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SEKBA ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2019		MARCH 2020	
24	BAO closed for holidays beginning @ noon through January 5	Pastor's Wife Appreciation Month	
25	Christmas	10	Pastors' Fellowship @ BAO @ 10AM
JANUARY 2020		13-14	Youth Girls' "Ignite" Retreat @ WBC for girls in grades 7 to 12
6	BAO open for new year	14	"Mission Ignition" Conference @ FSBC, Coffeyville for boys and girls in grades 1 to 6
12	Beautiful Feet Orientation Meeting @ FBC, Altamont @ 3PM (for everyone going on the trips)	APRIL 2020	
14	Pastors' Fellowship @ BAO @ 10AM	10	Good Friday
16	WBC Administrative Team Meeting @ BAO @ 6:30PM	12	Easter (Resurrection Sunday)
17-19	Beautiful Feet Mission Trip to Fort Worth, Texas	14	Pastors' Fellowship @ BAO @ 10AM
FEBRUARY 2020		18	WBC Administrative Team Meeting (with Directors) @ WBC @ 10AM (lunch provided)
7-9	Beautiful Feet Mission Trip to Fort Worth, Texas	25	Spring Celebration (details to be announced)
10	Pastors' Fellowship @ BAO @ 10AM followed by SEKBA Admin. Team Mtg.		
22-29	SEKBA Mexico Mission Trip to Cintalapa, Mexico		



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Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



As we celebrate the birth of Jesus we should never forget the awesome wonder of that event. He came to become the Prince of Peace. Through His death, burial and resurrection, He opened up the way for us to live at peace with God, peace with one another, and peace in our hearts. He is the Everlasting Father who has adopted us into His family and loves us eternally. He is the Mighty God who is able to give us everything we need for "life and Godliness." He is the Wonderful Counselor who knows us completely and will guide us wisely as we look to Him. What a joy and privilege it is to serve Him by serving you as your Director of Missions. May the Lord bless you as you celebrate His birth this Christmas season.

Marty McCord



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!



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Deuteronomy 4:24



Girls' "Ignite" Retreats:

We had two retreats this year with our theme being "Fan the Flame". They were held at the Weir Baptist Camp.

Girls in grades seventh through twelfth enjoyed our guest speaker and worship along with crafts and missions. They enjoyed kicking off the retreat with a slumber party.

Girls in grades first through sixth enjoyed kicking off their retreat with a princess party, along with enjoying our guest speaker, worship, crafts and missions.

We are excited to see what God will do with IGNITE in 2020!

God Bless

Kate Modesitt

Boys' Bootcamp for Christ:

In September at the Weir Baptist Camp, 13 boys (grades first through fifth) attended the bootcamp retreat with their sponsors. This was the first year for the event.

These churches are currently without a pastor: Lawton BC; Columbus Pleasant Hill BC

These churches currently have interim pastors: Cherryvale FSBC; Columbus Macedonia BC; Oswego FSBC.

Please keep these churches and pastors in your prayers and continue to pray for all of our

If you have news that you wish us to include in a future newsletter, please call, mail or email the information to the Baptist Area Office. Contact us if you know of someone who would like to receive a (mailed or emailed) newsletter. The next newsletter will be in March 2020.

Our SEKBA evangelism trailer is equipped with three inflatable bounce houses, snow cone machine, cotton candy machine, popcorn machine, hot dog cooker, tables, PA system, and extra items needed for a great event. Also available are a tent trailer and a trailer with an inflatable obstacle course. To reserve the trailer(s) for your church event, call Patty at the BAO at 620-784-2429.



CHURCH NEWS

Each issue of our newsletter will include information from the pastors and churches in our association. This issue focuses on Jason Sperling, pastor at New Life Baptist Church, Independence. Keep the church, Jason, and his family in your prayers.

Our P.L.A.C.E. In this World

Think back on what you thought about Christmas before you accepted Christ as your Savior. Did you know the Christmas story as it is told in Luke? Did it make much sense to you? Christmas has a special meaning for us because the Creator of the universe chose to become part of His creation so that he could become a sacrifice for our sins. Yet, there are many who have never heard this message. You may know someone who needs to hear about the true meaning of Christmas and how they can have a personal relationship with Christ. In my church, I am encouraging my members to share their faith and make disciples by finding their "P.L.A.C.E. in this world." This involves blessing others with the goal of sharing the gospel by:

Praying for an opportunity to bless someone

Looking for opportunities to bless

Act when God provides those opportunities

Courage to show genuine concern

Engage in gospel conversations, both in leading someone to Christ and in discipling them afterwards.

This Christmas season I want to encourage you to share the Christmas story with at least one unbeliever. Tell them how the Son of God came as a helpless baby, lived a perfect life, then died and rose again in order to bring us into a relationship with God. The Three Circles Life Conversation, found in the App Store or Google Play, is a great tool to use to share our faith. There is no greater joy than to fulfill the Great Commission by leading others to Christ and helping them grow in their faith. May each one of us do that this Christmas season.

Jason Sperling