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SEKBA ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2019

- 5 SEKBA Annual Meeting @ FBC, Independence
- 8 Pastors' Fellowship @ BAO @ 10AM
- 13 Pastor Appreciation Day
- 14-15 KNCSB Annual Meeting @ Lexington, NE
- 18-19 Girls' "Ignite" Retreat at WBC (for girls in grades 1 to 6)

NOVEMBER 2019

- 5 SEKBA Administrative Team Meeting @ BAO @ 6:30PM
- 7 WBC Administrative Team Meeting @ BAO @ 6:30PM
- 12 Pastors' Fellowship @ BAO @ 10AM
- 28 Thanksgiving (BAO Closed)

DECEMBER 2019

- 6 Pastors, Staff & Family Christmas Meal @ Calvary BC, Columbus @ 6PM
- 24 BAO closed for holidays beginning @ noon through January 5
- 25 Christmas

JANUARY 2020

- 6 BAO open for new year
- 14 Pastors' Fellowship @ BAO @ 10AM
- 16 WBC Administrative Team Meeting @ BAO @ 6:30PM

FEBRUARY 2020

- 4 SEKBA Administrative Team Meeting @ BAO @ 6:30PM
- 11 Pastors' Fellowship @ BAO @ 10AM
- 22-29 SEKBA Mexico Mission Trip to Cintalapa, Mexico



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2019 WEIR BAPTIST CAMP REGISTRATIONS

Results	Senior High Camp	Junior High Camp	Children's Camp	Kingdom Kids Camp	Day Camp	TOTAL
Campers	28	48	73	58	52	259
Sponsors	5	13	18	23	22	81
Staff (Directors/Worship Pastor)	10	7	5	11	8	41
WBC Staff (Cooks,Nurses,Camp Mgr)	2	4	3	3	3	15
Youth Workers/Maintenance	1	1				2
Helper		1		5	3	9
Youth Team					7	7
Mission Team			26			26
Others (Family)		7	1	2	4	14
TOTAL	46	81	126	102	99	454
OFFERING TOTALS		\$36.75	\$202.25			\$239.00
DECISIONS MADE						
Salvation			16			16
Re-Dedications			1			1
Assurance of Salvation			3			3
Christian Ministry						0
Follow in Baptism	1		6			7
Specific Prayer						0
Seeking Guidance			1			1
TOTAL	1		27	0	0	28
Decisions by Scholarship Recipients						0
Scholarships Given to Campers	\$1,400.00	\$1,480.00	\$180.00	\$280.00		\$3,340.00
Number of Scholarships	15 & 1 Work	15	2	7		39 & 1 Work

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 December 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.



Mexico Mission Report 2019

SEKBA has sponsored a mission team to Chiapas, Mexico for three years. Our commitment was to help a new group of believers in the town of Arriaga to build a building to serve as the meeting place for Tsidkenu Baptist Church. Pastor Joel Lopez is their lay pastor serving a group of 45 people. In 2017 we began to set the perimeter foundations for the walls. By 2018 the people had the walls completed and our team helped to finish the roof and wall divisions. This year the church had electricity and floors and our team painted inside and outside and did landscaping. All of our planned tasks were completed by Friday morning and the church building looked wonderful! But the most important activity was the constituting of the church. They had studied daily through the years 2018-19 to understand what God’s Word says about the church and their beliefs. On Sunday, April 14, 2019, a council of eight men from the Mexico Association came to question the church. One after another stood to answer questions asked about God; His Word; and why we believe in Jesus Christ as Savior. All questions and answers were in accordance of the Baptist Faith & Message that we believe. These answers came from the elderly, men, women, and even youth who stood and quoted Scripture to support their answers. At the end of the four-hour session, the council voted “YES” to the constituting of the church AND for the ordination of Pastor Joel as their pastor. See the picture of the church on that happy day!!

This year, as in the past, we had a medical clinic with both a doctor and a dentist to serve the people at NO CHARGE. We also had reading glasses that were given to those in need. A first aid seminar was given each morning for an hour led by one of our team members, Travis Nordell. The children enjoyed crafts and coloring as well as games with jump ropes and a colorful parachute. Each afternoon, the ladies of Arriaga led the children in Vacation Bible School and each evening was a revival service in the new church building. They were long days spent in Arriaga and beautiful friendships made that will last forever. Our team of 12 enjoyed an exciting FIESTA provided by the church on Friday. They gave a program of favorite games they play as children; the ladies danced in their beautiful bright outfits to the folk songs; and a marimba band played with rhythms and expertise from people who love music! They included our team in trying the games – and the 6 ladies donned bright skirts and “danced” to the marimba music (which thrilled everyone) – and I (June) even got to play the marimba for a little bit! What memories we have with the people of Arriaga.

So, what’s next? We have now made a new three-year commitment to help a new group in the city of Cintalapa, still in the state of Chiapas, in the country of Mexico. This town of about 78,000 is located in the mountains about an hour away from the airport in Tuxtla. They have a plot of land that is already cleared ready to build. Architects are drawing up plans now and we have set the date for our SEKBA Mexico Team 2020 for February 22–29, 2020. More details will come later this fall but start praying and seeking God’s will towards you being a part of the Mexico Mission next year. If you have any questions or want your name put on the list for the team, contact Clarence Newman at 620-236-7858.

Submitted by June Newman



CHURCH NEWS

Each issue of our newsletter will include information from the pastors and churches in our association. This issue focuses on David Dickenson, pastor at FSBC, Neodesha. Keep the church, David and his family in your prayers.

To What Should the Church be Devoted?

When I was called to pastor Neodesha First Southern Baptist Church, I became familiar with questions like, “What’s going to distinguish your ministry?” Church can be comparable to a business in this way. My bachelor’s degree is in business, and I was taught that a business’s product or service should be either the most cost-effective or the best of its kind. To give an example, when I went to college Vizio had the cheapest high definition TVs. Consequently, most college students had a Vizio! On the other end of the spectrum, Sony offered superior picture and sound but for a higher price. Those who could afford it were glad to spend the extra money for the better product.

In the church, price should not be a factor (if a ministry is *demanding* money from you, the ministry is probably not run by godly people!). Quality, however, remains important in the church.

Just as a TV company needs to provide quality picture, sound, and reliability, so too the church should strive for excellence in certain areas. With this aim in mind, I began my ministry at our church with a sermon on Acts 2:42-47. This passage is an ideal description of the church that the author, Luke, provides to show what a Spirit-filled community that reflects God’s Kingdom purposes looks like. Of course, no church will always live up to that ideal, but it should always strive for it.

Acts 2:42 tells us, “They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayer” (Scripture from NASB). As the passage concludes, we read that “...the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved” (2:47). We can see four key, continual devotions in this passage that should be applied to the modern church.

The first devotion is the **study of Scripture**. The church was constantly devoted to the apostle’s teaching, which focused on how God’s plan from the Old Testament led to the person and work of Jesus. This means that the church needs to know the apostle’s teaching, learning about the Old Testament along with the books written or approved by the apostles – the New Testament. The second devotion is **fellowship**, mentioned in 2:42 along with the specific example of “the breaking of bread.” Fellowship is important enough to be found in the ideal description of those belonging to God. There is, therefore, no room in God’s church for “personal relationship without religion,” if “religion” means church involvement. We need each other. Indeed, God sent the Holy Spirit, in part, so that we could better love each other. The third devotion is **prayer**. When asked why his ministry was successful, the great preacher Charles Spurgeon said, “Because my people pray for me.” If we are to be the people *of God*, it only follows that we should communicate with Him and boldly request that He use us to advance His Kingdom. The fourth devotion, seen in 2:47, is the spread of the Gospel, or **outreach**. The verse tells us that the Lord Himself added to the church, and we should remember that we do not bring people to salvation, God does. At the same time, we cannot sit back and wait for God to bring people into His church. The whole rest of Acts shows us how God filled His people with the Holy Spirit to bear bold witness and convince many that Jesus had come to deal fully and finally with sin, and that He sat enthroned at God’s right hand, urging us to turn from sin and joyfully trust Him for salvation.

To what should the church be devoted? In short, I think any church needs to be devoted to the study of God’s Word, to fellowship with one another, to fervent prayer, and to outreach so that others might be saved by this message that has so wonderfully rescued us. Let’s aim to do those things, through the Spirit, to the best of our abilities.