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SEKBA ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2020

- 3 Annual Meeting @ FSBC, Coffeyville, KS
- 11 Pastor Appreciation Day
- 13 Pastors' Fellowship

NOVEMBER 2020

- 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 10 Pastors' Fellowship followed by SEKBA Administrative Team Meeting
- 26 Thanksgiving (BAO Closed)

DECEMBER 2020

- 12 Pastors, Staff & Family Christmas Meal
- 25 Christmas
- 28 BAO closed for the holidays until January 4

JANUARY 2021

- 4 BAO opens for new year
- 12 Pastors' Fellowship
- 22-24 First Beautiful Feet Mission Trip to Fort Worth, TX

FEBRUARY 2021

- 9 Pastors' Fellowship followed by SEKBA Administrative Team Meeting
- 12-14 2nd Beautiful Feet Mission Trip to Fort Worth, TX



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SEKBA NEWS

Our churches have encountered challenges these last few months with COVID-19. It has meant adapting our ways to minister to our congregations and communities, while following health protocols. Some churches had to cancel services, go to online services, or add online services in addition to in-church services. Churches that have held online services during these months have discovered that they are able to reach many more people who may not have a church to call their own. We should not be surprised that God is using this pandemic for His glory. We pray that these individuals will seek out a Bible-based church to fellowship with other believers.

Baxter Springs FBC: We supported a church member in and out of hospital and supported with home meals. There are plans for possible renovations within the elder's home and regular home visits by Pastor Jeff, using COVID-19 protocols, bringing support and items needed as well as food. In August the church donated school supplies and filled backpacks to provide to the schools. Two large banners were donated and hung outside the church building saying "God is Love" to our community.

Cherrvale FSBC: August 13-15 the church held a themed Vacation Bible School: Pastor T and the Faith Factory. It was a spin off of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. There were lots of kids who came and learned about creation, the Gospel, the Great Commandment, the Great Commission and the Fruits of the Spirit. God was faithful and with us. We had a family fun day on Saturday the 15th. We invited the families of the kids to come and enjoy a day with us. We used the block party trailer and it was a great success. Over 100 people showed up. We served 200 hot dogs and 200 snow cones, plus popcorn. There were some competitive games of cornhole and some live worship music. God continued to move even at the fun day. We wrapped up VBS on Sunday the 16th with four baptisms. Our theme verse was Romans 10:9: ***If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*** It was a great reminder of really how simple the Gospel message is. We greatly appreciate our association allowing us the use of the trailer. It is a great resource and I would encourage others to put it to use.

Coffeyville FSBC: Lifeway's Concrete and Cranes VBS was ON this summer at FSBC Coffeyville! After much prayer and consideration, our team decided to host a one-day VBS during July 2020. Covid-19 was a major concern, and affected ministry in many ways. We had fewer volunteers available to work, and some families had expressed concerns about safety. We looked into several other options, but eventually felt led that our kids and our church just needed to gather in person. We limited our attendance to 50 kids, required masks for everyone attending, and trusted that God would take care of the rest. 31 kids ended up joining us, and we had a great time! This was a much smaller group than we are used to hosting, and our teaching times felt much more intimate and impactful. Along with the theme of construction, we got to talk about the Campers on Mission who have helped on several work projects at Weir Baptist Camp over the years. The kids were impressed that people who had worked their entire lives would keep on doing hard work for free just so kids could learn about Jesus. One of our volunteers learned about them for the first time also! We praise God that His work has not slowed or been restricted during this pandemic. We were honored to join Him in ministry at VBS this summer, and look forward to seeing His continued work in our church and community this fall.

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Independence New Life BC: It is our desire that God will work with, in and through us in whatever way He chooses. One of the ways He has used us is through our clothing closet event that we hold monthly and that we take to our local park a couple of times a year. Our real reason for our clothing closet is to gain the opportunity to share the Good News of Christ with others. In August the church held its clothes closet at the open 4-H building. During this event 165 people were provided with clothes. It was great to see the joy on people's faces as they looked through our vast amount of clothes. While people looked at the clothing, Pastor Jason presented the 3-Circles evangelism method. He explained that Jesus came to earth, died, was buried, and rose again to provide a remedy for their brokenness. Gospel tracts were provided.



Mound Valley FBC: As one of their monthly mission projects, the WMW (Women Ministering to Women) filled totes with snacks and baked goods and delivered them to the Labette County Sheriff Department, Labette County Dispatchers, and the Parsons Police Department to thank them for their service. They also prayed for them and those in need. In August the group also held an ice cream social for the residents and staff at the housing center. The church held its annual mission trip in August. During the prayer walk, Saturate USA material was passed out to the residents. Work was completed in and around the community. Some of the projects included mowing and driveway repair, as well as much needed repairs to the church and church property. We will be looking at doing several half day mission trips from now on instead of a week-long trip, and continue to saturate our area. We continue to have an impact on missions through sending birthday cards monthly to a prison in Kansas as well as taking up a monthly love offering for Faith Comes By Hearing, also known as the Military Bible Sticks, so the military men and women can hear God's Word on an MP3 player. Their families can receive one also. We are pleased that during this pandemic our attendance by new members has increased as well as tithes we have been receiving. To God Be the GLORY!

Oswego, FBSC: The church was established in 1953 and moved to our present location in 1955 when an old school building was moved there to serve as our sanctuary. Recently the building has deteriorated and has been damaged by termites, so we need a new building. The Mennonite Cornerstone Church in Oswego is in the process of building a new church and approached us about purchasing their current church building. We are very interested and excited about the possibility of having a sound structure to worship in. Our membership has dwindled and so have our offerings. We request your prayers that we will be able to come up with the purchase price for the building we feel God has led us to.

MISCELLANEOUS: Tom Heflin, pastor at Labette BC, is also serving as pastor at Oswego FSBC. Clarence Newman, pastor at Chetopa FBC, is also serving as pastor at Columbus Pleasant Hill BC.

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. It is not saying "look at us" but to show how we can reach others for Jesus and minister to them—all for God's glory.

The next newsletter will be in December 2020.



MEXICO MISSION – 2020

It was a new town; a new mission team; a new year; and the greatest old truth – Jesus is the Savior of the world! The town was Cintalapa with a population of 78,000 people. The team of nine came from four churches of SEKBA plus Arturo Nunez from Shawnee, KS. Four had never been on a mission trip overseas. It was February 21, 2020 when the team began the long journey by car, by plane, and by bus to the cozy town nestled in the mountains of Chiapas, Mexico. And the purpose was to help a mission church of 14 people build a place to worship to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. What a privilege to be a part of the group from Mexico and USA to lay the foundation of a building but even more, to lay the foundation of lives centered in Jesus!

Several church in the association of Cintalapa helped with the project! Some sent workers to dig trenches and put down the rebar and concrete. Some sent their women (in a borrowed food truck) to prepare all the meals for the mission team and workers. Some provided tents, chairs, and tables for the medical clinic and the nightly revival. Even the city of Cintalapa closed a major roadway for one block to allow safety for the work and ministry and to have more space.

Working side by side, the building foundation plus it's seven two-story towers were set. They are maximizing the small plot of ground by going up two stories. The medical team saw over 120 patients and help many with needed medicines. The dentist removed abscessed teeth and cared for many dental needs. We gave out over 230 pairs of reading glasses to men, women, and children. And the children had lots of crafts and activities to do each day. Many people got a free haircut too! It was a wonderful week in Cintalapa.

To top it all off, on Thursday night, our last night of revival and the last time to be together and at the last few minutes of the altar call, an older man slowly made his way to the front of the stage. Arturo met him and all of us prayed. Then it got very quiet and Arturo helped him to his feet, turned his tear-streaked face toward us and said, "Welcome your new brother in CHRIST!" What joy! People clapped and cried and gave praise to God for saving this man of Cintalapa through Jesus Christ! I don't know his name but I'll never forget his face. What a joyous time with our new friends in Cintalapa.

We have plans to go back for two more years to complete the building project and we hope to go in February 2021. But Covid19 has hit Cintalapa very hard including the death of the pastor of the largest church in town. It was his church who opened their doors to the large group training on Thursday afternoon the week we were there. Others are very sick and there are very few medical resources. So, we ask for you to pray for the people of Cintalapa. Pray for decisions concerning the 2021 Mission Team. Pray and ask God how He wants you to be a part of this mission adventure. Whether in fervent prayer, through financial gifts, or going as a team member! Whether it's 2021 or 2022, the need is still there and we plan to be faithful to our commitment to build the *Iglesia Bautista Hay Vida en Jesus* which is: There is Life in Jesus Baptist Church of Cintalapa, Chiapas, Mexico.

Submitted by June Newman, Chetopa

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.