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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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Focusing on Fellowship Baptist Church, Shelbyville

God has been blessing Fellowship in Shelbyville. During the last two months, four people have come forward for baptism and 7 people have joined our membership. This summer was our largest VBS in the past ten years with over 70 in attendance (including workers). There were eight children who trusted Jesus. It was an incredible experience to see this many lives change in a few days.

One member went on a (IMB) missions trip to Thailand to provide VBS for our missionary children. She brought back many stories of how God is working through our International Mission Board. She met a current young missionary family with whom we now partner in prayer.

Our JOY (just older youth) group is ministering with Love Packages helping them spread the Gospel with Biblical resources (used literature and Bibles) throughout the world.

Discipleship- When we have a new believer, or a believer that needs encouragement, we provide discipleship for them. The new believer is matched up with a veteran Christian and they walk through biblically focused material together. This gives the new believer a chance to have an accountability partner to encourage them to stay in the Word and a person to go to when questions arise. (John 8:31, Matt 28:19)

Mom's Group- This small group exists just for moms and offers an opportunity for Moms to meet, fellowship, and study God's word. The group meets on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00 pm in the churches' basement. It's a great time to learn more about how to meet the needs of our family while not losing our focus on the Lord.

Fellowship Parent Connection- Once a month we gather together to discuss what it means to parent the way the Bible tells us to parent. We discuss scripture, issues, and pray together to support each other. (Deut 6:4-9, Eph 6:4)



Chase and Rebecca have four children: Natalee, Kaedan, Ava, and Macy.



Fellowship Baptist Church, Shelbyville, IL

Food Pantry- We believe that the Bible says to care for those who are hungry (Matt 25:35-36). If you are in need, or know someone

who is, let us know so we can minister the way God intended.

Visitation -As a church we want to show others that God cares for them by visiting them in their hour of need. We visit nursing homes, hospitals, as well as individual's homes to minister to the community. (Matt 28:18-20)

Prayer needs- We believe in the power of prayer and we have prayer warriors that would love to pray for you. If you have a prayer need, contact us so we can pray for you. (Acts 2:42)

Vacation Bible School- Every year we have children from all over the community come to join us for one week to learn about the Gospel through scripture memory, learning songs, bible lessons, crafts, and recreation.

Fellowship is becoming more missions minded in its teaching and approach. We have begun Mission Friends and Acteens for our children and youth; and we will begin focusing on Missions Sunday evenings with missions awareness and organized visiting along with witnessing for the adults on Sunday evenings. We pray that God will go before us as we bring His Gospel to the community.

Pastor Chase Smith
Fellowship Baptist

IBSA's Annual Meeting

Illinois Baptist State Association's 2012 Annual Meeting will be held in our Association at Tabernacle Baptist Church on November 13-15.

Pastors' Conference is Tuesday, November 13th at 1:45 PM-Wednesday, Nov. 14th at 11:45 AM; and the Annual Meeting is Wednesday, November 14 through Thursday, November 15.

Pastor's Conference:

Pastors' Conference is Tuesday, November 13th at 1:45 PM-Wednesday, Nov. 14th at 11:45 AM. This year's Pastor's Conference theme is "*Renew: Experiencing a Fresh Touch from God,*" and will feature:

Wes Feltner, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Decatur, Illinois

Ronnie Floyd, pastor of Cross Church, Springdale, Arkansas

Phil Hunter, pastor of West County Community Church, Wildwood, Missouri

Kenny Qualls, pastor of First Baptist Church, Arnold, Missouri

Pastors' Conference attendees are invited to a dinner at Tabernacle between the Tuesday afternoon and evening sessions. The cost is \$5 per person. For more information, or to RSVP for the dinner, contact Adam Cruse at (618) 263-2677.

Annual Meeting:

The Annual Meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. Wed. and will conclude at 11:30 a.m. Thursday. Messengers need to register, but all are welcome.

The meeting's theme, "*Mission Illinois*" reflects IBSA's focus on reaching the state for Christ with an emphasis on the Choose2 evangelistic prayer strategy and the SEND: Chicago and St. Louis partnership efforts with the North American Mission Board. The Wednesday evening session will feature IBSA Executive Director Nate Adams highlighting mission efforts in Illinois. Frank Page, SBC Executive Committee president, will also speak Wednesday evening. Page will share a follow-up to the 1% Cooperative Program Challenge he issued at last year's meeting in O'Fallon.

Free childcare will be available Tuesday afternoon through Thursday at noon. To pre-register, contact Kendra Jackson at (271) 391-3111.

CBA's Senior Adult

Thanksgiving Banquet

10:00 AM-November 20th, 2012
Emmanuel Southern Baptist Church
1255 S. Lake Ridge Ave., Decatur

Message by Emmanuel's new Pastor, Dave Daniels

Mission Trips-Brother Mike McCoy, DOM

& Testimonies

CBA Senior Adult Choir singing "Wonderful Grace of Jesus"-directed by David Coopridr
Special music by Bob Marshall, Galilee
& David Coopridr, Tabernacle

Menu:

Lettuce Salad w/Dressing
Turkey w/Dressing & Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green beans
Sweet Potato casserole
Roll & butter
Pumpkin Pie
Drinks-Coffee, tea, water

COST: \$5



Sign up at your church or call/email the CBA office to make reservations by no later than November 15th. CBA Office: 428-1730 or cbaofficedecatur@sbcglobal.net

CBA Pastors, Staff & families...



November

- 5-Ruth Ann Lusk (Sullivan)
- 6-Bill & Lois Henderson (Hammond)
- 8-Kaedan Smith (Fellowship)
- 11-Darren & Sheri Morrow (Summit Ave.)
- 16-Glenn & Susan Baker (Hammond/Lovington)
- 19-J.J. Hairston (Galilee)
- 20-Lewis & Dorothy Woods (Great Commission)
- 22-Dennis & Marian Blankenship (Tabernacle)
- 27-Mark & Barb Foil (Mt. Zion)

Church Ann.

- 2005-Jim Leischner (Boody)

December

- 8-Glenn Baker (Hammond/Lovington)
- 10-Lanny & Lin Faulkner (Atwood)
- 13-Lin Faulkner (Atwood)
- 13-Brandt Waggoner (Tabernacle)
- 15-Pauline Miller (Forsyth)
- 16-Travis & Samantha Brown (Forsyth)
- 21-Mike Rutledge (Arthur)
- 24-Bob & Jane Hickman (Tab)
- 24-Noah Smith (Mt. Zion)
- 27-Jill Waggoner (Tabernacle)

Church Ann.

- 2005-Scott Andrews (Grace Fellowship)
- 2011-Rich Ratts (Forsyth)



It's time to
"Fall Back!"

Daylight Savings Time
Ends Sunday, November 4th at 2 AM (set
your clocks back Saturday night)



CBA Annual Christmas Party

For CBA Leadership, Pastors,
Staff, and spouses

Cozy Cabin Christmas
Friday, December 7th, 2012

6:30 PM

Emmanuel Baptist Church

More information to come.
Watch for Invitations the middle of Nov.

Missionary's Focus: Our 63rd Annual Meeting Highlights

The Central Baptist Association's 63rd Annual Meeting is in the history books now. The meeting was held at Southern Baptist Church in Sullivan and 17 churches were represented.

Some of the highlights of the meeting were:

Decisions

That since the **On Mission Celebration/Connection** has changed recently to just 2 days and given our budget restrictions it was voted to postpone the planned OMC for 2013 indefinitely.

Budget

The budget for 2012-13 CBA year total of \$100,650 was approved, but when the OMC was postponed it reduced the budget to \$98,650.

Bible Study

Pastor Mitch Flesch, Calvary, brought the Bible Study on the theme, *Mission: Possible*. He reminded us of the need for Restoration from Galatians 6:1; that shoulders that bear one another's burdens have no room for chips. And the need for Reconciliation from 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; that we are given the ministry of reconciliation to God through Jesus Christ. The need for Renewal from Romans 12:1-2; that we should be living God's agenda not our own. Doing what is acceptable and well-pleasing to God. We're either pleasing or hurting God & ourselves by what we do in our bodies; bodies which are God's vessels. Then finally, Revival which is a culmination of doing all the above. From 2 Chronicles 7:14: If MY People (the New Testament church was grafted in as God's people) will humble themselves (humility is needed) and pray (called to prayer) and seek my face (not his hands to just keep giving to me) and TURN (repent-don't go that way any longer) from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. The rewards of obeying this scripture is 1. God will hear us. 2. God will help us. & 3. God will heal us.

Elections of Leadership

Moderator-Tracy Smith, FBC, Mt. Zion
Assistant Moderator-J.J. Hairston, Galilee
Clerk-Jane Hickman, Tabernacle (TBC)
Asst. Clerk-Barb Foil, FBC, Mt. Zion
Treasurer-Tom Leach, TBC
Asst. Treasurer-Dawn Brown, TBC



The presentation of the CBA **Refocusing Team**:

Tim Carr-Forsyth
Doug Davis-Arthur
Wes Feltner-Tabernacle
JJ Hairston-Galilee
Jane Hickman-Tabernacle
Mike McCoy-DOM
Tracy Smith-FBC, Mt. Zion
Ron Woodrum-Tri-Valley and the New Pastors and Staff-*Pastor Dave Daniels, Emmanuel; Pastor Will Ferguson, Argenta; and Youth Pastor Chad Williams, Tabernacle.*

Fraternal Greetings were brought from Mark Emerson, IBSA Director of Mission Involvement and Ken Steward, Director of Baptist Children's Home & Family Services. Of particular interest is that two of our churches, Tabernacle and Summit Ave., are in the top 50 that support the BCH&FS. And that the Mother's Day Offering goal of \$250,000 was met this year.

Director of Missions Report

Our DOM Mike McCoy shared his vision for the Association. The main points include: Strengthening Existing Churches; Impacting the Lostness in Central Illinois; and Start New Churches.



Excellence in Ministry Awards

#1 in Baptisms, and #3 in Additions & Giving to CBA-**First Baptist Church, Mt. Zion**
#1 in Additions and CBA Giving & #2 in Total Baptisms-**Tabernacle Baptist Church**
And the International Mission Board's Top Giving church to the 2011 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in the Central Association.
#2 in Additions & giving to CBA -**Forsyth Baptist**
#3 in Baptisms-**Arthur Southern Baptist**
#1 in Per Capita CBA Giving-**Hammond Missionary Baptist Church**
#2 in Per Capita CBA Giving-**First Baptist Church, Lovington**
#3 in Per Capita CBA Giving-**Heyworth Baptist Church**
#1 in Baptisms by % of Resident Members-**Trinity** with 4/17
#2 in Baptisms by % of Resident Members-**Boody Baptist** 7/47
#3 in Additions by % of Resident Members-**Tri-Valley** 4/94

International Mission Board's #1 Per Capita Giving church to the 2010 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in the Central Assoc. is Grace Fellowship Baptist Church.

Benevolence Offering was taken up and \$271.75 was collected to be added to the Pastor's Benevolence fund to assist any CBA Pastor with emergency financial or health needs.

Annual Sermon



Pastor J.J. Hairston brought the Annual Sermon on the theme: *Mission: Possible?*. He shared his thoughts from the scripture verse Matthew 28, the Great Commission.

Some of his points were that we need to be careful how we approach the lost. That our churches lack power, but Christ has The POWER. We need to TEACH the Word of God, and the Work of God-which is-GO! God is always with us. With God ALL things ARE possible.

Lastly the second session included pre-session music brought by Keith Schmutzler & Marian Blankenship together on sax and trombone and taking turns accompanying each other on the keyboard and singing. Pastor Jim Leischner shared a poem about the war. Dawn Decker, Argenta; Ruth Ann Lusk, SBC, Sullivan and Chris Granda, Summit Ave. shared solos.

Greg & Christin Braswell came to lead in worship songs. Greg is our home-grown boy who has been worship & youth leader at several of our churches in the CBA over the past 10 years. He and his lovely wife reside in Springfield and are ministering at the First Baptist Church of Rochester.

There was a special prayer for the family of Jeanne Marshall who passed away on Oct. 9th and for Mike McCoy as we start the refocusing process for the Association.

I would like to thank everyone for your part in a great CBA Annual meeting. I want to especially thank Sullivan Southern Baptist Church for their gracious hospitality and wonderful meal at this year's meeting. Pastor Mitch Flesch who led our Bible Study time and Pastor JJ Hairston who preached our Annual sermon. Thank you to both these men for allowing our Lord to use you in a mighty way to challenge our hearts from His Word.

There were many folks who worked behind the scenes to help us have a successful meeting. While there are too many to list individually at the risk of leaving someone out I want to express my deepest appreciation to all who helped out with this year's meeting.

Mike McCoy, DOM



from the Pews!

Boody-The Annual Pork Roast and Gospel Sing held at the Cisco Center went great. We had about 150 in attendance. I think we had eleven acts performing and most presented the gospel in some way. The day following we started a six-day-revival. We had a good revival with Brother Troy Warner from Paris, IL preaching, playing and singing. The best night attendance was 47, and the worse night, ten. The schedule included: Friday, October 19-Brother Dave Acklin in concert, November 16-Mrs. Phyllis Proctor, December 21-Brother Toby Scribbner.

Our Thanksgiving dinner will be held the 18 of November, and our Christmas dinner will be on December 23.

Heyworth-November 4th is the celebration for Heyworth's 60th anniversary. Please attend your church services and then try to come to the 1:30 pm service here at Heyworth. If you can bring special music, please let Diane Peterson know as soon as possible. Sorry for the general request, but I don't want to leave anyone out.

Shiloh-held a Pastor Appreciation service on October 21st at 4 PM celebrating the 18 years that Pastor Lloyd E. Jackson Sr. and his lovely wife, Sylvia, have been at Shiloh. Shiloh was organized on April 7, 1994. It was a great day of celebration with several guests including our DOM, Mike McCoy and

his wife, Cheryl.

Summit Ave.-is having a Down-Home Dinner Theater on Saturday, December 1st at 6 PM. The meal will be served in 4 courses with the *WSAB Radio's Southern Gospel Christmas program* theater between courses. A fun evening of food, fun and featuring our own down-home talent. We'll be sharing some old Southern Gospel favorites and Christmas songs, while you enjoy the meal of appetizers, salad, fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, and an array of delicious home-made desserts. All this is free but please bring a donation to help cover the cost of the meal. Tickets will be available in November. We can seat 80.

Meet Emmanuel's New Pastor

PASTOR DAVE DANIELS

Emmanuel Baptist Church welcomes their new Pastor the beginning of



September. Pastor Dave Daniels attended Midwestern and holds an (Master of Arts in Religion) MAR, (Master of Religious Education) MRE, and (Master of Divinity) MDiv., and is currently in a D.Min. program at Liberty Baptist Seminary in Lynchburg, VA. Dave's wife Johnnie holds an (Masters in Science in Education) MS Ed. from (Indiana Purdue University, Fort Wayne) IPFW and is in an Ed. S. program also at Liberty. Johnnie teaches (English as Second Language) ESL at Johns Hill in Decatur.

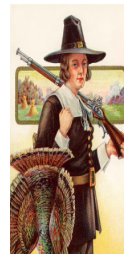
The Daniels have five children, with one 13-year-old girl (Cad) still at home.

Cad is an 8th grader at Mt. Zion Junior High. They are former missionaries to Costa Rica and have served-pastoring, leading small groups, and most recently serving on the Connection Team at the Pointe Church, an SBC church plant in Ft. Wayne, IN where Ray Harris is pastor.



Dave believes the people of Emmanuel are all gifted by God and have a desire and a heart to serve and grow a healthy church. Dave and his family love humor and contemporary Christian music. Dave and his family are feeling a bit overwhelmed by the level and overflow of love, care and concern shown to him and his family already by each and every person of Emmanuel.

**Tuesday, Nov. 6th, 2012
-Election Day-
Do Your Civic Duty
Go VOTE!**



**Happy
Thanksgiving
November 22nd
OFFICE CLOSED**



CBA Leadership Meetings

**Leadership Team Meeting
7 PM-Tues., Jan. 8th, 2013**

At CBA Office

**Executive Board Meeting
7 PM-Tues., Jan. 15th, 2013**

November

**Mark Your Calendar
2012**

December

4th-Daylight Savings Time Ends

6th-Election Day

11th-Veterans' Day Observed

13th-IBSA Pastor's Conference at Tabernacle

14th-15th-IBSA's Annual Meeting at Tabernacle

14th-Church Planter's Breakfast

20th at 10:00 AM-Sr. Adult Thanksgiving Banquet at Emmanuel

22nd-THANKSGIVING DAY-Office Closed

7th at 6:30 PM-CBA Christmas Party at Emmanuel

2nd-8th-Week of Prayer for IMB & Lottie Moon Off.

25th-CHRISTMAS DAY

24th-31st-Office Closed for Holidays

28th & 29th-Youth Encounter-Prairie C.C.C., Springfield

*Merry
Christmas*