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April, 2015

- 3 Good Friday (Mission Center closed)
- 5 Easter Sunday
- 12 Cooperative Program Sunday
- 14 Associational VBS Clinic, FBC, Portageville from 6:00—8:30 p.m.
- 14 Pastor's prayer meeting, FBC Portageville at 10:00 a.m.
- 18 Associational WMU Meeting, Mission Center at 10:30 a.m.
- 19 Baptist Doctrine Study
- 20 & 21 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 25 State Children's Bible Drill, FBC, Poplar Bluff
- 26 Southern Baptist Seminaries Sunday

May, 2015

- 2 South Missouri Baptist Assembly Centennial Celebration, Van Buren
- 4 Evangelism Event, FBC, Hayti
- 10 Mother's Day
- 12 Pastor's Breakfast, Apple Barrel in Hayti at 8:00 a.m.
- 18 Bi-Annual Meeting, Pascola Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m.
- 18 -19 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 17-23 Associational Emphasis Week
- 25 Memorial Day, Mission Center closed
- 26 Executive Council Meeting, Mission Center at 7:00 p.m.

GENERAL FUND TREASURER'S REPORT

FEBRUARY, 2015

	Feb, 2015	2015 Total		February
Boekerton	\$232.56	\$232.56	DOM Salary	\$1,333.32
Braggadocio	\$147.60	\$270.45	DOM Mileage	\$722.78
Caruthersville, FBC	\$685.22	\$1,429.49	DOM Housing	\$562.50
Catron	\$0.00	\$0.00	DOM Medical Ins	\$2,317.55
Cottonwood	\$196.49	\$437.49	DOM Medical Reimb.	\$96.18
Glass Memorial	\$210.66	\$210.66	DOM Retirement	\$187.50
Hayti, FBC	\$834.88	\$2,309.27	Secretary Salary	\$443.28
Hayward	\$107.40	\$232.68	Custodian	\$117.70
Holland	\$654.00	\$1,157.00	Utilities	\$232.81
Holly Grove	\$637.84	\$1,394.00	Telephone	\$143.21
Kinfolks Ridge	\$146.83	\$146.83	Print Supplies	\$232.09
Lilbourn, FBC	\$621.60	\$2,881.80	Office Maintenance	\$153.88
Living Stone	\$322.00	\$649.00	Postage	\$226.96
Oak Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00	Vacation Bible School	\$64.00
Pascola	\$120.00	\$320.00	Youth	\$554.61
Portageville, FBC	\$0.00	\$1,442.44	Miscellaneous	\$71.77
Steele, FBC	\$620.15	\$1,242.96	MO Baptist Children's HM	\$105.81
Temple	\$0.00	\$0.00	SMBA General Fund	\$211.63
Tyler	\$0.00	\$0.00	SMBA Endowment Fund	\$105.81
Wardell	\$1,516.94	\$2,314.22		
	\$7,054.17	\$16,670.85		
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$1.00		
Now Interest	\$0.35	\$0.35		
Total Income	\$7,054.52	\$16,672.20	Total Expenses	\$7,883.39

MARCH 1, 2015 General Fund Balance \$6114.78

CHEESY HAM AND POTATO CASSEROLE

Ingredients

- 1 (32 ounce) package frozen hash brown potatoes
- 8 Ounces cooked, diced ham
- 2 (10.75 ounce) cans condensed cream of potato soup
- 1 (16 ounce) container sour cream
- 2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1 1/2 cups grated Parmesan cheese

Directions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C) Lightly grease a 9 X 13 inch baking dish

In a large bowl, mix hash browns, ham, cream of potato soup, sour cream, and Cheddar Cheese.

Spread evenly into prepared dish. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese

Bake 1 hour in the preheated oven or until bubbly and lightly brown

Serve immediately.



RESURRECTION ROLLS

Ingredients

- 1 can refrigerated crescent rolls
- 8 marshmallows
- 4 Tablespoons butter
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 3 Tablespoons sugar

Directions

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

Melt butter in a small, shallow dish.

In another shallow dish, stir together sugar and cinnamon.

Roll out crescents. Dip a marshmallow in the butter, then the cinnamon sugar mixture then place it in the center of the crescent. Fold up the top two corners then roll the crescent up to the skinny end. Seal up all the edges super tight, making sure there are no holes. Repeat with remaining crescents and marshmallows.

Place crescents on a rimmed baking sheet lined with parchment paper. If desired, mix together remaining butter and cinnamon sugar and brush it on the top of the crescents. Place in the oven and bake for 11-13 minutes or until crescents are light golden brown and puffy.

Allow to cool slightly before serving.

Just as the tomb of Jesus was empty, so will be the inside of the roll.

From Your Director of Missions

You and your church are part of a Team. This team is made up of the 20 churches in the Southeast Missouri Baptist Association. Some of the goals for this team have been agreed upon and are:

1. Making sure that every person in the Bootheel of Missouri has an opportunity to hear the gospel, understand it, and are given an opportunity to accept Jesus as their Savior and Lord.
2. Providing training for those who accept Jesus that will enable them to grow in their relationship with God.
3. Prepare our people with the knowledge of how to share the gospel with others and help them to see the possibilities in their everyday lives.

To achieve goals #1 and #3, the Associational Evangelism Committee has begun a series of Evangelism Events. These events are regional. We met at Hayward in March. All pastors were invited to attend and bring at least 1 layperson from their church. We met for a brief training session and then went into the community, representing the association, and presented the gospel to lost individuals that Hayward, Boekerton, and FBC, Portageville had identified. We gave each person a handout that provided the contact information and service times of the 4 churches in the area. Holland, Cottonwood, Hayward, FBC Portageville, and Boekerton participated in this first event. We are planning another event for the first part of May. Information will be mailed to each of our churches. The goal is all 20 churches coming together in a selected region to share the Gospel in support of one another.

To achieve goal #2 we will have 2 associational training events and one mission support meeting in April.

On the 14th we will be training Vacation Bible School Workers from our churches. This event is to encourage, train, and provide fellowship for those who will put their heart into reaching church and unchurched people in our communities.

On the 18th we will have an Associational WMU meeting.

On the 23rd we are working together with the Missouri Baptist Convention and Black River to provide training for your Sunday School Teachers. This event is to help the teachers understand their role and responsibility for teaching and developing those in their Sunday School class.

We just had our Associational Children's Bible Drill at Holly Grove. We had 1 child from our association that participated. She did excellent!!! Information is on the Church News page.

Together Everyone Accomplishes More

Help your church be a part of a winning team by praying for your sister churches and joining together with them for meetings and activities that strengthen the work of Christ in the Bootheel of Missouri

APRIL MISSION REPORT

There are many aspects of Easter for which a Christian should be thankful. One fact is that our Savior lived, died and rose again so that we could be offered salvation. I am so thankful that Jesus died for me! I am also thankful that the veil of the temple was torn. Because of this, I can go to my GOD in prayer. Our Lord intercedes for us every time we go to God in prayer. We don't have to make a sacrifice, we don't have to go to someone else and tell them our prayer so that they can bring it before our God. We just pray to our God in Jesus' name and our prayer is there in the heart and mind of God. What wonderful gifts we were given because our Lord sacrificed himself on Calvary. Praise The LORD!!!



Reminder: Missions Celebration is scheduled for April 10th & 11th in St. Charles, MO. Early bird registration is before March 25th and is \$30.00. I encourage our WMU Leaders and Ladies to attend. It's a wonderful time to learn about what is going on in our National WMU and to learn more about missions.

Our next Associational WMU meeting will be April 18th at 10:30 a.m. Please mark your calendar and come support your Associational WMU. Thank you so much for this opportunity to serve you.

Hope you have a Blessed day,

Kim McCarty

Associational WMU Director



And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split. Matthew 27:50-51

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IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

FIFTH - EASTER

FOURTEENTH - ASSOCIATIONAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
CLINIC

EIGHTEENTH - ASSOC. WMU MEETING

TWENTIETH AND TWENTY FIRST - CARUTHERSVILLE FOOD
PANTRY

TWENTYTHIRD - SEMO / BLACK RIVER REGIONAL
SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING

TWENTYFIFTH - STATE CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL

WOW!!! Just think one more month till our

"Centennial Celebration"

at our camp

South Missouri Baptist Assembly

in
Van Buren

May 2, 2015

10 a.m. till 4 p.m.

Bluegrass music with the Harper Family
will kick off the celebration

Bounce house, cotton candy, popcorn, door prizes, tour of the
camp, free McDonald tickets, and lunch

(Dr. Boyd will be helping with the cooking)

Speaker

Dr. John Yeats

Executive Director of Missouri Baptist Convention

Along with

The Jim Clark Praise & Worship Team

*Come and have a great day, see why our kids love it up there.
You can even plan a family reunion, retreat, swimming party, or
other activities, the possibilities are endless.*

**2015
VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL
CLINIC**

April 14th

6:00 p.m. || 8:30 p.m.

FBC, Portageville

We will have conferences for workers in:

Younger Children (grades 1 & 2) - Mrs. Allison Higgs

Middle Children (grades 3 & 4) - Mrs. Linda Kellems

Preteen - Mrs. Shea Watkins

Youth - Rev. Todd Higgs

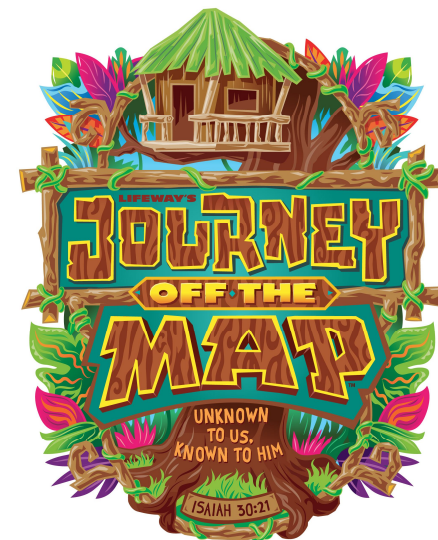
Adults - Rev. John Compere

Crafts - Mrs. Alice Swilley

Missions - Rev. Griff Walker

Pastors and Directors - Mrs. Vonnie Snelling

***We will have a light meal at 6:00
and the training will begin at 6:30.***



2015 YOUTH Valentine Fellowship

On February 11, 2015, the Hayti First Baptist Church hosted the Youth Valentine Fellowship dinner and worship. The event was attended by Boekerton, Steele First Baptist, Caruthersville First Baptist, Holland, Temple, Living Stone, Portageville First Baptist, Wardell, and Hayti First Baptist for a total of 101 youth. The dinner for the evening was spaghetti and garlic bread and was provided by the Hayti First Baptist Social Committee led by Mrs. Sue Reynolds and a host of 26 other helpers. The youth were greeted at the door and to avoid any confusion, they were allowed to find a seat and enjoy each other's company. Meanwhile the social committee waited on each table, not only serving the main course and drinks but also various desserts such as Valentine cookies and cupcakes. The social committee provided outstanding service with this huge task.

Brother Tim Abanathy began the service by welcoming everyone who came out. He then turned the service over to Brother Phil Hall, Interim Pastor at Hayti who also welcomed everyone and blessed the meal. During the meal, Brother Todd Higgs was introduced and he had the youth to play "human bingo".

Once the dinner period wrapped up, Jeff Loftin, Youth and Recreation Pastor at First Baptist Sikeston, stepped up to the microphone and began his sermon, "What is Love?" All of the youth were well behaved and seemed intent on listening to the sermon.

On a night that was spent honoring and glorifying our Lord, we were met with tragic news of the Kinfolk's Ridge Youth van being involved in a serious accident. We would later find out that Mr. Bobby Coleman would lose his life in the role of servant by bussing the youth and children of the Kinfolk's Ridge area. Bobby was a familiar face to many of the youth through local functions as well as Youth Church Camp.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. **Psalm 116:15**

In Christ,
Shannon Chidester

Associational
WMU Meeting

April 18

10:30 a.m.

Associational Mission Center

In Hayti

All women, whether you are a member of WMU or not,
and Pastors are invited to attend this event.

Remember



Braggadocio Baptist Church
First Baptist Church, Hayti
First Baptist Church, Lilbourn

As they search for God's man
to serve as their pastor.

FBC, PORTAGEVILLE: Spring is upon us and it has been great to enjoy some warmer weather and beautiful sunshine. We are excited about our upcoming Easter Services at FBC Portageville. The day will begin with a Community Sunrise Service at the First Church of God Prayer Garden at 7:00 a.m. Our services at FBC start at 9:00 a.m. with our Holy Grounds & Rounds Fellowship. Then 9:30 a.m. we have Sunday School followed with Morning Worship service at 10:30 a.m. There is special music prepared from our Worship Team and Bro. John will be bringing the morning message from God's Word. We are looking forward to a great day in the Lord.

On Friday night, April 3rd we will be participating in the Community Good Friday Service at the First Church of God at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

On April 14th, we will be hosting the Vacation Bible School Clinic here in our Family Life Center. A meal will be served at 6:00 p.m./ with training following from 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. All teachers and workers in VBS are invited to attend.

Our Sunday morning Holy Grounds & Rounds Fellowship is still going strong. From 9:00 a.m. - 9:25 a.m. we are serving donuts, coffee, juice and milk in the Family Life Center. We will continue our emphasis to promote Sunday School as we invite those who have not attended in a while. We are looking forward to what God is going to do through the Sunday School Ministry.

The Nursery remodeling is completed and it looks beautiful. We are praying that God will send us many little ones that will put this new area to good use. The remodel of our Children's Church area has begun and we are excited about this new and improved area for our children and our children's church workers.

Continue to pray for First Baptist Portageville as we pray for you.




CHURCH NEWS NEEDS TO BE INTO THE ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION CENTER BY THE 15TH OF THE MONTH PRECEEDING PUBLICATION

You can mail your news to : Southeast Missouri Baptist Association
P. O. Box 551

Hayti, Missouri 63851

Or email it to: semoba@sbcglobal.net



TEACHING FOR LIFE (CHANGE)

**SEMO/BLACK RIVER
Baptist Associations**

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TRAINING


**Preschool through Adult
Age Graded Break-Out
Conferences**

**Pastors & General Officers
Break-Out Conference**

**APRIL 23, 2015
ELY BAPTIST CHURCH
KENNETT, MO
6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.**

Conferences will focus on
the new Sunday School
Resource "3 Roles for
Guiding Groups" from
Lifeway.

Each
participant
will receive
a copy of
the book.



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FBC CARUTHERSVILLE: A new ministry at FBC: We have olive wood crosses from the Holy Land. This has been huge success with 350 mini crosses and 200 large crosses given out. More crosses have been ordered. There have been many great stories about how people are touched by this gift given to them. The youth prepared a luncheon after morning worship on March 15th raising \$500 for the Annie Armstrong Easter offering. Our Annie Armstrong Easter offering goal is \$3,150.00. The youth placed wooden crosses on lawns on March 14th, picked them up on March 28th, and placed them on the grounds of the church. What an impressive sight each year. The youth went to Winter Jam in Memphis and had a wonderful time. Our Dial-A-Devotion ministry has proven to be successful. You can call 1-800-229-6144 extension #3. We have established an emergency announcement extension using the 800 number. It is be extension #4. This number is for any closings or updated church announcements. The FBC Sanctuary Choir will present a mini-cantata "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power" during the Easter Sunday worship service. The Extreme Arts youth choir will present a musical called, "Live It To The Max" on April 26th at 6:00 p.m. WOM will be finalizing the Easter baskets for area foster children on March 29th. They will meet April 13 in the church dining room to discuss future ministries and fund raising projects. An organizational meeting for Vacation Bible School will be April 12th at noon. Our Spring Revival is set for April 19th - 22nd with Bro. Joe Wright, Director of Missions for the Dyer County Baptist Association in Dyersburg TN. Our Senior Adult S.O.U.P. group had a wonderful Spring Banquet hosted by our youth group and everyone had a great time. The S.O.U.P group will be going to the Discovery Park in Union City, TN on April 18th.

COTTONWOOD: We are still continuing with our "Way of the Master" study. Bro. Mickey, Greg Peters and Debbie Moody attended the evangelism emphasis at Hayward on March 16th. Bro Mickey and Debbie sure enjoyed getting to visit with some of the Hayward members. We are moving along with the new building after having to wait on the weather to cooperate with us. Continue to pray for us as we continue to work on completing the new building and work toward building the church that will worship in the new building. We so appreciate the mixer board and speakers that FBC Portageville gave us to use in the new facility.

FBC, HAYTI: First Baptist Church Hayti is under construction! We are replacing all the old lights in the sanctuary with new LED ones. We are collecting for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Even our GA's are involved. They bussed tables and collected tips at our Annie Armstrong Easter Potluck meal. The choir continues to practice for our Easter Cantata which will be April 12th at 7:00 pm. Randy Turnage always does a wonderful job. We look forward to another awesome performance. WMU is

C H U R C H N E W S

sponsoring our 2nd Annual Ladies Day Out Luncheon April 18th, at 11:00 a.m. It will be catered by The Traveling Whisk. Our guest speaker is Elicia Dowdy Walker with entertainment by Tracie Miller. If you need a ticket call the Hayti, FBC at 573-359-0154. Our deadline is April for registering is April 8th. The cost is \$10.00. Our pastor search committee is actively seeking for a new pastor. They are seeking Gods wisdom every step of the way. As we continue in this process, we ask you would keep us in your prayers. We are looking forward to spring and new beginnings. As we lift up the Lord in our church and the community.

HOLLAND: Finally the weather has subsided to allow us to come back to church to fellowship and worship God together. We had a young man Nicholas Lanier give himself to God. He was baptized March 1st. We look forward to seeing the young man he will grow to become. The reconstruction to the front of the church has been completed. Thank you to all the people that came out and helped with the work. Spring is right around the corner and with that comes a lot of new and exciting things. Planning has started for Vacation Bible School. Easter will be here within a month. The WMU Mission's Celebration/Annual Meeting will be in St. Charles, MO on April 10th and 11th. If any of you want to attend I would love to go with you.

HOLLY GROVE:

We had one child participate in the Associational Children's Bible Drill. She was the only participant from all 20 of our churches. She only made 1 mistake out of 24 calls in the drill. Please consider working with the children in grades 4 through 6 to help them become familiar with the Bible and memorize scripture.

We had one child participate in the Associational



Joanna Odom with Bro. Dave Lewelling on the left and Bro. Tim on the right.