hand and hold at the left shoulder, so that the hand is over the heart.
4. Soldiers and others in uniform, etc, scouts, should remain silent, face the flag, and give the appropriate salute.

I encourage each of you to respect the American flag. Many brave individuals have made the ultimate sacrifice of death for our flag and nation. Remember always that we are "one nation under God." Teach your children and grandchildren the importance of God and the American flag.

"Sons of Israel, Sons of America"

I Chronicles 12:32, "And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do..." They, the sons of Issachar, were the sons of Israel. A modern - day paraphrase "And of the children of the United States of America, which were people that had understanding of the times, to know what America ought to do...."

America needs to face the issues of the day with a Bible in her hands. This great nation needs a generation of the sons of Issachar who know what to do for the spiritual benefit of the nation. The only way born again believers are going to influence the realm of government is to be informed enough to take action.

I Chronicles 12 is actually retrospective. It is occupied with the names of men and women who had come to the aid of David and Israel in periods of great crisis. Those people loved Israel and God's servant, David. They were willing to work, to fight, and to rebuild if needed. Some were described as "mighty men of valor."

Genesis 49:14 describes Jacob gathering his family together. Next Jacob gives each of his children worthy names and a description of the meaning of the name. In 49:14, "Issachar is a strong ass couching down between two burdens." He became a servant unto tribute. A strong donkey bowing his shoulders to bear the burdens of a nation.

How can the sons of Issachar instruct we Americans in our twenty-first (21st) century? What did they know that we need to learn?

1. They knew the history period in which they lived.

There were threats upon the nation of Israel and upon God's people. David, God's shepherd, was being dogged. They were aware of the national conditions. They realized the geopolitical facts, the need for better economy, and the evil that was attacking God's people.

American Christians and churches must realize the threats and opportunities available to them. We recognize in our time slot of America that our nation is on a slippery slope of decline in morals and in spiritual awareness. Christians can no longer go "along with the crowd." We must be courageous and take a Godly stand against an evil culture. There is no time for timidity!

American Christians must be bold!

2. They knew the Scriptures.

Issachar's sons knew the passage from Deuteronomy 6:4-7: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart."

They took this admonition in a serious manner. Because of God's scriptures they were able to know and evaluate the fads, trends, facts and politics of their day. They found their directions and instructions in God's Word,

In America, we must do the same. Our lecterns and pulpits must flame with righteousness always. We must turn again to the true paths of morality and dignity of life. The old adage still holds today, "hate the sin, but love the sinner." We hate the sins of abortion, gambling, adultery, divorce, homosexuality, stealing, lying, cheating, gossip, etc. Christians must abhor the sins that God hates as in Proverbs 6:16-19, and love the things that God loves.

3. They knew what Israel should do.

These sons and grandsons of Jacob knew the practical. They had attained practical wisdom. In their battles of the day, they

New BMAA Directory Delivered

by Bobby Hudgens

We are happy to announce the completion and mailing of the 2010-11 edition of the BMAA Directory and Handbook. Thanks to the hundreds of churches, groups, and individuals across the BMAA for providing us with the data needed to publish this valuable resource. It can't be done without your cooperation. As you examine your directory, you'll notice a few things.

You'll find that this edition was printed on a heavier paper, which allows for better quality printing. This was achieved without increasing the cost.

We have added an Information Services calendar on page 242 for your convenience. For instance, if you want to know when the on-line version of the annual church letter form is available, check the calendar and see that it's on-line from August 15 to February 15. When is our target date for having the next edition ready to mail? The calendar shows you the target date is late June.

Another change you will notice is that all reports and information associated with the Department of Missions is now together near the front of the book.

formulated good plans of action. The scriptures were their guide on how to live, how to react, and how to plan. As a result, they knew "what Israel should do."

In the twenty-first (21st) century, America should see no separation between the spiritual and the secular. Our everyday life should be a reflection of our spiritual life. They should be synonymous. When you see one, you see the other.

The second President of the United States, John Adams, stated, "Christians are to be informed enough to take action for God." What perils are threatening our nation? Are we spiritually lazy? What Bible truths need to be insisted on? What are the best measures for Godly elevation?

Christians believe that the giver of wisdom is God. The readings of wisdom are found in the Bible. We must pray for Godly Christian leaders in our government. We need to ask of the God of Providence to give us leaders in our churches to rule strongly, justly, and Godly.

To recap I Chronicles 12:32:

- the nation was on their mind
- they were aware of the conditions

- they were able to evaluate the facts

- they acquired a Divine perspective

- they had a practical knowledge

- they knew that there was not a separation between their secular and spiritual life

You will be happy to know that with the same number of churches reporting as last year, we had an increase of thirty percent in men surrendering to preach (36 to 51). The total number of BMAA churches and missions is down by twelve, while the number of baptisms is up a little over three percent.

Each church will receive two copies of the directory. If more are needed, we ask that churches purchase additional copies at \$20 each. This is the actual cost of producing each copy. Call 800-333-1442 or log on to DiscipleGuide.org to order. Thank you, and please continue to include Information Services in your giving.

Former Missouri Pastor & Wife Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Pastor Wexford and his wife Wanda Parmer will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary August 14, 2010, at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, 1169 State Park Road, Tupelo, Mississippi 38804, where he has pastored for the past 5 years.

The celebration is hosted by their children, Melissa Cox and Merinda Richards of St. Clair, MO, Delane Parmer of North Little Rock, AR and Jonathan Parmer of Saltillo, MS.

The reception will be from 2-4 p.m. No gifts please.

WMA & GMA NEWS

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Excessive Heat Advisory

Every day we hear on the TV warning us of excessive heat this summer. My wife gets a text on her cell phone from the National Weather Service anytime there is a weather warning for Arkansas. She received a text the last 3 days stating: The National Weather Service has issued an excessive heat advisory for Arkansas. Temperatures, combined with high humidity will make for dangerous conditions. Be sure you check on the elderly, the sick and the children. Exposure to the sun for extended periods of time can cause death. Be sure and drink plenty of water. Avoid the sun as much as possible. Take necessary precautions immediately.

It got me thinking about God. Everything makes me think of God. Did you know God has issued an Excessive Heat Advisory? It goes like this: Heaven has issued an excessive heat advisory for all of earth. Temptations, combined with high immorality will make for dangerous conditions. Be sure and check on the elderly, the sick, and all the children of earth. Exposure to the sin of this world for extended periods of time can and will cause death. Be sure and drink plenty of living water to avoid death. Avoid sin as much as possible. Take necessary precautions immediately.

You see, all the world has received a text message advising and warning us of the excessive heat to come in a place called hell. The text message is found in Revelation 20:10,12,15. *“And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”*

1,524 Tracts, 316 CD's of my sermons (46 individuals sermons)
Ladies! God has blessed your efforts and in Heaven we will know the fullness of each Woman's life that the books have touched.

Do you know how hot that lake of fire will be? It will be extreme. Nothing like a southern heat wave. It states that they are tormented forever. It is so miserable it is just pure torment. And this heat doesn't end in the Fall. It doesn't ever get quenched by rain. It is endless. Billions upon billions of years in eternal flames of torment. And God isn't making this stuff up. It is the truth. So there is your text message advising you of the upcoming heat that will cause death eternally. The excessive heat warning will soon be coming and then it will be too late.

I know, Americans don't want to hear about hell. They don't want to hear preaching on hell's fire and brimstone. Most American churches have completely done away with preaching about hell because it scares people away. It ought to scare people towards. Towards Christ. I know it messes with our neat little world we live in. If we don't have to hear about hell, then we can live like hell. If we don't hear sermons on hell, or people witness about the dangers of sin, and the need for Jesus; then we can be comfortable in our calamity. Life is hard. Most Americans want to hear about how good they are, instead of how sinful they are. It makes us feel better. And in a hedonistic society, it is all

about feeling good and what offers me the most comfort. But avoiding the subject doesn't change the reality. The reality is that God is real. Jesus Christ is the only way to have a relationship with a perfect holy God. All people have sinned. Therefore, there is no way to have a relationship with God unless our sin is paid for. Jesus Christ paid for our sin, and therefore He becomes the only way to a relationship with God and eternal life in heaven. Romans 10:9; John 14:6

If you don't believe in hell, then you don't believe in heaven. However, the truth is, it doesn't matter whether you believe it or not. It is a reality for all humanity and you need to decide today what side you are on. You can't be both. Choose this day whom you will serve. Many people say you shouldn't scare people into salvation. No you shouldn't. People can't get saved except under the conviction of the Holy Spirit. Faith comes from hearing, and hearing from the Word. It is not I who condemn you, but the words that Jesus spoke. It is so easy, even a child can understand the gospel.

So you have a choice. Believe in Jesus as the Son of God. Accept the free gift of eternal life by God's grace and spend forever by a crystal sea, and perfect peace. No more tears. No more sin. No more problems. Eternal peace and joy. Or make fun of religion, Christianity, tell yourself you can do whatever you want, and you don't want to hear about hell. But hell is hot. Hell is coming for all who are not written in the book of life having accepted salvation through Christ. You will burn forever in hell. Why do you desire that? You think August is hot in the south. Wait till you get to hell! Finally, listen to the saddest words in the Bible found in Jeremiah 8:20: *“The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.”*

This has been your excessive heat advisory. Take heed to the advice. The truth will set you free.

Right now, believe and ask Jesus to save you.

Ladies' Retreat

October 8-9, 2010

Zeno's - Rolla, Missouri

It is not too late to take advantage of the reduced registration rate. Information has been in several papers as well as mailed to all churches. September 1st is the deadline for the \$50 registration fee. After September 1 the cost is \$60. If you have any questions concerning registration please contact Janet Widger

There will be a silent auction. Plan on bringing items to donate to the auction, have a fun time bidding on items to take home and last but not least support a great cause with the proceeds of this auction, CAMP GARWOOD.

Contact Zeno's directly at 573-364-1301 for rooms.

Washington County District Auxiliaries Meet

The Washington County District Auxiliaries will meet on Friday, September 10, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. with Emmanuel Baptist Church, Lemay, MO

All participating WMA's are encouraged to attend as this will be election of officers for the 2010-2011 year.

Everyone is welcome.

Report to the National WMA

From Paul E. Lee and the Prisoners Bible Crusade

The books for women in prison "project" is completed. Thank you Ladies for choosing the Prisoners Bible Crusade to be the Ministry to get the study books into the hands and hearts of women inside Prisons and Jails in the USA.

As a reminder the WMA Ladies started a project a little over two years ago to raise \$10,000 to buy Christian study books for women in prison. The money was raised, the books brought, and on March 1, 2010 I picked up the 2,410 books at DiscipleGuide in Texarkana, Arkansas.

There were three books written by our own BMA Lady Authors: "Is Love Enough," "For Better, For worse," and "Mama Said."

The 2,410 books were sent into prisons in 16 states including North Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Mississippi, Texas, Georgia, Virginia, California, Louisiana, Arkansas, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

The books and Bibles and others study books and helps were sent from 3-12-10 to 7-20-10. Why 4 months to complete? Fourteen of the prisons were new for the PBC. I personally contacted each Chaplain in all 16 prisons. Sometimes I had to wait on forms from the prisons to send the books. I sent Bibles and other study helps along with the books. Sometimes I had to wait on Bibles to come in to send along with the books.

Praise the Lord! The books were sent as you Ladies had directed and, along with the books we sent 744 English Bibles, 340 Spanish Bibles, 400 New Testaments, 3,300 "How to deal with sin in daily life," 2,000 "Starting my life with Christ," 484 Spanish "Starting my life with Christ," 1,810 other "Study Helps,"

Meramec Banner

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

2010 LifeWord Walk/Run For The World!

Once again I have been asked to serve as the Area Coordinator for our Association on behalf of LifeWord. I trust that each of you, the Churches of the Meramec Association, have notified Diane Ward of LifeWord as to the name of your coordinator, listed your Pastor and received the Promotional Material and free T-shirt.

Please note the new CHALLENGE this year. This year "runners" are invited to "walk" so now the new logo is "Walk/Run For The World". The goal for 2010 is \$450,000. Folks, within our great BMAA Churches this goal can be reached. The Meramec Landmark Baptist Association in 2009 totaled \$11,367. Great! Praise the Lord for His Goodness! This was a small increase over 2008 (\$10,636.62).

I know our people are still fighting a battle of economics. So to each church coordinator may I challenge you to use innovative means to help your church reach a higher goal in 2010. The national day is October 9, 2010. The "Sign-up Sunday" is September 12, 2010. As coordinator you know your people, how to best encourage, to promote, and to challenge them to give by the 5K (3.1 miles) walk, a set amount, or make and sell items. Let's reach our people and help LifeWord reach their goal!

LifeWord has broadcasts in over 30 languages and they have the prospect of increasing during 2010 through close cooperation with the BMAA Department of Missions: Vietnamese, Laos, Thailand, Japan, Indonesia, as a few areas. People are listening to the radio. In my next report I will try to share a few listener responses.

Bro. Leonard Compton

Pictures of Jesus Camp 2010



Youngest Camper - Dan Perry



Good Cooks and Kitchen Helpers



Moses (Jeff Richards) was there



Melvin Reed donated the land for the Retreat Center

Jesus Camp - 2010

What a week! God's people providing a great atmosphere for the preaching of God's Word by God's men with many souls being saved and many lives changed. Thanks to everyone who made it possible and to God for bringing it all together.

We praise God for His blessings upon our efforts. To Him be the glory forever!!



Standing in line in the air conditioning waiting for a meal

Meramec Landmark Baptist Association Financial Report • July 2010		
Balance June 30, 2010		\$ 5,320.86
Total Receipts:		\$ 7,224.97
Total Available		\$ 12,545.83
Disbursements:		
Danny Kirk	1,100.00	
Advisory Committee Expenses	350.21	
Bourdon Mattress Company	3,278.82	
Brotherhood Mutual	609.16	
Jamie Jones Partnership	1,000.00	
Boliva Trip Optical Kit	1,400.00	
Total Disbursements:	\$ 7,738.19	\$ (7,738.19)
Checking Balance, July 31, 2010:		\$ 4,807.64
Revolving Loan Fund Balance July 31, 2010		\$ 118,645.24

From Our Director...

The highlight of this month in our association is our annual Jesus Camp. The Lord blessed with over 300 campers during the week-long camp. Faithful men delivered great sermons from God's word and we saw at least 18 young people come to know Christ as Savior. The weather was extremely hot, the food was excellent, and the new mattresses were... still camp mattresses! On this page please note the photos taken at camp.

The Advisory Committee met twice this past month. The first meeting was held at New Testament Baptist in Sullivan where we discussed recommendations to be presented to the Missionary Committeemen at the meeting at Charity Baptist in Columbia on August 7.

Our second meeting was a joint meeting with the Encampment Committee, held during the week of camp. We met to discuss the financial needs of the camp ground and how to proceed knowing that we have limited financial resources on hand. Our Encampment Committee will present a strategy at our annual meeting in September for eliminating our indebtedness and moving the Retreat Center toward financial self-support.



The Ainleys lead in Worship



Everyone did their best to make it a great camp!

What If?

What if God has plans for you beyond anything you've ever dreamed?

What if you are on the verge of tremendous spiritual breakthroughs?

What if your obstacles could be turned into opportunities?

What if our best years are before us...not behind us?

The Pastors Oasis, a time of rest, relaxation, and renewal, is one of the best events the Baptist Missionary Association offers to its pastors and their wives. Offered by Disciple-Guide Conference Ministry, the event seeks to minister to those on the front lines of ministry and church leadership. Participants in Pastors Oasis in past years continue to make it the one "can't miss" event each fall. This year's Oasis promises to be one of the most exciting ever.

The 2010 edition of Oasis will be October 6-8 at the Chateau on the Lake in Branson and, unlike events of the past, will feature three guest speakers...three young men with a message of hope and challenge! The theme for this year's PO is Future Church. Pastors Scott Attebery and Clif Johnson will be speaking on the topics of communicating and disciplining a new generation. Newly-elected Executive Director of Mission, John David Smith, will be speaking on evangelizing and missions in the future church. Each of these speakers will be preceded in worship led by Kent Wiles, one of the most talented young musicians anywhere. Just like our speakers, Kent comes from a family with a rich heritage of leadership in the BMA of America.

In addition to the great line-up of worship leader and speakers, Oasis will have some extraordinary artists sharing their gifts this year. Musicians include John Waller on Wednesday afternoon, the Burchfield Brothers on Thursday morning, and Jason Crabb performing at the annual banquet on Thursday night. The Friday morning session will be preceded by Mike Lewis, the Jesus Painter.

DiscipleGuide Conference Ministry has worked hard to make Pastors Oasis affordable for pastors of all size churches. The event itself only costs \$75 per person (\$85 after September 3rd or \$95 if you stay off-site) which doesn't cover the actual expense. Kirk Shelton, Pastoral Ministries Consultant for DiscipleGuide, explains, "We want to invest in the lives, marriages, and ministries of our pastors and staffs. It's our conviction that a spiritually healthy pastor, with a healthy marriage, can build and lead a healthy church."

October of every year is Pastor Appreciation Month across the U.S. Churches are encouraged to honor their pastors, wives and staff by sending them to Branson for this life-changing time of rest, relaxation, and renewal. You may register on-line at www.DiscipleGuide.org or call the DCM office at 501.513.3726 with any questions. Make your reservations at Chateau on the Lake by calling 888-333-5253 to secure the group rate of \$125 by September 3.



The Bubble Machine helped many stay cool and clean!

BMF Scholarship Needs Support

For the past few years, the Baptist Music Fellowship of America (BMF) has made scholarships in the amount of \$250 per semester available to a music student at Central Baptist College and Jacksonville College. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage a student who will continue to be actively involved in church music following the completion of his or her college career.

This scholarship is funded entirely from dues and donations paid to the BMF. The BMF is in much need of your financial support in order to continue offering this scholarship. If you would like to help with this, please send your offering to the BMF of America, 1604 Hunting Green Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76134.

Students who are eligible to receive the BMF scholarship should contact the office of financial aid at their school for more information.

The BMF serves as an auxiliary of the BMAA to provide and coordinate music, concerts, special music and congregational singing. The BMF Facebook page is at facebook.com/BaptistMusicFellowship.



Better stick to preaching Bro. Don. It blessed our hearts.

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. -7-

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-

Jerry Jolly has resigned the pastorate of the Highland Hills Baptist Church at Highland AR effective June 20. He is available for revivals, conferences or Sunday preaching appointments as the Lord leads. He can be reached at 1-870-932-8293 or 1-870-930-4309 or jerryjolly@suddenlink.net. -7-

Allen Casey is available for pulpit supply. He is a member of Springdale Baptist Church in Fenton and can be reached at 636-349-5524. -8-

Jeff Richards is available as the Lord leads. He is a member of Friendship Baptist Church in St. Clair. Contact him at Home - 636-629-6280 or Cell - 573-210-4965 -8-

Ministry Opportunities

Grandview Baptist Church of Springfield, Missouri, is searching for a pastor. For more information please contact Bro. Steve Jordan at steve@maschinos.com.

Calvary Baptist Church in Fayetteville, Arkansas, is seeking a full-time Minister of Music. Interested applicants may send your resume to the church at 1410 Porter Rd., Fayetteville, AR 72703. Attention Music Search Committee.



Waiting for the services to start



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