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## “Political Games, Resulting Shames”

By Chris Gonthier  
BMAO Moral Action

Here we go again, the legislative session in the state of Oklahoma seems to be another drama filled mess. It seems as though politics is more and more becoming a game that must be played. I believe that ideals and principles should be the norm, not hurt feelings. We need statesmen not politicians.

Wikipedia makes the following distinction, “A statesman or a stateswoman is a respected, skilled and experienced political leader or figure. In most respects a statesman is the opposite of a politician. Politicians are thought of as people who will say or do anything to get elected or to gain power.”

Nowadays we see chronologically mature people who are emotionally and behaviorally acting like they should be wearing diapers and drinking from a bottle. Everyone should look to the merits of proposed legislation, and not use leverage and favoritism as a basis for decision making.

Too often the decision to pass or fail a bill is based upon who the author is, and who may support it. It is a shame that the author and co-authors must be considered prior to submitting a bill.

Integrity should be the word for the season; however, it seems good people are often misled because pertinent information is withheld. I understand the idea in sales, putting the best forward and minimizing the bad to make the “sale”, but withholding important information is unethical.

In Mayes County Oklahoma we are indeed facing a dilemma that could very well negatively affect the entire state.

I want to share some scriptures as they are pertinent to this discussion.

James 2:9 tells us, “But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.”

I know this verse is referring to those coming into an assembly and showing partiality. The principle is quite clear, we should treat people with equal regard.

Ecclesiastes 12:14 says, “For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.”

Proverbs 18:13, “He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is a folly and shame unto him.”

Now let us look at the TIF, Tax Increment Financing, that is being proposed to bring in a large business into the Mid America Industrial Park in Mayes County. The “idea” is that we should use public tax revenue to subsidize a large corporation to entice this company to come here.

Now the local TIF would potentially affect Mayes County in several ways. First, we must consider how returning 100 million dollars in tax revenue to a private company would impact Mayes County.

It gives an unfair advantage to a new

company allowing them to potentially be able to outcompete pre existing businesses.

They would have reduced expenses and therefore could potentially be able to offer incentives to attract workers. This could hurt businesses that have been a part of our community for decades, potentially causing us to lose these businesses.



We must next consider the reason we have taxes is to support the needed infrastructure that goes along with the growth. The roads will be affected as will schools in the community.

Only receiving a portion of the revenue, and that being spread over time, will not adequately provide us with our needs. This will leave us lacking in important areas and possibly leading us to locate other sources of revenue, i.e. new taxes.

So how does this affect us at the state level, you may ask? As more and more taxes are diverted back to private businesses and away from infrastructure and other needs, the ability to fund needed projects decreases. As shortfalls arise, the money has to come from elsewhere.

I have heard that the state may offer as much as \$1.3 Billion in incentives to this unknown company.

Since when is it the responsibility of the government to dictate and control which companies succeed or fail. How is it fair to subsidize some companies, and not others, all with money that is diverted from its original purpose.

Right now the states of Kansas and Oklahoma are in a bribing war to attract a specific business.

As was mentioned by a representative of the Mid America Industrial Park, the company code named “Ocean” is coming to be a supplier of Canoo, a yet unproven electric car manufacturer.

(“Political Games” cont on pg 5)

## “Prepped and Ready for the National Meeting?”

By Clif Johnson

Arrangements are made and your BMA national departments and agencies are putting last minute touches on their reports to give you all the information you desire, along with the victories and accomplishments for the kingdom in the last seven months.

Add to that the numerous other BMA-driven ministries. In other words, we are preparing for you!

But now the question becomes, “Are you preparing for the meeting?” One of the best ways you can prepare for the meeting is to go to <https://bmaamerica.org/2022-department-video-reports/> to see video reports from our department leaders.

These videos allow you the opportunity to see and hear extended reports from our departments, giving you more information than you would otherwise receive at the national meeting itself.

Don't let the Wednesday morning session be the first time you hear from your department leaders. Rather, take



advantage of this opportunity to become acquainted with all that your BMA ministries have accomplished in 2021.

In addition to watching the video, here are other ways you can prepare for our national meeting:

Make sure you have made hotel reservations. Go online to:

<https://bmaamerica.org/2022-hotel-reservations>

Call or text your pastor friends to make sure they will be coming with you,

even arranging to travel together. I think we can all agree that one of the best parts of the national meeting is getting together with long time pastor friends and making new friendships with other brothers.

Pray for the unity of our association. It seems we live in the most hostile and divided time I have ever seen. But the one place where there should be unity is within the church and within the churches of the BMA.

Pray that you will have a heart ready to worship the Lord and receive His Word during our worship services and breakout sessions.

Once again, it is my great honor to serve the churches of the BMA, and I look forward to having a great time of celebration with you in just a few weeks.

## Holy Land Journey Slated for Fall

Stroll down Bethany road to the Mount of Olives and Gethsemane. Take a moment to look across the Kidron Valley toward the Temple Mount in Jerusalem at the Eastern Gate. Walk through the Old City, pray at the Western Wall, witness sights that you have read about and imagined. Visit the Garden Tomb, walk the Via Del Arosa, take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, and watch the biblical narrative come to life as you listen to the sounds, see the sights, and interact in this unique culture.

This is only a snapshot of what will be experienced by those of you who will join us October 20-November 5 for the trip of a lifetime. The countries of Greece, Israel, and Jordan provide breathtaking views, unexpected encounters, and a depth to biblical study that in my estimation is irreplaceable. This is a trip that will enrich your journey as a follower of Jesus, and it will provide images and memories that will last a lifetime. This trip is for everyone! We would love for you to go with us. Don't just dream about going, think about going, contact Angela Rice at the BMA Global Ministry Center, [angela@bmamissions.org](mailto:angela@bmamissions.org), 501-455-4977 and reserve your spot. Church leaders, there is no greater gift that you could give your pastor than a trip to the Holy Land.

Prepare now for Pastor Appreciation which is in October by making His reservation today. I look forward to experiencing this trip of a lifetime with you. Bryan Atwood

Pictured Bro. Bryan Atwood and Bro. Bob Burch, Israel 2018



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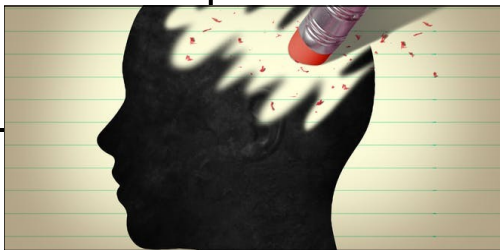
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# "I Was Just Thinkin'"

By Narita Roady

## "Remembering to Forget"



New technology has pushed women's child bearing years well past what God designed. The most recent on the news was a 70 year old woman giving birth to twins.

While a handful may choose this extreme in motherhood, it is not without its problems as you can well imagine.

Two elderly ladies, Dorothy and Helen had a friendship that was very close and spanned many years. Nevertheless, Helen was quite surprised when 65-year-old Dorothy announced she had decided to have a baby through in vitro fertilization.

It wasn't long and she conceived. All went well with the pregnancy and she delivered a fine healthy boy.

Of course, Helen was anxious to visit her friend and new baby, but she waited several days after Dorothy was discharged to visit.

She knew she'd need to rest and have time to settle in with her new son.

After what she deemed a thoughtful amount of time, she stopped by with a baby gift and casserole. She was eager to see the baby. They sat down with a cup of coffee and quickly began chatting as always.

Finally Helen said, "May I see your new bundle of joy?"

"Not right now", Dorothy said, "let's have another cup of coffee and visit a little longer."

After about a half an hour, Helen asked again, "How about letting me see that boy."

Once more Dorothy replied, "Not just yet."

The visit continued and by then Helen had been there more than an hour. She inquired once again, "Can I please see the baby now?"

Not even looking up from her coffee

cup, Dorothy answered again, "No, not right now."

Feeling somewhat annoyed, Helen pushed, "Well just when CAN I see him?"

Nonchalantly her friend responded, "Oh when he cries."

Reaching the end of her patience Helen exclaimed, "What do you mean when he cries, why on earth do I need to wait until then?!"

"Because," snapped Dorothy, "I forgot where I put him, OKAY?!"

I have to admit my "forgetter" seems to be working over time as I get older. There is so much I need and want to remember but I don't.

If I completely forget what I was to recall I am fine until problems arise and things left undone due to my lack of memory.

The worst part is when I remember I forgot something and I don't know what it is!!!

While I have not forgotten where I put something as important as a child, my keys, purse, watch, glasses, and the TV remote are regularly at locations temporarily unknown to me.

Forgetting is usually looked upon as being an undesirable habit, but believe it or not, there are certain things God wants us to forget.

Of course those are the very ones our minds clamp onto, burn into our brains, and we struggle at being unable to let go of.

While there are many things difficult to let go of, one of the harder ones in our day and time is to forget about our treasures here on earth.

Common modern day treasures are

possessions, jobs, and one's bank account, but there are many more. The Lord wants us to quit thinking about worldly treasures and focus our eternal ones, the ones that will last.

*"While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."*

2 Corinthians 4:18

No wonder so many people are so frustrated, disappointed, nervous and stressed!

When one focuses on belongings that are only passing, there will always be the fear that one might lose them or they might be damaged. How futile the battle to keep the perishable, permanent! Too do so is impossible!

Our hearts grow so anxious and troubled because we are attempting to control that which we cannot. I am not by any means advocating being poor steward of what the Lord has entrusted us with, but just not making it the center of our lives, hearts and minds.

By concentrating on the gifts God gives us that will never be taken away we can only experience peace and joy.

*"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:*

*But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:*

*For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. "*

Matthew 6:19-20

God also wants us to add to our "Things to Forget List" all the offences others have committed toward us.

**("Remember to Forget," cont on pg 7)**



# Global Care Conference on Horizon

When most of us think about BMA Missions, at least one name quickly comes to mind: Jerry Kidd. Bro. Jerry has embodied BMA Missions for many years and inspired countless generations of missionaries.

Not only has he served as a North American church planter and a foreign missionary, Bro. Jerry also served for several years as Director of International Missions and was the first Director of Missionary Care. He has truly been a "Pastor of Missionaries" through his spirit of encouragement to those serving Christ worldwide.

Bro. Jerry has a long legacy of faithful missionary service within our association. It is no surprise he was included in the inaugural class of Legacy Missionaries for BMA Missions.

For several years under his leadership of Missionary Care, Bro. Jerry has dreamed of having an opportunity to gather all our missionaries in one location for a care conference.

Bro. Jerry said, "My hope has been for us to get all the missionaries together in one place so they can experience the same spiritual blessing as a team. There is a spirit of solidarity among our missionaries."

"BMA Missions has become a worldwide effort of advancing the gospel. We have the witness that is going out all over the world. And when our missionaries can all come together, they will easily see the global aspect of their team's far-reaching effect."

Since its earliest days, conferences have been an essential aspect of Missionary Care ministry. Several regional conferences were held to encourage BMA missionaries.

Bro. Jerry stated, "Our people understand that missionaries make tremendous sacrifices when they leave home to serve on a foreign field. But one thing they may not fully realize is that often our missionaries work in isolation. When they have the opportunity to come together, they can exchange stories about their work. Sharing both their accomplishments and disappointments with each other is important for our missionaries because no one else can completely comprehend what they are going through except another

missionary."

Although there have been regional care conferences in the past, there has yet to be a Missionary Care conference for all the missionaries at one time and in one location.

Bro. Jerry's goal of bringing all BMA missionaries together has become our own, as Missionary Care has started making plans for a global care conference for November 2022.

We hope to make this truly a global event by providing every BMA missionary family the opportunity to attend this conference planned for Thailand.

The primary purpose of this conference is to provide a time of worship, fellowship, and mutual encouragement for our missionaries. We hope this event will be inspirational, refreshing, and relaxing.

In telling stories of past conferences, Bro. Jerry has always commented on how much of a bright spot these events have been in the lives of our missionaries.

In addition to the spiritual aspects of this care conference, our security consultant will be leading training sessions to help our missionaries review their security contingency plans.

We are daily reminded by international news reports that there are growing dangers in many spots on the globe.

According to Bro. Jerry, "The way things are going today, we need to continuously equip our missionaries to be aware of their security needs while still focusing on their primary need of sharing the gospel with the lost."

Several hours of the Global Care Conference's schedule will address safety and security issues.

Because it is Missionary Care's goal to gather all our missionaries

for one event, we intend to cover their expenses for the flights and lodging of each missionary family. We are confident God will supply the resources needed to accomplish this ambitious undertaking.

We rejoice that the number of BMA missionaries continues to grow. The gospel is advancing in more areas of the world, and that is good news! But as the number of missionary families grows, so does the budget for this global conference.

While there is an immediate need to give towards Missionary Care so this conference can be fully funded, the work of this ministry is not limited to conferences alone.

Bro. Jerry said, "I am sure our churches will consider sending an offering for this event. But I also hope many will think about giving regular support down the road to help with the ongoing ministry of Missionary Care. We have helped our missionaries in so many ways through Missionary Care. We must keep supporting this ministry as it supports our missionaries."

The churches of the BMA are faithful to pray and support our missionaries serving at home and around the world. Let us all keep praying for the work being done to share Christ with those who have yet to hear about His love.

And please pray for the Missionary Care team as they work hard to organize and plan this Global Care Conference.

We trust that the dream of bringing all BMA missionaries together in one location for a conference will be fulfilled this November. And we are trusting God to lead us in that direction.



# CBC Announces May Commencement Ceremony

This year's Commencement Ceremony will be held on the campus of Central Baptist College Saturday May 7 2022. There will be two ceremonies, 10:00am & 2:00pm.

In December we held the first December Commencement Ceremony in school history. There were nearly 30 students that were eligible to graduate, and most of the graduates participated.

This May there are approximately 65 graduates who will be participating. The event will also be live streamed for the family and friends who cannot attend the ceremony.

In addition to adding the December Commencement, a change has been made to the Commencement Speaker for each ceremony.

The Graduation Committee, along with the Executive Leadership Team's

approval, recommended that we utilize our faculty members to give the Commencement Address to our graduates.

The committee felt that this would make the experience much more personal for the students to have one of their own faculty members deliver the address.

In December, Dr. Joel Slayton addressed our students in a very personal way. This meant a lot to the administration, faculty and students.

The committee is currently coordinating this year's speaker and look forward to another memorable Central Baptist College Commencement Ceremony.

Students and guests can find current details and the livestream link at [cbc.edu/graduation](http://cbc.edu/graduation).

## Honor and Memorial Gifts

The following are honor and memorial contributions received since the last report by Central Baptist College. Some of the contributions are recurring gifts but are only listed once.

However, the family and/or honoree received an acknowledgement each time an honor/memorial gift was received.

## ***"Political Games, Resulting Shames"*** continued

This means that we are being forced to invest money in a company that we may or may not wish to invest in. This is also giving an advantage to electric car manufacturing and potentially paving the way for a Green New Deal.

When Pandora's mythical box has been opened it becomes impossible to put the "monster" or "evil" back in its cage.

There is more to be said, but how are we being good stewards? Why the waste of money and the choosing of who is state sponsored. Swadley's Foggy Bottom Kitchen is another example of wasted money, to the point of \$13.6 million.

The minute taxes hit the coffers, be it county, state or local, it becomes the property of the people for a dedicated purpose.

The Stitt administration is using money for unacceptable projects that are not benefiting the people. We, the people, need to start calling and demand that taxpayer money only be spent on projects that are for public purposes.

No more corporate welfare, no more secrecy. It is time for full disclosure.

## In Memory Of:

Bro. Kenneth R. Brown by Mr. and Mrs. Tommy L. Wallace; Bro. J. E. Cobb by Mr. and Mrs. Tommy L. Wallace; Dr. Harold E. Cooper by Mr. and Mrs. Tommy L. Wallace; Ms. Erma Harrell by Mrs. Marieca G. Ashworth.

Mr. Jim Lambright by Mr. and Mrs. Lanny Whitaker; Mrs. Mildred Lambright by Ms. Cecelia Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Lanny Whitaker; Mr. Charles McIlwain by Mr. and Mrs. Garry Wood, Garver Aviation Team.

Mr. Matt Fleming, Lane Home Furnishings, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Higdon, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry D. Clark, and Mr. Michael Chenevert; Ms. Donna "Micki" M. Mitchell by Ms. Esther M. Kershner-Mitchell; Dr. Ron Mitchell by Ms. Esther M. Kershner-Mitchell.

Ms. Merle Stuckey by Mrs. Delores Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hellums, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Stuckey, Ms. Sharron Masey, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Murphree.

Ms. Sara Young, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Petty, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Linville, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Cobb; Mr. Charles A. Sullivan, Jr. by Mr. Charles W. Deaton.

## In Honor Of:

Mrs. Judy Gabbard by Mr. and Mrs. Tommy L. Wallace; Ms. Crystal Long by Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Whittingham; Bro. Frank Panzrino by Mr. Norman D. Crass.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**BMAO Midyear Meeting**  
**Sunray Baptist, Purcell**  
**April 9, 2022**  
(Note the change in date)

**Southgate Baptist**  
**Spring Craft Fair**  
**April 8-9, 2022**  
See pg 7

**BMAA National Meeting**  
**April 18-20, 2022**  
**Springfield, MO**  
See pg 8

# *"That Reminds Me"*

By Jesse Spurlock

*"A Prayer Answered"*

***"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God."***

Philippians 4:6

A while back I was clearing out some of the old files, reports, etc on my computer hard drive. I ran across an article I had written about prayers. I had intended to include it in the weekly bulletin articles, but it hadn't made it.

Apparently, like the "Lost Episodes of Bonanza," it was hidden away awaiting my discovery.

It was dated January 5, 1997, which would have been my first Sunday as pastor of Highland Park. That was a long time ago, but the message is still very appropriate and worth sharing.

It was Christmas day 1996 and I was driving south on I-35. The speed limit was 70mph. That's as fast as I wanted to drive so I had my cruise control set.

Most cars passed me at several miles above the speed limit. That's not unusual for a holiday, and is one of the main reasons there are more traffic fatalities on holidays.

My slower speed made me feel like Maude Frickett on a Los Angeles freeway from the old.

Suddenly, I saw an old Pontiac coming up very fast behind me. He was in the fast lane and I was in the slow lane, but I estimated his speed to be well over 100mph.

As the car sailed by, I saw there was a woman beside the male driver and two young children in the back seat.

The driver had his left hand draped casually over the top of the steering wheel. With his right hand he held a beer tilted up to his mouth. I shuttered to realize the jeopardy he was placing his

family, as well as everyone else on the road.

Unbelievably, the woman, obviously the mother of the children appeared unconcerned.

The children were too young to realize their danger and were playing and bouncing in the back.

As the car disappeared over the next hill, I whispered a prayer, "Lord, please protect those children."

I crested the hill and was startled to see a large splash area in the fast lane. The trail of water led to the rear of the old Pontiac in the distance.

Steam was pouring from under the hood of the car. The old Pontiac was slowing and coasting to the shoulder. A radiator hose had obviously broken,

disabling the car.

Due to his speed when the hose broke, it took a distance to get stopped. The car was coming to a stop as I passed. I didn't stop. The walk or wait for help would do the driver good.

I was glad his hose had broken and disabled the car. Now he couldn't kill or injure those children with his drinking and driving.

My first thought was, "It serves you right!" However, as I thought more about it, I was startled to realize it was exact and almost immediate answer to my whispered prayer when the car passed me. "Lord, please protect those children."

Undoubtedly, some would discount this incident as being a coincidence. They might say the fast driving put extra pressure on an old rotten water hose causing it to break.

They might be right. However, isn't it strange that it just happened to break only seconds after I uttered the prayer?

What a great God we serve! He answers small, as well as large prayers.

Philippians 4:6, "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God."

## **Latest News from Grace Harbor**

March was a very busy month, for great reason and challenging reasons. I'm sure I am not alone as a pastor or church member who currently feels the weight and reality of the heaviness many of our folks are experiencing. This may be something I have written on before, but it is hard not to as God has called me primarily to be an under-shepherd for the flock he has gathered at Grace Harbor.

We have many who are personally walking through prolonged seasons of illness, as well as those who are directly involved with caring for family members who are dealing with intense illness. As challenging as this is to see our folks having to endure, our church has just been so wonderful in caring for one another. Not all of the opportunities to serve are because of illness, but also because of new babies being born (we have had two additions in the last two months).

On a more positive note, we had several visit us in the month of March. We have had roughly 15 folks visit in the last month, and nearly half of them have been with us multiple weeks since their first visit. We have four new covenant members joining our church at the end of April, and are praying the Lord continues to add to our number.

## **“Remembering to Forget,” cont from pg 3**

***“Forgetting is usually looked upon as being an undesirable habit, but believe it or not, there are certain things God wants us to forget.***

***Of course those are the very ones our minds clamp onto, burn into our brains, and we struggle at being unable to let go of.”***

Now of course I am talking about forgiveness. You may not forget the incident as the devil will be diligent to bring it to your mind on a regular basis, especially if he sees it troubles you. He may bring them up but we aren't to hang on to them.

The part we are to forget is the “feelings” we had when the wrong doing occurred. Few Christians are ignorant of the fact that He has forgiven us and commands us to forgive them in the same way.

Not only does He forgive us our sins, but He also forgets them.

*“For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.” Hebrews 8:12*

They won't be brought back up, He won't hold them over our heads, He won't feel the sharp stick of offense (as we do with our offenders) each time he looks at us. As far as our Lord is concerned they are gone and done with!

We are promised this in Psalms 103:12, *“As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.”*

## **Latest News from New Generation**

“To the work! To the work! We are servants of God; .... Toiling **on, Toiling on**, so the hymn of days gone by says. Serving God is work as I'm sure you well know. We must keep going and sometimes it's not so pleasant. Many times, we must work under adverse conditions, but never-the-less we must persevere. We must keep in mind who we are working for.

We continue in our work of spreading the gospel to a lost and dying world. We are encouraged when we see professions of faith and progress in discipleship. Our attendance both on-line and in person continues to hold steady.

We have added a Wednesday evening Bible study recently. At the present time Bro. Luis Santos is leading in this. If you are not involved on Wednesday evening someplace else, we would welcome you to our study. It starts at 7pm.

### **Here is an excerpt from Chris's monthly report:**

Evangelism training is really starting to ramp up with 12 events on the calendar through the end of August, including several Spanish training events in Norman and Texas, two Baptist associational events with potentially 70 churches involved, and a potential children's evangelism training event coming up as well which would be a great opportunity to start reaching young families with our little church.

God is on the move! We're just trying to keep up! Thank you so much for your faithful support, both prayerfully and financially!

If you or your Church would be interested in receiving some training on how to present the gospel in one-on-one situations, please let Chris or I know. I believe we can help you.

Please continue to support and pray for the ministry here. Thanks, we appreciate it.

Why do this to ourselves, why do we do it to each other? It can't feel good; we all know that for a fact. I once heard it said, "Our response to an offense determines our future."

Another “forget” item to put on the list is to dismiss from our minds the good deeds we have done for people.

You did it - great! It is a gift TO God! You received a blessing of pleasure in doing it. Your motive should have been to do it FOR Him.

Therefore you won't gloat over it, remind the beneficiaries of your kindness, and you will expect nothing in return. That includes not even as much as a “thank you”; after all you did it for the Lord, right?

Pride will raise its ugly head and tempts us to say we need praise and credit for doing good.

*“Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.”*

Proverbs 27:2

We are the ones that should be thanking God for the opportunity to serve and for Him making His resources available for us to use!

Luke 6:35 tells us, *“But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great...”*

If He instructs us to do this for our enemies, I am sure He wants us to do the same for friends and acquaintances? Oh that we would all give without ever remembering and receive without ever forgetting.

There are other things God wants us to forget, our past failures and sins He has erased, our needs and problems as He wants to take care of those, our past victories, because He wants to do a new thing in our lives, and our lives before we were saved since He has made us a new creature.

Take time to talk to the Lord about what He wants you to forget. It will sure take a load off your mind and heart!

73<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
**BMA of America National Meeting**  
 April 18-20, 2022  
 Springfield, Missouri

**Monday Afternoon, April 18**

10:30am Baptist Publishing House Trustee Meeting - Room: Kansas A  
 1:30pm Seminary Trustee Meeting - Room: Kansas A  
 3:00pm Missions Advisory Committee - Room: Kansas B

**Monday Evening, April 18**

6:00pm Registration  
 7:00pm **Opening Session**  
 Welcome - President  
 President's Message - Pastor Dr. Clif Johnson - PREACH the Word; Preach THE WORD  
 Initial Associational Business

**Tuesday Morning, April 19**

8:00am Moral Action Agency Trustee Meeting - Room: Arkansas A  
 8:30am BMA Orientation for New Pastors and Churches - Room: Kansas C  
 8:30am National WMA Conference - "Intentional" - Grandview Baptist Church  
 9:00am National Brotherhood Meeting - Room: Arkansas C

**Breakout Sessions**

9:30 & 10:45am -BMA Missions - Preaching the Word and the Mission of God - Room: Colorado A  
 9:30 & 10:45am -Lifeword - We Tell the *Creation* Story - Room: Oklahoma  
 9:30 & 10:45am -Ministers Resource Services - Pastor Your Family Well - Tim Brewer - Room: Kansas A  
 9:30 & 10:45am -North American Missions - Preaching and Reaching Hispanics in the USA - Room: Kansas B  
 9:30 & 10:45am -BMA Seminary - Cut it Straight - Justin Peters - Room: Illinois  
 9:30&10:45am -Baptist Publishing House - Study the Word - Room: Colorado B  
 9:30 & 10:45am -Daniel Springs Camp - Keep the Word Central in Student Ministry - Room: Arkansas B

**Tuesday Afternoon, April 19**

3:00pm **Second Session**  
 Justin Peters - Preach the Sufficient Word  
 5:00pm Seminary Dinner - Room: Oklahoma

**Tuesday Evening, April 19**

7:00pm **Third Session**  
 Election of Officers, Business as needed  
 Annual Message - Richard Smith - Preach the Powerful Word

**Wednesday Morning, April 20**

8:30am **Fourth Session**  
 BMA Foundation  
 Moral Action Agency  
 Baptist Publishing House  
 Daniel Springs Encampment  
 Ministers Resource Services  
 BMA Theological Seminary  
 Lifeword  
 Missions Department  
 Miscellaneous Business

**Wednesday Afternoon, April 20**

12:00pm Missionary Ladies Luncheon - Location TBD  
 12:00pm We Are Free Luncheon - Room: Oklahoma  
 2:00pm Legacy Missionaries  
 3:00pm **Fifth Session**  
 Johnmichael Poulin - All the Word to All the World

**Wednesday Evening, April 20**

7:00pm **Sixth Session**  
 Missions Commissioning Service

**Ministry Display Area**

**Monday, April 18**

4:00pm - Opens  
 9:30pm - Closes

**Tuesday, April 19**

9:00am - Opens  
 9:30pm - Closes

**Wednesday, April 20**

9:00am - Opens  
 9:00pm - Closes

