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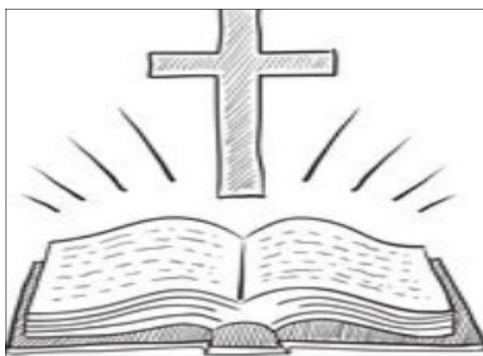
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# THE SOUTHEAST MISSOURI VOICE

## J U L Y , 2021

- 4 Independence Day
- 18 Children's Ministry Day — Send Relief Sunday
- 19-20 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 26-30 Youth Camp at Van Buren (for information call the Mission Center)
- 25 Parent's Day — Southern Baptist Media Day



## A U G U S T , 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

## GENERAL FUND TREASURER'S REPORT

May, 2021

	May	2021 TOTAL		May
Boekerton	\$0.00	\$1,003.33	DOM Salary	\$1,291.66
Braggadocio	\$177.55	\$770.97	DOM Mileage Reimb.	\$530.88
Caruthersville, FBC	\$250.00	\$827.91	DOM Housing Allow.	\$562.50
Catron	\$0.00	\$500.00	DOM Health Insurance	\$1,537.02
Cottonwood	\$255.56	\$1,369.24	DOM Retirement	\$270.83
Hayti, FBC	\$251.53	\$897.00	Secretary Salary	\$0.00
Hayward	\$563.02	\$1,621.26	Custodian Salary	\$139.02
Holland	\$0.00	\$2,524.00	Utilities	\$0.00
Holly Grove	\$1,018.16	\$4,001.04	Telephone	\$316.40
Kinfolks Ridge	\$0.00	\$0.00	Office Maintenance	\$425.00
Lilbourn, FBC	\$1,156.80	\$6,438.46	Postage	\$132.66
Living Stone	\$589.00	\$2,724.00	SMBA Board Expense	\$33.51
Oak Grove	\$70.00	\$520.00	Annual & Board Meeting	\$175.00
Pascola	\$150.50	\$749.50	Miscellaneous	\$34.41
Portageville, FBC	\$2,277.86	\$9,163.13	Volunteer Meals	\$161.97
Steele, FBC	\$750.42	\$2,323.81	Missions Development	\$25.00
Temple	\$0.00	\$4,560.82	MO Baptist Children's Hm	\$113.18
Wardell	\$910.48	\$4,294.04	SMBA General Fund	\$226.36
			SMBA Endowment Fund	\$113.18
Total	\$8,420.88	\$44,288.51		
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$1,400.00		
Now Interest	\$1.01	\$4.34		
SMBA Camp	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Total Income	\$8,421.89	\$45,692.85	Total Expenses	\$6,088.58

June 1, 2021 General Fund Balance \$22,344.74

## INGREDIENTS:

3 lb yellow squash, sliced  
½ C diced Vidalia onion, optional  
10.5 oz can cream of chicken soup  
1 C mayonnaise  
1 egg  
8 oz shredded cheddar cheese  
1 tsp salt  
½ tsp fresh ground black pepper  
TOPPING  
2 sleeves of Ritz crackers, crushed  
1 stick melted butter

## DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350°F.  
Wash and slice squash into small medallions or dice into smaller pieces if the squash is large. Put squash into a large bowl for mixing with the filling.  
In a separate bowl, mix together the soup, mayo, eggs, cheese, onions, salt, and pepper. Pour over squash. Stir until well mixed. Then pour into a casserole dish for baking.  
Crush crackers while in "tubes" (I usually wrap them in a dish towel to avoid a mess, and use a rolling pin or meat tenderizer) or place in a resealable plastic bag.  
Pour crushed crackers into a bowl. Melt butter in the microwave and stir into crackers until moist.  
Drizzle on top of casserole.  
Bake at 350°F until bubbly and brown on top (usually 45-50 minutes). Bake for 30 minutes covered. with foil to help prevent crackers from burning.  
Then uncover and bake an additional 20 minutes until golden brown on top.

# SOUTHERN SQUASH CASSEROLE

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

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**P. O. Box 551**

**Hayti, MO 63851**

**Or email to [semoba@sbcglobal.net](mailto:semoba@sbcglobal.net)**

## From Your Director of Missions

This past Sunday, I had the opportunity to preach for Bro. John Brown at the Oak Grove Baptist Church. The message that God laid on my heart involved following the map that God lays out for us.

We can begin to do this through the study of His Word. Paul instructs us to “study to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”. For the people of God before the promises of the New Testament, this was the method that they had to meet the approval of God. But even then God knew that man would fail and fall short of His desire for them to have a relationship with Him.

So, in the New Testament, God put His Spirit into all who confess His Son and believe in Him for salvation. This is the doctrine of the “Priesthood of Believers”. Every believer has the opportunity to hear and follow God’s will and purpose for their lives.

This works a lot like using the Map Quest app on your phone.

To begin you must make a decision about where you want to be. You plan a trip to a location that you are unfamiliar with or may have no clue how to get there.

But, the first step is to enter your current location. As long as we are satisfied with where we are and what we are doing, we will not change. We will stay where we are and keep doing what makes us happy. Each church and individual must look at where they are right now. Is this where you want to be? Is this what you want your future to look like?

Paul says, “This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, I press forward for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus”.

The second step in Map Quest is to put where you want to go. The simple entry should be where God wants me to be. This is true for the church as well as the individual.

When we do this in Map Quest, and choose begin, there is a voice that tells us which direction to go and what turns we need to make to get to our destination. This is how the Holy Spirit wants to work in our lives and the life of our churches. Jesus has promised to go with us to the end of the world. How do we get there? Only by following the direction of the Holy Spirit on a daily basis.

Instead of telling God what we are going to do, we need wake up each day and put into our destination, “Where ever He leads, I will go”.

We must not deny the instruction and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the lives of our churches. God gave up the Spirit to help us find our way as we live on this planet. If we have lost our way, is it because we are not listening to the “Map Quest” of God?

I>> SEND Relief

# Backpack Day 2021



SEPTEMBER 18-19

Learn More and Get Free Backpacks by Texting "Backpacks" to 888-123  
[or scan the QR code]

Your church has the unique opportunity to serve a wide variety of vulnerable people in your city and in communities around the world and Send Relief wants to help! On September 18-19, we are inviting you to a nationwide backpack packing event. To help you get started, Send Relief will give you up to 72 free backpacks.

You can make a difference overseas as well when you **pack one and give one!** This is your opportunity to help equip our brothers and sisters in churches in other parts of the world to hold a similar event for hurting families in their communities. For just \$10 per bag, you can provide families in need in other countries with food, hygiene items, essentials for disaster survivors and more.

If you haven't already registered your church for free backpacks and the opportunity to give backpacks overseas, text "**Backpacks**" to **888-123**.

## NOT SURE WHAT TO PACK AT YOUR EVENT? HERE ARE SOME IDEAS!

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** Restock school supplies for children in need. Items could include paper, pens, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, erasers, notebooks/composition books, folders, etc.

**SHELTERS:** Items could include small travel-size shampoos, conditioner, soaps, lotion, body powder, toothpaste, toothbrush, hairbrush, hair accessories, socks, gloves, warm hats, etc.

**Please remember our WMU Director, Mrs. Kim Ferguson in your prayers as her husband Terry is having cancer treatments.**

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## PRAYER REMINDERS

TERRY FERGUSON, OUR WMU DIRECTOR'S HUSBAND  
CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS  
CHILDREN'S CAMP AUGUST ONE THROUGH FOURTH  
PLANS FOR BACK TO SCHOOL MINISTRIES  
PASTORLESS CHURCHES

THOSE WHO HAVE LEADERSHIP IN OUR NATION  
A RETURN OF PEOPLE TO GOD AND HIS STANDARDS

# Youth Camp 2021

Worship  
Service

Recreation

Family Groups

Join us for Youth Camp 2021 for a fun filled week of camp.

Dates: July 19—24th. Youth 7th—12th grade

Churches from all over Missouri will come to Van Buren for a week of fellowship and service in our community. We will have several service projects locally to attend to on 3 mornings of camp (Tues., Wed., & Thurs.). After lunch, its recreation and pool time. Then we will split off into family groups for some small group discussion and fellowship.

Starting Monday evening, Unshaken will lead our worship in the tabernacle. Then you will hear a message about "Standing" strong in the spirit with God, Jesus, and fellow believers. We will be studying from the book of Daniel.

Camp Fees: \$150.00 for the week

Snack Shack: costs extra, so bring \$20-30 to enjoy snacks.

Special rewards will be given away throughout the week so be prepared to study scripture.

Students should bring:

Bed sheets or sleeping bag & pillow

A couple towels

Clothing for work outside in the heat along with close toed shoes

Swim wear (boys wear trunks, girls wear one piece or a shirt over a two piece)

Sandals, bug spray, sun screen, etc.

Be prepared to shower!



For registration  
information  
Contact the  
Mission Center

FOOD

I would ask that your associations please get me the forms by July 4th weekend. Or at least a number of kids, approximation is ok.

***RUNNING  
WITH  
JESUS***

*HEBREWS 12:1-2*



## **2021 SEMO Baptist Children's Camp August 1 - 4 South Missouri Baptist Assembly Van Buren, MO**

**Camp Fee  
\$150.00**

This camp is for children that have completed the 3rd grade through the 6th grade. Information will be sent to your church.





## Church News

**HOLLY GROVE:** Hello everyone! Welcome to summer, 2021. We pray your family is well and safe.

We had our deacon's meeting on the 6th followed with business meeting on the 9th. Our WMU meeting was after the business meeting with Ms. Sherrie.

On Father's Day we honored all of our fathers. We have many great men in our church family and we love them all.

We enjoyed the "Baby Bottle Challenge" with all of our classes. The money goes to support the ministries of our Missouri Baptist Children's Home. The Esther class was honored and happy that we won the count.

We continue to work on our other projects: The C.D.H.S. Food Pantry, our ladies WMU Christmas Project, and our Christmas fund for our children.

We have many on our prayer list, as I am sure that most of our churches have also. We are also praying for many that do not know the Lord and do not understand the blessings of comfort, love of prayer, and the love of a church family

Have a happy and safe Fourth of July!

Mrs. Peggy Copeland

**KINFOLKS RIDGE :** It was so good to read about First Baptist Church in Portageville. It sounded so good about the things you are doing for the Lord.

At Kinfolks Ridge our WMU is just not happening now. I am so praying and hoping that we can get back in there. Meanwhile, I am going to First Baptist Church, Caruthersville for WMU. The have about 18 -20 ladies. I love it. But I would love for that to be at my church. Our WMU has done great things in the past and I want to get back to that again.

Pray for us. We are not doing well at this time. We have wonderful preaching that is best for us. However, we are low in numbers. We have lost some of our go getters in the last year. We really miss them.

Bro. Obine Lackey is back in church after an illness. It is so good to share with him and Dorothy.

It is sad to say that we miss many of the good things that our church once did for the Lord. I pray that I will see those things again.

Mrs Jo Ann Rogers Herren

### COMMUNITY WIDE VISION SERVICE

**SUNDAY JULY 25<sup>TH</sup> 6:00PM**

**CARUTHERSVILLE ARMORY**

**GUEST SPEAKER: JAY LOWDER**

**Music: Wesleyan Praise Group, Sara Riggs and Marybeth Byrd**

### Volunteer with SEMO Food Bank

For those seeking opportunities to put their faith into action, the Southeast Missouri Food Bank will hold Help More, Feed More Volunteer Days from 1 to 4 p.m. the third Thursday and from 9 a.m. to noon on the fourth Wednesday of each month at its distribution center at 600 South Highway H in Sikeston. Volunteer days in June will be June 17 and 23. Volunteer days in July will be July 15 and 28.

Volunteers may come as individuals or in groups. Tasks may include sorting donated food, labeling cans, packing boxes, clerical work or cleaning. This new volunteer opportunity is for individuals who are not already part of an organized group. Register by calling Mary at 573-471-1818 or emailing [mthatch@semofoodbank.org](mailto:mthatch@semofoodbank.org).

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

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

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