



# Crossroads

Helping churches unite to reach the lost for Christ in the Pulaski County Region !

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## From The Moderator

As I am writing this, it is a cool, crisp morning, and fall is in the air. The leaves are already changing, as we have some beautiful reds and yellows in our backyard. The summer, and for that matter, the whole year, has really flown by. The annual meeting is coming up in a couple weeks on October 7th, at Berean Baptist Church. The annual Ham and Bean dinner is also coming up on October 14th,

at the camp multi-purpose building. Don't forget, there will be a pie auction, with all the proceeds going to the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund. Please bring a lot of pies for the auction!

The Missouri Baptist Convention's Annual Meeting is October 23 – 25, 2017 at Connection Point Baptist Church (formerly known as FBC), Raytown, MO. The meeting was well attended last year in St. Charles, MO, and I am sure it will be this year also. I hope many of our folks in the association will be able to attend. Each year I am thrilled to see more and more parents bringing their kids of all ages to the annual meeting. I think it is great, as they are the future leaders of the church. It is so important that we train them up right, so they are fully prepared to take over, when we go on to be with the Lord. As Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Please continue to keep all those affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma in your prayers, as well as all those who are providing help and aid to them, including our SBC Disaster Relief folks. Please also keep our association and all our churches without pastors in your prayers as well.

May God Bless and Keep You Always,

Dr. Dave Stevens

### CHECK THE PBA WEBSITE

Please check out the website at [www.pulaskibaptistassociation.com](http://www.pulaskibaptistassociation.com) to ensure your church's information is correct. Email [pastorjd@independencebaptistchurch.com](mailto:pastorjd@independencebaptistchurch.com) with corrections or additions.

## CONCERT IN SUPPORT OF LAQUEY BACKPACK BLESSINGS

**Laquey FCA** is hosting a benefit concert featuring the Harmony Worship Band, DaMac, and SpinCycle on **November 4 at 7 pm at the Laquey School**. This concert is a fund and food raiser for the Laquey Backpack Blessings Program. This program is a community project that provides food bags to students that otherwise may be food insecure over the weekend.

This is a great opportunity for your young people (and young at heart) to get together with other youth in a Christian atmosphere of worship and praise, while supporting a worthwhile program. Please announce this event to your congregation.

**Admission: Donation of \$5 or \$2 and a Food Item (Boxed Mac n Cheese, can or pouch of tuna, Pop-top can of soup, Pudding or Jello cups, and Poptarts.) Expired items cannot be accepted.**

**Concessions by Laquey PBIS**

### 2017 Missouri Baptist Convention Annual Meeting

October 23-25 Raytown, MO

Messengers representing churches affiliated with the Missouri Baptist Convention (MBC) are gathering Oct. 23-25 at Connection Point Church, Raytown, MO, for their 183rd Annual Meeting.

The theme is "Who Is My Neighbor?" (Luke 10:29 CSB).

<http://mobaptist.org/annual-meeting/>

### SHOES SHOES SHOES

Pulaski Baptist Association is still collecting shoes. The second load just went to St Louis. Anyone who has shoes that they would like to get rid of please bring to the old kitchen at the camp ground. Let's all work together to help those who need clean drinking water. Thanks to everyone who has helped with the collection of shoes.

### Mission Trip Report to Rockaway Beach

On Friday Aug 11, we traveled to Rockaway Beach, Bridge of Faith Community Church to see what we could do to help them. Ed Stone and John Wolf, from Buckhorn Baptist, worked putting up sheet rock in the Marble building. When the building is completed, a business that makes marbles will be moving in.

Bridge of Faith purchased a resort next to the church several years ago and are working to convert the buildings into projects that provide jobs and improve the future of the community. Christie Chastain, Bryan, Brayden, Bryce and Bristol, from FBC Richland, helped in the Thrift Store. Heather Gormley and Janet York, from Berean Baptist, also helped in the Thrift store. The adults assisted with the set up for the outdoor community movie screen while Bryan, Brayden and Bryce set up chairs and tables.

We had a great weekend working and visiting with the people of the Rockaway Beach community. Looking forward to our next trip to Rockaway Beach.

Missions Team, Janet York



#### PASTORS/WIVES

##### BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER 6

Danny Graves

Faith Pastor

OCTOBER 23

Margaret Dejardines

Center Point Pastor Wife

OCTOBER 31

Erin Morrow

Beulah Pastor Wife



#### ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER 6

Bill and Lillie Dudley

FBC St. Robert

## Monthly Happenings

### *Hymn Sings, Ongoing Events, and Revivals*

**Gasconade Baptist Church** - Third Saturday of the month at 6:30 pm.

**Mount Gibson Baptist Church**—April through September, second Saturday of the Month—Pot Luck Meal at 5:30 pm and Singing starts at 7 pm.

**Idumea Baptist Church**—Fourth Friday of the Month—Fellowship and snacks at 6 pm and singing at 7 pm.

**Bethlehem Baptist Church**—Fifth Saturday of the month – fellowship and snacks at 6 pm. Singing at 7 pm.

**FBC Church Crocker**— FBC Crocker invites all men to their monthly Men’s Breakfast the last Saturday of each month at 8 am.

**New Salem Baptist Church Youth**— Fourth Sunday of the month - movie night from 5:30 to 6:45 pm.

#### **Berean Baptist Church**

Monday nights, Women’s Bible study; Third Saturday, 8:30 am, Men’s breakfast and discussion on Table Talk; 4th Saturday, Ladies Coffee. Wednesdays - Fellowship dinner at 6 pm; Bible study at 7 pm, all ages. October 31, Fall Festival.

#### **Westside Baptist Church**

Mon, Oct 2—Prayer & Share, 6 pm, bring a dish to share (1st Mon each month)

Thursdays—Celebrate Recovery, 5:15 pm meal; 6 pm worship; 7 pm small group studies

Beth Sar Messiah service, 7 pm in Choir Room, every Friday

Men’s Ministry, 1st Saturday of each month, 8 am.

Judgement House “Payback”:  
 Wed, Oct. 25 6-8pm  
 Thurs, Oct. 26 6-8:30pm  
 Fri, Oct. 27 6-10pm  
 Sat, Oct. 28 4:30-8pm

Reservations beginning 10/2... call 573-855-9539

Tuesday, Oct. 31 - Fall Family Festival 5:30-8:30pm

#### **First Baptist Church, St. Robert**

REVIVAL: October 1-4 with Bud and Barbara Lee.

Contact Bill Dudley, for more information.

## OCTOBER

**OCTOBER 7– PBA Annual Meeting, Berean Baptist Church, 8:45 am**

**OCTOBER 9 – Columbus Day**

**OCTOBER 12 – Pastors’ Breakfast, Price Cutter, 8 am**

**OCTOBER 14 – Ham and Bean Dinner & Pie Auction, Camp Multi purpose building, 5 pm–8 pm**

**OCTOBER 23-25 – Annual meeting, Missouri Baptist Convention,**



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*Your input is appreciated and is requested by the middle of each month.*

### National Life Chain Sunday, October 1



## National Life Chain

Pray for an end to abortion

## The Tragedy of a Wasted Life

*Luke 12:15-21*

Death is inevitable, but at times it surprises us. Perhaps you know someone who died unexpectedly.

Today's parable is a warning about such situations. It tells of a man who acquired comfort and wealth but thought only of his time on earth. Death came without warning, and he could take nothing with him. God called him a fool for living focused on "self."

Though rich in the world's eyes, the man had no relationship with God and hadn't invested anything in Christ's kingdom. All the treasures he stored here were worthless once he died. What's worse, without Jesus, he would be separated from God forever. What a tragic waste of life.

As I think about this person's choices, two questions come to mind that are important for all of us to contemplate. First, if you were to die today, would you go to heaven? Salvation is a free gift for those who trust in Jesus as the acceptable sacrifice for our sin. He is the only way--no excuses or even sincere beliefs in other "ways" will work. And Jesus promises that when believers die, they immediately find themselves in His presence (2 Cor. 5:6).

Second, what is your life accomplishing? Are you driven by selfish purposes, storing security and wealth for yourself? Or is your motivation to further God's kingdom?

Like the man in this parable, we don't know when we will die. We do know, however, that death is inescapable. Though dying is an unpleasant topic, eternity is a long time and worthy of our attention. It's definitely a wise investment to make sure of your salvation and to invest in God's kingdom.



*For more biblical teaching and resources from Dr. Charles Stanley, please visit [www.intouch.org](http://www.intouch.org).  
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### **Volunteers are Welcomed**

Pulaski Baptist Association (PBA) can use your help a few hours each month. Social media is important tool. The PBA website and Facebook needs to be updated and kept current.

The newsletter requires input from each church so relevant information is shared with all. Volunteers can call churches to remind them and can also help with putting the newsletter together on Microsoft Publisher. Paper copies are delivered to each church by last Sunday of each month.

Contact PBA office, DOM, admin assistant, or newsletter editor if you can help.

**GENERAL FUND**

**BUILDING FUND**

**CAMP FUNDS**

# Destined To Be Holy

By [Oswald Chambers](#)

**...it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." —[1 Peter 1:16](#)**

We must continually remind ourselves of the purpose of life. We are not destined to happiness, nor to health, but to holiness.

Today we have far too many desires and interests, and our lives are being consumed and wasted by them. Many of them may be right, noble, and good, and may later be fulfilled, but in the meantime God must cause their importance to us to decrease. **The only thing that truly matters is whether a person will accept the God who will make him holy.** At all costs, a person must have the right relationship with God.

Do I believe I need to be holy? Do I believe that God can come into me and make me holy? If through your preaching you convince me that I am unholy, I then resent your preaching. The preaching of the gospel awakens an intense resentment because it is designed to reveal my unholiness, but it also awakens an intense yearning and desire within me.

**God has only one intended destiny for mankind— holiness.** His only goal is to produce saints. God is not some eternal blessing-machine for people to use, and He did not come to save us out of pity— He came to save us because He created us to be holy. Atonement through the Cross of Christ means that God can put me back into perfect oneness with Himself through the death of Jesus Christ, without a trace of anything coming between us any longer.

Never tolerate, because of sympathy for yourself or for others, any practice that is not in keeping with a holy God. **Holiness means absolute purity of your walk before God, the words coming from your mouth, and every thought in your mind— placing every detail of your life under the scrutiny of God Himself.**

**Holiness is not simply what God gives me, but what God has given me that is being exhibited in my life.**

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*Wisdom From Oswald Chambers*

Our danger is to water down God's word to suit ourselves. God never fits His word to suit me; He fits me to suit His word.