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Bi-Annual Meeting
May 18
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THE SOUTHEAST MISSOURI VOICE

MAY, 2015

- 2 South Missouri Baptist Assembly Centennial Celebration, Van Buren
- 10 Mother's Day
- 12 Pastor's Breakfast, Apple Barrel in Hayti at 8:00 a.m.
- 18 Bi-Annual Meeting, Pascola Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m.
- 18 -19 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 17-23 Associational Emphasis Week
- 25 Memorial Day, Mission Center closed
- 26 Executive Council Meeting, Mission Center at 7:00 p.m.

Bi - Annual Meeting

May 18, 2015

Pascola Baptist Church

7:00 p.m.

JUNE, 2015

- 1 Executive Board Meeting, Mission enter at 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Pastor's Prayer Time, FBC, Portageville at 10:00 a.m.
- 11 Senior Adult Fellowship at 11:00 Location TBA
- 14 Flag Day
- 15—17 Southern Baptist Convention, Columbus, Ohio
- 21 Baptist Men's Day
- 21 Father's Day
- 22—23 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 27 Brotherhood Fish Fry, Cottonwood Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m.
- 28 Citizenship and Religious Liberty and Mission Dignity Sunday

GENERAL FUND TREASURER'S REPORT

MARCH, 2015

	March, 2015	2015 Total		March
Boekerton	\$0.00	\$232.56	DOM Salary	\$1,333.32
Braggadocio	\$106.40	\$376.85	DOM Taxes	\$2,546.25
Caruthersville, FBC	\$655.26	\$2,084.75	DOM Mileage	\$266.25
Catron	\$0.00	\$0.00	DOM Housing	\$562.50
Cottonwood	\$187.94	\$625.43	DOM Health Insurance	\$2,317.55
Glass Memorial	\$0.00	\$210.66	DOM Med	\$129.36
Hayti, FBC	\$0.00	\$2,309.27	DOM Retirement	\$187.50
Hayward	\$95.28	\$327.96	Secretary Salary	\$443.28
Holland	\$520.00	\$1,677.00	Custodian	\$117.80
Holly Grove	\$488.80	\$1,882.80	Utilities	\$452.81
Kinfolks Ridge	\$62.18	\$209.01	Telephone	\$127.81
Lilbourn, FBC	\$547.05	\$3,428.85	Print Supplies	\$184.00
Living Stone	\$304.00	\$953.00	Postage	\$193.52
Oak Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00	Pastor's Training	\$1,115.00
Pascola	\$135.00	\$455.00	Annual & Brd Meeting	\$17.99
Portageville, FBC	\$874.33	\$2,316.77	Miscellaneous	\$6.00
Steele, FBC	\$385.23	\$1,628.19	Volunteer Meals	\$17.95
Temple	\$0.00	\$0.00	MO Baptist Childrens Hm	\$73.81
Wardell	\$559.26	\$2,873.48	SMBA General Fund	\$147.62
	\$4,920.73	\$21,591.58	SMBA Endowment Fund	\$73.81
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Now Interest	\$0.24	\$1.94		
Total Income	\$4,920.97	\$21,593.52	Total Expenses	\$10,314.13

APRIL 1, 2015 General Fund Balance \$721.62

From your Director of Missions

In Proverbs 6: 6—11 is the pattern for the decline of the church.

Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.

The decline of the church will happen when we are satisfied with what we have now and do not make any provision for the future. The ant looks out and recognized that the harvest is at hand and begins gathering in that harvest. The harvest of the church is the redemption of lost people and their joining together in the fellowship of the church after their rebirth experience. If we do not participate in God's harvest, we will eventually run out of people in our churches. It has happened in other parts of the world and is happening before our very eyes in the United States.

The decline of the church is secured when we fold our hands and expect that the Lord's work will get done by others. A common statement is, "I have done my part and it is time that someone else takes over so I can relax". The writer of Proverbs states that this will lead to poverty. If you read in the book of Revelation you will find a church that claimed that they were rich, but God declared them to be poor. We should never judge a church by the size of the building, how many are attending, or how much money that they have in the bank. The true judgement of a church is how many of the members are following the Great Commission and working toward the advancement of God's Kingdom.

If you stop and watch ants, they are always on the move. They will carry items that seem to be bigger than themselves. They recognize that their efforts are necessary if they are to survive. The church is much like that ant colony. We are trying to survive in a world that is not friendly to Christianity. If even some of us stop our efforts, the entire group may not survive. Solomon says that our poverty will come with the suddenness of a woman in childbirth, many times without warning. If we want the church to survive, we need to consider the ants.

MAY MISSION REPORT

First of all I would like to apologize for cancelling our April meeting. I want to thank you for your understanding. Unfortunately, I am not going to be able to reschedule this meeting as the months of May, June & July are full for me. I would appreciate your prayers as I will be traveling a lot over the next couple months. God willing, I am going with our youth group to Xtreme Summer in Panama City Beach, Florida. This will be a wonderful time of worship for all the youth and adults attending this conference. Also, for the first time, there will be an opportunity for the attendees of this conference to minister to the people of Panama City Beach. Please pray that we can reach some of the unsaved.

As soon as I return from Xtreme Summer, God willing, I will be flying to Germany to spend three and half weeks with my daughter and her family. I feel so blessed to be able to spend some time with my grandchildren. Please pray for safe travels and for the people that are helping out with my responsibilities while I am away.

If your Church is interested in starting a WMU or WMU Age-Level Program, there are incentive plans to help with literature. You can find more information at our Missouri Baptist web site: www.mobaptist.org/wmu and then scroll down to "New Start Info". New WMU Age Level Organizations include: Mission Friends, Girl's In Action (GA's), Royal Ambassadors (RA's), Children In Action (CIA's), Acteens, Challengers, Youth on Missions, Women on Mission, and Adults on Mission. It is so important to provide learning opportunities for the children and youth in our Churches. If you would like assistance with any of these programs, please let me know.

Our next Associational WMU meeting will be September 12th at 10:30 a.m. Bro. Tim and I discussed having our Associational WMU meetings at different churches in our association. If your church would like to volunteer to have the meeting at your church, please let me know. These meetings are informal and would last about an hour. Your church would only need to furnish the place, we will take care of the refreshments and a speaker. Thank you so much for this opportunity to serve you.



Hope you have a Blessed day,

Kim McCarty

Associational WMU Director

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. Mark 8:34

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TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JOURNEY OFF THE MAP

UNKNOWN TO US KNOWN TO HIM

ISAIAH CHAPTER THIRTY VERSE TWENTY ONE

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BRING CHILDREN,

YOUTH, AND EVEN ADULTS INTO CONTACT

WITH YOUR CHURCH PRESENTING THEM

WITH THE GOSPEL MESSAGE



Children's Camp

July 20—24

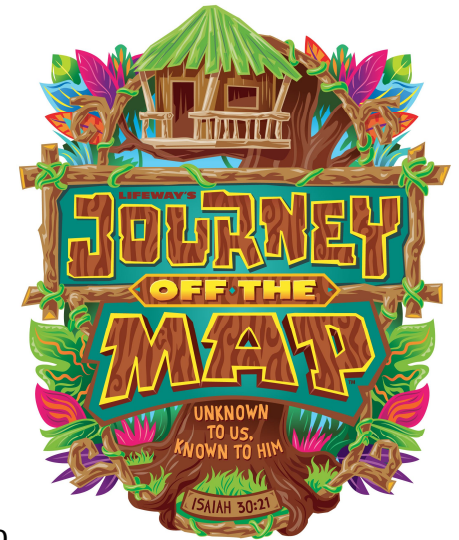
At

South Missouri Baptist Assembly
Van Buren, MO

It is time to:

- I. *Begin praying for the workers, caregivers, and children that will be going to camp.*
- II. *Begin looking at children in your community that need to know the Lord, whether they come to church or not.*
- III. *Begin considering scholarships for those children in your community that need the Lord but cannot afford the camp fee.*
- IV. *Begin considering giving a week of your time to be a witness and caregiver at camp.*

Are you READY for 2015 VACATION BIBLE?



I want to thank each one who took part in the VBS Clinic at FBC Portageville.

A great big "THANK YOU" to the leaders of our conferences..

If any of our churches are interested in having a youth VBS, contact pastor Todd Higgs. He would love to show you the material. This could be a week long VBS, a youth lock-in, or a week-end retreat.

Also, if you would like to expand your VBS to include adults, contact pastor John Compere. He will be glad to help you plan and show you how to use the adult materials.

It's time to get those prayer calendars for Vacation Bible School into the hands of the prayer warriors in your church. Vacation Bible School will never be a complete success until we let the Lord guide us and bring the children to us.

Thank you

Vonnie Snelling

**Southeast Missouri
Baptist Association**

BI-ANNUAL MEETING

May 18

Pascola Baptist Church

7:00 p.m.

Come, Worship and Fellowship with members from churches from the SEMO Baptist Association.

We will sing, hear reports from the treasurer, our DOM, and other committees.

We will conduct any business that comes before the body of messengers from our churches.

Then

We will hear a World Mission challenge from

Bro. John Vernon, Director of Missions from the Cape Girardeau Baptist Association.

Bro. Vernon has served the Lord in the local church, the association, and as a International Missionary.

**Association al Emphasis
Week
May 17-23**

This Year's Associational Theme is:



Colossians 3:23

Would your church consider 2 things?

First: The association needs your prayers.

We are made up of 20 churches. Four of those churches are looking for a new pastor.

Braggadocio, FBC Hayti, Hayward, and Lilbourn.

Second: Would your church consider taking up a special offering for the association during the month of May.

FBC, PORTAGEVILLE:



CHURCH NEWS NEEDS TO BE INTO
THE ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION CENTER
BY THE 15TH OF THE MONTH
PRECEEDING PUBLICATION

You can mail your news to : Southeast Missouri Baptist Association
P. O. Box 551
Hayti, Missouri 63851
Or email it to: semoba@sbcglobal.net

Tentative Program

Southeast Missouri Baptist t Association

BI-ANNUAL MEETING

Pascola Baptist Church

May 18, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Call to Order	Bro. Bill Clayton
Congregational Singing	
Welcome, Scripture, and Prayer	Bro. Greg Hunt
Seating of Messengers	Bro. Bill Clayton
Congregational Singing	
Treasurer's Report	Mrs. Sue Ross
DOM Report	Bro. Tim
Camp Board Committee Report	Mrs. Vonnie Snelling
Camp Committee Report	Bro. Griff Walker
Miscellaneous Business	Bro. Bill Clayton
Congregational Singing	
Special Music	
Speaker	Rev. John Vernon DOM, Cape Girardeau Baptist Association
Closing Prayer	

FBC CARUTHERSVILLE:

COTTONWOOD: We had a wonderful Easter service at Cottonwood. As usual, the Children's Department blessed our hearts with recitations and a song proclaiming the good news of our Risen Lord and Saviour! We had our annual Easter egg hunt following the morning service which the kids enjoyed very much as they hopped around scooping up the eggs and looking for prizes! We have finished The Way of the Master Study Course and are looking at doing the second part of the study course. The carpet has been installed in the new building and we have started working on the trim and other items that have to be done in order to be ready to start moving and installing the pews. Praise God we are getting closer and closer!

FBC, HAYTI: First Baptist Church Hayti has been celebrating this Easter season, Randy Turnage and the Sanctuary choir did an outstanding Easter Cantata April 12th, we had a large turn out with at least 200 in attendance. What a Blessing ! Sunday April 19th, we will be having a Baby Dedication Service for 3 babies, with presentation to each of the families a single pink rose and pink My First Bible and certificate. our 2nd annual Ladies Day Out Luncheon is April 18th at 11:00 am, we are expecting about 45 ladies in attendance, with Elicia Dowdy Walker as our guest speaker and Tracie Miller for entertainment. With Graduation fast approaching we will have the Baccaulerate Service May 13th, 2015 at 7:00 pm, First Baptist Church Hayti has 4 graduating seniors, we congratulate them as well as all the seniors on their accomplishment. Bro. Phill Hall & Charlotte along with Kim Kingston and Shea Watkins went to the associational VBS clinic in Portageville this month, getting ready for VBS this June, its only a few weeks away! We continue to lift up our pastor search committee as they search for our next Pastor.

HOLLAND:

HOLLY GROVE: Looks like spring is here and we are ready. We started April off withour Easter Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m. on the fifth. Later that morning, we had our Easter service with several visitors We observed the Lord's supper at 6:00 p.m. to finish off a beautiful day. On Wednesday, the 8th, we had our monthly business meeting and our WMU met with Mrs. Peggy Holmes. We continue to have our women's prayer meetings on

C H U R C H N E W S

Monday mornings, and the men meet on Thursday nights. On Saturday, the 11th, Nickolas Rinks and Samantha Davidson had their wedding. The wedding was really pretty, the weather was great, and our church was beautiful.

We met at the River Oaks Care Center on Sunday April 12th at 4 p.m. for our regular monthly service.

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. We hope that everyone is ready.

We continue our ministry with the D.D.H.S. food panty on Thursday the 16th and Saturday the 18th.

Joana Odom is to represent the Holly Grove Baptist Church and the Southeast Missouri Baptist Association at the State Bible Drill in Poplar Bluff on April 25th. We know that she will represent our church well and honor our God with her willingness to learn and share.

Our WMU ladies are collecting items each month for the Haven. These are items that are needed as a part of every day life. Mrs. Pog Childers is taking donations for our Christmas projects. We will be purchasing livestock in 2015. She is also collecting for our Christmas fund at the church.

Our prayer is that the numbers will grow this year, both at Holly Grove and all of our sister churches. Pray that God's children will come back home and worship Him.

OAK GROVE: A warm greeting from Oak Grove. Spring is finally here and we are witnessing God's splendor in the rebirth of nature. The trees budding, the flowers blooming, warm sunshine, green grass, and April showers. We can worship Him in all His splendor.

We had an Easter egg hunt at our church for the little ones and they were talk that Easter is celebrated as the day the Jesus arose from the grave. We also had communion on Easter.

We are still collecting money for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

Our youth will be going to Centrifuge this summer at Union University.

The youth had a spaghetti supper on April 29th and then watched the mover "God Is Not Dead" after the meal.

We will be having our Homecoming service on May 3rd. There will be a concert with Gail Garrett during the morning service as well as a group that will sing from the boys and girls group homes in Kennett.

We have several that are struggling with cancer; Mike Murrell, Ron Young, and Willowdean Rigs. Pleas remember them in your prayers

We are making plans for Vacation Bible School. No date has been set, but we are still getting ready. Continue to pray for us and our sister churches, especially those without a pastor.