

President's Letter

President Jeff Swart

70th Annual Meeting of the BMA of America

Greetings to the churches of the Baptist Missionary Association of America!

Please consider this a personal invitation to join our sister churches as we gather May 6-8, 2019, for the 70th Annual Meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association of America. This year's meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Convention Center in Rogers, Arkansas. The facilities are more than adequate to meet our needs and because the convention center is attached to the headquarters hotel, you will not need to leave the facilities to go to the meeting or back to your hotel room. In addition, there are dozens of restaurants and a shopping mall within a mile of the hotel.

As in recent years, we will be offering the extended reports of your departments by way of:

1. The Reports and Recommendations Booklet that will be mailed to every church.
2. Video reports by our directors that can be accessed before, during, and after the meeting at www.bmalife.com.
3. A special BMA Town Hall meeting where you may ask the directors any question that you might have.
4. And as always, our department directors will be available in the display room at various times throughout the meeting where you may converse with them privately.

Our goal is to share as much information with our churches as conveniently as possible. After all, these ministries are your ministries!

Included with this letter is a preliminary schedule for the 2019 annual meeting. You will notice that the schedule for the meeting is radically different. The department directors and officers of our association are changing the emphasis of our national meeting to create a vehicle to equip our churches to reach the unsaved, the unchurched, and to strengthen their existing ministries.

I look forward to seeing you in Rogers as we gather together to worship the Lord, conduct His business, and equip our pastors, church leaders, and churches to serve our Lord more effectively.

Until Then,

Jeff Swart
President of the BMA of America



To: Churches of the Baptist Missionary Association of America

Brethren,

We need your help. Our roster shows that we have 1,260 churches who are affiliated with the BMAA. However, the representations in our Annual Meetings reflect the participation of only about half of them.

We recognize that the Association is the servant of the churches. Each church is autonomous and participation is voluntary.

However, there are many benefits offered to the member churches. Below is a list of some of those benefits.

1. Legal certification that the church is a registered member of a non-profit association, (the BMAA is a registered non-profit organization with the IRS.)
2. Certification to assist if the church chooses to incorporate for legal or tax purposes.
3. Gives the church a voice in the actions and decisions of the BMAA.
4. Encourages and strengthens the voice in their stand on moral, political and doctrinal issues.
5. Offers fellowship with other churches of, "Like Faith."
6. Opportunity for involvement in fulfilling the great commission on a world wide scale.

Please remit funds for meeting and minute expenses.

All expenses for facilities, equipment and supplies for the annual meeting plus travel expenses for several committees and the printing of the yearbooks are paid from this fund. The total cost is \$35,000-\$40,000 each year. It is imperative that we increase contributions to this fund. Thanks to your response last year, we made it. However, our balance is dangerously low. We still need extra help.

Brethren, you are our first line of communication with our churches. Your help will be deeply appreciated.

If you have suggestions for helping us communicate with the churches, we invite your input. Please know that we are praying for you, and stand ready to serve in any way possible.

Even when attendance is not possible, the letter of registration affirms their membership.

The registration letters need to be forwarded to: James Ray Raines: PO Box 17872, North Little Rock, AR 72117. 501-231-4204

Sincerely

James Ray Raines
Recording Secretary
Baptist Missionary Association of America

70th Annual
BMA of America National Meeting
May 6-8, 2019

Embassy Suites Hotel & Convention Center • Rogers, Arkansas
Program

Monday Afternoon, May 6

- 1:30 National WMA Officers Meeting
- 3:00 National WMA Business Meeting

Monday Evening, May 6 • First General Session

- 7:00 Welcome - President
 - Worship Service — House Band (Antioch Baptist Church, Conway, AR)
 - President's Message — Pastor Jeff Swart

Tuesday Morning, May 7

- 8:30 Registration for Women's Ministry Conference (Temple Baptist Church, Rogers)
BMA Orientation to New Pastors & Churches (Pastry, Coffee, Meet the Directors)
- 9:00 Women's Ministry Conference — "Catch the Vision" (Temple Baptist Church, Rogers)
National Brotherhood Meeting
- 9:30 Trustee Meetings subject to Call
- 9:30 Breakout Sessions (7 breakout sessions)
- 10:45 Breakout Sessions (7 breakout sessions)

Tuesday Afternoon, May 7 • Second General Session

- 2:00 John David Smith (What It Means to be "On Mission")
- 3:30 BMA Town Hall Meeting (Directors and DiscipleGuide Trustees)

Tuesday Evening, May 7 • Third General Session

- 7:00 Worship Service — House Band (Antioch Baptist Church, Conway, AR)
Annual Message, Dr. Clif Johnson

Wednesday Morning, May 8 • Fourth General Session

BMA Associational Business

- 8:30 Song, Scripture & Prayer
- 8:15 Miscellaneous Business
- 8:40 BMA Theological Seminary
- 8:55 Ministers Resource Services
- 9:10 Lifeword
- 9:25 DiscipleGuide
- 9:40 Moral Action
- 9:55 BMA Foundation
- 10:10 Missions Department
- 10:25 Miscellaneous Business

Wednesday Afternoon, May 8 • Fifth General Session

- 2:00 Church Leaders Table Talk
- 3:30 Missions Commissioning Service

Wednesday Evening, May 8 • Sixth General Session

- 7:00 Worship Service — Central Baptist College Choir • Featured Guest Speaker

Enrollment Committee Schedule

Monday	2:00-4:00 p.m. • 6:00-7:00 p.m. and 30 minutes after session
Tuesday	8:30-9:00 a.m., 2:00-3:00 p.m. • 6:30-7:00 p.m. and 30 minutes after session
Wednesday	8:00-8:30 a.m.

It's Time!

To Make Your Reservations for the 2019 BMAA Meeting in Rogers, Arkansas

The 2019 session of the Baptist Missionary Association of America will meet May 6-8 at the John Q. Hammons Convention Center in Rogers, Arkansas. The facilities and hotels are looking forward to our meeting there. Rogers' accommodations offer plenty of space for all of our meetings and lodging. We hope that you will make your reservations early. Most of the hotels can make your reservations either by phone or online, **but you must identify that you are with the Baptist Missionary Association of America.**

The Embassy Suites Hotel, 3303 Pinnacle Hills Parkway, Rogers, AR, will serve as our headquarters hotel for the annual meeting in Rogers. The Embassy Suites adjoins the convention center to provide the easiest access to all of the association meetings and activities. Here is the contact information for the hotel.

- **Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas (Headquarters Hotel), 3303 Pinnacle Hills Parkway, Rogers, AR:** (Single/Double, \$149 per night; Triple, \$159.00; Quad, \$169) (Standard Double or King room). Telephone reservations: 479-254-8400. Complimentary self-parking for all guests (Valet parking is available). Full breakfast included. Reservation cutoff date is April 14, 2019.

In addition to the headquarters hotel, additional overflow facilities are available in the area. Following is a list of properties that have blocked rooms for the BMA meeting.

- **Candlewood Suites, 4601 West Rozell, Rogers, AR:** (Studio suite, 2 full-size beds: \$99.00). Telephone reservations: 479-636-2783. Reservation cutoff date is April 19, 2019.
- **Country Inns & Suites, 4304 West Walnut, Rogers, AR:** (Standard two queen or one king suite: \$129.00). Telephone reservations: 479-633-0055. Use Group Code: 0505BMAOFA. Reservation cutoff date is April 5, 2019.
- **Hyatt Place, 4610 West Walnut, Rogers, AR:** (\$116.00). Telephone reservations: 479-633-8555. Reservation cutoff date is April 1, 2019.
- **Fairfield Inn & Suites, 4611 Rozell Road, Rogers, AR:** (Single: \$99.00; Double/Double: \$99.00; Executive King: \$109.00). Telephone reservations: 479-936-5900. Use Group Code: SMERF. Reservation cutoff date is April 20, 2019.
- **Hampton Inn, 4501 West Walnut, Rogers, AR:** (Double Queen: \$144.00). Telephone reservations: 479-986-0500. Reservation cutoff date is April 6, 2019.
- **Aloft Rogers-Bentonville, 1103 S 52nd Street, Rogers, AR:** (King: \$119.00). Telephone reservations: 479-268-6799. Reservation cutoff date is April 5, 2019.

The association has incurred penalty payments in some years because we did not use our full block of rooms. Please help us avoid a situation like that this year. We appreciate your help.

— *Jerome Cooper, Bill Thornton, and Daniel Williams*

2019

National WMA Meeting & Ladies Conference

Rogers, Arkansas

Monday, May 6 • Convention Center

- 1:30-2:30 National WMA Officers Meeting
3:00-5:00 National WMA Business Meeting

Tuesday, May 7 • Temple Baptist Church

Just 5 minutes from the Convention Center at 1812 S. Dixieland Road

Women's Conference

- 8:30 Registration
9:00 Program — “Catch the Vision”
Keynote Speaker — Judy Wallace
Special Music — Sabrina Clayton
There will be a special time of honoring
Pastor's wives and widows.
- 12:00 Lunch will be catered and you can pay at the door
- 1:15-3:00 Breakout Sessions — You may choose 2
- 1) Reaching out in Service through Missions - Belinda Caudle
 - 2) Reaching out in Service through Benevolence - Robin Tyler
 - 3) Reaching out in Service through Youth Auxiliaries - Valarie Fish
 - 4) Reaching out in Service to Minister's Wives - T'Shana Everitt

All ladies are encouraged to attend! Be sure and check our website (nationalwma.org) and our Facebook page (National WMA of BMAA) for updates. If you have any questions you can email me at jodiegrhea@live.com or call and leave a message at (501) 472-9490 and I will call you back. Hope to see you in May!

NATIONAL WMA 2019



I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, an object descending like a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came to me. - Acts 11:5

— Jodi Rhea, President

Baptist Missionary Association Of America

James Ray Raines, Recording Secretary

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Letter Of Representation

70th Annual Session

John Q. Hammons Convention Center • Rogers, Arkansas

May 6-8, 2019

Church _____ of _____ (City) _____ (State)

Address _____ (Number-Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip)

IMPORTANT:

Is the above mailing address a permanent address to which correspondence can always be sent? () Yes () No

Pastor _____ Phone _____

Address _____ (Number-Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip)

Clerk _____

Address _____ (Number-Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip)

Church elected Missionary Committeeman _____

Address _____ (Number-Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip)

Messengers _____

Alternates _____

Funds sent with letter: Minutes and Meeting Expenses \$ _____

Other \$ _____
(PLEASE SPECIFY)

Note: Please make checks payable to BMAA Minute Fund

Mail this letter no later than April 25, 2019

Petitionary Form

This section to be used only for petitioning fellowship in the Association.

Church _____
_____ (City) _____ (State)

Having adopted the Statement of Principles of Cooperation and Doctrinal Statement of the Baptist Missionary Association of America, we herewith petition for fellowship in this body.

Adopted by this church in conference.

on _____ day _____, 2019

Moderator _____

Clerk _____

Please return this completed form in the enclosed self-addressed envelope provided.