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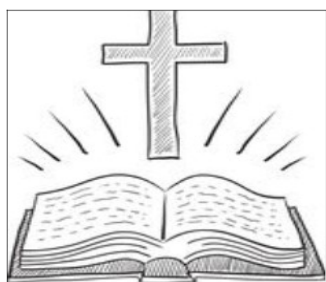
Associational Pastors & Family Birthday and Anniversaries



Emily Womble	8/4
Barbara Dunavant	8/7
Hattie Higgs	8/14
Rachel Compere	8/29



Allen & Teresa Nichols	8/12
Jeff & Cindy Womble	8/13



**John Earl Dunavant
 Holland Baptist Church — 1988**

**Dave Lewelling
 Holly Grove Baptist Church — 1999**

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- 4 Social Issues Sunday
- 6 Pastor's Fellowship 8:00 a.m. at McDonald's in Portageville
- 8 Budget Committee Meeting, Mission Center, 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Student Evangelism Day
- 13 Pastor's Fellowship 8:00 a.m. at McDonald's in Portageville
- 19-20 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 18-24 Worship Music Week



**Remember
To Pray
For our
Teachers,
Students
And
All School
Personnel**

SEPTEMBER, 2019

Rheubin L. South Missouri Missions Offering Month

- 1 Senior Adult Sunday
- 2 Labor Day, Mission Center Closed
- 3 Executive Board Fish Fry/Meeting, Mission Center, 6:00 / 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Annual Meeting, FBC, Caruthersville, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Annual Meeting, Holly Grove Potluck Meal at 6:00, Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Anti-Gambling Sunday
- 16-17 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 19 Senior Adult Fellowship, FBC, Portageville, 11:00 a.m.
- 24 Pastor's Fellowship, McDonald's in Portageville, 8:00 a.m.

GENERAL FUND TREASURER'S REPORT

JUNE, 2019

	JUNE	2019 TOTAL		JUNE
Boekerton	\$0.00	\$1,221.99	DOM Salary	\$1,291.71
Braggadocio	\$134.20	\$1,178.30	DOM Taxes	\$2,546.25
Caruthersville, FBC	\$446.31	\$3,293.73	DOM Mileage	\$435.00
Catron	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	DOM Housing Allow.	\$562.50
Cottonwood	\$247.06	\$1,702.64	DOM Health Insurance	\$1,263.02
Hayti, FBC	\$222.50	\$1,676.40	DOM Health Reinburse.	\$338.49
Hayward	\$349.72	\$1,933.29	DOM Retirement	\$229.16
Holland	\$812.00	\$4,838.00	Secretary Salary	\$497.28
Holly Grove	\$593.81	\$3,832.57	Custodian Salary	\$126.94
Kinfolks Ridge	\$0.00	\$450.18	Utilities	\$91.69
Lilbourn, FBC	\$0.00	\$5,641.64	Telephone	\$154.90
Living Stone	\$282.00	\$2,286.00	Print Supplies	\$68.70
Oak Grove	\$120.00	\$715.00	Office Maintainance	\$280.00
Pascola	\$207.50	\$1,310.00	Postage	\$187.20
Portageville, FBC	\$1,247.61	\$9,012.48	Brotherhood	\$320.84
Steele, FBC	\$418.99	\$2,826.47	Evangelism	\$195.00
Temple	\$0.00	\$2,648.48	Camp Program	\$29.99
Wardell	\$738.48	\$5,037.66	Volunteer Meals	\$38.82
			MO Baptist Children Home	\$94.80
			SMBA General Fund	\$189.60
	\$6,320.18	\$50,604.83	SMBA Endowment Fund	\$94.80
Miscellaneous		\$0.00		
Now Interest	\$0.68	\$3.71		
Total Income	\$6,320.86	\$50,608.54	Total Expenses	\$9,036.69

JULY 1, 2019 General Fund Balance \$12,946.77

10 LAYER SALAD

1	Head lettuce chopped	2 to 4	Tomatoes, diced
1	(12 to 16 oz.) pkg frozen Green peas, half thawed	1lb	Cooked bacon crumbled
1	Small pkg. radishes sliced	2 to 3 cups	Grated Cheddar cheese
1	Bunch green onions chopped	1 1/2 cup	Miracle Whip or ranch dressing mixed with a little lemon juice and sugar
1 to 2	Cucumbers sliced		
2	Green bell peppers, chopped		

In a large rectangle container

layer all ingredients in this order:

Lettuce — Peas — Radishes — Cucumbers — Green Onions

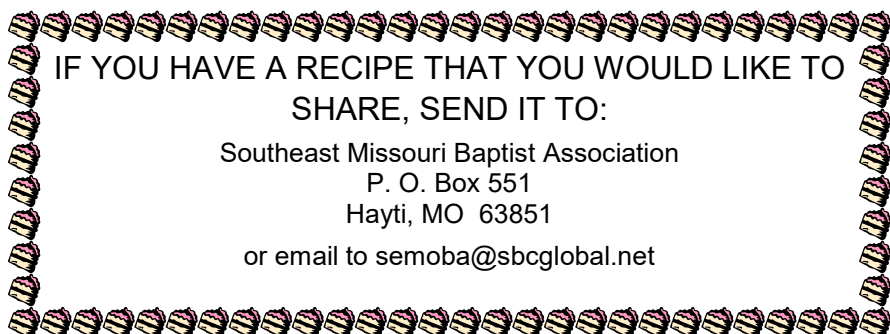
Bell Peppers — Tomatoes — Dressing Mixture

Crumbled Bacon — Grated Cheese

Refrigerate 1 to 2 hours before serving.

You can toss before serving or serve it as is.

From the Oak Grove Baptist Church



From Your Director of Missions

Your church will receive an envelope in the mail during the first part of August. This envelope contains the Annual Church Profile. We are asking each church to fill out the information before the 15th of August. You can mail the paper copy back to the Mission Center in Hayti or you can enter your information online using the username and password that is on the first page of the ACP.

Why should you do this? Our information is personal and is not anybody else's business. That may be true, but your association, the Missouri Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention like to know how our churches are doing. If you do not fill out the ACP, your church's information will not count toward the ministries of Baptists around the world. Everything that is published will not contain accurate information.

We have chosen to work together to spread the gospel around the world beginning at your local church. What better way to celebrate these efforts than to let others know about our membership, attendance, baptisms and other information that we can share with one another.

There is great concern about the health of churches around the world. We do not want to follow the path of churches in Europe that still have beautiful facilities but no one in meeting in them to worship God and carry out the Great Commission and Great Commandment of Jesus.

Are we attractive in the eyes of our community? Do they look at us and say, "I would like to be a part of a group like that"? Or do they say, "I don't see any difference in the church and any other social organization in our area"?

We are called to be the salt and light to our world. The love that God expressed through His Son Jesus and His death on the cross should be evidenced in our speech and actions. A love that touches the hearts of sinners and hurting people in our communities. It is only this love that makes us different.

A healthy church is one that is reaching people in the community where God has placed them. A healthy church is ministering to everyone without respect of persons. A healthy church welcomes people to be a part of their fellowship and ministry. A healthy church is looking for what we can do for others and not what we can do for ourselves.

An unhealthy church is concerned with what makes the people that are currently attending happy. An unhealthy church is not concerned when people stop attending. An unhealthy church has lost the love for sharing the gospel with a lost and dying world. An unhealthy church is celebrating that we are all going to heaven and has forgotten the reality of Hell.

Is your church healthy or unhealthy? Do you want to change or are you contented and comfortable? Are we the church that is neither hot nor cold and therefore good for nothing? Are we a church that Jesus would say, "I'm glad that I died for them"?

Your Church Health/Evangelism Committee would like to hear from you. If you have thoughts or questions call them into or mail them to the Southeast Missouri Baptist Associational Mission Center.

AUGUST MISSION REPORT



School will be starting back for most of our children this month. Please be in prayer for our schools, our children, and our teachers. Prayer is one of the most important tools that we can use to help our children and schools. It's a very scary world out there these days and it's so important that we teach our children how to rely on God to handle the problems they will be facing. Our children need to learn how to put on the "whole armor of God" every day. This will not only protect and arm them but also help them project their faith to an unbelieving world.

September is typically the month to collect for Rheubin L. South Missouri Missions Offering. Resources are available through mobaptist.org/mmo or you can call 800-736-6227 ext. 303. The Missouri Missions Offering (MMO) is our state's annual missions offering, named after Rheubin L. South, the late executive director, who pioneered the annual giving emphasis that today supports projects in three areas of ministry:

Making disciples – collegiate summer missions; sports evangelism; youth evangelism and missions; Vacation Bible School training and resource development; international student ministry missions conference and new work resources; and the Missouri State Fair ministry

Multiplying churches – next-step requests for church multipliers; partnership missions in Mexico, Italy, and Minnesota/Wisconsin; strategic missionary development; and ethnic church multiplier development

Developing leaders – disaster relief; volunteer mobilization; Missouri WMU; developing leaders strategic initiatives; church revitalization projects; and hunger relief

In addition, 17 percent of MMO receipts go to the Missouri Baptist Children's Home, which provides spiritual guidance, counseling, and a safe haven from abuse and neglect at five state campuses. And 10 percent of MMO gifts go back to the associations of the giving churches, where the funds support regional mission projects. The theme of this year's offering is drawn from 2 Corinthians 9:7 – ***"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*** From the ministries of church multipliers to the work of the Missouri Baptist Children's Home to the labors of nearly 100 collegiate summer missionaries, your gifts to MMO support missions projects that reach hundreds of communities across our state.



THIS IS A CHANGE OF PLACE: Our next Associational WMU meeting will be September 14th at 10:30 a.m. at the Mission Center in Hayti. Please mark your calendar and come support your Associational WMU. If a Church would like to volunteer to host a future WMU meeting, please let me know. Thank you so much for this opportunity to serve you.

Hope you have a Blessed day,

Kim Ferguson

Associational WMU Director



Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Ephesians 6:13

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THE PRAYERS OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCHES

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PEMISCOT COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT,

HAYTI, CARUTHERSVILLE, PORTAGEVILLE,

NEW MADRID, HEAD START



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ANNUAL MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 9 AT 7:00

FBC, CARUTHERSVILLE

SEPTEMBER 10

Potluck Meal at 6:00 Meeting at 7:00

HOLLY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Associational WMU Meeting

September 14th

10:30 a.m.

Associational Mission Center

Senior Adult Fellowship

September 19th

11:00 a.m.

FBC, Portageville

REVIVALS, HOMECOMINGS, and other
special events can be posted in the
VOICE



Hey! Did you attend the Church Health Conference at Hayti or the Bi-Annual Meeting at Boekerton?

Have you put into practice anything that you learned?

Has anyone in your church talked about the book “Scrappy Church”?

Is your church in better shape today than it was on January 1st of this year?

Our Church Health/Evangelism Committee, along with Bro. Tim, would like to share with you ideas that could change the future of your church. Call the Mission Center if you would be interested in doing a study on the “Scrappy Church”.

Celebrate Recovery

We have two churches in our association that are offering the Celebrate Recovery program

First Baptist Church, Steele

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church, Portageville

Monday nights beginning with meal at 5:30



CHURCH NEWS

FBC, CARUTHERSVILLE: Our youth report having an amazing time at camp this year. Sadly, we said our goodbyes to our Youth Leader, Kristy Riggs and family. Our prayers go with them as they begin their new adventure in Blytheville. God answered prayers when Joel Williams and Elizabeth Hardesty volunteered to lead the Youth.

Presently, our pastor is leading the song services while we are searching for a Music Minister. The Music Team has begun meeting and will determine what we are looking for in a leader. Prayers are needed as we try to fill this very important position on our church staff.

Children's Camp begins July 22 - 26th. We pray that we may send several kids to camp this year.

Brotherhood Breakfast was held July 28th at 7:30 a.m.

Women On Mission held their meeting on July 8, at 6 p.m. with 16 members attending. The theme was, "Fan the Flame of God's Gift, Jesus". The ladies were presented with tea lights and fans upon entering the room, and the Missionary Spotlight was shone on missionaries in East Asia as a part of the meeting. Bookmarks with scripture to guide in "Praying For The Saints" were also given to each lady. This was followed by a short devotional on that subject.

Christy Mercer has agreed to chair an Ice Cream Social on August 25th with proceeds from that event going toward the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

God bless our sister churches!

HOLLAND: Greetings from Holland Baptist. We hope you all are staying cool this summer. Our annual 4th of July Ministerial Alliance Service was held on June 30th at the Cooter Methodist Church. Several area pastors spoke and Bro. John Dunavant preached the service. We held our VBS the week of 16th-20th. Several children professed their faith that week. The director was Heather Ireland. She expresses her thanks to her church family for their hard work, dedication and prayers during VBS. Without the help and support of the church it couldn't be possible for us to conduct VBS every year. We held a baptism Sunday June 23rd. Aaron Thompson and Jaxson Luna were the 2 Bro John had the privilege of baptizing. Aaron is the grandson of Kim McCarty Ferguson and Jaxson is the great-grandson of Bro. John and Mrs. Barbara Dunavant. God is Good All of the Time. God Bless!

HOLLY GROVE: Hello everyone! We hope that you and your family are well and enjoying this hot summer.

We began our month on a sad note. Our brother in Christ, Mr. Chester Rayburn passed away on June 29th. We held his homegoing at our church on July 1st. We also fed his family and friends that afternoon.

On June 30th, we honored "Independence Day" in our morning service.

On Sunday, July 7th, we had our monthly deacons' meeting followed on

Wednesday by business meeting and our WMU meeting with Mrs. Mary Lewelling.

We went to the River Oaks Care Center on July 14th.

On July 18th and 20th, we helped with the C.D.H.S. Food Pantry.

We set our Vacation Bible School and "Back to School Splash" for August 3rd. We will give out free school supplies to all of the children. These supplies were donated by our church family.

We honored our pastor and wife, the Lewellings, on their anniversary and then Mrs. Mary's birthday later in the month.

We are having several make decisions in our services and have had several visitors. We are praying that each of them will follow God's plan for their lives. One family has moved their letter to Holly Grove.

So much is going on in our world. We are in prayer daily for all of these situations. Special needs this month were all of the rain, storms, and flooding.

We pray that you have a blessed August

KINFOLKS RIDGE: I want to say hello to all of our churches. I enjoy reading the Southeast Missouri VOICE. I love reading about the churches. We may be little in size but we have hope. We have 3 young couples that are doing well. We hope to have several children and youth riding our van in the near future.

Mrs. JoAnn volunteered to help in VBS at Braggadocio on July 14th.

We hope to continue having our fellowship meetings of just eating, sharing, and praying for our members that are not attending.

Pray for our pastor that he will feel better and for Mrs. Cindy as she leads our singing.

Our Sunday School Director, Mr. J. D. Hudgens is doing a good job. We are thankful for him. Our nursery workers are super great.

Pray for Buck, he is still sick, and Mrs. Dorothy Lackey, she is under the weather and can't seem to get better.

Pray for the many that have put their Christian life on the back burner and for our church.

**CHURCH NEWS MUST BE SENT INTO THE
MISSION CENTER BY THE 15th OF THE MONTH
BEFORE PUBLICATION.**

(August 15th for September newsletter)

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