



Crossroads

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From the Desk of Your Missionary

Ever since the Garden of Eden, Satan has been attacking the family. He knows that the family is the basic component of everything that God has established. After all, Christ only established two things: Marriage (Gen 1:27-28) and his Church (Matt 16:18). If Satan can destroy the family, he can destroy Christ's church. In fact, if the family is ever destroyed, the entire civilization as God has made it will collapse.

Commitment is something that Satan has been attacking for centuries and commitment is sorely lacking today, even in many churches. Christian marriages today have almost reached the divorce rate for non-Christians. Why? I believe the answer is not in a Christian's lack of faith in Christ, but in a Christian's lack of commitment to Christ.

The fault, I am ashamed to admit, is with my generation. We were the generation of the Hippies, Flower Children, Free Love and If It Feels Good Do It. Many of our parents tried to teach us commitment, but we did not want to listen. As a result, many Christians today lack commitment to anything, even their church. It is becoming increasingly rarer to find individuals who read their Bible every day, have a daily prayer time, attend church every time the doors are opened, and are training up their children to do the same.

I was told of a family who paid lots of money for baseball gear for their son (uniforms, glove, etc.). He committed to play on the High School team that year. However, as soon as practice was underway, he found out that muscles hurt when they are being developed. So, he chose to quit the team. In allowing him to quit, his parents missed teaching a valuable lesson to the boy. They should have told him he had to fulfill his commitment that year to the team and if he didn't want to play the next year he could quit then.

What we are seeing today is our lack of commitment being emulated by not only our children, but now our grandchildren. Young people today are living together without marriage and having children, divorce is at an all-time high, and even some churches have quit having Sunday Evening and Wednesday Night services.

The answer to this dilemma is complicated, but starts with our recommitting ourselves to Christ. Only by recommitting ourselves to Christ, do I believe, our marriages, our families, our churches, our Bible study, our jobs, and our government will stop the downward spiral we are in today.

God bless you as you recommit yourself to Christ,

Brother Nick



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.

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

FBC 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 Wednesdays - Fellowship dinner at 6 pm; Bible study at 7 pm, all ages. Friday, April 20, 6 pm to midnight, Simulcast of Secret Church 18.

Westside Baptist Church — Thurs, 1st and 3rd, American Heritage Girls (AHG), K-12th) 6-7:45 pm
Sat, Men's Ministry, 1st Saturday of each month, 8 am, Room 112
Mon. - Prayer & Share, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall, bring a dish to share (1st Monday each month)
Thursdays—Celebrate Recovery, 5:15 pm meal; 6 pm large group & worship; 7 pm small group studies
Fridays —Beth Sar Messiah service, 7 pm in Choir Room

FBC Swedeborg — Spring Evangelistic Event with Pastor Sam Dyer of FBC Heavener, OK, April 28-29. Call 573-512-1695 for more information.

FBC Richland—Resurrection Sunday April 1: 8:15 early worship, 9:30 Sunday School, 10:45 late worship, no evening activities
Sunday April 15: Children led worship with SS at 9 am and worship at 10:15 am.

Friday & Saturday, April 27-28, 8 am—2 pm, Garage Sale (proceeds benefit the Belize Mission Team)

Cornerstone Baptist Church—April 29, 3 pm, deacon ordination service for Fred Luckritz and Matt Reagan.

Evangelism Conference — FBC Saint Robert, 7 and 9-10 April. Call PBA office or FBC St. Robert 573-336-4943 for more information.



APRIL CALENDAR

5-6—WMU Conference, Springfield, MO
7-10 –Evangelism Conference, First Baptist, St. Robert
12—Pastors Breakfast, Price Cutters, 8 am
28—Waynesville DeMolay Camp Out



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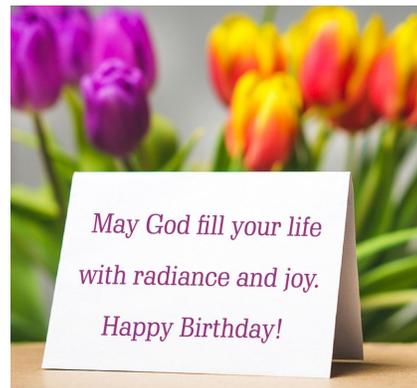
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PBA Evangelism Conference

The Pulaski Baptist Associational Evangelism Conference meets April 7-10 at First Baptist Church, Saint Robert.

A nursery is provided for children age three and under. Catered meals are provided without charge at noon and evenings on Monday and Tuesday, April 9 and 10.

Call PBA office or FBC St. Robert 573-336-4943 for more information.



PASTORS/WIVES BIRTHDAYS

April 7

Bill Dudley

Pastor, First Baptist St Robert

April 7

James Dejardins

Pastor, Center Point

April 7

Pam Catrow, DOM's spouse

April 26

Leo Gladden

Pastor, Hickory Hills



Check Your
Calendar

Secret Church 18

April 20, 2018

6 p.m. to midnight

Berean Baptist Church

(finger foods potluck beginning at 5:30 and available all evening)

Secret Church is an intense Bible Study led by David Platt via simulcast. There is no cost. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Topic: **Cults and Counterfeit Gospels**

The apostle Paul was astonished that some followers of Christ in his day were "turning to a different gospel," and he pleaded with them not to be deceived by those who wanted to "distort the gospel of Christ." These warnings given to the church in the first century are just as relevant today for the church in the twenty-first century.

For the good of our souls and for the sake of the church's mission, followers of Christ need to ask, "What false gospels are being taught today?" and "How can I recognize the true gospel among so many counterfeits?" Answering these questions will be the aim of Secret Church 18, "Cults and Counterfeit Gospels."

We will consider the claims of Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, and other groups that claim to teach the truth. We will also explore more subtle distortions of the gospel, including prosperity teaching that is rampant across the church. In the end, our goal is to walk away from this Secret Church not only enabled to discern false gospels, but also equipped to share the true gospel with people around us and with peoples around the world.

Books are provided free of charge.

Everyone is welcome!



PASTORS & WIVES ANNIVERSARIES

April 12

Francis & Barbara Stiles
Pastor & Wife Fairview

April 17

David & Toni Stevens
Pastor & Wife Cedar Bluff

April 20

Matt & Rhonda Mallonee
Pastor & Wife Idumea

April 28

Leo & Susie Gladden
Pastor & Wife Hickory Hills

Cornerstone Baptist Church: Spring Crusade

with Evangelist Dr. Eddie Bumpers

April 8-11, 2018. 11:00 am Sunday. 7 pm each night.

Meals each night for all ages:

Brisket Dinner-----6 pm Sunday

Spaghetti Dinner-----6 pm Monday

Taco Salad-----6 pm Tuesday

Hotdogs/Hamburgers----- 6 pm Wednesday

Meals are provided free of charge because of the generous giving of the CBC family. Monday & Tuesday meals will be catered by Market Basket. Please bring side items on Sunday & Wednesday evenings.

“Pack-a-Pew” ministry. Two major objectives:

1. To involve the entire church family in the ministry of the Revival Crusade. Be in prayer about who you want to invite to hear the gospel---friends, relatives, associates, neighbors, and co-workers.

2. To fill the church every service. “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.” **Romans 10:17**

Our Evangelist is Bro. Eddie Bumpers, Pastor of Crossway Baptist Church in Springfield, MO. He is a dynamic preacher and loves Jesus and the Body of Christ. Crossway is where Freeway Ministries was birthed under Bro. Eddie’s leadership and encouragement. He preached the closing sermon at the 2015 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting.

School is Out—Youth All Nighter Lock-In May 25 from 7pm to May 26 at 8am

Pulaski Baptist Camp Multipurpose Building

For finished 6th grade through 12th grade students

Cost is \$10 a person

Come out for food, games, hang time, swimming, live music, worship, fellowship, and fun.

Hope to see everyone there!!!

DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING

April 20-21, 2018

First Baptist Church

202 Walnut Street

West Plains, MO 65775

Meals Provided.

Optional lodging at church

Additional training information and online registration can be found by visiting mobaptist.org/dr-training, by emailing disasterrelief@mobaptist.org, or by calling 800-736-6227, extension 317.

Trainings offered at every event:

- Introduction to Disaster Relief
- Chaplaincy
(Previous call-out experience required)
- Chainsaw
- Incident Management Training (IMT)
(Previous call-out experience required)
- Mud-out
- Child Care
- Mass Care Feeding
- Communications
- Shower/Laundry
- Blue Hat
(Previous call-out experience required)
- Assessment
(Previous call-out experience required)