

## 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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## Highlights of the CBA 69th Annual Meeting held Saturday, October 6th, 2018 at Argenta Baptist Church

**Opened first session** at 10:30 AM in prayer by Moderator Tim Carr.

**Scripture read:** Asst. Moderator Gary Bauerle-Jeremiah 31:31-33 & 33:3

There was a quorum present with 13 churches represented by 31 messengers, one alternate and 18 visitors, for a total attendance of 50.

Music presented by the CBA Brass Ensemble consisting of: Richard Moore, Marian Blankenship from Tabernacle; Will Ferguson from Argenta; and Gary Larson from Mt. Zion First. They played "Mansion Over the Hilltop" "Holy Ground" and "How Great Thou Art." Richard shared some background about the song composed by Ira Standhill, "Mansion Over the Hilltop."

**Stimulus Package for 2018/19: Submitted by Will Ferguson, Co-Partnership Coordinator.**

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**CBA Schedule for 2018/2019:** Chad Williams, Co-Partnership Coordinator, went over the schedule of events for the coming year.

**Children's & Teens Summer Camp:** Director David Howard, Heartland Association Baptist Network, shared that we, CBA, are partnering with them, HABN, to have a summer camp at Streater Baptist Camp, June 10-14, 2018. The cost is \$165 per camper and registrations are through IBSA.

The theme is "Splash" and anyone who wants to come as a Bible Study teacher, nurse, counselor, or recreation leader will be welcome. Camps are for those who have completed 4th-6th grade and 7th-12th grades. These are two separate camps at the same time, same location and same price. Chad also stated that any church who wants to do VBS but needs help, to contact him and he will do what he can to get them assistance.

**Mission Trips:** May 30th-June 8th, 2019-LifeWay sponsored 10-day trip to Krakow, Poland to visit schools and work with kids, help with sports camps. The approximate cost is \$1,900. per person.

July 27th-Aug. 3rd, 2019-Mission trip to Bowmanville, Toronto, Canada. Open to all CBA church members and all ages. Can handle 40-50 people and requires a passport. Cost approximately \$450 per person.

**Men's Ministry Report:** Roger Priestly, Galilee, is leader of a men's Bible Study that meet the first Saturday of every month. They call themselves, "Men in the Business of God."

**Mission Center:** Ken Wilson, Church Planter. The former Boody Baptist Church was purchased by Mission Direct, through the Legacy Fund of the Baptist Foundation. The purpose will be to plant a church in the Boody, Blue Mound, Macon, and Mt. Auburn area and to use it to host Mission Teams from all over U.S.A. The building will also be used as a community center in Boody.

The Leadership Team asks the CBA churches to consider taking up a one-time offering to give to the Mission Center to assist them in purchases to get it ready for use.

**Disaster Relief Report:** During the last associational year (2017-2018), the Sullivan Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Team along with other volunteers from around the state went out on 2 trips. One to Vidor, Texas and one to Watseka, IL. On flood recovery missions. We are headed to Lumberton, North Carolina, on Monday to help with recovery from Hurricane

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Florence. We will be gone for approximately 10 days. Please pray for us.

I would like to thank the Central Baptist Assoc. for their support and would appreciate your prayer for the team. The next Disaster Relief Training will be Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at Lake Sallateeska.

Chad Williams read the report in Don Lusk's absence, then Chad led in prayer for the Disaster Relief Teams on-site and those going to help with the Hurricane damage in North Carolina.

**Ministry Assistant Proposal:** A motion from the Leadership Team to hire Chris Granda as the Ministry Assistant/Clerk for the CBA with her hours to be up to 12 per week, with exception on the weeks leading up to the Annual Meeting in October, at a rate of \$16 per hour, in addition to mileage retroactive to June when she started as interim.

**Baptist Children's Home and Family Services Partnership:** Laurie Ingram shared that this last year, BCH&FS served more people than ever before in their 100 year history. The Pathways Counseling which has 12 locations has just exploded in growth. The Mother's Day offering for 2018 was over their goal, but is only 8% of their budget. She said their three greatest needs are:

1. Faithful prayer warriors
2. House parents
3. Sustained giving

They offer free counseling to IBSA Church affiliated Pastors and their wives. They also are available to come to your church or event as consultants, to do training, speak on health disorders, substance abuse, etc.

**Senior Adult Report:** Marian Blankenship gave her report of the Senior adult activities since last October and what's coming in November.

**CBA Deceased Loved Ones & Prayer:** Moderator Tim Carr read off the names from the Book of Reports (inside back cover) of the ones who've died since our last Annual Meeting and offered up a prayer for their family and friends.

**Pastor's Benevolence Offering:** The offering came to \$180.

**Proposed Budget for 2019:** Tom reviewed the proposed budget contained on page 17 of the Book of Reports and made a motion to accept the proposed budget as presented. Jack Leonard seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Election of Officers for 2019:** Will Ferguson made a motion to accept the following officers for 2019: Moderator: Tim Carr; Asst. Moderator: Joey Krol; Treasurer: Tom Leach; Clerk: Chris Granda

Lanny Faulkner seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**Adoption of all other Printed Reports:** Dale Granda made a motion to accept. Will Ferguson 2nd and it passed.

**Celebration Stories:**

**James Williford, Lincoln**-went to Central Asia with 6 people from Lincoln.

**Brenda Bailey, Tabernacle**-went to Toronto, Canada with a group that Chad Williams led. They handed out flyers for a sports camp.

**Doug Davis, Arthur**-Revival meeting that a group of men from six different denominations prayed for since 2014 and it became a 15-night tent revival. They are having a Forgiveness Seminar in Arthur next week and a Women's Retreat in the Spring. They're planning a Evangelistic Crusade for Central Illinois in 2020.

**Keynote Speaker-Nate Adams, IBSA's Executive Director**

His message focused on: "What would happen if a pioneering Spirit would return to Illinois? What would it mean for me and my church?" He emphasized these four phrases:

1. Go new places
2. Engage new people
3. Make new sacrifices-money, time, effort
4. Develop new leaders

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

*Chris Granda, Clerk*

## Stimulus Package for 2018/19

We had just two churches request stimulus funds in 2018. We're wanting more of our churches to take advantage of the stimulus funds. They can be used for VBS, Backyard Bible Clubs; Training events for your Deacons, Leaders, Sunday School teachers; to take a mission trip or bring a missionary to your church. As many ways as you can think of to reach out to your neighbors, state and world, are the ways we want to help your church make it possible.

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There is a form to apply for the Stimulus Funds in the Annual Meeting Book of Reports on page 32; or you can find it online at the [cbadecatur.com](http://cbadecatur.com) website under the Resources heading.

# Pastor Appreciation Month

Did you know that October is Pastor Appreciation Month? Believe it or not, your pastor has one of the hardest, most thankless jobs on the planet. Not only does he serve in a public role open to criticism, but he wears heaps of hats: baptizer, funeral companion, counselor, career coach, custodian, justice seeker, teacher, trainer, unifier, youth advocate, public speaker, discussion leader, and grace giver. Just reading that should make you tired! And consider that a short list.

Pastors love their congregations, they cast a vision, and they work extremely hard, so it makes sense that we dedicate a month to their appreciation.

But here's the problem: How do you celebrate someone who does so much? Is there a perfect gift? Probably not, but we think the list below is a great place to start.

## 1. Write Letters

Ask people in the congregation to write encouraging letters, or even better, compile a book of handwritten letters and give it to your pastor on Sunday morning.

Thank him for all the times he's worked outside the typical 9-5 workday, how the Lord has personally used him to encourage your walk with Jesus, how you see the pastor's presence making a positive influence on the community, and even share some encouraging Scripture!

## 2. Give Books or an Audiobook Subscription

Does your pastor love to read? Maybe he loves audiobooks? If you don't know what types of books he likes, have everyone pitch in for a gift card and let him choose!

You could also give him a year's worth of audiobooks. Hint: Don't give a leadership development book unless he's asked for it or he loves the author. While he may benefit from reading it, it won't be a relaxing read and it won't feel like appreciation if he's constantly wondering about the potential deficiencies he has to work on while reading it.

## 3. Help Around the House

Consider starting a meal train for the family and deliver homemade meals a few times a week, assemble a team for lawn care, or setup multiple days of childcare so they can go out on a date night! BONUS: Also consider ways you can recognize your pastor's family. If your pastor is married, treat her to a spa day, bring her flowers, or shower her with her favorite candy! If they have children, go out of your way to make sure they are recognized, too!

## 4. Make a Fun Video

If your church has a media team, create a fun thank-you video with encouraging messages and stories.

## 5. Thank Him Publicly

Sometimes a little public recognition goes a long way. Put up a big thank-you sign in your town (rent a billboard if you want to go big) or recognize him at a local sporting event!

## 6. Serve in the Church

This is simple and sometimes overlooked, but you can always start by asking where your pastor needs help. Does the church need greeters, more parking coordinators, or volunteers? If you can remove a burden and allow your pastor to redeem some time, that will be better than any physical gift.

## 7. Celebrate All Month Long

Use an October calendar to schedule volunteers for month-long surprises and treats. Each day of the month, your pastor will receive a surprise token of appreciation from a church member, committee, or group within the church!

## Disaster Relief Training

October 19-20, 2018

### Lake Sallateeska Baptist Camp

New volunteers are required to take Disaster Relief 101 on Friday evening and Saturday; chaplaincy class begins Friday at 1 PM; specialty classes offered Saturday.

REGISTER BY OCT. 5TH: [IBSA.org/DR](http://IBSA.org/DR)

## IBSA Annual Meeting

November 7-8, 2018

FBC, Maryville

Theme: Pioneering Spirit

200 and Counting

### Nov. 6-7: IBSA Pastor's Conference

This event takes place right before the IBSA Annual Meeting and offers spiritual rejuvenation for Illinois pastors, their spouses, and other church leaders under the banner of this year's theme, "Blazing New Trails."

### Nov. 7: Pastor's Wives Luncheon

This year's theme is based on Hebrews 10:24. The event begins at 8:30 am and includes a program before the luncheon which ends at 12:30 pm.

(217) 391-3138/[BarbTroeger@IBSA.org](mailto:BarbTroeger@IBSA.org)

[IBSAAnnualMeeting.org](http://IBSAAnnualMeeting.org)

## Block Party Trailer

Five of our 19 CBA Churches borrowed the Block Party Trailer for their events in 2018.

We just purchased a new Weber gas grill and Gold Medal 8oz. popcorn popper. And two awnings have been added since 2017.

You can borrow the Block Party Trailer for your churches' use by going to the CBA website [www.cbadeatur.com](http://www.cbadeatur.com) and under Resources find the Block Party Trailer and download the Usage Form and Guidelines.

The same information can be found in the Annual Meeting 2018 Book of Reports on pages 28 & 29.

We hope to hear from you soon.



# You are Invited to the CBA... Senior Adult Thanksgiving Dinner

10 AM-Tuesday, November 13th, 2018  
at Southern Baptist Church, Sullivan  
615 E. Jackson St., Sullivan, IL



**Menu:** Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes with turkey gravy, noodles, green beans, corn, salad, roll & dessert.

*No Charge*



*Come and share your blessings with each other and give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.*

Please sign up with your churches Senior Adult Representative or Office by Sunday, November 4th. Office or Representative needs to contact Chris at CBA Office (217) 330-7593 by Nov. 7th with number of people attending.

## Coming Events

### October

- 13th (Saturday) @ 10 AM-Missions Brunch with James Greaves from Bowmanville, Toronto, Canada, at Tabernacle, Rm. 119.
- 14th-Global Hunger Sunday
- 19th-20th-IBSA Disaster Relief Training
- 27th-IBSA Kid's Ministry Resource Conference

### November

- 6th-8th-IBSA's Annual Meeting in Maryville
- 11th-Disaster Relief Appreciation Day & Veteran's Day
- 13th (Tuesday) @10 AM-Senior Adult Thanksgiving Banquet at Sullivan Southern
- 14th (Wednesday) @ Noon-Leadership Team Meeting at Tabernacle. Taco Soup & crackers, drinks provided.
- 22nd-Thanksgiving Day

### December

- 1st (Saturday) @ 6 PM-CBA Pastors, Staff & Spouses, Holiday Fellowship at Yoder's Restaurant in Arthur.

## One GRAND Sunday-Nov. 4

Fellow Servants in Christ,

Last Easter, a statewide baptism emphasis resulted in more than 650 baptisms across Illinois. IBSA churches are invited to participate in a second "One GRAND Sunday" this November 4.

The numerical goal of One GRAND Sunday is 1,000 baptisms on a single day. But the emphasis also keeps the call to share the gospel at the forefront for church leaders and members. "The great thing is that it sparked a fresh passion for evangelism across the state. With at least 8 million people in Illinois who don't know Christ, the time for talking about Jesus is now.

We need to pray for lost people by name, train people in how to share their faith, and commit to witness to at least one person between now and November 4. Be sure and let us know at IBSA if there's any way we can help you equip your association to reach their community.

God's Richest Blessings,

*Pat Pajak*

*IBSA's Assoc. Exec. Director for Evangelism*

## CBA Holiday Fellowship Saturday, December 1st, 2018

### For CBA Staff, Pastors & Spouses

6 PM at Yoder's Restaurant  
Arthur, IL

Invitations will be mailed out  
in the next few weeks.



## FOCUS FUNNIES

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"Every couple needs a song. Ours should be 'You'll Never Walk Alone'."