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**SEKBA ASSOCIATION CALENDAR**

**JULY 2019**

26-27 Youth Girls' "Ignite" Retreat at WBC  
(for girls who have completed grades 7  
to 12)

**AUGUST 2019**

8 WBC Administrative Team Meeting  
(Budget) @ BAO @ 6:30PM  
13 SEKBA Administrative Team Meeting  
(Budget) @ BAO @ 6:30PM

**SEPTEMBER 2019**

2 Labor Day (BAO Closed)  
6-7 Boys' Bootcamp for Christ at WBC  
(for boys in grades 2 to 5)  
7 Women's Mini Retreat @ FSBC,  
Cherryvale

**OCTOBER 2019**

5 SEKBA Annual Meeting @ FBC,  
Independence  
18-19 Girls' "Ignite" Retreat at WBC (for girls  
in grades 1 to 6)

**NOVEMBER 2019**

28 Thanksgiving (BAO Closed)



**Southeastern News**

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Office Hours: 8:00AM to 4:30PM, Monday—Thursday

**CHURCH NEWS**

Each issue of our newsletter will include information from the pastors and churches in our association.  
This issue is a message from Pastor Kevin McCarthy at Westview Southern Baptist Church in Chanute.

I am a firm believer in relational ministry, the ability to spend time with people and pour into their lives is a wonderful gift for both the giver and the receiver. I am sure that many pastors and lay leaders alike can attest to how they are blessed when they make hospital or nursing home visits. These visits are typically intended to uplift and encourage the one being visited yet often we as the one making the visit walk away uplifted and encouraged. Jesus gave us the model of relational ministry in many ways, one of those ways was how He would often take His closest followers aside and divulge to them the deeper meaning of a message He taught to a crowd (Mark 4:10-20). Yes, we are all busy, but it is imperative that we take time to pour into people, to let them know that they are loved, not only by us but by the Creator of the Heavens and Earth. The day we stop reaching is the day we stop growing, we need to perpetually seek to grow in our faith, Peter reminds us of this when he wrote "like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation," (1 Peter 2:2) All this being said, the desire for relational ministry cannot prevent us from speaking a word from God to the stranger we meet in the grocery store or on the street, Let us all be always ready to give a word of encouragement to those that God puts before us. And what better encouragement is there than the fact that the Creator of the world desires to have a relationship with them. Please pray with me as we here at Westview SBC strive to shine His light in Chanute.

In the Lord's service,  
Pastor McCarthy

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 September 2019.

***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.***



**UPOMING EVENTS AND VBS NEWS**

Girls “Ignite” Retreat:

Friday and Saturday, July 26 and 27 for youth girls who have completed grades 7 to 12. It will be held at Weir Baptist Camp 1148 NE 103 Highway, Weir, KS.

Boys’ Bootcamp for Christ:

Friday and Saturday, September 6 and 7 at Weir Baptist Camp. Registration starts at 6:00 p.m. with dinner and activities kicking off at 7:00 p.m. It is for boys enrolled in grades 2 through 5. Cost is \$35 per camper and \$20 for sibling camper. Sponsors are free. Registration forms and fees due by August 21. There is a flyer on our website and on our Facebook page.

Women’s Mini Retreat:

Saturday, September 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at First Southern Baptist Church, 717 East 6th Street, Cherryvale, KS. No registration fee. Attendees are asked to bring a salad for the salad luncheon. If day care is needed, please contact us by August 26. A flyer will be posted on our website and Facebook page.

SEKBA Annual Meeting:

The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, October 5 at the First Baptist Church, 220 South Pennsylvania Avenue, Independence, KS. In August, we will mail a flyer with details and messenger cards to our churches. A flyer will also be posted on our website and Facebook page.

**VBS**

**Summer has been busy with camps and VBS programs. Severy Baptist Church shares word of their June VBS program. In 2018 the church had 23 children attending VBS. This year the church was not sure it would be able to have enough workers and children attending, but they did what we are all expected to do—they prayed fervently. God laid it on their hearts, and the church voted YES for VBS. The Lord blessed the church with enough workers and 43 children attending this year! The church had 3 children who accepted Jesus and there were others who may do the same. It is an example that if we diligently and faithfully pray for God’s answer and follow His direction, we will be blessed and equipped to spread His word.**



I want to tell you a story of an area that I have visited this summer. A story of what God is doing across the globe. Most of the time we hear of stories of the mission field that are big and amazing in our eyes but this one is more personal but still glorious for His kingdom.

Another campus pastor and I went on a trip to a South Asia country, a beautiful country where there is darkness because the majority of the people are unreached. You see no matter how beautiful it is it needs to have the light of the gospel coming to it. Going to this country we had no plans until we landed and met some people that we knew were doing good works. Our plans got thrown out the window because we made them, and God...well he had a different plan.

God works in mysterious ways. We were all set to go to a different area to meet up with another company man. As we arrived for our flight at seven to fly out at eight. One delay after the other 9:30....10:30.....11:45....1:00. Then we talked with another company man about our situation. He told us that a national partner who we originally were supposed to meet with was still available for us to talk with and see some of the places that he is going to in South Asia.

South Asia is known for human trafficking of young girls around the world. So, there is one district that is notorious for selling off or having girls taken from them. This is the most trafficked district in South Asia. In this district there is one area that is the most trafficked of the district. So, this is the epicenter for human trafficking. They say that there are not any single girls from the ages for six to seventeen here. There are a few reasons that the parents do this to their daughters. One, they are in need of money for something important and are at a loss of what to do but the main reason is the greed that is in the city for competition against one another of who has the best stuff. They rejoice over having a baby girl because they know at some point, they can sell her. What blew me away was the fact that the traffickers do not come to the village and take the girls; it is their own families that make a trek to another South Asia country or somewhere else to sell the girls. The parents know that they will do this sometime. The girls do not understand what they are doing or going into; all they know is that they think they are going to a place to get better themselves and help the family out.

A national partner in the area that is working with the company and has been in a different district, but in January he just shifted over to this new district. He started praying for partners to work with him in these areas. Matt and I think it is interesting that it was only in January that we decided to focus on South Asia, let alone get into the mission field. The national partner has a local partner that he is looking to put in this town to start the church there and see a change in the area.

Since this area is one of the major epicenters of human trafficking, he has done some research as to what would help stop this horrific crime. He came to find one town in the district that human trafficking was not as apparent there as the rest of the district. He was curious as to why this was the case. As he searched in the town, he found that in this tiny town 80% of the people were Christian. He found churches in the town. He asked the people why they did not have as much human trafficking as they used to. All the people, including the non-Christian people, said that it was because of the church and because of the Christians. Not due to social or humanitarian works but because of the church. So, his strategy right now is to go throughout the district starting churches, discipling people, and changing lives through Christ.

What a way to end a trip for us in seeing this vision from this leader! Not only was it great to visit the village that he was talking about, but we got to witness the first five people in that village accept Christ as their Lord and Savior! Isn’t God good!! Even our jeep driver got to hear the gospel and accepted Christ! This is only the beginning of Crosspoint’s involvement with this area.

Crosspoint Pittsburg Pastor  
Zach Sachs