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"Holding Forth The Word of Life"

Philippians 2:16

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83rd Annual Session of the BMA of Missouri

President Ray Thurman presided well over his second annual meeting as President of



President Ray Thurman

the BMA of Missouri at Bethel Baptist Church in Sikeston October 23, 2010. It was a harmonious meeting with better attendance than the previous few years. A total of 36 churches were represented, 28 by a total of 51 messengers and 8 by letter only. There was \$2,140 received for the Minute Fund.

Representative from various department of our National work were given the opportunity to give reports through out the morning session. We also heard the following reports before the morning worship service: BMA of Missouri Loan Association, Seminary Grant Fund, Clerks Report, and the Men's Retreat Report which announced the next Retreat will be May 5-7, 2011.

Bro. Ben Kingston brought the message during the morning worship times skillfully using I Corinthians 5:14-16 as he challenged us to be Ambassadors For Christ.



Let Us Give Thanks

Ephsians 5:20

Have you thanked the Lord Today
For the Blessings of the way.
For His mercies new each morning as you rise?
For the sunshine, warm and bright,
And refreshing sleep at night,
For the beauty of the earth and sea and skies?

Have you thank God for His love
That sent Jesus from above,
That all of Heaven's treasures you may share?
Have your thanked Him for His power
That sustains you hour by hour,
The' heavy burdens you are called upon to bear?

Have you thanked God for His Word,
For His messengers from whom you heard
Of the Christ, who is the Truth, the Life, the Way?
For all the wonders God hath wrought,
And the countless gifts His love hath brought,
May our hearts o'erflow with thanks this very day!

Retreat Over, Work To Be Done, New Trial Schedule

The paintball retreat was a lot of fun. Our attendance was about half what it has been running. I suspect the youth hunt weekend hurt us more than usual. But nonetheless we had a great time. We could not have asked for better weather. Most who came were first time players and all left looking forward to the **Spring retreat March 25 - 26th.**

We now must turn our sights to the girls' dorm. It seems I have become lazy this fall as we haven't begun to work on it yet.

Camp for 2011 has been extended by one day. Camp will begin as normal at **5 p.m. on Monday July 25th and will end at Breakfast on Friday the 29th.** That basically adds an afternoon of recreation, an evening worship service and a breakfast. This is a trial for 2011 to see how it goes. We hope camp is part of your plans for the new year.

Chris Polk



2010-2011 Officers of the BMA of Missouri
(l-r) President - Jamie Haguwood, Vice President - Dan Wisely, Clerk - Don Burke,
not pictured Assistant Clerk - Tom Foster Jr.

Following a delicious noon meal furnished by the good folks at Bethel, the Missionary Committee held its meeting at which time they reelected Bro. Wayne Gibson as Chairman, Bro. Dennis Baker as Assistant Chairman, Bro. Jerry Adams as Clerk and Bro. Billy Davis as Assistant Clerk. Bro. Wayne Gibson was reelected to serve on the Special

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NEWS BRIEFS

Bethlehem, Doniphan, is mourning the loss of Sis. Geneva Colburn, who went to be with the Lord October 17, 2010. She was a dedicated Christian and faithful to attend every church service. We realize she is in a better place, but we will surely miss her. The Walk/Run for the World was October 16, and was well attended. There were 55 present and I think Bethlehem was well represented. Bethlehem will host the Youth in the Harvest November 12, and we are planning to present the skit again that we did at Easter on the life of Christ. Please plan on joining us. Several of our congregation attended the revival services at Briar; and went on to Pottersville the following week, which is where the evangelist was from, and attended their revival! We have been talking and praying about having a revival, and I think these services started the fire for us. We truly had wonderful services last Sunday morning and Sunday night. Pray for us that this fire will continue, and the Lord will see fit to send us a revival. Russell Chitwood, Pastor
Janice Colburn, Reporter

Bethany, St. Louis, rejoices in two professions of faith in our GMA group and two additions as Ed and Sherry Eveland joined our fellowship. Our GMA's had a very successful garage sale early in October. The proceeds help pay for their camp and project expenses. Our messengers attended the annual meeting of the BMA of Missouri in Sikeston. Our parking lot has been sealed and parking spaces are marked, with special places for visitors and those with disabilities. Our H E O (Helping Each Other) Club enjoyed lunch together and took a fall color tour through Lone Elk Park and Jefferson Barracks Cemetery. This is an organization made up of men and women who have lost their companions and who want to help each other in their Christian lives. We had a great talent time on the 5th Sunday. It's good to see so many of our

people using the talents the Lord gave them to praise Him. We are looking forward to our Fall Church-Wide Fellowship, and Thanksgiving service in November. Our church said "Good-bye for a while" to Bro. Jack Lipovsek as God called him home recently. He was a member of Bethany for 63 years and served faithfully as a deacon much of that time. We extend our deepest sympathy to Sis. Orlena and her family. Pray for them and our church as we continue to serve the Lord.

James Hoffmann, Pastor
Carol McDonald, Reporter

Faith, St. Charles, sends love to all. We had a very beautiful October. The pastor and his wife were able to take a short trip to help their oldest son and his wife set up their new home in Georgia a few weeks ago and he asked Bro. Ray Thurman to fill in for him. He always delivers a great message to all of us. Shortly after their return home, they had a visit from their daughter and grandson Carson. Our "Fall Festival" was held last Wednesday, October 27th. It was the night of our regular AWANA meeting. We started with hot dogs, chips and drinks indoors, then moved outside for the fun. The kids were allowed to wear their costumes for Halloween which they really enjoyed. We had a great turnout and the kids couldn't get enough of it. There were lots of games to participate in including a great hayride around the grounds. The kids thought that was really fantastic!! A special friend of the church loaned us his "jumping" house for the evening, and they loved the fresh cotton candy that Bro. and Sister Lacy was spinning just for them too. They finished the night with "trunk-or-treat", which is the collection of candy from the trunks of the autos of all our members who devote their time and energy for the pleasure of working for the Lord. A special thanks to all who help. We had a special visit last Sunday from Dr. Charley Holmes and some

students from the Seminary as they were passing through our area. At our quarterly business meeting, there was a motion made and seconded to install Bro. Charley Daniels as a new deacon at Faith. Let us all remember the missionaries around the world who are working to bring God's Word to those who may not know him, please keep them in your prayers.

Tim Boatright, pastor
Chris Pruet, reporter

Landmark, DeSoto, says, "Hello everyone." We pray all had a wonderful month of October. The fall colors were beautiful. We have several members who have had surgery this past month and all are recovering nicely. It will be good to get them all back and healthy. Next weekend, the 13th at 3 p.m. we will be ordaining Bro. Randy Causey as Deacon. Bro. Randy is a hard working and very faithful member and very deserving of the honor. This week we observe Veterans Day. Remember to thank a Vet for their service. Thanksgiving is just around the corner as well. I can smell the food already. God bless until we meet again.

Wayne Gibson, Pastor
Wayne Hawkins, Reporter

Antioch, Ellington, sends Christian greetings to all of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. We had a fish fry October 16th and those attending had fun playing games and enjoyed a very good meal. Two ladies in the church resigned their jobs because we now have a some men who are able and willing to assume these responsibilities. Bro. Ben Boyer is our Sunday School Superintendent and Bro. Willie Boyer is our Adult Sunday School Teacher. We have a visiting young man who is in the young people's class, so I now have 5 in my class. We continue to have visitors. Some come as often as they can, but health issues keep some from attending all the time. God is still blessing and supplying us with the means of doing more

work on our church facilities. We still have a lot of sick family members and friends that need a lot of prayers. Continue to pray for our church.

Doyle Abbey, Pastor
Minnie Asberry, Reporter

Stony Point, Mineral Point, says "Hello!" We are happy to give an update on the progress of the Shepherds Bag ministry for the missionaries in Honduras. We have now assembled and shipped a total of 511 bags for the children. We trust the Holy Spirit will help spread the gospel message to many families. Our goal is to prepare and send another 500 bags as soon as possible. Our witnessing education group, called "Disciple Guides," continues to meet and go out to visit folks in our community. Seeds are being planted and God will provide the increase. We held a pastor appreciation night for Bro. Claude and had a great attendance and wonderful service. Thanks, Claude and Bea, for your love of Jesus and the way you show His love to us. We had Jared Eye transfer his membership to Stony Point and shortly afterward his son Cody was saved. Sing praises to the Lord. We thank God for our Church, for our pastor which He called, our freedom which He gave us to worship Him and for His Son Jesus Christ who died and rose again for our sins. May he bless you all.

Claude Evans-Pastor
David Hughes-Reporter

Lower Doe Run, Ellington, reports that for years the church has been talking about modernizing the kitchen. Well, it has now been done! Bro. Ray Skaggs and his wife, Sharon, donated six nice double upper cabinets and one that goes over the refrigerator. So, the church voted to buy the rest and get them installed asap. Also, a nice basin was donated for a bathroom cabinet. The bottom cabinet for the bathroom and the ones for the kitchen were purchased and the men of the church installed them, along with a new stainless sink and new flooring in the kitchen. It is such a joy to work in there now. Bro. Robert Leach joined our church by statement on the 12th of September. Since then we've had two other young couples attending on a regular basis. They are all members, some of them returning after several years of nonattendance. We have a young adult class with those 6 keeping it going. They are so anxious to be used of the Lord in church for God's glory. They have been witnessing and talking to other young people who may need salvation or just looking for a church home. Our attendance has been up most Sundays. And, our Wednesday night Bible Study Class has required more tables and chairs. We just say praise the Lord. Please pray for our young people. We know that if they are working for the Lord that Satan will try to get his hold on

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✝ From Our Workers ✝

BMA of Missouri Missions October 23, 2010

Director's Annual Report

It has been a very busy year for me as I have visited potential church planting fields, worked with Jamie and Rebekah Jones in Smithville, MO, and have attended and participated in church planting workshops. I am now a certified master training for Dynamic Church Planting International

group. The BMA of America has given approval for an associate missionary to move to Smithville, Missouri. Bro. Jus-

what God has done, but I still have one concern. Our offerings from the churches are not keeping up with our expenditures for the year. You will note that we had to take out \$20,000 from one of our savings accounts to keep our account in the black. Thankfully, God had given us a surplus that has enabled us to continue each phase of our work and we praise Him for His provision.

I want to encourage our churches to please consider increasing their giving to state missions. Please note that only about a third of our churches in Missouri give offerings to state missions. If your church does not have state missions in your budget, it would help immensely if you would reconsider your position. Thank you for allowing me to be your servant this past year.

Danny Kirk

FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • October 2010

General Fund		
Balance September 30, 2010		\$ 20,923.56
October Receipts:	\$ 5,018.98	<u>5,018.98</u>
Total Available		\$ 25,942.54
Disbursements:		
Director's Salary	\$ 700.00	
Director's 401-K Plan	\$ 560.00	
BMAA Partnership	1,500.00	
Director's Expenses	110.00	
Advisory Committee Expenses	393.96	
Love Offerings for CBC, Seminary, and DiscipleGuide	<u>2,160.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$ 5,423.96	\$ <u>5,423.96</u>
Balance October 31, 2010:		\$ 20,518.58
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 65,879.00	
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 22,794.67	
ING Direct Savings	\$ <u>10,782.48</u>	
Total in CD's:	\$ 99,782.48	

Our partnership work in Smithville, MO is going great. Church planters, Jamie and Rebekah Jones, have been on the field for nearly 18 months. During the summer God blessed as they have engage their community and the people of Smithville in service projects, block parties, and home Bible studies. In recent months they have had a baptismal services in which Bro. Jamie baptized 4 individuals and I know of least two more families who come on board as part of his core

tin William and his wife Katie from Bentonville, Arkansas, will soon be on field full time. I know that they will be of tremendous help to the mission work. Due to another annual association meeting for the BMA of Kansas, Bro. Jamie could not be with us this day. He did want me to extend to you his appreciation for both your financial and prayer support.

I am thankful for your consistent financial support toward missions. We are thankful for

From the Joneses....

Hello from Smithville,

It is nice when you see others catch the vision! We moved to Smithville, to plant a New Testament church that would be active in reaching others for Christ. There are several families and individuals that have joined with us in this effort and are very active in making this vision become a reality. Although I know that we have many mountains left to climb, I am excited about the future.

Lately, I have been extremely

proud of one young man who seems to have caught the vision. He has helped North Lake Church on a daily basis, and I am trilled about how God is using him. This past Sunday night, we held a Chili supper in our garage to coincide with all the "trick or treaters" that would pass through our neighborhood. The idea was to have some good fellowship over supper and distribute tracks in bags of candy to all the kids by playing the ole' fishing game. So, we had a makeshift boat, two poles,

and a couple of dividers set-up to look like water where the adults were going to hide behind to "hook" the bags of candy for the kids. At some point, while the adults were busy eating chili and talking, my son, Isaac, had started attaching the bags and was running the game by himself. It was just neat to know that his little hands were responsible for many of those tracts that were read later that night.

Yesterday, I was in the process of affixing stamps on invi-



Bro. Jones teaching in their garage as the members of the mission are preparing to have their "chili fellowship" and reach out to those who went around the neighborhood with their children October 31st.



Helping reach out through the mail. Isaac shows how he helps "get the Word out. God is blessing all who are involved in reaching others.

tations to send to our contacts for an upcoming worship service we will hold at the bank. I was telling Isaac about them and he began to help put the stamps on with me. As we sat in the kitchen, working together, I realized how blessed I was to have this young man as my partner in ministry.

Thank you for your continued prayers as we seek souls and workers.!

Jamie Jones
North Lake Church
John 4:35



Isaac helping "hook" bags with candy and tracts on fishing poles.

• **NEWS From Page 2** • them. The pastor has been teaching us the Church Covenant, so we will remember what we agreed to when we joined a BMA church. The pastor and his wife were able to attend the Annual Meramec meeting at Bethel, Lonedell. It was a good meeting and I thought well attended. Sis. Kathleen Yates has had knee surgery and is recovering pretty well. Bro. Dan Morris went home to be with the Lord on October 1. He had been in the nursing home for a few years. Remember Sis. Helen and the family in your prayers. The pastor and wife and two of our young couples went to the mini-conference for those working with children October 1-2. We were well pleased with the information that we received. The pastor and wife were also blessed with being able to attend the Pastor's Oasis. It was a refreshing time. We have been so blessed the last few Sunday and Wednesday nights. The Lord has sent a young lady to us who is a pianist. We have enjoyed her and her playing so very much. At this time she is only in our area for a short time. We feel that she has been sent to us for a reason and hope we can be a blessing to her while she is with us. The Young Adult Class cooked and serve the older adults, teachers and officers an appreciation dinner on the 16th of October. They presented certificates to the teachers and officers. On the 22nd, we had a hayride & weaner roast with 68 people in attendance. We had a great time and yes, some of older folks rode too. This was the idea of our young adult class and they ran the whole show and we are grateful. They did a wonderful job! We are now having a monthly dinner at church each 4th Sunday. We hosted the 5th Sunday singing on the fourth Sunday this time. There weren't too many there, but we had a good time. We, (pastor and wife) could not be in attendance on the 31st, as we had to attend the wedding of a granddaughter in Wichita, Kansas the 30th. We thank Bro. Leonard Compton for fill-

ing in the morning and evening services on the 31st. Denver Page, Pastor Sharon Page, Reporter

Kewanee, Kewanee, sends happy Fall greetings to everyone. First of all, I want to make a correction of the last line of the September news. It should have said, "*We are too blessed to be depressed*," not, we are blessed to be depressed. (Editor's note: I apologize for the typo. It was my mistake, not the reporter's.) October has been a wonderful month. Bro. Jason Redden filled in for Bro. Dan October 3rd, due to the wedding of his daughter the day before. We are continuing our effort to raise money for LifeWord. We held our walk/run October 9th. We had 43 walkers and 6 workers. The most mature walker that walked all laps was, Hoppy Jackson and the youngest to walk all laps were Caitie Cox and Audra McMillen. Dave Crockett, Jerry Redden, Shelley Johnson and Audra McMillen won gift cards. All the young walkers received a trophy and small gifts. Everyone received a medal for their effort. Jay Redden age 4 or 5 figured the plan out real fast. He knew when he walked up to the person controlling the paper puncher he would get his tag punched. He would sometimes walk through the shed and back, then get a punch. Sometimes he would walk to the end of the driveway from the shed to the parking lot and I think he might have even went a lap or two but it didn't take him long and he had all 20 punches, smiling every time! Good job, Jay! Sis. Vera Strickland, Randena and Flea McMillen have worked very hard and are continuing to do so. Thanks to them and all the walkers! October 10th was Pastor Appreciation Day. Sis. Emma Fowler put the program together. Special songs, poems and the top 10 list were done in honor of our pastor. We had a good time of fellowship after services. Bro. Dan and Sis. Pam were very surprised and very appreciative of the love gifts and the young adults bought them a pair of matching rock-

ers for their front porch. October 24th the Mitchell family (Aaron, Judy and Jessie) were scripturally baptized. We are very glad to have them as new members. The District WMA met at Kewanee on the 19th. Attendance was down a little but everyone had a good time. Emmanuel presented the program, "A Tree Of Thanks," reminding us that we have a lot for which to be thankful! Bro. Dan, Sis. Pam, Bro. Danny Adams and Bro. Rocky Houston attended the state meeting at Bethel on the 23rd. The youth have been very busy. They had a 5th quarter after the football game, which included a scavenger hunt. They also had a hayride and weaner roast on the 23rd. We had Trunk or Treat at church October 30th. Fifty to sixty attended. Afterwards, the church members, that were brave enough, went on a hayride. It was cold, so, Bro. Jacob, was kind to us and made it a short ride. We went back to the church for a weaner roast. We appreciated the ones that stayed behind and kept the fire going. Sis. Vera gave us an update on LifeWord and we have reached her 1st goal of \$ 20,000. Now, of course, she has raised it even higher! Boy, does she have faith!! We ask all of you to pray for Bro. Larry Tucker as he has accepted the pastorate of Providence at Puxico. We pray God's greatest blessings on him and the church. Bro. Alex Fowler had surgery and we want to wish him a speedy recovery and ask all to remember him in your prayers. We know that there is heartache, sickness and loss of loved ones among many of our church and of our sister churches. But God's Word promises that He is always with us, we are never alone. Dan Wisely, Pastor Debbie Houston, Reporter

Friendship, Harviell, reminds us to "... give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His mercy endureth forever." (Psalm 107:1) Since our last report, we have baptized 2 and received one by letter. There were 7 of our ladies who attended the WMA Retreat, re-

ceiving many blessings and they are making plans to attend the National Meeting in February. We have a "GOOD" problem at church. We need more classrooms. Praise God!! Join us in prayer that God will provide what is needed to take care of this situation. The church surprised the Pastor and First Lady with a love offering and a time of fellowship the last Sunday of October. At the time of this report, Sis. Thelma Dunlap is sick with a severe kidney infection and Sis. Sue Maynard is very congested, almost pneumonia. Pray for these ladies that the Lord will touch their bodies. Ernie L Cate, Pastor Becky Cate, Assistant Reporter

Oak Hill, Alton, sends Greetings to all. When I began compiling my notes to you a few months ago the weather was very warm and I was actually thinking a snow storm would be nice but I've changed my mind. And our Father gave us a beautiful Fall, didn't he? In May another member of our church, Janie Ayers, accepted Jesus as her personal Savior and was baptized. Ted Simpson was saved. His daughter, Desiree was saved a few weeks prior. And Ted, his wife Barbara Dawn, and his daughter Desiree, joined our church. Recently a beautiful wedding was held at our church. Cortney 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. In recent days it seems that Lynda is gaining over the cancer. We enjoyed another Walk of Faith fish fry. After the fish fry, a trailer loaded with precious ones enjoyed a hayride. Edward Casey, Pastor Marianne Hufstедler, Reporter

Ozark Heights, Potosi, sends greetings and love to all from. Where has the month gone! We are all so busy keeping up with the church activities. Our Walk for the World was October 10th at Elephant Rock State

Park with very good attendance, lots of good food and a prayer service at the end. We surprised Sis. Loretta Wilkinson with a cake and gift for her birthday. She does so much for all and we really do appreciate her! We were blessed with a visit from Geraldine Warden; who is now in the Baptist Home in Ironton, on pastor appreciation day. We were so glad to have her with us as we gave cards and our love to Bro. Brian and Sis. Dawn. We are so glad to have them here. Bro. Ron Eye was ordained October 16th. We had many friends, several visitors, pastors and deacons come from all around to take part in the ordination. The ordination was followed with fellowship and food. Bro. Ron and Sis. Miranda are now serving at Bates Creek Church. We miss them a lot but are so happy they are doing the Lord's work. October 24th the youngsters put on a program directed by Sis. Connie Evans and Sis. Gerri Lawson called Noah's Ark. Some of us dressed up and joined the kids. We had a lion, a streak of tigers, a cow came through, bunnies, a group of cats, a fisherman, a lone moose showed up, along came Bro. Gary's and Sis. Debbie's family of skunks, even a monkey or two came to the Noah's Ark party. There were games, prizes, and lots of delicious food! It was fun for all; young and young in heart! Wednesday, October 27th the program was presented by the youth. Reading from the Bible and words of devotion, truly showed how they are growing in the Lord's work. We are so proud of all of them. We began our revival October 31st with Bro. Tony Crocker as our evangelist. We enjoyed very moving messages. **From the youth:** Sunday night we had a Noah's Ark party. It was so much fun. The kids are very inspiring to see grow. Until next month; may God Bless each of you. Love and prayers to all! Brian Meade, Pastor Georgie Brokaw, Reporter Elisha McGuire, Youth Rep.

Charity, Bismarck, says, • See **NEWS Page 4** •

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Missions Committee with term expiring in 2017. Bro. Danny Kirk was reelected as Director of Missions and Bro. James Hoffmann was reelected as Assistant Director of Missions.

The Publications Committee gave their report and Bro. James Hoffmann was reelected as Editor with Bro. Don Burke as Assistant Editor. Bro. Jim Ford was elected to serve on the Publications Committee with term expiring in 2013. The messengers voted to give the editor a Christmas Bonus equal to one month's salary.

The election of the BMA of Missouri officers resulted in the election of Bro. Jamie Hague-wood as President, Bro. Dan Wisely as Vice President, Bro. Don Burke as Clerk, and Bro. Tom Foster, Jr. as Assistant Clerk.

Clerk Hire was set at \$1,125 and 500 Minutes are to be printed and distributed to the churches as requested.

A committee of three was elected to look into incorporating the BMA of Missouri as a 501C Tax Exempt entity. Those elected were Wayne Gibson, Danny Clerk and James Hoffmann. Expenses for this com-

mittee are to be paid from Missions Funds.

The Kenneth E. Gibson Seminary Scholarship Committee is to work out a plan that would enable us to give financial assistance to Missouri preachers who are pursuing the Masters in Motion program of the BMA Seminary. Such assistance may begin as soon as the plan is worked out, but will be subject to the approval of the churches at the 2011 midyear meeting.

The President appointed the following committees for the 2010-2011 Associational Year: Resolution Committee - Bro. Ron Eye, Bro. Emory Shelton and Bro. Melvin Meade; Finance Committee - Bro. Brian Meade, Bro. Roy Calahan, and Bro. Terry Sharpe.

Bro. Dan Wisely was elected to bring the Annual Message at the 2011 meeting with Bro. Jerry Adams as the alternate speaker. The 2011 Meeting will be at Bethany Baptist Church, St. Louis, October and the 2011 Missions Symposium/Mid-year Meeting will be at Lindsay Lane Baptist Church, Florissant, May 20-21.

In response to a challenge given by Dr. Charley Holmes when giving his report on the

BMA Seminary the messengers voted to send an offering of \$720 each to the BMA Seminary, DiscipleGuide, and Central Baptist College from our mission funds.

Since we only have one standing committee the President and Vice President have been asked to work on rewriting the By-laws to eliminate the Nominating Committee.

The Camp Committee announced that the 2011 Camp will be July 25-29 with Bro. Bobby Tucker as Evangelist. As a test only, the 2011 camp will start at 7:00 p.m. Monday evening and end after breakfast on Friday.

Chris Polk was reelected as Camp Superintendent and Treasurer with Bro. Jerry Adams reelected as Assistant Superintendent and Assistant Treasurer.

Bro. Claude Evans was elected as Camp Trustee with term expiring in 2015.

The messengers approved a 10% increase in the Camp Superintendent's salary and a Christmas Bonus of one month's salary.

Churches are reminded that according to Article III of our Statement of Principles of Cooperation Section 3 "Any

church not identifying with this Association either by messenger or letter for three consecutive years shall be considered as having terminated her membership in this Association. You still have time to send your letter to the Bro. Burke if you have not done so this year.

All in all this was a progressive and productive meeting. The fellowship was good, the preaching was great, and the hospitality of Pastor Jerry Adams and Bethel Baptist Church was spectacular. Our thanks to everyone who made this meeting a pleasant experience.

A Note of Appreciation

The following note was received October 29, 2010.

Dear Bro. Danny Kirk and BMA of MO Churches:

We are all so very grateful for your generous statewide contribution to DiscipleGuide! Your gift will help us in taking "all the Word to all the world" through publishing, conferences, camps and news and information services. Your support for this ministry and your continued prayers on our behalf are more appreciated than you may know? I remain...

His, therefore yours,
Kevin Clayton



*And I'm proud to be an American,
where at least I know I'm free.
And I won't forget the men who died,
who gave that right to me .
-Lee Greenwood*

• **NEWS From Page 4** •
"What a month of blessings, not just at Charity but all around the state!" First of all, Bro. Francois and Sis. Marguerite Norcilus spent a delightful week with us, sharing the work God is doing in Creve, Haiti, and surrounding communities. Four of our group were privileged to go with them to Ohlman for a service on Wednesday night. It is always a thrill to visit my home church. Our group of eight ladies made it safely to the Ladies Retreat in Rolla. What fun, traveling together, not a care in the world. That is until we got a message that two of the ladies who were to come later couldn't make it after all. Some of us were up early on Saturday to Walk for the World. Very nice. Others were awakened with a call from a little grandson that another member of the team was needed at home. Papaw had fallen. Then Sis. Bonnie wasn't feeling good and went

home as well. That left five of us to ride home together after a great time with speaker Jerene Reddin on "Influence and Legacy." That was just the first two weeks. Charity was represented at the District Association in London Hill where we heard from the EIM by the Goodwin family, the great property news from the Dunlaps, and the Fellowship Choir presented our Patriotic Program. Bro. Meade brought the annual message on our call to "Stand in the Hedge." Some didn't even mind that it was after 1:00 p.m. before we stopped for lunch. He also preached at Grandview in Springfield this month. It was good to be with old friends again. We were sorry to miss the State Association. We love the fellowship. What a joy to hear Austin King give his testimony of Salvation during a worship service this month. We showed appreciation for our pastor and his family at our

workday on the 30th with lunch and gifts. At 5:00 the WEPAS held the "Trunk or Treat" for the GMA since they could not be there. We passed out 100 gospel tracts along with the candy. In addition we were able to personally greet and invite many to our church services. We have several battling severe sickness but they are still faithful to attend. The church plans to meet at the home of Sis. Ragan for fellowship and singing on the 6th. We pray for revival in Charity as we attend revival services at sister churches. We look forward to being with Ohlman as Bro. Lee preaches revival messages there November 10-12. Lee Miller, Pastor
Carolyn Meade, Reporter

First Baptist, Potosi wants to tell you some of the blessings we received this month. One evening we were blessed with a visit by President Holmes

from the seminary in Jacksonville, Texas, with two students who each gave us a sketch of how the school has blessed their lives. We viewed a slide-show to better help us understand the seminary. Then one of our members gave a special slide-show presentation to show appreciation of our pastors. Many of our members worked with Judgement House by helping with refreshments and counseling. One evening Bro. Ainley reported that there were forty from our church there. Over 1,000 went through and over 50 were saved and professed a change in their lives. The JOY group may have some of our oldest members in their membership, but with all the nice trips they make they are very faithful in attending our church, and we really appreciate them. We welcomed Bro. John Lee by letter and baptized Keith and Amanda Kamper, Hannah Granger Missy Will-

iams this month. We are planning an all church and friends Thanksgiving dinner Wednesday the 17th. Bro. Jamie is planning a baby dedication service November 7th. The GMA's held a lock-in one Friday/Saturday in October. They had a former GMA share her memories with them and also presented a program on how to take care of their skin as Christians. We lost Bro. Leon Blair to the Lord. Let us remember that we need to lead other to seek God's will in their lives. We continue to pray for our country to follow God's will. Let us choose life and guidance under God's hand. God bless your church as you witness for Him. Please pray with us as Kami had surgery on a knee this week. She is very active in our church work, and we need her kindness and serving the Lord again.
Jamie Hague-wood, pastor
Beverly Simpson, reporter

WMA & GMA NEWS

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Attention: Missouri WMA

Be Glad To Do The Things We've Heard

Just a reminder to support our project for this year:

- 10% Youth Fund
- 20% General Fund
- 30% Smithville Mission
- 40% Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper

The goal for each W.M.A. group is \$200.00 and the deadline to have your offering in is **February 1, 2011.**

Send your project money to:

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2142 Sunset
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2010 Missouri WMA Retreat

by Janet Widger

The 2010 Missouri WMA retreat is now history. We had a wonderful time; if you were not there you missed a real blessing. Over the two days, approximately sixty-five ladies and girls from the following churches were in attendance:

Abundant Life, Charleston	Bates Creek, Potosi
Black Creek, Poplar Bluff	Black River, Quin
Charity, Bismark	Emmanuel, Lemay
Emmaus, Potosi	First Baptist, Bourbon
First Baptist, Bunker	First Baptist, Potosi
Friendship, Harviell	Grandview, Springfield
Landmark, Desoto	London Hill, Fredericktown
First Baptist, Matthews	Mt. Zion, Poplar Bluff
Oak Hill, Alton	Ohlman, Bunker
Palmer Heights, Springfield	Stony Point, Mineral Point
Zion, St. Louis	

We were honored to have the President of the National WMA, Sis. Valarie Fish, join us and speak briefly about the National WMA Retreat and Project.

Our speaker, Sis. Jerene Reddin blessed our hearts and gave us a new zeal to leave a legacy to our loved ones. She further challenged us to serve as mentors to young women, whether they are young in physical age or young in their Christian life. We all can have an influence on others.

It takes a lot of pre-planning and generous contributions to make these retreats fun as well as successful. We want to thank Sis. Dian Decker and the Current River Sheltered Workshop for the canvass bags. Thank you to Bro. Ron Graviett for the screen printing on the bags. Each year is better than the previous year. Thanks to all of you who contributed items for the bags and to the ladies who put the items in the bags.

Attendance prizes were five \$20 gift cards from the following restaurants: Bob Evans, Cracker Barrel, Lamberts, Shoney's and Zeno's. We thank the Washington County District WMA and Sis. Terri Adams for donating these prizes.

Of course we cannot forget the Silent Auction. There were over 300 items contributed to the auction. This has become a fun tradition. The amount received was \$1,065 for Camp Garwood. Lanita Burgess from U-Design jewelry donated her proceeds from jewelry sales to Camp Garwood as well. We thank her and all the ladies that bid on and purchased items from the auction for their generosity to Camp Garwood.

This was the first time for us to use Zeno's in Rolla, Missouri. It seemed that most in attendance were pleased with the cost of the facilities and the food was excellent. The owner and staff were very accommodating to our group. The committee met with the owner and discussed a few changes that we would make in the future. We committed to use this same location for the 2012 Retreat. The dates will be October 12 & 13, 2012. Make plans now to attend!!

Family Ark Ministries

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Parental Involvement In Student-Teacher Conflicts

When your child has a conflict with a teacher at school, it can sometimes get you bent out of shape in a hurry. After all, this is your child. You love them and it is natural for the fight mode to kick in when you feel they are under attack. Parents confronted with this situation can become like a bear. Wild animals, like bears and hogs, generally won't attack you unless they are defending their young. Then, look out! You perceive a threat to your child's well-being and your gut instinct is probably to over react initially. This is where you will need to pray and ask God for wisdom and maturity.

There are several things to consider right from the start. First and foremost, we must always conduct ourselves as Christians. Secondly, this is not the end of the world. There will be a trumpet blast to announce that time. It only seems like a major catastrophe. Thirdly, as a parent, your goal is to restore and reconcile this relationship, not retaliate and destroy. Your overall goal is to help your child achieve the maximum potential in their educational process. Here are some things to consider in one of these events.

Don't attack the teacher. The teacher, in most cases, is your best ally in your child's education. Most teachers desire for your

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2011 National WMA

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Meramec Banner

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

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child to do well in school, and will help you and them in the process. Many kids misunderstand what a teacher is saying. My daughter had one teacher that would get on to the whole class. This bothered my daughter because she felt she wasn't misbehaving, but was getting in trouble. I told her that the teacher is talking to all the class, but the wrong behavior only applies to those who are doing wrong. Then, she understood. It was that simple to correct. Still, other times can find major conflicts. These should not be avoided, but communicated openly and honestly with the teacher. Don't let it drag on for a whole semester hoping it might get better. Communication works wonders. Problems don't magically disappear. They are solved with clear communication. Find out all the facts from your child and make sure they have a full grasp of the situation. Watch for dishonesty. Some kids have been known to exaggerate the truth so they can get transferred into another class with their friends. Parents must operate under the fact that your child is not perfect.

When you walk into the meeting with the teacher, pray for God to give you peace. Pray for God to give you a heaping dose of the fruit of the spirit known as self-control. Even if the teacher is dead wrong, emotional outburst and exploding anger should not be our testimony as Christian parents. Jesus' reputation is on the line to the world every time we open our mouths or interact with others. Negotiate. Communicate. Don't have a chip on your shoulder as you enter the parent/teacher conference. See it as a chance to form a deeper and better relationship with the teacher.

Educate each other. You can tell the teacher how your child best responds. Do they need more attention, more explanations or to sit up front instead of in the back? Honestly share if there are difficulties at home so the teacher is aware that the child is going through some rough times. The teacher can in turn educate the parent on what they are looking for in student behavior. The teacher can explain how they manage the classroom and what is expected. Both of you then need to work out a system for communicating with each other in the future when problems arise. Work out a solution to the current problem that is best for your child.

If there is a bad apple as a teacher, and these are rare; then you should still maintain poise and peace. You should proceed to the next level of authority. If after repeated attempts are made to rectify the situation to no avail, and you have exhausted all resources, then pray. God's spirit will lead you as to what you should do next. There are many options. However, if your child is being unfairly treated, or locked in a classroom with a teacher who is suffering from bipolar depression or alcoholism etc... and can't function (and this does happen occasionally) then yes, you should protect your child and their education and find an alternative classroom or school. This is a rare event, but it does happen. If your child is being emotionally destroyed by a teacher who has issues, then you may need to move them. Bottom line, you have to be the protector and promoter of your child's best interest and education.

Conflicts between teachers and your child are inevitable. But they don't have to be destructive battles. It can be a learning process for all concerned. Remember: always act as a Christian, speak peace and words that are sweet. Help teach your child respect for authority. Teach your child to interact with people they don't get along with. We may not love every person we have to work with, but we can be polite, respectful and follow the golden rule as Christians. Ninety-nine percent of the time, it will just be partnering in communication to solve it. Begin with prayer.

20,000 Plus Shepherd Bags Are One The Way

by Fonda Norris,

EIM Shepherd Bags Coordinator

Thursday, October 28, Bro. Rocky, Mike Goodwin and several men from Emmaus Baptist Church in New Edinburg and Calvary Baptist Church, Warren, AR loaded 20,021 Shepherd Bags™. They left the EIM storage facility in Warren, AR bound for Honduras. We hope and pray this is the first of many more shipments. And we are anticipating thousands more Shepherd Bags™ coming in by this time next year.

This huge undertaking doesn't just happen. Many churches, WMA, GMA, Awana & Youth/children's groups and individuals have caught the vision and passion for the evangelistic tool that the Shepherd Bags™ has become in opening many doors to preach Jesus to thousands of children as well as adults. We've had many volunteers to come throughout the summer and put many, long hours in at the warehouse assembling and boxing Shepherd Bags™.

Much love and gratitude goes to all the volunteers that God has provided; without whom the Shepherd Bags™ Ministry could not operate. Warehouse workers, churches/individuals who pick up and transport bags, our drop off stations, assembly stations, church groups who assemble bags and many supporters whose generous giving allows us to keep those faithful, hardworking volunteers busy.

Please pray that God will use each of these bags to open up the hearts of many precious children and adults to the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. Also pray for us here at EIM as we have already started on shipment #2. As long as God keeps providing, we'll keep working trying to keep everyone busy!

Meramec Landmark Baptist Association Financial Report • October 2010

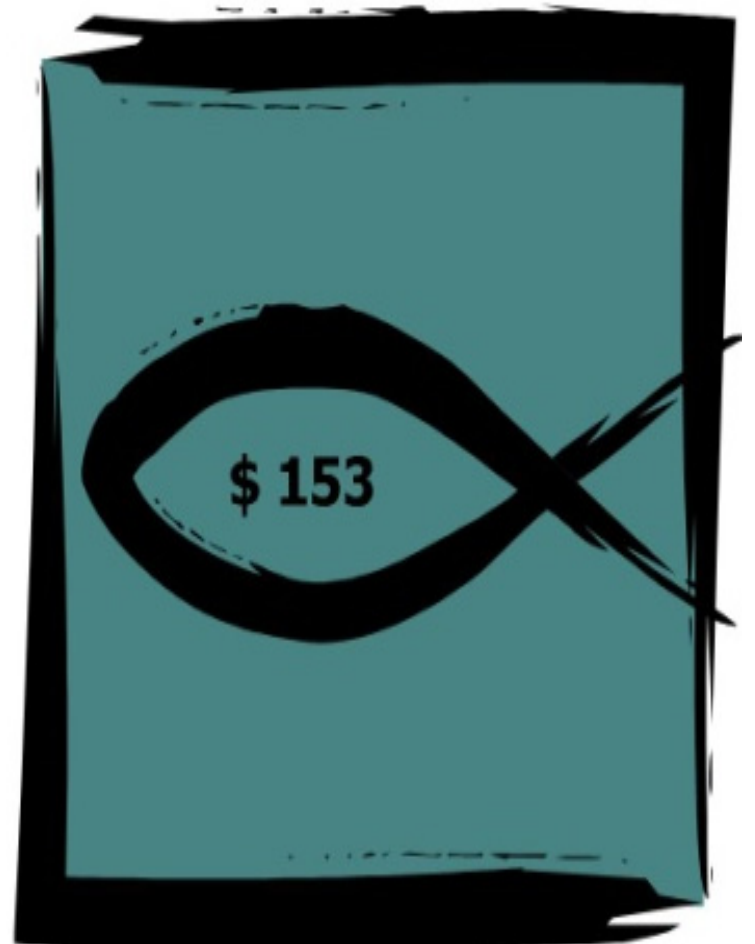
Balance September 30, 2010	\$	5,376.02
Total Receipts:	\$	<u>2,247.54</u>
Total Available	\$	7,623.56
Disbursements:		
Danny Kirk	1,100.00	
Brotherhood Mutual	493.33	
Jamie Jones Partnership	500.00	
Bank Charges	<u>2.00</u>	
Total Disbursements:	\$	2,095.33
Checking Balance, October 31, 2010:	\$	<u>(2,095.33)</u>
Revolving Loan Fund Balance		\$ 118,719.22

From Our Director...

What a great annual meeting we had at the Bethel Baptist Church in Lonedell, MO. The church was a wonderful host and what a great meal: Grilled steaks and pork chops! It does not get much better than that! Thank you Pastor Ben and Bethel Church family,

The annual meeting was well attended and the spirit harmonious. We have voted to retire the debt on the Meramec Retreat Center by September 2012. The messengers voted to take \$90,000 from the revolving loan fund and reduce the debt by half. Over the next two years, our churches are encouraged to give special offerings and attend fund raising events to eliminate the remainder of the debt.

In the book of John it tells us about a great catch of fish in which one net held 153 fish. Many have wondered what was the significance of the number 153. I do not know but I know this: If our 24 churches gave \$153 per month, we would eliminate the debt in 24 months. The Meramec Retreat Center has been our best tool at casting the net and witnessing the salvation of boys and girls. I want to challenge each of our churches to raise the equivalent of \$153 per month or \$1836 per year to retire the debt. Start a fishing campaign in your church and see how much money your church can raise. For some of our churches this amount will be easy and for some others, a struggle. Yet either way, we are making a great investment in the future of the camp ministry and in the salvation of souls.



Thanksgiving

by Gladys N. Larson • via *The Exchange*

- T** - "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." II Corinthians 9:15
"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17
- H** - "Heaven and earth praise Him, the seas, and everything that moveth therein."
Psalm 69:34
"He is good, His mercy endureth for ever." I Chronicles 16:34.
- A** - "All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made." John 1:3
- N** - "Nothing shall be impossible." Luke 1:37
"Nothing shall by any means hurt you." Luke 10:19
- K** - "Knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Matthew 7:7
I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him." II Timothy 1:12
- S** - "Salvation belongeth unto the Lord: thy blessing is upon thy people." Psalm 3:8
"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33
- G** - "Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." John 1:17
"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16
- I** - "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men." John 1:4
"In Him we live, and move, and have our being." Acts 17:28
- V** - "Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men." Mark 3:28
"Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise." Isaiah 60:18
- I** - "If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me."
Psalm 139:9-10
"I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken." Psalm 37:25
- N** - "Now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." I Corinthians 13:13
"Night shall be light about me." Psalm 139:11
- G** - "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised." Psalm 48:1
"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." I Thessalonians 5:18

Young and 'Young At Heart' Enjoy Walk

by Diane Spriggs,
Editor - Baptist Trumpet

Excitement, along with the smell of hamburgers and hot dogs cooking, were already in the air as I arrived early last Wednesday night at the Conway High School football field. Although it is usually the home of the "Wampus Cats," for that night at least, it was BMA all the way as a record breaking 550 Greenbrier/North Central Arkansas Beamers from 18 area churches gathered for their annual LifeWord Walk/Run For The World.

The weather was beautiful, with just a slight hint of autumn in the air, and there were pockets of activity everywhere. Of course, the main focus was the walk/run — 13 times around the football field, for a total of 3.1 miles — but there was also activity on and off the field. Several were throwing the football on the

field while children were playing on the huge inflatable "toys" set up outside the fence and many others, young and not so young, were enjoying the free (and delicious) food at tables set up in another area.

Adding to the fun were the "commentators" in the booth who shared some valuable information about the ministry of LifeWord, played lively music and teased the walkers/runners.

It is amazing what we can do for the Lord when we all work together, and that we can have so much fun doing it! I hope

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.

Chris Beshea, a member of First Baptist Church, Springhill, LA is available for preaching appointments as the Lord leads. His contact information is 720 10th Street N.W., Springhill, LA 71075. His cell phone number is (318) 218-5965. -11-

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. -10-

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 -9-

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. -9-

Bob Ayers is available to be used as the Lord leads. He is a member of Oak Hill Baptist Church in Alton and can be contacted at 573-255-3065. -9-

James Mills recently resigned as pastor of Highway Baptist Church in Judsonia, Arkansas, where he had served for the past 11 1/2 years. He is available for pulpit supply, revivals, or pastoring as the Lord leads. Contact him by phone: 501-281-1246 or by email: jamesmills@indco.net. -10-

Skyway Hills Baptist Church Seeks Pastor

Skyway Hills Baptist Church in Pearl, Mississippi, is seeking God's leadership in the selection of a new pastor. Any Minister who feels God's direction to apply for this position, should send a resume to "Pastor Search Committee, Skyway Hills Baptist Church, 3790 Highway 80 E., Pearl, Ms. 39208" or email at "larry.welborn@comcast.net"

LifeWord will use this format every year, and so do the children who were seen "pouting" when their parents said it was time to leave!

You still have time to plan a walk/run for your area. It can be simple, or a little more adventurous like this one — the choice is yours. But however you choose to do it, please Walk for the World!

For more information, call Diane Ward at LifeWord, (800) 543-1090.

Remember, two all-expense paid trips with some of LifeWord's production team will be awarded to two of our churches — one trip to the church that raises the most money overall and one trip to the church that raises the most money per capita.

Late Preparation

A pastor waited in a long line at the gas station to fill up his car before a long holiday weekend. It was finally his turn, he was able to get and went in to pay. "Sorry about the delay, Reverend," said the young man behind the counter. "It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The pastor chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same way in my business."

Are you waiting to make preparation for eternity? If you keep putting it off, it will someday be too late! Accept Jesus while you still have time. This is the most important preparation you need to make. Do it **TO-DAY!** II Corinthians 6:2