

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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January Winter Bible Study

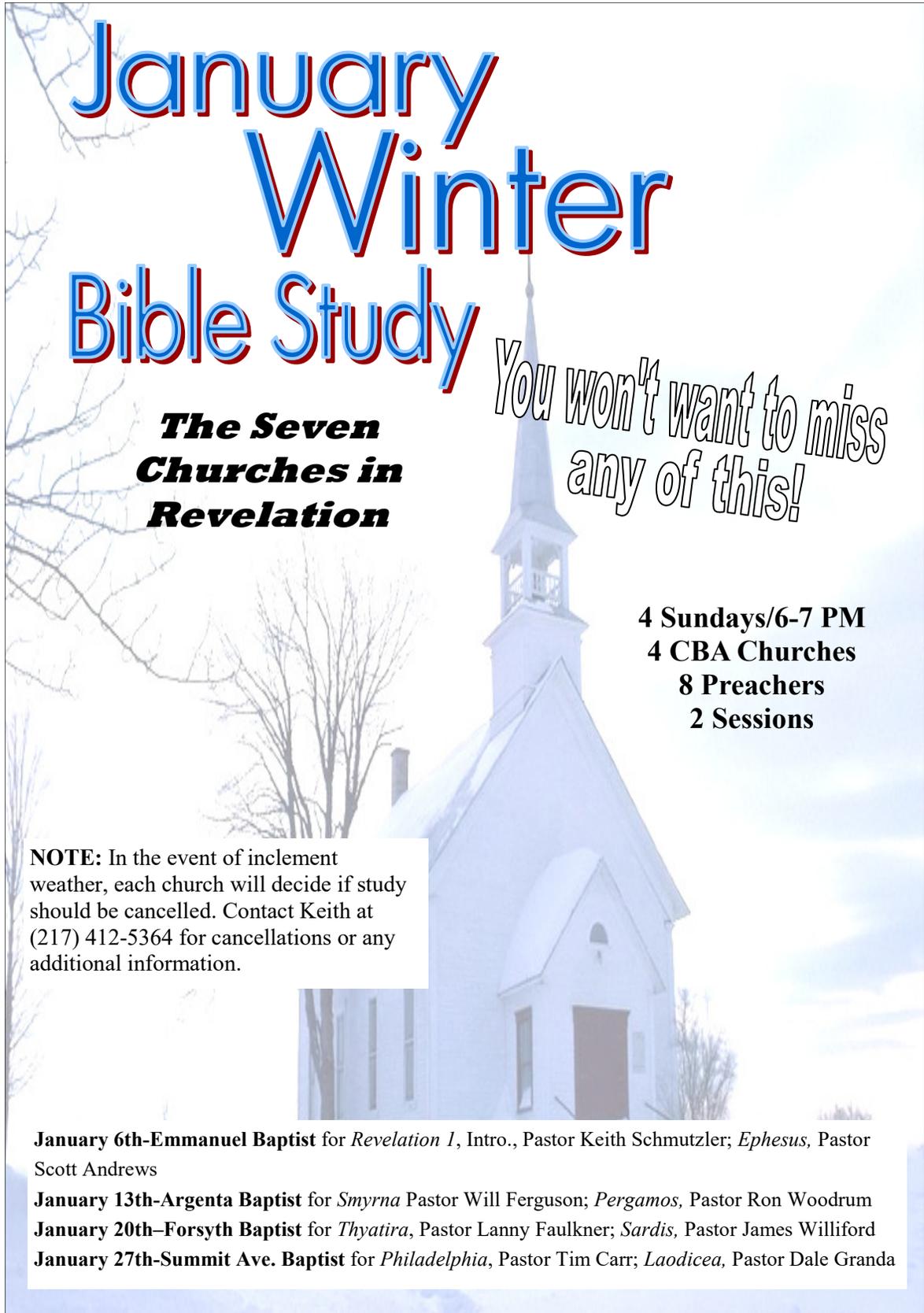
The Seven Churches in Revelation

You won't want to miss any of this!

**4 Sundays/6-7 PM
 4 CBA Churches
 8 Preachers
 2 Sessions**

NOTE: In the event of inclement weather, each church will decide if study should be cancelled. Contact Keith at (217) 412-5364 for cancellations or any additional information.

- January 6th-Emmanuel Baptist** for *Revelation 1*, Intro., Pastor Keith Schmutzler; *Ephesus*, Pastor Scott Andrews
- January 13th-Argenta Baptist** for *Smyrna* Pastor Will Ferguson; *Pergamos*, Pastor Ron Woodrum
- January 20th-Forsyth Baptist** for *Thyatira*, Pastor Lanny Faulkner; *Sardis*, Pastor James Williford
- January 27th-Summit Ave. Baptist** for *Philadelphia*, Pastor Tim Carr; *Laodicea*, Pastor Dale Granda



Central Baptist Association

Marriage Retreat

February 22 & 23, 2019

Led by Doug & Leslie Davis

Space limited to 9 couples

\$140 per couple

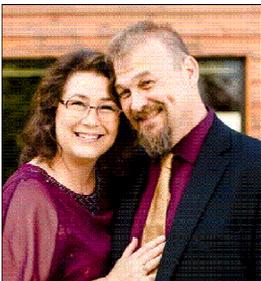
Topics:

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

Reservations due by January 17th.

Hawthorn Suites in Decatur/Mt. Zion. Rooms have one Queen bed, and couch that makes into a bed. Check-in is at 3 PM Friday night. Friday night's meal is at Royal International Buffet (Chinese) just up the street from hotel. Breakfast is at hotel by 10 AM on Saturday. Checkout is at Noon.

Register at www.CBADecatur.com
Announcements/Marriage Retreat



FACILITATORS: Doug is Senior Pastor of his hometown church where he has passionately served since 2005. Doug is a leader and teacher who loves the Lord and has served in ministry since 1992. He and Leslie often work as a team to help couples fulfill their true potential through Biblical support.

Leslie provides Christ-Centered Biblical counseling for individuals, couples, and families in a confidential, comfortable setting, and helps people restore emotional, mental, spiritual, and relational health to their lives by providing encouragement, education, and support in a way

that is consistent with Scripture. She has earned a Master of Science degree in counseling from Illinois State University. She has been certified as a Suicide Intervention Specialist, as well as a Theophostic prayer counselor, and is a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors.

Doug and Leslie have always called Illinois home. They have been joyfully married for 29 years and raised four daughters. Doug and Leslie celebrate three sons-in-law, and two dimpled granddaughters who affectionately refer to them as "Nana and Grump."

"Through this Marriage Retreat, we seek to provide Godly insight for you to increase your love, concern, and understanding for your spouse and for God's plan for your relationship."

Focusing on Missions



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://accessthenations.com/trips/>

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 *Auschwitz 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.

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

Disaster Relief: Service Begins at Home

26 tornadoes damage 500+ structures

Taylorville-Illinois Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers were in Taylorville the morning after an EF-3 tornado damaged hundreds of structures in the town 30 miles southeast of Springfield. The December 1st storms spawned a record-high number of tornados in December—at least 26—and affected several central Illinois communities. The most severe damage was in Christian County, where more than 20 people were injured.

Disaster Relief teams mobilized to Taylorville Sunday, with assessors working to evaluate needs and one chainsaw team already working to remove limbs felled by the storm. Volunteers quickly set up an Incident Command Center at the Christian County Fairgrounds, and teams moved into First Baptist Church, Edinburgh.

Three days after the tornado, the Disaster Relief response continued, with around 35 volunteers serving each day and chaplains ministering to homeowners. One Taylorville resident, Mark Sockel, heard the gospel from Disaster Relief chaplain James Bathon, and responded by putting his faith in Jesus Christ.

He had heard people say they'd been saved, Sockel said, but "I didn't know what that meant until today." The Lord was calling him, he said, "and I just picked up the phone today."

Jan Kragness also serves as a Disaster Relief chaplain. "When we're here doing Disaster Relief, we want to help you physically," she said in Taylorville. "But we've not done our job if we have not also done something to help you spiritually."

After Sockel made his decision to trust Christ, the team talked to him about church, Kragness said, telling him "the name above the door of the church is not as important as what's going on inside it."

"But he did tell us he thinks he wants to look for a Southern Baptist church because he'd like to do Disaster Relief," she said.

Teams serving in Taylorville have completed 35 jobs so far. Volunteers are cutting limbs, removing debris, and putting tarps on roofs. For more information about this response in Taylorville, email RespondIBDR@gmail.com. To donate to Illinois Baptist Disaster Relief, go to IBSA.org/dr.



PLAN AHEAD FOR VBS CLINICS

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

Pastors' Tax Seminar

Thursday, January 17th

GuideStone Financial Services representatives and CPAs present a free tax webinar for pastors. The seminar will provide valuable tax information for both active and retired ministers. Church treasurers and other church leaders will find this seminar to be a valuable resource for important federal requirements for churches.

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Coming Events

January 2019

1st-Happy New Year

6th @ 6 PM-January Winter Bible Study at Emmanuel

13th @ 6 PM-January Winter Bible Study at Argenta

15th @ Noon-Leadership Team Meeting at Tabernacle

17th-Tax Seminar at IBSA Bldg., Springfield

20th @ 6 PM-January Winter Bible Study at Forsyth

20th-Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

21st-Martin Luther King Jr. Day

22nd-23rd-Leadership Development Conf. at IBSA in Spgfld

27th @ 6 PM-January Winter Bible Study at Summit Ave.

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.

REIMAGINE

Illinois Leadership Conference

January 22 & 23, 2019

at IBSA Building, Springfield

Keynote Speaker: Mark Clifton, NAMB

Outreach Ideas

52 Card Pick up

Members commit to **personally invite one person-friend or stranger-to church every week this year**, and write the names on their personal calendar or on a stack of note cards.

Take it one step further and go and get them for church.

Plan a Baby Shower

For a local pregnancy center on **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, January 19th**. They always need diapers of every size.

Sr. Adult Valentine's Event

10 AM-February 12th, 2019

First Baptist, Mt. Zion

More information to come.

FOCUS FUNNIES

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Jeff & Bil Keane



"The Bible tells us to study math. It says, 'Go forth and multiply.'"