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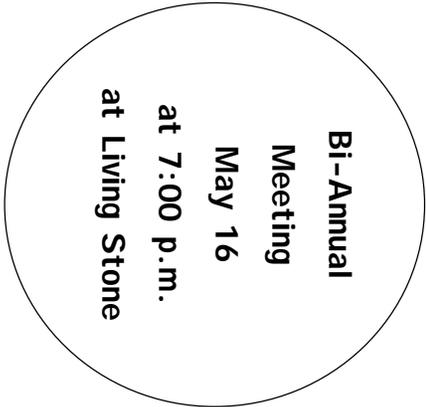


Jim & Cindee Johnson 5/17
 Griff & Susan Walker 5/23

Pastor Anniversaries

Griff Walker
 Wardell - 1997

Gary Mann
 Kinfolks Ridge - 2011



Bi-Annual
 Meeting
 May 16
 at 7:00 p.m.
 at Living Stone

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- 5 National Day of Prayer
- 8 Mother's Day
- 15-22 Associational Emphasis Week
- 16 Associational Bi-Annual meeting, Living Stone at 7:00 p.m.
- 16-17 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 30 Memorial Day, Mission Center closed



JUNE, 2016

- 6 Executive Board Meeting, Mission Center 7:00 p.m.
- 12-15 Southern Baptist Convention, St. Louis, MO
- 19 Father's Day
- 20-21 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 23 Senior Adult Fellowship
- 25 Brotherhood Fish Fry, 6:00 p.m. Location to be announced

GENERAL FUND TREASURER'S REPORT

MARCH, 2016

	March,	2016 Total		March
Boekerton	\$0.00	\$434.33	DOM Salary	\$1,266.66
Braggadocio	\$151.25	\$492.85	DOM Mileage	\$185.22
Caruthersville, FBC	\$1,073.53	\$2,965.54	DOM Housing Allowance	\$562.50
Catron	\$500.00	\$500.00	DOM Health Insurance	\$2,565.55
Cottonwood	\$298.60	\$812.34	DOM Medical Reimb.	\$644.96
Glass Memorial	\$230.80	\$624.80	DOM Retirement	\$187.50
Hayti, FBC	\$1,149.38	\$4,708.87	Secretary Salary	\$554.10
Hayward	\$142.80	\$393.48	Custodian	\$176.55
Holland	\$490.00	\$2,163.00	Utilities	\$281.20
Holly Grove	\$704.96	\$2,296.40	Telephone	\$225.55
Kinfolks Ridge	\$110.80	\$186.71	Print Supplies	-\$3.00
Lilbourn, FBC	\$0.00	\$1,917.58	Office Maintenance	\$103.86
Living Stone	\$507.00	\$1,469.00	Postage	\$186.56
Oak Grove	\$67.49	\$167.49	Pastor's Training	\$712.50
Pascola	\$95.00	\$390.00	Volunteer Meals	\$90.54
Portageville, FBC	\$1,620.46	\$4,960.44	Missouri Baptist CH HM	\$125.48
Steele, FBC	\$469.17	\$1,768.47	SMBA General Fund	\$250.96
Temple	\$0.00	\$0.00	SMBA Endowment Fund	\$125.48
Tyler	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Wardell	\$754.00	\$3,167.32		
	\$8,365.24	\$29,418.62		
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$25.00		
Now Interest	\$0.25	\$0.82		
Total Income	\$8,365.49	\$29,444.44	Total Expenses	\$8,242.17

APRIL 1, 2016 General Fund Balance \$3,666.20

Chocolate Peanut Butter Ooey Goey Butter Cake



INGREDIENTS:

Cake

- 1 German Chocolate Cake Mix
- ½ cup butter - melted
- 1 egg

2nd Layer

- 8 Peanut Butter Cups - large one
- 3 small Butterfinger Candy Bars

Cream Cheese Layer

- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ½ cup butter, melted
- 4 cups confectionery sugar

Chocolate topping

- ½ cup chocolate chips
- 1 tablespoon vegetable or canola oil

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees, 325 degrees if using a glass pan.
2. Combine the cake mix, egg and butter together. Beat until it is combined. Spray a 9 x 12 pan with cooking spray and then put the cake mix layer over the bottom. Pat it down.
3. Cut the large peanut butter cups into 4 pieces. Roughly chop the Butterfingers. Spread evenly over the cake layer.
4. Combine the cream cheese, vanilla and peanut butter together until combined. Add the eggs one at a time and mix them in. Add the butter. When this is all combined together add the confectionery sugar. Spread evenly over the candy bar layer.
5. Bake for about 50 minutes. I used a glass pan and it took just over an hour. The mixture will be puffed up in the center when done. It will jiggle just slightly. Remove from oven and let cool.
6. Melt the chocolate for 1 minute in the microwave. Add the oil. Stir until combined. Spread over the top of the cream cheese layer.

From Your Director of Missions

Where *there* is no vision, the people perish: Proverbs 29:18a

What is your vision for the ministry of your church this summer?

Is the goal of your Vacation Bible School to reach every child in your community? The common responses are: We do not have enough workers. Do you know what it would cost to have that many kids in VBS? Some of them will not know how to act and will mess up our building. They won't come to our church after VBS, so why should we bring them in just for one week?

What is the simple argument that puts all of these questions to rest? Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me for of such is the Kingdom of God". Jesus said to do it! That means if we step out on faith and challenge God's people, that He will provide the workers and resources to make sure that every child in your community knows that God and your church loves them. James 2:1, My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, *the Lord* of glory, with respect of persons. Jesus died for every one of the children in your neighborhood.

Has your church looked into the community to find lost children that you could scholarship to Children's Camp in July? We have had very few decision for salvation at camp for several years. Part of this is the fact that our churches are not bringing lost children to camp. We need to spend time in prayer for our camp and allow God to lead us to reach out to children in the community and give them this week to find out about Jesus. For all of them it is the only hope that they have. Most of our children will fall into the hands of Satan if we don't make an effort to rescue them.

What about the people on the other end of the spectrum. What is your vision to reach out and minister to the senior citizens in your community. Many of them are lonely and withdrawn into their own little world. They don't believe that anyone really cares about them or their situation. What can you do to make their day brighter? What can you do that says God and His people love you? Many of them are very close to eternity, have we shared God's plan of eternal life to them?

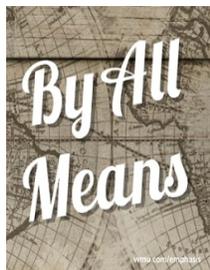
And then there are those in between the two extremes. What can we do to engage youth and adults with the church. Block parties, picnics, family day at the park, or other activities that will bring them into contact with the member of our churches. Each church will need to find the ministries that work in their community.

Having a vision and working for the advancement of the Kingdom of God is not an option. If we don't do anything we are still committing a grievous sin. Because to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

We will give an account to God for our ministry or lack of it.

MAY MISSION REPORT

The 2016-17 WMU Emphasis is: By All Means. The Watchword is: I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings. 1 Corinthians 9:22b-23. 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. 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.



May 15th-22nd is Baptist Associational Emphasis week. This is a week set aside for churches to show appreciation to their association. Please remember to pray for the work of our association. Also, pray for our Director of Missions, Bro. Tim Abanathy. He works hard to bring our churches together to do God's work. Pray that the association will continue to thrive and receive the support necessary to operate. Thank you.

Our next Associational WMU meeting will be September 17th at 10:30 a.m. 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. 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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PLEASE SEND YOUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
INFORMATION TO THE SOUTHEAST MISSOURI BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION. MAIL TO: POST OFFICE BOX FIVE FIFTY ONE
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EMAIL TO: semoba@sbcglobal.net
INCLUDE DATES, TIMES, AND FAMILY NIGHT
PROGRAM DATE AND TIME

2016

Southeast Missouri Baptist Associational

Children's Camp

July 25 - 29

Theme

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Camp Fee

\$130.00

2016

Vacation Bible School



We will put the information regarding your Vacation Bible School on this page in the VOICE. Please send the information by email to semoba@sbcglobal.net or by mail to P. O. Box 551, Hayti, MO 63851.

REMEMBER: If your church needs help with workers, call the Mission Center and we will help to fill our your VBS team

KNOWN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

First Baptist Church, Portageville

May 23 - 27

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Family service on May 27th at 11:00 a.m.

2016
Southeast
Missouri
Baptist
Association
Children's
Bible
Drill
Winner



Joanna Odom was again the only child to compete in the Associational Children's Bible Drill. She scored a perfect 24 which means that she made no mistakes. She will compete in the state drill at the end of April.

Your church can have children competing in the Bible Drill. The children will learn the books of the Bible, Key Passages and where they are found, and memorize 24 scriptures and where they are located. This takes dedication on the part of the children, but also requires the dedication of adult workers. We have been given the responsibility from God to train up our children in the way that they should go. The failures of our children to understand God's word falls back on the adults. If the church becomes a failure it will be because the adults did not prepare our children to be Godly people by understanding what God expects of them.

Living Stone Baptist Church
10th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, May 22, 2016 • 10:00 A.M.



1 Peter 2:4-5
**Living
Stone
Baptist Church**

Grounded...Growing...Giving...Going!

Join us as we celebrate what in God has done in a decade of ministry with testimonies, songs, and preaching. A potluck fellowship will follow the service.

514 W. 12th Street, Portageville, MO • 379-2400 • www.livingstonebaptist.org

HOLLY GROVE: (continued) become a resident for a few weeks of rehab after a fall. Please keep her and Ms. Glenda, her sister, in your prayers.

At our evening service on the 10th, we had our Associational Children's Bible Drill. Bro. Tim was our moderator. As always, we enjoy his visits. Our winner again this year was 10 year old Joanna Odom. Joanna is the granddaughter of Mrs. Joann and the late Buck Laster. She is the daughter of James and LeiAnn Odom. Congratulations to Joanna for her success in the Bible Drill and also on her selection as a Cooter cheerleader. We are praying for a great finish in the Missouri Baptist Convention's State Children's Bible Drill later this spring.

We worked on all of our regular duties, food pantry, The Haven, WMU Christmas projects, and continued our women's and men's prayer times.

We are blessed with so many wonderful people at Holly Grove. We give God the glory for all of them. Our spotlight this month is Mrs. Shirley (Thomas) Johnson. She is another one of those sweet ladies that helps in more ways that I could ever list. She is a Sunday School teacher and when she cannot be there, she always makes sure someone in our class will fill in. She is always there to help with all the special dinners and will do whatever you ask, if she can. She has been blessed with a wonderful family. Her parents, children, siblings and others have been members here at Holly Grove at one time. Her home is across the road from our church and she opens it to our visiting guests at Holly Grove when the need arises. We love and appreciate Mrs. Shirley and want her to know that.

We are looking forward to all the summer fun. We will begin with VBS. We are unsure of the date, but it won't be long.

We hope that you and your family will have a great summer and spend it close to God, where ever you are.

Pray daily for our country, our leaders, our churches and our communities.

We would like to hear

From your church.

Send your news into the mission center
by the 15th of the month preceding publication

You are invited

To attend

The

**Bi-Annual Meeting
Of the Southeast Missouri
Baptist Association**

May 16

At the

Living Stone Baptist Church

In Portageville

At 7:00 p.m.

**An item of business that will be discussed is a
Mobile Medical Clinic**



CHURCH NEWS

CARUTHERSVILLE FBC: Greetings fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ, FBC is going strong with the power of the Lord. Thank you for the continued prayers for our ministry. We will continue to pray for you.

Our new spring church family picnic was a huge success. We had a large group come to the England Park with lots of food and fellowship.

Our first VBS meeting was a success. We will be having VBS on Sunday Night June 26th-Thursday June 30th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The Women on Mission had a very successful soup and grilled cheese luncheon for the purchasing of a lighted life size Nativity that they will place out each Christmas.

The Extreme Arts creative worship group did their spring worship service . It was outstanding. Bro. Phillip does a great job with these kids thru young adults.

The free doctor's clinic continues every month and many people seem to really appreciate this ministry.

We had our revival at the end of April with Bro. Joe Wright and Bro. Jim Clark.

Our youth will be participating in the 30 hour famine with proceeds going to World Hunger Relief.

God is so gracious and merciful and we thank Him for how He loves us and how He protects and cares for us all. Most of all we are thankful that we serve a loving Savior!!!

COTTONWOOD: Greetings from Cottonwood. We held our first Easter Service in the new building and celebrated our Risen Lord and Savior with an attendance of 44! Praise the Lord!! Kids of all ages enjoyed the annual Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the services. The Dedication Service for the new Cottonwood Baptist Church building was held on Saturday, April 9, 2016. What a wonderful day of celebration and giving praise to our God for the great things he has done and allowed us to be a part of. We had a full house!! Several of the volunteer mission groups were able to come back and celebrate with us, as well as former pastors and members, sister churches and individuals from the community that had helped to make this vision become a reality. Please pray for us as we now begin the task of reaching the community and growing the church. If any of our sister churches needs an immersion heater for their baptistery, please contact Bro. Mickey @ 573/359-7422 or 573/333-0662. It requires a 220 outlet.

HAYTI, FBC: Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ. We are in awe of how good our God is and how He works everything out for His purpose. We are so thankful for the mission crew that has transformed our upstairs, even better than we imagined. We now have extra classrooms for Sunday School. We will be able to utilize the extra classrooms for Vacation Bible School, set for June 13 - 17. What an awesome time we have with all the kids.

Thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed our choir musical "O Great Redeemer". It was amazing! Randy Turnage and the choir did a wonderful job.

Disciple Now weekend was held April 16 & 17. The youth had a wonderful time of fellowship and worshipping God. Thank you Shea Watkins and Tonya Childers for putting this together.

The Pacemakers went to eat at The Boat House Restaurant in Hornbeak, Tennessee. The food was good and the fellowship even better. They are already planning their next event.

The WMU held their annual Ladies Day Out Luncheon April 30th with guest speaker Penny Rodgers. The Traveling Whisk catered the event. For Mother's Day the ladies will be delivering flowers to mothers at the nursing home.

On May 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm we will be honoring the 2016 Hayti Graduating Seniors, family, and friends with our Baccalaureate Service. There will be words of encouragement as they begin this new chapter of their lives.

We have all heard God works in mysterious ways. I was at the ball field when I heard, "Don't just practice until you get it right, practice until you can't get it wrong." What a testimony for us to live by in our own Christian walk. With every new day we are reminded of just how blessed we are and how God's mercy is new everyday. We are lucky to be apart of a church family that feeds us spiritually, encourages us to be better than we were yesterday, and reminds us that our HOPE is in Jesus Christ! Bro. Phill and Mrs. Charlotte are wonderful examples of all that for us. With everything we do and the words we speak let's hope God gets the Glory. May God Bless You!

HOLLY GROVE: Hello everyone, we hope you are having a great springtime. Summer will be here soon.

Holly Grove started our month off with a movie on Sunday night, April 3rd. We watched the movie "Resurrection", a Max Lucado production.

On Wednesday night the 6th, we had our monthly business meeting and our WMU met with Mrs. Deanna Allison as the teacher. Our study was on how to get the summer crowd to church.

We had our monthly service at the River Oaks Care Center on Sunday afternoon, the 10th. One of our sweet members, Ms. Shot OKane has