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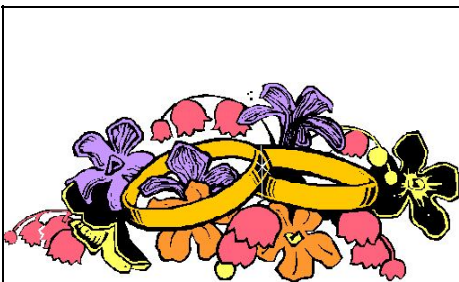
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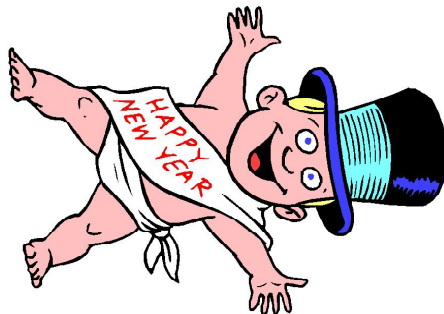


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THE SOUTHEAST MISSOURI VOICE

JANUARY, 2014

- 1 New Years Day, Mission Center Closed
- 2 Pastor's Breakfast, Apple Barrel 8:00 a.m.
- 5 Youth Committee Meeting, Mission Center 3:00 p.m.
- 7 Moderator's Pastor Prayer Meeting, FBC,
Portageville 10 a.m.
- 9 Evangelism Committee Meeting, Mission Center 6:30 p.m.
- 13,14 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 16 Children's Camp Committee, Mission Center 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Sno-Country Sing-a-long
Holland Baptist Church 9:00 a.m. til Noon
- 19 Associational Music Committee, Mission Center 3:00 p.m.
- 23 Missions Development Committee, Mission Center 6:30 p.m.



January is the
CALL TO PRAYER MONTH
FOR THE
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

FEBRUARY, 2014

TRUE LOVE WAITS EMPHASIS MONTH

- 2 Pastors Prayer Meeting, 10:00 a.m., FBC, Portageville
- 9 Racial Reconciliation Sunday
- 10, 11 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 10 - 16 Focus on WMU Week
- 12 Youth Valentine Fellowship, TBA
- 15 Children's Ministry Day
- 20 Executive Council Meeting, 6:30, Mission Center

TREASURER'S REPORT of the GENERAL FUND NOVEMBER, 2013

CHURCH	NOV.	YTD	DISBURSEMENTS	
BOEKERTON	0.00	3,985.96	DOM'S SALARY	1,073.48
BRAGGADOCIO	108.20	1,804.37	DOM'S CAR REIMBURSEMENT	444.66
C'VILLE, FIRST	1,781.52	10,280.33	DOM'S HOUSING	534.72
CATRON	0.00	2,000.00	DOM'S HEALTH INSURANCE	1,544.74
COTTONWOOD	210.28	2,167.59	DOM'S MED. REIMBURSEMENT	375.00
GLASS MEMORIAL	104.58	1,969.66	SECRETARY'S SALARY	443.28
HAYTI, FIRST	1,046.00	12,097.40	SECRETARY'S TAXES	0.00
HAYWARD	173.16	2,611.07	CUSTODIAN	45.00
HOLLAND	657.00	7,487.00	CUSTODIAN TAXES	0.00
HOLLY GROVE	693.04	8,636.64	UTILITIES	152.98
KINFOLKS RIDGE	0300	600.17	TELEPHONE	126.14
LILBOURN	685.21	9,023.81	PRINT SUPPLIES	213.34
LIVINGSTONE	309.00	4,291.50	OFFICE MAINTENANCE	69.67
OAK GROVE	0.00	739.83	POSTAGE	193.50
PASCOLA	130.10	2,576.14	WMU	1,163.99
P'VILLE, FIRST	850.16	12,582.59	CAMP PROGRAM	215.90
STEELE, FIRST	659.61	7,636.58	DOM CONVENTION EXPENSE	485.34
TEMPLE	0.00	4,806.19	VOLUNTEERS' MEAL	70.46
TYLER	0.00	0.00	MO BAPTIST CHILDRENS HOME	-18.97
WARDELL	652.88	9,937.33		
TOTAL	8,060.74	105,234.16	TOTAL	\$6,086.23
NOW INTEREST	.33	3.16		
MISCELLANEOUS	14.74	2,725.86		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	8,075.81	107,963.18		

DECEMBER 1, 2013 - General Fund Balance \$ 7,314.58



ROCKY ROAD FUDGE

- 1 Can of sweetened condensed milk
- 1 bag of chocolate chips
- 1 bag of miniature marshmallows
- 1 jar of dry roasted peanuts

Combine sweetened milk and chocolate chips into a pan. Melt completely. Add peanuts and marshmallows and coat with chocolate mixture. Marshmallows will melt slightly. Spread onto a cookie sheet and cool.

BROCCOLI CORNBREAD

- 2 Boxes of Jiffy cornbread Mix
- 10 oz. box of frozen broccoli
- 1 large onion
- 6 eggs
- 8 oz. small curd cottage cheese
- 2 sticks of butter (no substitutes)

Cook broccoli according to package directions. Chop onion and broccoli. Mix first 5 ingredients together. Melt butter in 9 X 13 baking dish. Pour mixture over the butter. Bake at 375 degrees for 40 minutes. Remove from oven and let set for 10 minutes for butter to sock in. Serve warm. Refrigerate any leftovers.

Recipes submitted by Judy Studie

From Your Director of Missions

Happy New Year!

For those of you that haven't noticed, 2013 has disappeared into the history books. Each of us need to take an inventory of the events of last year and celebrate the things that God allowed us to be a part of. We also should be honest with ourselves and the Lord, and acknowledge the failures on our part. Failures to get done what He asked us to do or things that we simply looked at and said that we would do later. As we evaluate 2013, think about how we can do better in 2014? What will we do with the new year and the opportunities that will come our way?

Sometimes we are like the automobiles that we drive. We need an oil change. There is dirt and other gunk that is slowing down our performance. We are not as efficient for the Lord as we should be. Why not come to the Father and ask Him to clean out your engine. Ask Him for a tune-up. Every one of us needs to be functioning at the capacity that the manufacturer built us for. Our manufacturer is God and each of us should be trying to meet His expectations for us. We do not want Him to use someone else in our place because we are not performing as we should.

We need to take the words of President John Kennedy and apply them to God. It is time that we ask not what God can do for us, but ask what we can do for God. God has already done everything for us. He created a world for us to live in. He has provided for all of our physical needs, air, food, clothing, and so forth. He has provided for our salvation. He, through His Son Jesus, paid the penalty for your sins. Think about all that God has done for you, then ask yourself a simple question, "How does what I do for God compare to what He has done for me?" The answer to that question is the same for all of us. We do so little in comparison to what He does. Can we change that just a little in 2014? Can we put a little more effort in seeking what He wants and serving Him in all areas of our lives?

All of our churches would benefit from each member following through with their commitment to Christ: To love God with all our Heart and our neighbors as ourselves. This is what the world is not seeing from the church today. Church has become about the members instead of about God and reaching others. That is why our churches have empty pews in every service. Let us pray to the Father as ask His help to change things in the Bootheel of Missouri in 2014. I know that this is is will, but will it become our will. To see churches reaching out, even outside their comfort zone to show our communities what Christ and the church are all about.

JANUARY MISSION REPORT

I pray that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! As I am writing this, we are trying to thaw out from the ice and snow in December. I pray that this is not the way our winter will continue. I am already looking forward to spring.



I would like to take this time to thank everyone for their support this past year. As you know this position is a new journey for me and I can definitely use your prayers and support. If there is anything I can do to help your WMU or if you would like to have a World Craft Party, please don't hesitate to call me.

I encourage everyone to come to the 4th Annual Sno Country Sing-a-long at Holland Baptist Church on January 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with lunch to follow. This is going to be a wonderful time of singing, skits and fellowship. Come and enjoy some of our association's wonderful talents. I heard through the grapevine that there will be a few door prizes. We still have a few openings for a skit, special singing or missionary testimony, if you would like to sign-up please contact me, Vonnie Snelling or Bro. Tim Abanathy. Thank you so much for this opportunity to serve you.

Hope you have a Blessed day,

Kim McCarty

Associational WMU Director



O sing unto the Lord a new song:
sing unto the Lord,
all the earth.
Psalm 96:1

L R E T T E B A M K N M Y B V B T K
K N Z N L T R F K R B T H R Q H R Z
X M N R E S O L U T I O N S E R R G
F P H Y N Y V R N Q Y R C T F R E R
O N P K W E Q Q D E B J H W S L Y L
R E E A Y A Q X E E I I N R M L A E
G K K H S R R V C M N G A D K N R H
I A D L T T Y O P G S E H H C N P T
V M O R G G M N S U Y E M B S X Y F
E F A D O E N W N G R V V D O K M O
K T L K D J O E T E P P R I F R W L
D T L M S R L K R L Z O O V G F X B
V T D T D B N F L T L I W S F R E P
B M L U L R F I V T S B T P E F O G
X W D P K O W P V X D B R I I Z Q F
V E T I T S M Y L I A D C L C L M K
R N R J D T H I S T R M Y L I F E S
M T U O V T L T R X D O G S A N T M
F S G R G R D W A E M M I H R O F Q
T H I S Y E A R V H A K I N G D O M
G J N L M V C K G W T D L O V E M Y

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

READ GOD'S WORD DAILY

STRENGTHEN MY PRAYER LIFE

LOVE MY NEIGHBOR

FORGIVE JUST AS GOD FORGIVES ME

MAKE GOD'S WILL MY LIFE'S PURPOSE

DO ALL THE THINGS FOR HIM THAT I PUT OFF THIS PAST YEAR

BECOME A BETTER CITIZEN OF THE LORD'S KINGDOM THIS YEAR

2013 CHURCH NEWS

Caruthersville FBC: What a WONDERFUL revival we had in November with David Ring as our speaker, great crowds at every service and many seeds planted. WOM is continuing their fund raising projects to raise funds for the Lottie Moon goal in the amount of \$10,000.00. They are also having Bible Study on the book A Lineage of Grace at their regular meetings. Votive candles are available to be given in memory or in honor of loved ones. They will be put in the side windows of the sanctuary and lit at the Christmas Eve services. Carson Constant won the Billy Crocker cook off for the 2nd year in a row with his famous chocolate covered bacon. As always the youth are staying busy, they are available to do yard work and other requests. They are planning a pizza making day that everyone is looking to purchase their favorite pizzas. Plans are also being made to attend the Singing Christmas Tree at Bellview Baptist Church in Memphis. The adult choir presented "A Smokey Christmas; The Gift on December 22, followed by a down home Christmas party with snacks. We have much talent in our choirs and wonderful fellowship. The Children's P.R.A.I.S.E. team presented a program on December 15, entitled "The Hope of Christmas". All of the practice showed in the group's performance. Elizabeth Hardesty opened her home to all FBC members for a fantastic Christmas party. Good snacks and great fellowship was enjoyed by all. An Experiencing God class will be offered starting Jan. 25th and will be taught by Dr. Doug Fitzwater. We will be studying the January Bible Study material and will be looking at the book of Colossians. We will have a Man's Day service in January.

Cottonwood: Greetings from Cottonwood! We have a roof with shingles on it!! God has been so good to us! We are almost totally dried in. The only thing remaining is the metal siding on the exterior walls and that will happen right after the first of the year. Praise the Lord! We have received several financial gifts toward the project and are so thankful for them. We still have lots of work to do but are confident that our God will provide. We have had several decisions and will be having a baptismal service soon. Our children's Christmas Program was Dec 22nd with a lunch fellowship afterwards. We look forward to the New Year and what God has in store for us!!!

Hayti: The FBC of Hayti would like to welcome Kaylee Hall to the fellowship of the church. On December 1st we showed "The Cross" with Billy Graham and Kaylee gave her heart to Christ. We have had several decisions since the Revival and we pray that there will be many more. On December 15th, we observed "A Christmas to Remember" by presenting poinsettias and lighting candles in honor and in memory of our loved ones. As always this was a very moving service. At the end of the service the church presented Bro. Tony and Penne with a generous Christmas offering. On a sad note, we said goodbye to a faithful servant. Mrs. Geraldine Alsup passed away recently and she will most certainly be missed. Her contagious smile and sweet spirit will be her legacy. It is always hard to lose a member of the church family. December has been a very busy month even though the sleet and ice caused us to miss much of what we had planned. We have had many fellowships and have had to reschedule some, but it has been an exciting month. On December 1st, after we showed the Billy Graham video, we had "A Delicious Christmas" where we ate "delicious" goodies and enjoyed good fellowship. In preparation for the Senior Adult Fellowship that was to be held here on December 12th, our Pace Makers ordered new T-shirts to wear for the event. The event was cancelled due to weather, but we will show off our new shirts at the next Senior Adult event. Are you excited about Vacation Bible School yet? Well, get there! VBS will be on us in 6 or so short months. Let's lift VBS in prayer now and ask the Lord to save many children this summer. If we do not get excited about the Lord, as His children, the world never will. Merry Christmas and may the Lord expand His kingdom in 2014!

Holly Grove: Hello friends! We hope you and your family are safe, warm, and spending this wonderful holiday season with your family. Our prayer for all of our church families is that you had a very Merry Christmas and you are ready to get busy for our Saviour in 2014. Sunday night, December 1st, we observed the Lord's Supper. We canceled all of our services on December 8th because of the ice. This included the service at the River Oak Nursing Home. We hope that you still kept God in your house, even though you could not get to His. We had all of our regular meetings in December including our food pantry ministry. We had our children's Christmas play on December 22nd. The children, led by Mrs. LeeAnn Odom, always do a good job. Our WMU gave livestock this year for our Christmas gift. The WMU also collected donations for "The Haven" in Blytheville, AR. This is a shelter for women and children in abusive relationships. We have needs in our communities all year long. It doesn't seem right to just have a long list during this time of year. There are so many things in this world that just can't be explained. We need to just pray for the lost and "Do What Jesus Would Do" in our communities. From our church family to yours, we wish you all a Happy New Year. May God bless you all year long.

Church news continued

Oak Grove: We ended the month of November with the completion of 78 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We delivered them to the distribution center in Caruthersville. On December 1st, we observed our annual Christmas service as we decorated the Christmas tree. We are now collecting money for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. On December 13th, the ladies had their annual Christmas party at the home of Pat Hoskins. Secret sisters were revealed and an ornament exchange was held. On December 18, our Sunday School Christmas party was at the church with finger foods. A group from the Wardell Baptist church brought us an inspiring concert of Christmas music. We pray that all will remember the reason for this season and that we have observed it in the way that season reflects -- with love and peace to and for one another. May God bless us all as we begin a new year and that we make it a year in which we will serve our Lord diligently and love our neighbors as ourselves.

FBC, PORTAGEVILLE: Happy New Year from First Baptist Church, Portageville. It is amazing how quickly time passes and now we are looking forward to another great year at FBC, Portageville. Our Christmas program, "A Christmas Opportunity" was presented on Sunday morning, December 15th. Our Worship Team, Children's Choir and Youth Choir did a great job presenting the story of Jesus' birth through music. A special thank you to Judy Phillips, Linda Kellams and Abby Palmer for their solos and to Sue Ross for helping Christie and I to make up a trio on one of the songs, and to Amanda Moody, Abby Palmer and Ella Rone for the great job they did signing a couple of the songs.

On New Year's Eve we are having a special service in our Family Life Center at 7:00 p.m. There will be music, desserts, hot chocolate, coffee and a lot of fun and fellowship and maybe even some exciting surprises. If you do not have any plans for New Year's Eve come on over and join us, you will be glad you did.

Sunday, January 12th we will be hosting Mark & Kimsey LaRue as they come to share with us their overseas ministry that the Lord has called them into full-time in 2014. Mark will be preaching on Sunday morning and then sharing a little about his ministry of training pastors overseas. We will probably "pull their arm" and get them to sing some while they are here too.

On Friday night, January 17th we will be hosting the Renaissance Quartet from Bethel College in McKenzie TN. They are led by Matthew Holt, piano player for the Gaither's. The quartet is made up of college students and they are a very talented group of young people. Come and bring someone with you. You will receive a blessing.

Continue to pray for our Pastor Search Committee. They are very close to making a decision and they want to be sure everything they do is under the directive will of God.

SNO- COUNTRY SING ALONG



JANUARY 18

HOLLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

9:00 A.M. TILL NOON

Lunch will be served at Noon
This will be a great time of Singing, Skits,
Fellowship and Fun for all.

Come and have a
"WINTER BLAST"