



JUNE, 2011

OPBA'S
CHILDREN'S CAMP &
MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP
JULY 21-24, 2011

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Get your camper's registration forms
from your church today!

Anyone interested in helping at camp in
any way, check out the Camp Staff
Packet also.

Camp Fees

Campers: \$75 by June 23 or \$90 June
24 - July 8. No registration forms
will be accepted after July 8.

Camp Staff: \$25 for ALL staff staying
overnight on campus.

Check out our website: www.ozarkprairieba.com

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR YOU

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother which is the first commandment with a promise, so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth. Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:1-4 NASB)

To be an effective father one must be committed to their children, must connect with them, be consistent in their attitude and behavior, protect and provide for them, love their mother, be an active listener, and spiritually equip them for life. To dig deeper on these issues check out the book *The 7 Secrets of Effective Fathers* by Dr. Ken Canfield.

**Financial Report for OPBA for
Period 7 - April, 2011**

Revenue needed for April:	\$ 6,773.09
Revenue received for April:	\$ <u>4,609.92</u>
Revenue under budget for April by:	\$ 2,163.17
Actual Expenses for April:	\$ 6,573.01

Designated money as of April 30, 2011:

Baptist Hill	\$ 823.46
Associational Missions	\$ 431.00
International Missions	\$ 426.24
Camp	\$ 802.47

Checking account balance as of April 30, 2011: **\$27,063.29**

June
2011

*Celebrate
our Pastors, Staff,
and their families*

Birthdays

- 4 - Denise Hodson (PW, FBC, Lamar)
- 18 - Mike Tull (Pastor, Dadeville)
- 24 - Megan Nosal
(Youth Pastor Wife, Mt. Nebo)
- 25 - Ken Abbott (Pastor, Fairview)

Wedding Anniversary

- 2 - Mike & Kim Tull (Dadeville)
- 5 - Jim & Maggie Albers 40th (OPBA DOM)
- 13 - Ken & Catrina Carney (Kings Point)
- 15 - Kevin & Shelly Stewart (FBC, Lamar)

Sock Drive for Camp

Continue to collect socks for a service project the campers will be taking part in while at camp. Our goal is to have each camper bring at least one pair of new socks to camp.

Churches, we challenge you to match what campers bring. For more information please call the association office 417-232-4249 or Kerri Toler, Children's Camp Director at 417-777-1937.



From the DOM's Heart

Preacher Harold Camping, President of Family Radio of California, predicted the world would come to an end on May 21, 2011. You have probably guessed by now that his prediction was incorrect.

A mere day later a lot of Joplin residents and visitors must have felt their world had come to an end. The deadliest tornado to ever hit a Missouri town devastated a six mile long stretch of heavily populated and commercially prosperous territory. The death toll, at the time of writing this article stood at 125 with hundreds of injured and missing. Homes were flattened and businesses were destroyed. A hospital in completely inoperable.

As I watched the news, I witnessed many who praised God for their safety. Others said that they were "lucky" to be alive. Some counted it a blessing to be alive although they had lost everything. Some were bitter about their loss even though they were alive.

These reactions from victims are typical. During my years as MBC Disaster Relief Director, I heard it all. One thing is for sure, a crisis separates the believers from the unbelievers. You can really get a sense of the difference Christ makes in a believer's heart and life.

I wonder how each of us would initially respond to a disaster of Joplin's magnitude if it impacted us directly. Would we be as quick to praise God as some were that were interviewed by the television networks? I wonder!!

How is your relationship with God today? Are you thankful for what you have or distraught by what you do not have?

Pray for the residents of Joplin. Remember that the impact of the tornado extends far beyond the city limits. Many who work in Joplin live outside the damaged area or outside Joplin. Their place of employment is gone.

Many who live outside Joplin lost loved ones in Joplin. Joplin will never again be as it was. Many will be traumatized for the rest of their lives.

Perhaps the best prayer we can pray for those inside and outside of Joplin is this, "Lord help us all to be thankful for our loved ones, our spiritual blessings and the material things you allow us to care for. But most importantly, Lord, use this tragedy to bring us all closer to you - to love you more than anyone or anything else in our lives. Help us to see that we may lose everything but that we cannot lose you! May many people come out of their rubble and grief having put their trust in your Son, Jesus Christ."

I do hope that this crisis which literally knocked on our association's back door will be a wake up call for us and our churches. Far too many are lost in their sins. Many more are unchurched. I will be asking your church to follow the association's leadership this summer in activities designed to get the name of Jesus in some communities in our association. I will be asking our churches to join me on July 2 in Greenfield to lift up the name of Jesus at their "Celebration in the Park." In September our association will conduct a weekend revival, VBS and Carnival in the park to try to reach the unchurched. Watch for more details to come.

Pray that God will put a burden in your heart for the lost and a sense of urgency to reach them with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Ask God for the privilege of joining other Christians from our association to at least prepare our counties spiritually for any disaster that may befall us.

Bro. Jim

Disaster Relief for Joplin

With the devastation of the tornado in Joplin we as an association want to help. Below is a list of items needed at the current time. First Baptist Church, Lamar (1301 East 6th Street) is a collection site for this.

baby cereal
baby food
baby formula (liquid ready to eat, NOT the powder or concentrate that has to be mixed)
baby wipes
batteries
blankets
bottled water
cleaning supplies
contact lens supplies
deodorant
diapers
feminine hygiene needs
flashlights
food (ready to eat items such as canned meats, nothing that has to be cooked or heated)

Gatorade / Powerade (flavored vitamin waters, etc)
hand sanitizer
large storage containers
leather gloves
medical supplies
non-perishable snacks and breakfast items (granola bars, meal bars, crackers, cheese or peanut butter crackers, pop tarts, etc.)
soap
socks
toiletries
toothpaste & toothbrushes
underwear for men and women
wash cloths & towels

Monetary donations are always welcomed and encouraged to help with other areas of need. Go to the MBC website at www.mobaptist.org to donate securely online or mail your payments, made payable to Missouri Baptist Convention, 400 E High St, Jefferson City, MO 65101 with a notation that funds are to be placed in the Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief Response Fund designated for Joplin Relief.

MBC collection sites listed for our area include:

Forest Park Baptist Church, 7th & Rangeline, Joplin, MO 64801 417-623-4606
Canvas, 315 South Street, Springfield, MO 65806 417-869-4138

WMU Meetings July 14, 2011

Dade:

Liberty Baptist Church
12:00 noon

Meal provided

Laura Wells, the State Executive Director of WMU, will be present at this meeting for the installation of new officers.

Barton:

Cornerstone Baptist Church
6:30 pm

Bring a covered dish for the evening meal.

We will have an installation of new officers at this meeting.

Guest Speaker at both meetings will be Ben Beck, Baptist Collegiate Ministry Director at Purdue University in Indiana.

When Ben was in college he got involved with the BCM and even served 3 years on leadership. He also was called to full-time vocational ministry. When asked why he serves in this ministry, Ben said "God gave me a love and passion for college students. I love helping students in their spiritual journey through college whether they have been a Christian for many years or know little or nothing of Christ. It thrills me to see students grow and when they get done with college become the spiritual leaders of a church."

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

You can be a missionary for a day!

Keep July 2 available on your calendar. You can serve the churches of your association and lift up the name of Jesus at the same time. OPBA has reserved a booth for the Greenfield Celebration in the Park. Your presence is needed for an hour or so.

Check with your pastor for details on volunteering.

Minutes from the OPBA Executive Board Meeting May 19, 2011

The OPBA Executive Board met on May 19, 2011 at the Mt. Nebo Baptist Church in Lockwood. The meeting opened with a hymn and prayer. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Tom Welch and a motion was made by Doris Fisher to accept the minutes of the 14th Annual Meeting as printed. Motion was seconded by Linda Welch and motion carried. James Lovercamp moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as printed. Motion was seconded by Steve Clark and motion carried.

Book of Reports was presented. Bro Jim Albers spoke on behalf of Matthew Keathley who was not present, in regards to the Camp Committee Report. Linda Welch spoke in regards to the VBS Report. Elwood Fisher spoke in regards to the Property Committee Report. A motion was made by Elwood Fisher to accept the reports which was seconded by James Lovercamp and was carried.

For the Nominating Committee, Linda Welch brought a motion that Robb Hodson serve as Assistant Moderator for the remainder of the current year. Motion carried.

There was no Old Business to discuss.

Under New Business, the Property Committee brought several motions by way of Harold Van De Mark as follows: 1) that the Property Committee and DOM be authorized to sell the property once belonging to the Forest Grove Baptist Church for an asking price of \$5,000 and further be authorized to negotiate the selling price if necessary. 2) that the Property Committee be authorized to repair or replace the roof on the associational office building. 3) that the Property Committee, if deemed necessary by the committee, be authorized to purchase and install a sump pump for the crawl space under the association parsonage. Each motion was discussed as needed by all present, voted on and was carried.

Also under New Business, the Missions Committee brought several motions by way of Elwood Fisher as follows: 1) That the money received from VBS curriculum purchases in the form of a rebate from LifeWay (\$174.99) and the OPBA share of Missouri Missions Offering from the MBC (\$716.49) be transferred from miscellaneous expenses to be designated to the Associational Missions fund. 2) That an annual Association Missions Offering be taken by the churches each May during Association Missions Emphasis Week for missions projects within our association beginning in 2012. 3) That the OPBA participate with a witnessing booth in the Greenfield July Celebration in the Park on July 2. 4) That the OPBA work alongside the Everton Church to sponsor a September weekend VBS, Revival and Carnival Block Party to reach the unchurched of Everton. 5) That the Missions Committee and the DOM be authorized to budget up to 40% of the total monies in the Missions budget plus the designated Associational Missions fund for the Greenfield event and up to 60% for the Everton event. 6) That the OPBA continue in 2011 to provide insurance and electricity for the Stockton Lake Chapel. Each motion was discussed as needed by all present, voted on and was carried.

Also under New Business, Aurelia Aldrich, OPBA Secretary presented an office request to purchase a new paper folding machine at the cost of \$767 for the main use of newsletters. Discussion was made on the issue. Elwood Fisher made a motion to allow purchase, James Lovercamp seconded and motion was carried.

Director of Missions, Jim Albers spoke briefly on loving God.

Moderator Tom Welch called for meeting to be adjourned with Bro. Jim Albers closing in prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Doris Fisher

OPBA CHURCH NEWS

If your church has news, please send it to the association office by the 21st of each month.



FBC, LAMAR: The start of May not only saw one New Member Class, but two, as we began one for Adults & children. We have 5 High School graduates who were recognized in our morning worship services. They were also treated to lunch by Pastor Robb & Youth Director Chris Roth. Our Handbell Choirs blessed us with an evening of praising God through the beautiful music of the bells. Afterwards everyone enjoyed a time of fellowship.

We had 3 children participate in the Children's State Bible Drill in Springfield May 7 and all three were State Winners. We had our annual Parent/Baby Dedication on Mother's Day with six families participating.

Our Youth have been busy this month. Our local Drive-In Movie Theater had a special Youth Night Only presentation of the movie "Soul Surfer". On the 14 we hosted a Youth-Family Softball Day for a fun filled day of Softball and fellowship while they had hot dogs and hamburgers. The Youth enjoyed an end of school celebration in Joplin playing miniature golf, bowling, and seeing a movie before returning home & spending time in the word of God. With the end of the month came Sunday School Promotion for ages 5 through High School.

MT. NEBO BAPTIST: Our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions stood at \$2,315.00 at last report, exceeding the goal of \$2,000 which the church had set for it.

On Mother's Day Sunday, 30 flowering plants were given to the mothers present in the morning worship service, or delivered that day to the home-bound or to mothers who could not be present. The night before, Jerry Ellis prepared, and men of the church served, a fine meal to some 32 present for the Mother-Daughter banquet, planned by Linda Sorden.

Happy Father's Day!

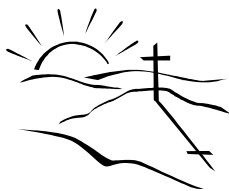
Baptism of a new believer was part of the evening worship. Lisa Eggerman was baptized and was blessed by about 30 family members present for the event. She also baked a cake for everyone to enjoy following the celebration! Lisa had been invited by a friend to attend our "Friend Day" service in April.

Bible study for older children and youth has been moved to the park for the summer months. Associate pastor Kyle Nosal and his wife, Megan, lead the meeting

4 years: *My Daddy can do anything!*
7 years: *My Dad knows a lot...a whole lot.*
8 years: *My father does not know quite everything.*
12 years: *Well, naturally Father does not know that either.*
14 years: *Oh, Father? He is hopelessly old-fashioned.*
21 years: *Oh, that man-he is out of date!*
25 years: *He knows a little bit about it, but not much.*
30 years: *I must find out what Dad thinks about it.*
35 years: *Before we decide, we will get Dad's idea first.*
50 years: *What would Dad have thought about that?*
60 years: *My Dad knew literally everything!*
65 years: *I wish I could talk it over with Dad once more.*

<http://www.fathersdaycelebration.com/inspirational-quotes.html>

IF YOU HAVE ANY NEWS OR INFORMATION YOU WANT PASSED ON TO ALL OF OUR ASSOCIATION CALL OR E-MAIL THE OPBA OFFICE BY THE 21ST OF EACH MONTH.



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Office Schedule for OPBA

	<u>DOM</u>	<u>Secretary</u>
Monday.....	9:00 - 4:00	
Tuesday.....	9:00 - 4:00	9:00 - 3:00
Wednesday.....	9:00 - 4:00	
Thursday.....	9:00 - 4:00	
Friday.....	9:00 - 12 noon	9:00 - 3:00

(To reach the secretary, Aurelia, at home
please call 417-461-1019.)

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Happy Father's Day!

JUNE

- 4 Baptist Hill Day Camp**
8:30 - 3:00 pm
- 10-13 National WMU Missions Mtg.** (Phoenix, AZ)
- 14-15 Southern Baptist Convention** (Phoenix, AZ)
- 13-17 Super Summer** - Hannibal LaGrange
- 17-18 Intro to Camping at Baptist Hill**
- 19 FATHER'S DAY**
Baptist Men's Day

Jim Albers will be out of the office June 4-11 on vacation
and June 12-18 at conventions.

The OPBA office will be closed the week of June 12-18
due to Jim being out of state and Aurelia will be assisting
with the Lawrence County Baptist Association's summer
camp at Baptist Hill all week.

JULY

- 4 Independence Day** (OPBA office closed)
- 12 OPBA Nominating Comm. Meeting**
7:00 pm, OPBA office
- 14 WMU Meetings**
Dade: 12:00 noon
Barton: 6:30 pm at Cornerstone
- 19 OPBA Camp Workers Orientation BBQ**
6:30 pm at FBC, Lockwood
- 21 -24 OPBA Children's & Middle School Camps**
at Baptist Hill, Mt. Vernon, MO

Missouri Baptist Youth Choir will be on tour July 24- Aug 1

Do you know anyone not receiving the Encourager newsletter? Call the OPBA office or send an e-mail with the name and address to receive the newsletter and we'll put it on the list.

Remember, if you have news, announcements, birthdays, or events you want published in the newsletter, please get those to me by the 21st of each month!