

**Churches:**

- Argenta
- Arthur
- Atwood
- Calvary
- Emmanuel
- Fellowship
- Findlay
- Forsyth
- Galilee
- Hammond
- Heyworth
- Lincoln
- Lovington
- Mt. Zion
- Shiloh
- Sullivan
- Summit Avenue
- Tabernacle
- Tri-Valley

**Mission Statement**

*Central Baptist Association exists to foster relationships among churches in order to assist them in fulfilling the Great Commission.*

*CBA Vision is to see churches collaborating together to build the Kingdom of God.*

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Senior Adult

## Valentine Banquet

February 12th, 2019

at 10 AM

First Baptist Church, Mt. Zion

*Speaker: Pastor Tracy Smith*

*Music: ForSouls Quartet*

*Music, Fun, Fellowship and Food.*

**Cost: \$5 per person**

**Menu:** Pork chop or grilled chicken breast, roasted red skinned potatoes with garlic butter, green beans, rolls, butter and dessert.

**Come and bring your sweetheart, your friends, and your sisters and brothers in Christ.**

**Reservations have already been taken and turned in. This is just a reminder to those who are signed up.**

**Sponsored by Central Baptist Association.**

*John 15:13-Greater love has no man than this, that he sacrifices his life for his friends.*

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# Marriage Retreat

February 22 & 23, 2019



Led by Doug & Leslie Davis



**Topics:**

- Love and Respect: Becoming One!  
God's plan for your marriage
- Living Intimately: Affair-proof your marriage
- Say What? Skills for effective communication

**There is room for more Couples.**  
**You can contact Chris at (217) 521-2420,**  
**If you're interested.**



**Join IBSA for this year's  
VBS CLINIC**

**Saturday, March 2nd, 2019  
Chatham Baptist, Chatham  
8:30 AM-Noon**

**CBA VBS Clinic  
April 13th, 2019  
Argenta Baptist Church  
Watch for more information**

**Worship Leaders  
Skill Development Workshop  
March 2nd, 2019  
At Bethel, Bourbonnais  
9 AM-12:30 PM**

**What:** Skill training for worship  
leaders, keyboardist, guitarists,  
and vocalists.

Register at: [IBSA.org/worship](http://IBSA.org/worship)



## **Church Technology Conference**

**8:30-1:30 on Saturday, February 16th, 2019**

**IBSA Building, Springfield**

**Cost: \$15 (for lunch)**

Contact [SteveHamrick@ibsa.org](mailto:SteveHamrick@ibsa.org)

Register at: [IBSA.org/worship](http://IBSA.org/worship)

# Focusing on Missions



## KRAKOW, POLAND-May 30-June 8, 2019

This will be a dual project, where we'll have a group working in schools teaching, English As a Second Language (ESL); after-school programs; and prayer walking. Another group will be leading sports camps and prayer walking.

**NOTE:** There will be a lot of walking involved. Best suited for middle school age and older.

**Cost:** \$650 plus airfare (estimates at \$1250 currently) and the \$650 covers all in-country costs including meals, hotel, travel and a trip to \*Aushwitz Birchanau. A passport is required.

A deposit of \$100 and an additional deposit for the airline ticket are required at registration.

\***Auschwitz-Birkenau** is the general term for the network of Nazi concentration and labor camps, established near the Polish city of Oswiecim. Together this complex was the largest of all the Nazi death camps across Europe and could hold upwards of 150,000 inmates at any given time.

## TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA-July 27-Aug. 3, 2019

This trip will include surveying, block parties and/or VBS, and community outreach ministries. This trip is open to all ages. There will be walking involved.

**Cost:** approximately \$550 and it covers hotel and food in Canada, as well as a trip to Niagara Falls. It does not include gas or transportation to Toronto. A deposit of \$100 is due at registration. A passport or passport card is required for Toronto.

Access International, an affiliate of LifeWay. Chad Williams is the contact for the trip.

**To register for either trip:** <https://www.accessthenations.com/trips>

IBSA has additional Mission Trips scheduled for 2019. For more information contact CarmenHalsey or DwayneDoyle @IBSA.com



## Social Media Missteps

So many Christians try hard but just miss the mark in using social media strategically to be a witness for Christ to their friends and followers. I've seen lots of well-meaning people blow it with a few of these missteps.

**-No fact checking.** They don't bother to check anything before they post or re-post. Some folks just share anything that seems to fit their current emotional state.

**-Complaints.** Their profile page appears to be the best place to list the top five complaints of today.

**-Lack of awareness.** They show little consideration of how their media content represents Christ and the church. I'm surprised how much negativity can be expressed in 30 characters, such as a cheesy Christian meme in the morning, followed by an R-rated movie quote in the afternoon.

**-Prayer turns to gossip.** Just like on the prayer list at church, except it's online.

**-Negativity.** They criticize the pastor or small group leader in what should be Sunday's prime time post to encourage others. "Hey, I'm headed to church. Join me there!"

If we follow any of these examples, we may ruin our witness in the community. Instead, I'd like to suggest trying the exact opposite of this list, and it says in Philippians 2:4, choose to "do all things without arguing or complaining." That includes my social media accounts!

Whatever we do, we should make sure that our everyday lives match what we're posting and sharing. That requires thinking about how our online life will represent Christ. So let's all post something encouraging today and reflect the love of Christ and a love for his church.

*Reprinted from IL Baptist Jan. 21, 2019 issue. Article written by Autumn Wall.*

## Especially for Pastors “Preach 2019”

*Conference aims to encourage pastors*  
**March 11-12, 2019**

A two-day conference this spring will support the spiritual growth and health of pastors. Preach 2019 is scheduled for **March 11-12 at Meadow Heights Baptist Church in Collinsville.**

Speakers include: Eddie Bumpers, Fred Luter, Bob Ingle, Chadd Pendergraft, Frank Whitney, and Ted Burden.

The FREE Conference is open to pastors, staff, and lay leaders from all regions and denominations.

Meals and lodging are on your own; a special rate is available for conference attendees at the Four Points by Sheraton in Fairview Heights-(618) 622-9500. Mention the Preach 2019 conference to receive the discount.

Complimentary childcare will be provided for kids 5 and under.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS CBA SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

**Saturday, April 6th, 2019**  
**10 AM-2 PM**

Location to be determined.



## Coming Events

### February

12th at 10 AM-Sr. Adult Valentine's Day Event at FBC, Mt. Zion

**14th-Valentine's Day**

16th 8:30 AM-1:30 PM-Church Tech Conf. at IBSA Bldg. Spgfld

**18th-President's Day**

22nd & 23rd-Marriage Retreat at Hawthorn Suites, Decatur

22nd-*Leading on Empty*-Reflection & Refueling for Pastors at IBSA Bldg., Spgfld.

### March

2nd at 8:30 AM-Noon-VBS Clinic at Chatham

2nd at 8 AM-Worship Leaders Skill Development Workshop at Bethel, Bourbonnais, IL.

3rd-10th-**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and Week of Prayer for North American Missions**

5th at Noon-Leadership Team Meeting at Tabernacle

9th-VBS Clinic for CBA Churches at Argenta

9th-Children's Missions Day for kids in grades 1-6

10th-Daylight Saving Time begins-clocks forward 1 hour

11th-12th-Preach 2019 Conference at Meadow Heights, Collinsville

14th-15th-Crisis Interventions and Stress Management Training for Chaplains

**17th-St. Patrick's Day**

### **Churches in need of Pastors:**

Calvary

Forsyth

Fellowship

Tabernacle

Please keep these churches in your prayers as they seek the man God wants them to have.

## FOCUS FUNNIES

