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# Southeastern News

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## GETTING ACQUAINTED. . .

There have been some changes in the SEKBA since our last newsletter. In this issue and in future issues we will introduce you to the new team leaders and staff.

As you may know, Delbert Callaway retired as manager of the Weir Baptist Camp. He and Diane live at the camp but their mailing address is 1150 NE 103 Highway, Weir, KS 66781. I am sure they would enjoy hearing from you. Seth Oldweiler became the new camp manager the first of January 2018.

### PATTY COLES, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Earlier in my life I sometimes delayed in responding to God's call. At times it seemed as though He had to figuratively "tap me on the head" to get my attention. When He called me to move back from Western Kansas to Southeast Kansas I delayed until I got the "tap on the head." I soon realized that He wanted me to be more involved in the church and His work. I have been a Sunday School teacher and Children's Church leader for several years. It is both a humbling and exciting feeling when a child you teach grasps God's message. I take my responsibility seriously and know that those of us who teach are accountable to God.

God led me to my position at the Baptist Area Office in November 2017 as another way to honor Him and fulfill my mission in life.

I knew that my predecessor, June Newman, left big shoes to fill. She encouraged me to make this job my own. I have been blessed with her training and friendship.

I am known by Pat, Patty, or Patricia. I answer to any or all of them.

I enjoy working with Brother Marty, and I enjoy meeting and talking with the association's pastors and members. I look forward to meeting more of you soon.



## SEKBA ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

### MARCH 2018

13 Pastor Fellowship @ BAO—10:00 a.m.

### APRIL 2018

- 1 EASTER
- 9 DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR APRIL 28 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
- 10 Pastor Fellowship @ BAO—10:00 a.m.
- 14 WBC Admin. Team (with Directors) @ WBC—10:00 a.m.—lunch provided
- 14-21 Chiapas, Mexico Mission Trip
- 21 SEKBA Spring Celebration (location & projects to be announced)
- 28 Leadership Conference @ FSBC, Independence 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### MAY 2018

- 8 SEKBA Admin. Team @ BAO—6:30 p.m.
- 13 Mother's Day
- 15 Pastor Fellowship @ BAO—10:00 a.m.
- 17 Weir Camp pre-registration due today
- 28 Memorial Day—BAO Closed

### JUNE 2018

- 4-8 Senior High Camp (grades 9-12)
- 11-15 Junior High Camp (grades 6-8)
- 17 Father's Day
- 18-22 Children's Camp (grades 3-5)
- 25-26 Kingdom Kids Camp (grades 1-2)
- 27 Day Camp (age 4—kindergarten)

### JULY 2018

- 4 Independence Day—BAO Closed

### AUGUST 2018

- 9 WBC Admin. Team—Budget Planning @ BAO—5:00 p.m.
- 14 SEKBA Admin. Team—Budget Planning @ BAO—6:30 p.m.

### SEPTEMBER 2018

- 8 Women's Mini Retreat (location & details to be announced)
- 29 SEKBA Annual Meeting @ FSBC, Fort Scott

### **REMEMBER TO RESERVE THE SEKBA EVANGELISM TRAILER FOR YOUR CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

Our party trailer is fully equipped with three bouncy houses, snow cone machine, cotton candy machine, popcorn machine, hot dog cooker, tables, pa system,

plus all the extras needed for a great outdoor event.

Call Patty at the BAO to reserve your date—620-784-2429



## GETTING ACQUAINTED CONTINUED. . .



### **BRANDON PEARCE, CHURCH STRENGTHENING TEAM LEADER**

I have been pastoring for the last fourteen years. Of all the ministry contexts I've been in, from revitalizing rural churches in Missouri to leading worship in a multi-site mega church in Illinois, none is more dear to my heart than church planting here in Southeast Kansas. I truly believe God is doing a great work here in the Southeast corner of our great state that will have concentric effects for years to come.

There are over 120,000 lost people in the ten counties that comprise our Southeast Kansas Baptist Association. We have a lot of work to do. In order to accomplish this task, we need

*healthy and strong* churches to fulfill the Great Commission. We need *new churches*. We need healthy *church mergers*. Most importantly, we need revival and passion in restoring *our strong evangelistic roots as Southern Baptists*. We need more and more people sharing the Gospel message *outside* the walls of our church building. We need more of our church members committed to *giving* to their local church, the association and cooperative program. Equally important, we need more of our church members *going* into all Southeast Kansas serving in the name of Jesus! We must do this *together*.

I've had conversations with people all over the country and have been told more than a dozen times, "My town doesn't *need* another church." I've always asked in response, "Is everyone in your town *saved*?" If the answer is no, *there is a need!* We need as many obedient followers of Christ committed to our Christ-given purpose: to make disciples of all peoples, baptizing them in the name of the Trinity and teaching them to obey the Word of God.

I've also consulted with churches who genuinely wanted to reach lost people more effectively. I often ask, "What are you willing to abandon or change to see people put their faith in Jesus?" Sadly, many times I've been told, "nothing."

Insanity is doing something the same way and expecting different results.

I pray that our churches don't fall in line with this tragic kind of thinking! We need to do everything in our physical and spiritual abilities to win the lost to Jesus!

My passions are preaching, development, coaching, evangelism, discipling, consulting and revitalization. Please feel free to reach out to me if I can be of *any* assistance to you. My cell number is 620.202.3772. My email is [brandon@TheGroveSEK.com](mailto:brandon@TheGroveSEK.com).

I love God's church. I love Southeast Kansas. Let's work diligently together for the Church. I pray we leave a legacy and example followers of Jesus a century from now will cherish. The Lord bless you greatly.

Brandon

## NEWS

We have some exciting events coming up in the next few months. Check out our calendar on page 4 and the calendar on our website.

April 14 20 21: Mexico Mission Trip. Pray for our team and that they will reach the lost for the Lord.

April 21: Spring Celebration gives us an opportunity to help a church in our association and outreach in their community.

April 28: Leadership Conference will provide us with a wealth of information and fellowship. Deadline to register is April 9.

Details on these and more events will be announced at a later date.

### **CHURCH NEWS**

The First Baptist Church in Mound Valley is having a revival Sunday, March 11 through Wednesday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

*If your church has news or information on events that you wish us to distribute to other churches in the association, please forward the information to the Baptist Area Office.*

### **Churches seeking Pastors**

Westview BC, Chanute	Macedonia, Columbus	Hamilton Community, Hamilton
FSBC, Independence	New Life, Independence	Eastside, So. Coffeyville
Triple C Cowboy, Weir		

Please keep these churches in your prayers as their search committees go through resumes seeking the man that God has chosen to be their pastor. Pray for the interim pastors also.