

BAMA MINUTES – April 9, 2008

The Bristolville Area Ministerial Association met Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at North Bristol Christian Church. Present were host pastor Dale Briggs, Rich Whipkey, Jim Gardiner, Jody Baker, Ron McIlvaine and Fred Keener.

Dale Briggs shared opening devotions about the importance of seeking God's approval above all else, and not letting what others think of us hold us back or turn us off from the direction we believe is leading us.

Following prayer, the minutes of the March 12, 2008 meeting were read and approved. There was no treasurer's report; Dale said he still has the offering from the Good Friday service.

In Old Business, the spring school outreach with Lee Hood continues to be scheduled for May 2, with an assembly at North Bloomfield scheduled for 8:15 a.m., Bristol at 10:40, and Maplewood at 1:30 p.m. There will also be an evening performance by Lee at Maplewood at 7 p.m. As far as a sound system, Ron McIlvaine has a 500-watt mixing board we can use, and he will also get us some speakers. Speakers from Mecca Community Church will also be used. Ron agreed to run the sound at all 3 assemblies and the concert. It was felt that several people will be needed to help set up at each location, and it was decided to meet at North Bloomfield at 7:15 a.m. to prepare for the first assembly. Dale will provide cordless mikes that North Bristol Christian has available, and will check with Lee in case he prefers to use his own mic. Dale will also find out if Lee has a place to stay while he's here, and what type of equipment he needs for monitoring.

In other Old Business, Lenten services were discussed briefly, and it's felt that we should continue having these services. Though no further plans were made regarding this year's Christmas banquet, Dale recommended that we keep this a topic of discussion for future meetings.

In New Business, Rich mentioned that the organization "Faith Comes by Hearing" is offering churches free mp3 CDs of the entire New Testament (dramatized). It's called the "You've Got the Time" listening program, and supplies pastors with all the tools needed to lead their congregations through the New Testament in 40 days. Pastors simply need to call the organization and tell how many people are in their congregation. A love offering on the part of the church is requested in order to help the ministry continue to produce recordings of Scripture in other languages. For more information, go to <http://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/pastors-support-materials> or call 1-800-545-6552.

Jody mentioned that there are a lot of new clothes and housing items available at the clothing ministry his church runs on North Park Ave. The ministry is open every 4th Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. However, arrangements can be made to get in at other times by calling Jody for an appointment.

The meeting was adjourned. Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 14 at 9 a.m. and West Farmington U.M.C.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Keener, Secretary