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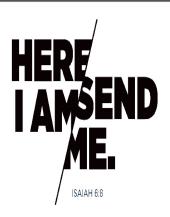
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4 & 5 State Evangelism Conference, Springfield, MO

7—14 Focus on WMU Week

13 Children's Ministry Day

22 & 23 Caruthersville Food Pantry



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR North American Missions March 6-13, 2016

Goal: \$70 Million





MARCH, 2016

- 4 Employee Appreciation Day
- 6-13 Week of Prayer for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 7 Executive Board Meeting, Mission Center 7:00 p.m.
- 11 & 12 Pastor/Wife Leadership Retreat, Jackson, MO
- 21 & 22 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 25 Good Friday
- 27 Easter

GENERAL FUND TREASURER'S REPORT DECEMBER, 2015

	Dec., 2015	2015 Total		December
D I	6444.74	\$000.04	DOM Calarra	#4 222 22
Boekerton	\$144.74		DOM Salary	\$1,333.32
Braggadocio	\$167.80	\$1,930.20	DOM Taxes	\$2,546.25
Caruthersville, FBC	\$952.14	\$10,891.42	DOM Housing Allowance	\$1,125.00
Catron	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	DOM Medical Reimb.	\$269.81
Cottonwood	\$340.53	\$3,760.66	Secretary Salary	\$443.28
Glass Memorial	\$95.00	\$1,524.01	Custodian	\$176.55
Hayti, FBC	\$1,335.28	\$14,449.21	Christmas Gifts	\$392.35
Hayward	\$126.84	\$3,228.80	Utilities	\$246.87
Holland	\$663.00	\$10,200.00	Telephone	\$134.04
Holly Grove	\$736.29	\$9,820.07	Print Supplies	\$62.38
Kinfolks Ridge	\$61.35	\$819.38	Postage	\$464.76
Lilbourn, FBC	\$769.54	\$11,077.02	Insurance	\$1,571.00
Living Stone	\$341.00	\$5,083.00	Miscellaneous	\$4,727.38
Oak Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00	Volunteer Meals	\$92.00
Pascola	\$130.00	\$2,101.00	MO Baptist Childrens HM	\$142.32
Portageville, FBC	\$1,234.78	\$14,372.83	SMBA General Fund	\$284.63
Steele, FBC	\$552.36	\$6,784.13	SMBA Endowment Fund	\$142.32
Temple	\$0.00	\$3,179.68		
Tyler	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Wardell	\$837.12	\$11,399.16		
	\$9,487.77	\$113,523.83		
Miscellaneous	\$4,616.56	\$4,747.56		
Now Interest	\$0.17	\$2.99		
Total Income	\$14,104.50	\$118,274.38	Total Expenses	\$14,154.26

JANUARY 1, 2016 General Fund Balance \$2,416.77

Hawaiian Ham Sandwiches

24 Hawaiian sweet rolls1 lb. deli ham, sliced2 6-oz. pkg. shredded Swiss cheese1 t. poppy seed

1/2 c. butter, melted 1-1/2 T. Dijon mustard 2 T. dried, minced onion 1-1/2 t. Worcestershire sauce

Cut rolls in half; set tops aside. Place bottoms in a lightly greased 13"x9" baking pan; they should just fit. Layer ham and cheese on top. Sprinkle with poppy seed; replace roll tops. In a bowl, combine remaining ingredients. Pour over top. Bake, covered with aluminum foil, at 350 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes. Cut into squares. Makes 2 dozen.

Cheesy Cauliflower Casserole

Ingredients:

1 large head cauliflower, cut into florets

1 cup whole milk

1 egg

2 tablespoons flour

2 teaspoons salt

1/2 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper

1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

2 tablespoons grated parmesan

1 tablespoon minced parsley, optional

Directions:

- 1. Bring a large pot of water to boil and preheat your oven to 350°F. Boil the cauliflower florets for 5 minutes, or until slightly softened, drain.
- In a medium bowl whisk together the milk and egg. Whisk in the flour, salt, black pepper, and 1 cup of the mozzarella. Toss in the cauliflower and stir to combine.
- 3. Pour this into a 7×11" casserole dish and top with the remaining mozzarella. Bake in the upper half of the oven for approximately 25 minutes or until the top is golden brown and bubbling.

Remove from oven and top with parmesan and parsley. Serve immediately.

From Your Director of Missions

I have had the privilege of representing you and the Missouri Baptist Convention on the Board of Trustees of the Missouri Baptist Children's Home. As a result, I am becoming more aware of how "political correctness" is making ministry more challenging.

We have already had to turn down a grant for working with children from a corporation that would require that we not discriminate in hiring. We would be required to hire non-Christians and homosexuals if they applied for positions with our home. Needless to say, you have a Board of Trustees that have stated that we choose our beliefs over money.

However, the challenges will continue to grow. At the current time, we are allowed to only hire Christian workers with Biblical beliefs that relate to our convention.

At the current time we are working with foster parents by providing training and support after children have been put into that family. Our desire is that we put children in Christian homes. However, the state of Missouri doesn't always share that same desire. As a result we are working with non-Christian families and even a small number of same sex families. While this is not what we would like to do, God has allowed us to be a Christian witness for those families and to share a Christian witness to them through conduct and personal testimony. It is a reality that if the Missouri Baptist Children's Home does not minister to these families, some other organization will step in and do the work. The other organization may not be Christian and the family and children may not have that opportunity to come in contact with a social worker that believes in and talks about Jesus. So, we continue to work with each family that the state assigns to use in order to reach some of them. I am informing you of these facts so that you can pray for the ministry of the Missouri Baptist Children's Home. Pray for the case workers as they work in a world that is in many ways hostile to their beliefs. Pray for the children that have been abused, neglected, and in many instances given up by their parents. Pray for God to provide Christian Foster Homes for these children across our state and around the nation. Pray for churches to come along side foster parents and make their job easier through respite care, prayer, and possibly through financial or other support.

I will close by letting you know that 14 of the children that your MBCH has ministered to in 2015 prayed to receive Jesus as Savior. Some of these through the MBCH camp ministry and others through the ministry of our Spiritual Life Director, Pastor George.

Children are hurting! Missouri Baptists are making a difference. It may be small in relation to the population of the world, but it is an eternal difference.

CHURCH NEWS

FBC, PORTAGEVILLE: First Baptist Church began 2016 with the theme "Each One Reach One." We want to take much more seriously our Lord's command to make disciples. Through prayer, weekly outreach and visitation, and Discipleship Training, our goal is to train our members to share the gospel and to make disciple makers.

FFBRUARY MISSION REPORT

February 8th-14th is "Focus on WMU" week. Emphasis: Engage your church in missions discipleship by calling them to Surrender, Sacrifice, and Serve. Also, February 13th is "Children's Ministry Day". This year's theme is "All for You". Children all across North America will be reaching out to all 3 generations with the love of Jesus. This would be a good time to schedule a missions activity with your children's aroup.



How will you show love this month? Will you minister to those that are hard to love or to the stranger you meet along the way? Will you show love to the person that checks you out at the grocery God store? God loves us unconditionally and expect us to go forth Love and show love. Our Christian "walk" should be showing love to everyone. I know it's not easy to show love to everyone but

let's make an effort to minister to those around us. Make an

effort to share the message of God's unconditional love this month

Missions Celebration & Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 8th-9th in Kansas City, MO. Early bird registration is before March 23rd 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.

I want to thank everyone that came out for the 6th Annual Sno Country Sing a Long. We had around 65 people in attendance and were blessed with many talented people. I also want to thank everyone that helped make the day so successful through donations or by blessing us with their talent. The Cottonwood Baptist Church did a wonderful job hosting this event and the food was great!! We had a great day of worship, praise and fellowship. Thanks again!

Our next Associational WMU meeting will be April 23rd at 10:30 a.m. The location will be announced at a later date. 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,





A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. John 13:34

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PASTORS AND THEIR WIVES JIM E & CINDEE JOHNSON, PAUL & MARY STARNES, TODD & ALLISON HIGGS, JOHN & JANET COMPERE, **GRIFF & SUSAN WALKER, GREG HUNT,**

JR & MAKISHA DAVIS, GARY & CINDY MANN, RICHARD & JUDY THOMPSON, DOUG & PEGGY BOYD, JIM & HEATHER PILCHER, MICKEY & DEBRA MOODY, DON & CANDYCE TIMS, DAVE & MARY LEWELLING, PHILL & CHARLOTTE HALL,

JOHN EARL & BARBARA DUNAVANT

MEN's Conference

at the

First Southern Baptist Church Tallapoosa, MO

Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016 8 AM - Noon

Conference Leaders:

Rev. Steve Bradford, Portageville, FBC Youth Pastor Bro. Randy DeProw, Gideon, Outreach Director The Bradfords of Portageville, MO, Special Music

Doors open at 7 AM, for coffee, donuts, milk, juice, etc.

Dinner will follow the Conference.

Food Pantry Donation of a Can or Box Food is Appreciated!

For more information call: 573-379-3641 or 573-276-8784

THE FUTURE OF BAPTIST MINISTR

Pastors & Wives

SEMO Regional Leadership Conference

March 11 & 12, 2016 6:30 pm, Fri—Noon, Sat

Conference Location: First Baptist Church 212 S. High St. Jackson, MO 63755 573-243-8415

Lodging: Comfort Suites 2904 Old Orchard Rd. Jackson, MO

> Cost: \$125 per couple \$40 w/o lodging

The cost to your church would be \$62.50. The association would scholarship the other half of the cost. Would your church consider sending your pastor and wife to this conference?

Call the Mission Center if your church will do this for your pastor and his wife.



<u>CARUTHERSVILLE:</u> A big hello goes out to our sister church in the association. We ended 2015 with wonderful music and fellowship that truly "Glorified the Lord". Our combined choirs did a fantastic job, We thank Phillip Barksdale for his great work. We had the biggest crowd ever at our Christmas Eve service. The Spirit was really moving and the music and words spoken were inspiring.

We are looking for a great 2016. Many, in our church, have started to read the Bible through in 1 year. Pray for us as God richly blesses those who read His Word.

The free medical clinic continues every 2nd Saturday of the month in the children's building. All ages are encouraged to come for free care by Dr. Doug Fitzwater.

Our secretary, Brenda Sides, has completed 25 years of service to FBC and is working on her next 25 years!!! We are going to thank her with a drop-in reception on Sunday Jan. 24th from 2 - 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Brenda has been through 5 pastors, 3 interims, and many other staff members. She has put together hundreds of financial records and many other secretarial jobs. Most of all she has a ministry. She serves our people and the community FBC comes in contact with. Thanks Brenda for a job well done.

Our Wednesday night meals continue with good success. We thank our kitchen committee under the direction of Carla Hedge.

The Bullington Sunday School class was the host of our quarterly Sunday School fellowship. We come together for a breakfast before the worship service and as always much good food and fellowship was enjoyed.

We will have a full day on Jan. 31st. It starts with the monthly brotherhood breakfast. Then during the a.m. service we will have Men's Day with an all men's choir. A couple of our deacons will be speaking. During the evening service we will watch the, "War Room".

Our Sr Adult banquet will be Feb. 13th at 5:00 p.m. This is always a great time to show our Sr Adults that we love and care for them.

Our youth leader Chris Riggs resigned due to health reasons. His wife Kristy will serve as interim until June 30th. Resumes will be taken Feb. 1st through May 15th. Pray for us as we go through this process.

New people continue to come to FBC. We are baptizing a few, PTL, but we are going to try to be better at evangelism for the Lord. Keep praying for us as our wonderful people keep serving Jesus.

COTTONWOOD: Greetings from Cottonwood. We were blessed to be able to host the 6th Annual Associational Sno Country Sing-Along on Saturday, January 16th. We are so thankful for everyone that came out and blessed our hearts with song. The fellowship that we had with our sister churches and brothers and sisters in Christ was fantastic. We had a wonderful time visiting with one another. Then, of course, it goes without saying, everyone had a wonderful time trying out all of the different soups our ladies provided for lunch following the singing. As the ones that were there can verify, we are so closed to being done with our building that we think we are!! Please remember to save the date of Saturday, April 9th, 2016. On this date we are making plans for dedicating our new facility to the honor and glory of God!! We will keep everyone posted as we develop these plans.

HOLLY GROVE: Hello to our church families. We hope that you are safe and well in the new year.

We had our monthly business meeting and WMU with Mrs. Peggy Holmes on Wednesday the 7th. Our church voted to send the family of Bro. David Britt a love offering.

On Sunday afternoon the 10th, we had our monthly meeting at the River Oaks Care Center. Our group was small because the weather was cold!!! On the 14th and 16th we worked at the food pantry

We had our regular Monday ladies' prayer time with the men meeting on Thursday.

Mrs. Pog has started the donations for our 2016 WMU Christmas projects.

We have a young man in our church, Mr. Jeff McCutcheon, that is on the kidney transplant list. Jeff is a very special part of our church family. If you would like more information about donors, just get in touch with our church for details.

Our spotlight this month is Mrs. Mary Helen Barger. She is another one of those members that have been a part of our family at Holly Grove for a long time. Mrs. Mary works on so many things behind the scene. She is the first one that you think of to call for information about almost everything about our church. If she doesn't know, she will help you find someone that does. She is one of the first to help when we have a dinner or fellowship and the last one to leave after all the work is done. Her sweetheart, Mr. Charles, that nows lives in Heaven is unreplaceable in all of our hearts.

We are blessed to have a church family of great friends!

Happy Valentine's Day from our church at Holly Grove to each and every one of you. Continue praying one for another.