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"...Reach Your World ..."

MEN'S WILD GAME SUPPER

Saturday, January 9, 2016

KIRKSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

542 Kirksville Road, Richmond

6:00 p.m.

Receiving food at 5:00 p.m.

2 New Shotguns & Door Prizes will be given away



Guest speaker will be Chuck McAlister. Chuck is an avid hunter, enjoys fishing and is founder and host of the hunting program, *Adventure Bound Outdoors* (ABO) which he launched in 1996. It was twice given the Fan Favorite Award on the Outdoor Channel. Chuck is also a recognized author, having written four books, including *Adventures in God's Country*. He served 17 years at The Church at Crossgate Center, Hot Springs, Arkansas as their Senior Pastor, from 1992–2009.



From your Director of Missions

Danny Davis

Happy New Year! Every time the calendar turns to a new year, I am always reminded of this passage Joshua chapter 3, where he and the Israelite people were preparing to cross the Jordan River and enter the long-awaited Promised Land:

² So it was, after three days, that the officers went through the camp; ³ and they commanded the people, saying, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it. ⁴ Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed this way before."

⁵ And Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." ⁶ Then Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, "Take up the ark of the covenant and cross over before the people."

Three things I would point out about this passage:

"You have not passed this way before" – As we enter into a new year, we are in essence entering into uncharted territory. None of us knows fully what the year 2016 will hold for our individual lives, our families, our churches, or our association. It is a completely new venture, full of unknowns. But the good news is that "the Known" (Christ) far outweighs "the unknowns". We may not fully know what the future holds, but we certainly know Who holds the future. And our future is in Good Hands.

"Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." – There are so many great things God wants to do in each of our lives and in each of our churches. But in order for God to work through us, we must "sanctify" ourselves. In other words, we must set ourselves apart unto the Lord so that we are spiritually prepared for the unseen challenges and opportunities that will arise. As we move into 2016, will you commit yourself fresh and anew to the great adventure to which God has called you? Will you dedicate yourself to the spiritual disciplines of prayer and the Word? Will you determine to seek after God and be on mission with Him daily? Start the new year off right by "sanctifying yourselves" unto the Lord.

"Take up the ark of the covenant and cross over before the people." – The ark of the covenant represented the very presence of God among His people. As the priests obediently carried the ark and the people followed, God miraculously provided a way through the Jordan River, which was at flood stage. As we move into this new year, we may come to some "rivers" that appear to be impassible. If we are following the Lord, we don't have to shrink back from the challenge, for God always equips those whom He calls, making a way for us to achieve His purposes. Let's just be certain, whatever we do, that we are always following the Lord and not our own desires.

I believe 2016 is going to be a great year for Tates Creek Baptist Association. I also believe 2016 can be a great year in your own spiritual life. So let's not shrink back from the journey ahead. Rather, like Joshua and the ancient Israelites, let's move out in faithful obedience, fully embracing the untraveled landscape that God has placed before us.



VBS PASTOR & DIRECTORS CONFERENCE

10:00 am—12 noon

This conference is for all Pastors and VBS directors. This will help your church to do early planning and preparation for this summer's VBS. Subjects covered: Know your purpose and theme; start planning; enlist and train workers, Promote & Publicize, Register Participants, and how to continue the connection. All participating churches who will use the Lifeway curriculum will be given a free Jump Start Kit (value \$35.00). Regardless of the curriculum that your church is planning to use, this will be a valuable training to get you ready for VBS, 2016. This training will be held at the TCBA office.



CHURCH NEWS



BETHLEHEM—Mark McGuire, Pastor: We will have a soup and movie night, to start the new year, on Saturday, January 23rd. Pray for the President, Nation, soldiers, lonely people, pastors, the lost, and our churches. **KEEP PRAYING!**

KNOB LICK—Fred Livingood, Pastor: Free breakfast every Sunday morning at 9:30. Church-wide singing-January 31st. Happy New year from Knob Lick Church. Pray God's blessing for you in 2016.

CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS: Please pray for the following churches seeking pastors: Clarksville, Gilberts Creek, and Stoney Run.

WELCOME

Dr. Ben Pierce as Pastor at Kirksville Baptist Church

COMING IN FEBRUARY
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March 4 - 6, 2016
First Baptist Church—Richmond

ASSOCIATIONAL CONTRIBUTION Received by November 30, 2015

CHURCH	NOVEMBER	JAN–NOV	CHURCH	NOVEMBER	JAN–NOV
Berea	500.00	5,500.00	Linden Street	-0-	1,243.49
Bethel	1,674.58	19,782.14	Middletown	141.45	1,446.61
Bethlehem	188.02	2,008.51	Mt. Tabor	-0-	1,943.00
Calvary	-0-	618.49	Owsley Fork	27.98	204.54
Clarksville	-0-	-0-	Peytontown	-0-	1,967.00
Dixie Park Cornerstone	-0-	-0-	Pilot Knob	889.88	9,182.71
Eastside	-0-	500.00	Red House	1,849.10	20,344.68
Emmanuel	284.53	3,417.44	Richmond First	2,125.00	21,250.00
Faith Decision	75.00	1,225.00	Rosedale	-0-	441.66
Freedom	-0-	-0-	Rugged Cross Cowboy	-0-	99.19
Friendship Valley	75.00	75.00	Silver Creek	194.51	1,762.00
Galilee	338.56	4,444.80	Stoney Run	15.53	436.48
Gethsemane	138.00	1,817.00	Tates Creek	295.00	3,110.00
Gilbert's Creek	-0-	700.00	Union City	369.37	4,808.03
Gilead	35.00	385.00	Unity	283.68	3,532.03
Good Hope	-0-	900.00	Valley View	20.00	100.00
Harris Memorial	56.90	733.49	Viney Fork	-0-	240.00
Hays Fork	167.34	1,511.00	Waco	662.83	7,919.16
Kirksville	284.19	3,292.89	Wallacetown	-0-	1,320.18
Knob Lick	75.00	825.00	West Side	241.51	3,245.81
Liberty	-0-	-0-	White Hall	100.00	1,100.00
Liberty Avenue	-0-	2,703.99	White Lick	209.18	2,577.17

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2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 New Years Day TCBA Office Closed	2
3 WMU Team Meeting 2:30 p.m.	4	5	6	7 Family Ministry Meeting 11:00 a.m.	8	9 VBS Pastors/Directors Training TCBA Office 10:00 am–12 Noon Men's Wild Game Dinner Kirksville BC 6:00 pm
10	11	12 IMB Missions College 12–15, Rockville, VA	13	14	15	16
17 Sanctity of Life Sunday	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Minister's Fellowship Lunch 12 Noon Richmond	27	28 Shepherding the Shepherd—January Griffin Gate Marriott Resort & Spa,	29	30 28 – 30 Lexington
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