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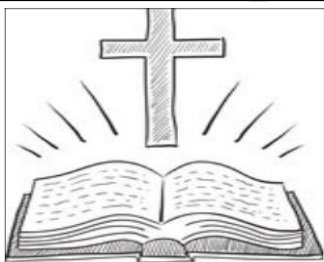
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Emily Womble	8/4
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Allen & Teresa Nichols	8/12
Jeff & Cindy Womble	8/13



John Earl Dunavant
 Holland Baptist Church — 1988

Dave Lewelling
 Holly Grove Baptist Church — 1999

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AUGUST, 2021

1 - 4 Associational Children's Camp, Van Buren

- 1 Social Issues Sunday
- 8 Student Evangelism Day
- 16-17 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 15-21 Worship Music Week
- 21 Senior Citizens' Day

**Back
to
School**



SEPTEMBER, 2021

RHEUBIN L. SOUTH MISSOURI MISSIONS OFFERING MONTH

- 5 Single Adult Sunday
- 6 Labor Day
- 7 Executive Board Meeting 7:00 p.m., Mission Center in Hayti
- 12 National Grandparents Day
- 13 Annual Meeting 7:00 p.m. Living Stone Baptist Church
- 14 Annual Meeting 7:00 p.m. Temple Baptist Church
- 19 Anti Gambling Sunday
- 20-21 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 22 See You at the Pole
- 26 Baptism Sunday

GENERAL FUND TREASURER'S REPORT

June, 2021

	June	2021 TOTAL		June
Boekerton	\$0.00	\$1,003.33	DOM Salary	\$1,291.66
Braggadocio	\$173.56	\$944.53	DOM Taxes	\$2,546.25
Caruthersville, FBC	\$0.00	\$827.91	DOM Mileage Reimb.	\$462.00
Catron	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	DOM Housing Allow.	\$562.50
Cottonwood	\$248.49	\$1,617.73	DOM Health Insurance	\$1,547.99
Hayti, FBC	\$142.00	\$1,039.00	DOM Medical Reimb.	\$978.30
Hayward	\$515.51	\$2,136.77	DOM Retirement	\$270.83
Holland	\$690.00	\$3,214.00	Secretary Salary	\$0.00
Holly Grove	\$918.00	\$4,919.04	Custodian Salary	\$139.02
Kinfolks Ridge	\$0.00	\$0.00	Utilities	\$522.42
Lilbourn, FBC	\$1,181.63	\$7,620.09	Telephone	\$300.36
Living Stone	\$611.00	\$3,335.00	Office Maintenance	\$584.52
Oak Grove	\$100.00	\$620.00	Postage	\$134.32
Pascola	\$199.62	\$949.12	Insurance	\$1,061.50
Portageville, FBC	\$1,573.33	\$10,736.46	DOM Convention Exp	\$473.42
Steele, FBC	\$0.00	\$2,323.81	Miscellaneous	\$1,241.00
Temple	\$0.00	\$4,560.82	Volunteer Meals	\$176.68
Wardell	\$0.00	\$4,294.04	Missions Development	\$66.75
			MO Baptist Children's Hm	\$102.80
			SMBA General Fund	\$106.79
Total	\$6,853.14	\$51,141.65	SMBA Endowment Fund	\$102.80
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$1,400.00		
Now Interest	\$0.79	\$5.13		
SMBA Camp	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Total Income	\$6,853.93	\$52,546.78	Total Expenses	\$12,671.91

July 1, 2021 General Fund Balance \$ 16,526.76

Pinto Bean Pie

Ingredients:

- ¾ cup Bush's® Pinto Beans (heated and lightly mashed)
- 1½ cups sugar
- 1 cup margarine, melted
- 1 tsp vanilla
- ½ cup pecans, finely chopped
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 1 unbaked 9" pie crust

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. Drain the pinto beans and save 1/4 to mix with the other ingredients.
3. Combine the beans, sugar, margarine, vanilla, pecans, eggs, and the 1/4 liquid that was drained from the beans
4. Pour into the pie shell
5. Bake for 45 minute to 1 hour (center of pie will be slightly unset)



If you have a recipe that you would like to share, sent it to:

SEMO Baptist Association

P. O. Box 551

Hayti, MO 63851

Or email to semoba@sbcglobal.net

I read a youth devotion a few years ago about a young man who was on a basketball team. The team was in a very close game and one of the main players fouled out. This young man was the only player left on the bench. The coach looked at him and told him to go in the game. The young man refused to do as he was told.

Instead he explained to the coach that he did not join the team to play but for the comradery. I just wanted to be a part of the group, not actually have to participate in a game. I get to be known as part of the team and wear the uniform. I don't want to do any more than that.

In spite of the team needing him and the coach asking him to help, he said that he didn't sign up for that.

How many of us have been guilty of just wanting to be identified with the team but only sit on the sideline while others are participating in the game.

This is going on in most of the churches in the world. We have become hearers of the word but not doers. James warned us about that in his letter to the church.

Many people in the Bible were surprised when God approached them and asked them to participate in His work. Moses said I can't. Gideon said that I am not prominent enough, I am the least of my father's house. Isaiah fell on his face and said, I am unclean and dwell among unclean people. Paul said that he was among the worst of the worst.

Yet, God called each of them into service for Him.

What excuse are you giving God? I don't have the skills to do that. I don't have time to do that. There are others that would be better for that than me.

At our Children's Home Board meeting it was shared that the Children's Home had placed an ad in the paper regarding working at one of our homes with children. A pastor's wife brought it to the attention of her husband. His response was, "We will just ask if anyone in our church is interested in doing that". Her response to him was, "I believe that God is calling us for that". They served many years ministering to children.

God finds His help in many strange places. A man in the desert. A young man taking care of sheep. A young woman engaged to be married. Fishermen, tax collectors, and a man that was cleansed of demons.

So, after all He has done for you, are you participating in His work or sitting on the bench. A song of my youth said, "What have I ever done to deserve even one of the pleasures I've known." And then, "Try me Lord if you think there's a way, I can try to repay all I've taken from you."

If everyone that God calls into action begins to participate in His ministry, our churches will again be what He has called us to be.

AUGUST MISSION REPORT

I hope everyone is having a pleasant summer. It is almost time for our children to start back to school. Please be in prayer for our safety in schools, teachers, children, and parents. Thank you.

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; Multiplying churches; and Developing leaders.** 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. Ten percent of MMO gifts are sent back to the associations of the giving churches, where the funds support regional mission projects.



SEMO Children's Camp will be August 1st – 4th. The theme is: Running With Jesus. The scripture: Hebrews 12:1-2 Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus...". Please be in prayer for those attending camp.

As you know, I have announced my intentions to resign my position as the Associational WMU Director. We are actively looking for someone to take over this position. At that time, we will schedule a WMU Meeting to vote this person into office. Please pray that God will send us the right person for this position. Thank you for this opportunity to serve you.

Hope you have a Blessed day,

Kim Ferguson

Associational WMU Director



*Don't you realize that in a **race** everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! 1 Corinthians 9:24*

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THIS MONTH'S PRAYER NEEDS
SCHOOLS IN NEW MADRID & PEMISCOT COUNTIES
TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, AIDES, CUSTODIANS,
CAFETERIA, WORKERS, BUS DRIVERS, AND
OTHER PERSONNEL.
REMEMBER YOUR SISTER CHURCHES, THEIR PASTORS
AND THEIR FAMILIES.
& OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

**GOOD TIME
BLUEGRASS**

featuring
**Paul Adams
on the banjo**



SATURDAY, 7 AUG 2021
6PM
First Baptist Church
Caruthersville, MO

COMMUNITY EVENT

*Your church's free ministry events
can be promoted in the VOICE.
Information needs to be received by the
15th of the month preceding the event.*

Rev. Joe Smith Pavilion Dedication

The family and friends of Bro. Joe Smith plan to have a dedication service on Saturday, September 11, 2021 for the pavilion that has been erected in memory of Bro. Joe.

The work has recently been completed and no money is owed on the project.

A group of family and friends are planning camp work days on September 10th and 11th to repair and clean some of the cabins at camp.

We would be happy to have help from anyone that can join us. Some of you may not be able to work but can donate money to be use on supplies for the workers. If you can donate money, please designate it to be used on the weekend repairs of September 11th.

Send to : South Missouri Baptist Assembly
P. O. Box 513
Van Buren, MO 63965

Many friends of our family have made plans to attend or donate money toward these projects. All money that is donated will go toward building repairs at our South Missouri Baptist Assembly camp.

If you have questions about this event you can contact, Mrs. Rose Smith at



Church News

HOLLY GROVE: Hello everyone. We hope that you and the ones you love are enjoying the summer and all its changes. We pray that all of you are well and safe.

We had a great service for our "independence Day" celebration. Our deacons' meeting was later that day. We dismissed the evening service to allow our members to have some family time.

Our business meeting was on Wednesday night the 7th. After the meeting we had our WMU meeting with Mrs. Mary Lewelling.

We hosted the Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, July 8th. We are very thankful for everyone that came and especially those who worked.

We worked on all of our projects: The food pantry, WMU Christmas, The Haven, and our Christmas projects for the children.

We are currently working on filling "Back to School" backpacks with school supplies and snacks. We will pass these out at Vacation Bible School on August 14th. We have lots of plans and are looking forward to lots of children and fun.

We are praying for all of our schools, children, teachers, and staff as they begin school next month.

We love catching up with information from our sister churches in the VOICE. We would love to hear from other churches.

We are praying for many needs in our country and we know all of you are doing this also. The new updates on Covid is awful and we have so much hate and hurt in our world. We can never forget who is still in control. I believe that He wants to hear more from His children everyday. Be safe and enjoy your summer.

Mrs. Peggy Copeland

FBC, PORTAGEVILLE: Well, as you noticed I didn't make the July issue of the Voice. Time sure does fly and the older I get the faster it seems to go. The church has been busy, since the June posting. For starters, we held our Vacation Bible School, June 7-11th. It was a God blessed week. The sounds of children in the Church was glorious. They were hungry for the love of God to be shown and taught to them. They really showed out with their week's activities, their singing, their scripture lessons, their mission's project and their offerings. With their offering the church will be able to send 235 Christmas Shoe Boxes this year. Speaking of that, FBC is collecting different items each month throughout the year to fill those boxes. It was a busy, but blessed week.

It ended with the Church being full on Friday, with parents and grandparents of the kids for the VBS program. A big thanks to Marsha Bradfield and all the workers for a great week. As summer has come, of course, our numbers have not increased. It's our prayer for each church and their members to have a great summer. But each of us need to remember our place in the community starts with the Lord. It is not just on Sunday morning, but with each day of the week that He blesses us with. Until, next time, may the Lord lead you, guide you, and keep you all safe. (One more thing, please keep Kim Ferguson in your prayers, in the home going of Terry.)

Bro. Bill Clayton

KINFOLKS RIDGE: Hi there! I just want to tell you all how much I enjoy reading about what you are all doing. We, at Kinfolks Ridge, are small in number but we that are here are loving the Lord.

I received an uplifting letter from someone that read my article in the VOICE. Thank you! You helped me immensely and helped fill me with the Spirit.

Bro. Obine Lackey is back in church on Sundays. He is still not doing as good as he would like, but is much better. Please remember Steve Willbanks. He and his wife were faithful workers in our church and at the association. Mrs. Nancy went to be with the Lord several years ago.

Pray that we can get a few more ladies to attend WMU. That would be a great accomplishment. When you are a younger member in your church, you can do a lot for your Lord. As we get older, there is just so much that we can do. I am planning on working for the Lord in our church as long as he gives me the ability.

We can always share the Lord with our friends, family, and strangers when the Lord opens the door.

Mrs. JoAnn Herren



Your church can send church news and announcements about activities for the VOICE.

Please send the information in by August 15th for publication in the September issue of the VOICE.

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