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Domino Effect is Key to the Christian Movement

The work of an Association of churches such as ours can be compared a movement of dominoes. Have you ever seen 200,000 dominoes falling in ordered progression after each other? It is a phenomenal thing to watch. You can do a search on YouTube to find the creative domino chains people have set up. The actual movement of the dominos is what makes watching 200,000 dominoes so exciting. There are lots of successful chains, but you can easily spot where a domino chain fails because all the movement suddenly comes to a stop.

The main thrust of the Book of Acts is the record of the Christian movement. Like dominoes, it starts in one place and reverberates on out to other places. If you notice, Jesus' command in Acts 1:8 describes a movement. "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and all Judea, and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." You see, this movement begin at Pentecost in Jerusalem enabled by the Holy Spirit and spreading to Judea, Samaria and unto the end of the earth. That movement's obviously continued to the present day.

We became part of this Kingdom Movement as we were changed by Jesus through the testimony of His

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people. Each church in each area represents the movement of God. But sometimes a church becomes a monument to a memory of what God did in the past, rather than a tool for what God is presently doing and working towards the future. Stories are told about what God did however many years ago. My question is "What about yesterday or last week?" Ecclesiastes 7:10 says "Say not. 'Why were the former days better than these?' for it is not from wisdom that you ask this." Jesus also said in his illustration about new wine in old wineskins that "No man also having drunk old wine straightway desires new; for he says that the old is better" (Luke 5:39). So we meet together and soak up the experiences of the past without believing God for the present and the future. **Three key ingredients that are important to the start and perpetuation a movement are:**

1). The **work of the Holy Spirit** through the Body of Christ. What would the Book of Acts be like without the Holy Spirit? This was the prime basis for the work of the Apostle Paul for he wrote of it in I Corinthians 2:4 saying "my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God." Paul is saying that this movement is not based on his expertise, but on the demonstration

of God's Spirit. He depended on God to show up and convince people that He is calling them to repentance. People need to be able see through the Body of Christ proof of the reality of God.

2). Have you noticed that in Jesus' ministry He was always on the move? He was always calling people to leave their comfort zones to follow Him as He was serving and showing God's love to people. So **Mobility** is the second key. In many cases Jesus' invitation was radical as He called a rich man to sell everything that he had and give it to the poor before following Him. I believe that the Good Shepherd calls all of His Sheep to Move! The movement will die when people think that they can follow at their own convenience. I do not think that we can be in the movement of God if we stay in our comfort zones. We must be ready to go wherever He may send us to and obey whatever He may command of us. Ironically this means that we must go *into* the world, not away from it (while keeping unspotted by it). It is uncomfortable to "love our enemies and do good to those who despitefully use us." It is also uncomfortable to do good to people unconditionally without asking for

anything in return. But this was Jesus' example in His earthly ministry as He loved the sinners. His hope was that they would repent, but He still showed love

to them even when they displayed hatred toward Him.

3). The important third ingredient is **Godly Leaders**. Jesus did not leave earth without a trained team of leaders that would perpetuate the movement. Christian leaders follow Christ as others follow them. This in turn would enable the perpetuation of what God was doing through the heart of each believer. We need those that God is calling to heed His call to lead. I think Jesus is saying this to each of us. He has called men to lead, but many are doing nothing but sitting in a pew or have retreated back to where they're comfortable. The Christian Movement suffers today because Saved, Christian Men won't step up and lead!

I think our vision should be to start and restart Christian Movements in our Associational area. At the heart of planting a church is the start of a Christian Movement within a community. The three essential ingredients listed above will be employed to get such a movement going. The same goes for doing mission work. At the heart of Church strengthening is the restarting of a Christian movement where it has stopped. Again the same ingredients listed above are essential to renewing and revitalizing the movements that have stalled. So remember as we work together that our goal is like the dominoes: to start a movement of people making disciples who in turn will make disciples that make disciples and to keep things moving until Christ returns.

—Will Ferguson, P.C.

Churches

And *Missions:

Argenta

*Great Commission

Arthur

Atwood

Boody

Calvary

Emmanuel

Fellowship

Findlay

Forsyth

Galilee

Grace Fellowship

Hammond

Heyworth

Lincoln

Lovington

Mt. Zion

Shiloh

Sullivan

Summit Avenue

Tabernacle

Tri-Valley

Trinity

The Mission of Central Baptist Association is to encourage and facilitate Cooperation, Fellowship, Missions Awareness and Missionary Activity among our churches; and to assist and resource our churches in the areas of Church Renewal, Leadership Development and New Work!

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CBA Pastors, Staff & families...



Birthdays

July

- 2-Clif Jones (Tabernacle)
- 4-Calle Hairston (Galilee)
- 9 -Bill Henderson (Hammond)
- 10-Gay McCoy (Galilee/widow)
- 12-Mitch Flesch (Calvary)
- 12-Mercy Ratts (Forsyth)
- 15-Doug & Leslie Davis (Arthur)
- 17-Lanny Faulkner (Atwood)
-Audrey Feltner (Tabernacle)
- 19-Rebecca Smith (Fellowship)
- 19-Dennis & Kathy Shaw (Lincoln)(50th)
- 19-Brandt & Jill Waggoner (Tabernacle)
- 22-Dorothy Woods (Great Comm.)
- 25-Vickie Vieth (Tabernacle)
- 29-Ron & Bonna Woodrum (Tri-Valley)
- 30-Sheri Morrow (Summit Ave.)

Church Ann.

2012-Dave Daniels (Emmanuel)

Anniversaries August



- 1-Linda Flesch (Calvary)
- 2-Wes & Stephanie Feltner (Tabernacle)
- 4-Wes Feltner (Tabernacle)
- 6-Dawn Brown (Tabernacle)
-Scott & Julie Andrews (Grace Fellowship)
- 7-Natalee Smith (Fellowship)
-J.J. & Nanelle Hairston (Galilee)
- 9-Don & Ruth Ann Lusk (Sullivan)
- 11-David & Vickie Marshall (Mt. Zion)
- 12-Tom Leach (Tabernacle)
- 14-Ron Woodrum (Tri-Valley)
- 15-Steve Lindstrom (Findlay)
- 19-Hannah Morrow (Summit)
- 20-Chris Granda (Emmanuel)
- 20-Ashlyn Grace Feltner (Tabernacle)
- 21-Darren Morrow (Summit)
- 22-Judson Waggoner Tabernacle
- 26-Will Ferguson (Argenta)
- 27-Doug Davis (Arthur)
-Hannah Davis (Arthur)
- 28-Stephanie Feltner (Tabernacle)
- 31-Caleb Ratts (Forsyth)

Church Ann.

2010-Brandt Waggoner (Tab)
2008-Wes Feltner (Tabernacle)
1988-Susan Baker (Tab) (25 yrs.)



IBSA's Summer Worship University - Rise Up

July 8-11, 2013

Hannibal-LaGrange University
in Hannibal, MO

Cost \$170 For Youth Grades 7-12

Registration is a short form, one that you can use to pay by credit card or check. Once you register, the list of available classes will be sent to you by e-mail—more and different classes are being added this year! This form is for students only, adults attending SWU will need to fill out the camp staff application. We're offering classes on Vocal, instrumental, Bible Study, Signing, Music Theory, Stomp, Future Worship Leaders, Drama, Movement and so much more. We are offering a Tech Track this year for those who don't sing but love the audio/visual side of worship. The Ukulele, the current most popular instrument, has a class this year too.

All classes will be in the Fine Arts Center, housing will be in dorms and with meals in the cafeteria. SWU is open to kids just about to start 7th grade to just finishing 12th grade.

New! Earn college credit: If you are a part of All State Youth Choir or are taking either Future Worship Leaders or Worship Tech Track classes, you have the opportunity to earn college credit hours from Hannibal-LaGrange University. Students must qualify for these advanced classes. **E-mail questions to:** DebbieMuller@IBSA.org

All State Youth Choir Tour Schedule

The All-State Choir is touring its home state of Illinois in July.

Attend a concert near you!

Friday, July 12

Streator, Illinois, Ervin Avenue host church
Singing at Streator's Plumb Pavilion

Saturday, July 13

Mystery day in Chicago

Sunday, July 14

Sing at Journey Church, Bourbonnais-AM
Sing at Friendship Baptist, Plainfield-PM

Monday, July 15

Sing at Uptown Baptist Church, Chicago
Work at Uptown homeless ministry

Tuesday, July 16

Sing for Southside Mission, Peoria

Wednesday, July 17

Sing at FBC, Pinckneyville

Thursday, July 18

Sing at Dorrisville BC, Harrisburg

Friday, July 19

Homecoming Concert at FBC, Columbia



FINANCIAL REPORT CBA BUDGET ACCOUNT Apr.-June 2013

<u>Church</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Argenta	193.07
Arthur	1030.00
Atwood	1469.00
Boody	144.60
Calvary	185.01
Christian	210.41
Emmanuel	740.99
Fellowship	501.00
Findlay	88.00
Forsyth	1177.26
Galilee	242.02
Hammond	605.57
Heyworth	506.60
Lincoln	787.44
Lovington	903.41
Mt. Zion	1732.84
Sullivan	1574.00
Summit Ave.	575.58
Tabernacle	1986.48
Tri-Valley	659.90
Trinity	100.00
Total:	\$15,413.18
Expenses:	\$9,936.05



**Thank
You
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IBSA Slow-Pitch Softball

Tournament: Saturday, August 17, 2013 at Rotary Park in Decatur (Business Route 51 S. between Decatur and Elwin).

Tournament begins at 7:30 a.m., cost \$120 per team. There will be a break for devotion at 10 am. Activities for children will be available from 10:30 am-2:30 pm.

Southern Baptist church teams or associational teams may enter. All players must attend a SBC church and sign the roster form. Copies of the rules, Entry form and Team Roster Form are available from the CBA office or IBSA. Please note that **ALL** entries, together with a check for the entry fee (made payable to IBSA), **must** be received in the IBSA Men's Ministry office by 4:30 pm on August 12, 2013.

Also, the concession stand will be offering some more substantial food items this year. You will be able to get a hamburger or a hot dog and a drink for around \$5. For more information, contact Illinois Baptist State Association at (217) 391-313 or TimSadler@IBSA.org.

Children's Music Camp

August 2-3, 2013 at Lake Sallateeska

Cost \$50 for grades 3rd through 6th

Registration: at IBSA.org or e-mail DebbieMuller@IBSA.org

CBA Messenger or Board Member?

There's been some confusion as to who are Messengers and who are Executive Board Members and what their duties are. The excerpts of the articles from the Constitution and By-laws of the Association listed below should make those two distinctions clearer.

Please share this information with your congregation when voting for your Executive Board Members and Annual Meeting Messengers.

Article I (C) "The Annual Meeting of this body shall consist of the pastors, Board Members and Messengers elected annually by the churches affiliated. An affiliated church shall be a member church that demonstrates support for the mission of Central Baptist Association through consistent participation and financial support. Each affiliated church shall be entitled to seven (7) messengers, including the pastor and Board Members, for the first fifty (50) members or fraction thereof and one messenger for each additional fifty (50) members or fraction thereof. No church shall be entitled to more than ten (10) messengers."

Article III (A) "The Executive Board shall be comprised of the Officers of the Association, and each churches' Senior Pastor and two additional members, one of whom shall have been a member of the church for over five (5) years at the time of appointment, and if the church has someone qualified, one of whom shall have been a member for less than five (5) years at the time of appointment, whom shall

be elected annually by the churches themselves; and the Ministry Team Leaders.

The Officers named in Article 2, Section (A) shall serve as the Officers of the Executive Board.

B) It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to transact all the business of the Central Baptist Association during the interim between the regular meetings of the Association, and to make all decisions on matters related to the work thereof as set forth in the Constitution, By-Laws, and the projected Program of its Annual Meetings.

C) When a member of the Executive Board cannot be present, it shall be the privilege of the Pastor and his church to select a proxy from the same church, who shall have the rights and privileges of a member for that session only.

D) Meetings of the Executive Board shall be held quarterly except for the quarter in which the Annual Meeting shall be held, and/or at such times as a Special Session shall be deemed necessary, when it shall meet at the call of the Moderator."

Simply put:

The number of messengers to the Annual Meeting from your church depends on your membership. For example: every church that has 1-50 members can have 7 messengers. No church can have more than 10 messengers. Of those 7-10 messengers, one *should be* your Pastor, two more *should be* your Executive Board Members, additional ones *should be* those who are on the

Leadership Teams, and the rest would be anyone who would like to be a messenger. *Your Executive Board Members and Leadership Team members don't have to be messengers, but if they aren't they cannot vote at the Annual Meeting.*

If your pastor will not be able to attend the Annual Meeting, then by all means vote someone else to fill that position for the meeting that year.

Most importantly in order to be a messenger, whether you are a Pastor, Board Member, or other, you must be listed as a messenger on the Associational Church Report that is sent out in July and returned in August each year.

So your church would do well to vote for your Ann. Mtg. Messengers and CBA Exec. Board Members at your business meeting in July or early August.

This year's Annual Meeting will be held at First Baptist Church of Mt. Zion, on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013. The times & meal arrangements are still to be decided.

**SUPPORT YOUR
ASSOCIATION-
BE A MESSENGER
&/or BOARD MEMBER**

2013 SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

It was decided by the CBA Camp Leaders, and the Leadership Team agreed, to NOT hold our own Summer Camp this year and instead we want to encourage your children (3rd-12th grade) to attend the IBSA (Co-ed) Mission Camp being held the same week, July 22-26, as CBA's Summer Camp was scheduled. **The cost is \$95 per camper and is for the entire week and covers room and board, meals and a t-shirt and activities.**



The camp is being held at Streator Baptist Camp and Retreat Center in Streator, IL. Streator Camp is located south of I-80 between I-39 and I-55, approximately eight miles northwest of Streator.

Illinois Baptist State Association requires a chaperone for every 1 to 7 campers, one for each gender.

Registrations are accepted on a "first come, first served" basis until two weeks prior to the camp dates (which would be July 4th week). Each church is responsible for registering their campers and providing chaperones.

I've sent each CBA church:
2013 IBSA SUMMER MISSION CAMP INFORMATION SHEET
2013 IBSA SUMMER MISSION CAMP REGISTRATION FOR CHURCHES
2013 CAMPER INFORMATION & MEDICAL RELEASE FORM
AUTHORIZATION AND REQUEST FOR CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK
2013 SUMMER MISSION CAMPS FLYER

Each of these lists other summer camps available in addition to the one on July 22-26. The one we are recommending is **Co-ed Camp North at Streator Baptist Camp** being held July 22-26, 2013.

Please read the information sheet carefully as their rules differ slightly from the CBA's Camps.

If you need additional information, please contact Barb Troeger at IBSA at (217) 391-3138 or BarbTroeger@IBSA.org.

NOTE: If your church needs help with transportation to & from Streator or financial assistance, please contact the Central Baptist Association at (217) 428-1730 or cbaofficedecatur@sbcglobal.net.

Pastor Will Ferguson is taking a van and would be available to transport anyone from the Decatur area who needs it.

We also request that you send the CBA office the names and information for your churches' kids attending this camp for our records.





from the Pews!

ARGENTA—On June 2 the church hosted a breakfast for our graduates from middle school and high school. Each were given a gift from the church. During June, Pastor Will started a "Lunch and Learn" each week—people bring their lunch and everyone has a time of fellowship and Bible study. In July, Lunch and Learn will be on Tuesdays at noon. June 23rd was "Stump the Chumps" Sunday—anyone could submit a Bible question or ask during the discussion, and Pastor Will and our deacon, Mark Roberts, would answer these questions. On June 30, we will welcome Colin Edwards to speak about the ministry of Vernacular Video Ministries. We are looking forward to our VBS, Aug. 5-9 as well as the start of our weekly children's ministry, Kids With A Mission, on Aug. 21.

FIRST BAPTIST of Atwood is busy preparing for "Colossal Coaster World" to begin on July 8th and end with a Family Day on Sunday, July 14th. From July 17th-Aug. 21st, Pastor Lanny will be leading a Bible study on Wednesdays (7-8 PM) titled

Understanding the CULTS. We are looking forward to sending campers to the IBSA Missions Camp, July 22nd -26th. Our church will be hosting our annual Ivan Parker concert on Saturday, August 24. And our next AWANA Club year will begin Wednesday, August 28th at 6:30 pm.

LINCOLN-is hosting their annual Antique Car Show on July 19th starting at 5 PM. It's always a fun time and includes hotdogs and ice cream for those who attend.

TABERNACLE—celebrated their 75th Anniversary on June 23 with over 700 in attendance, reacquainting many former members, including a "meet & greet" reception, our guest speaker, former TBC Pastor, Dr. Walter Bennett & a great meal at the Decatur Conference Center.

We offered a week of "Collage" for K-6th graders, giving them the opportunity to learn crafts, music, arts & more. We have sent 2 mission teams to Romania/Greece & Chicago, as well as a group to Mission Spectacular. Another team heads out to Oaxaca, MX, July 13–20. Next up is our "Colossal Coaster World" VBS, July 21–26. On August 25, Pastor Wes celebrates his 5 year anniversary as TBC's Senior Pastor; and Susan Baker celebrates 25 years as Church Secretary the same day.

TRI-VALLEY—Pastor Ron will conclude his month long preaching series on the Gospel of John on June 30th. (All the messages can be heard on the website trivalleybaptistchurch.com). In April we called Bill Tabb as our new worship leader. Bill has been worship/music leader in the past, and served Jan-March as our interim leader when Denny Mallory left. The Church extended a call to him and he accepted. He has started a new worship team that leads our Congregation each Sunday and is doing a great job. We had our VBS early this year, during the week of June 9-13 with Jeanie Cleaver as our Director again and we were blessed with abundant help in evangelizing our children. Dave and Charlotte Dyson had a puppet ministry segment each night that was very well received and we are going to begin implementing a time for their ministry in our regular worship service on Sunday. We have six candidates to be baptized July 28th, but are praying for 12! June the 16, after we honored our fathers, Jason Collins blessed us with a Gospel Concert. We have planned a fall revival Nov. 22-24 with Jason Collins as our musician and evangelist. Saturday night, September 21st we will be hosting a gospel concert with the Lesters from St. Louis. It will be a free concert, but a love offering will be taken.

VBS Up-dates for 2013



Boody Bapt. VBS is July 8-12

Some of our sister churches need help to do a great VBS in their area. Emmanuel needs some assistant teachers and helpers. Call Chris at (217) 428-1730 to volunteer.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

Enjoy our Freedom while we still have it!!

CBA Office Closed

CBA Leadership Meetings



NOTE: Emmanuel has VBS on the 16th so the Leadership Team Meeting will be at 6 PM– Tuesday, July 9th, 2013 and the Executive Board Meeting at 7 PM–Tues., July 9th, 2013 At CBA Office/Emmanuel

Mark Your Calendar

July 2013

Vote for your Annual Meeting Messengers

- 1st-Annual Church Profiles mailed out
- 4th-HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 4th-Office Closed for Independence Day
- 8th-11th-Summer Worship University, Hannibal, MO
- 9th at 6 PM-Associational Leadership Mtg at Office (Ad Hoc Committee Appts Due)

- 9th at 7 PM-Executive Board Mtg at Office
- 21st-27th-Youth & Children's Camp at Camp Sallateeska-SEE ARTICLE INSIDE.



August 2013

- 2nd-3rd-IBSA's Association/Partnership Strategic Mtg.
- 2nd-3rd-Children's Music Camp at Lake Sallateeska
- 13th at 10 AM-Senior Adult Revival at Boody Bapt.
- 19th-ACP's due into the CBA office
- 29th at 7 PM-Budget Meeting (Need Team Requests)

