

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS' DIRECTORY

Moderator	Mr. Bill Clayton, 1052 County HWY 217, Wardell, MO 63879
Vice-Moderator	Rev. Andrew Green, P. O. Box 294, Lilbourn, MO 63862
Clerk	Mrs. Norma Waldrop, P.O. Box 43, Holland, MO 63853
Director of Missions	Rev. Tim Abanathy, 308 E. 7th, Portageville, MO 63873

Associational Office Phone # : 573-359-2356

Toll Free Phone # : 1-888-349-1586

Office Hours: 8:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

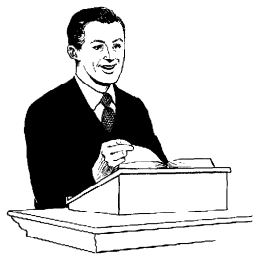
Monday Thru Friday

At other times call Bro. Tim on his cell at 573-359-4101

Associational Pastors & Family Birthdays and Anniversaries



Kayla Britt	11 - 02
Mickey Moody	11 - 06
David Britt	11 - 22



**Rev. Mickey Moody
Cottonwood Baptist church
2006**

**Rev. David Britt
Boekerton Baptist Church
2007**

If we have a birthday or anniversary date wrong,
please contact the Mission Center.

email: semoba@sbcglobal.net or phone: 573-359-2356



NOVEMBER, 2014

VOL. LV

ISSUE 11

THE SOUTHEAST MISSOURI VOICE

SECOND CLASS POSTAGE PAID AT HAYTI, MISSOURI 63851

"THE SOUTHEAST MISSOURI VOICE" (UPS 381-060) is published at
608 North 6th Street, Hayti, MO 63851 There is no subscription cost
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to THE SOUTHEAST MISSOURI VOICE.

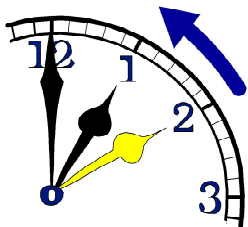
P.O. Box 551, Hayti, Missouri 63851

November, 2014

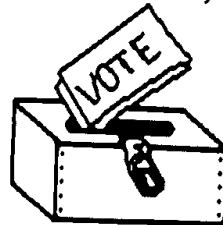
- 1 Associational WMU Meeting, Mission Center at 10:30 a.m.
- 1 - 7 Christmas Boxes due at the Mission Center
- 2 Disaster Relief Appreciation Sunday
- 11 Pastor Prayer Meeting, FBC, Portageville 10:00 a.m.
- 15 Pastor/Wife Thanksgiving/Christmas Banquet 6:00 p.m.
Catron Baptist Church
- 17 - 18 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 27 Thanksgiving (Mission Center closed 27 & 28)

- 30 - Dec 7 Week of Prayer for International Missions
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

November 2, 2014



November 4, 2014



December, 2014

- 1 Executive Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Mission Center Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
- 1 - 7 week of Prayer for the Lottie Moon International Missions Offering
- 9 Pastor's Prayer Meeting, FBC, Portageville at 10:00 a.m.
- 11 Senior Adult Fellowship 11:00 a.m. Temple Baptist Church
- 15 & 16 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 25 Christmas Day

TREASURER'S REPORT of the GENERAL FUND SEPTEMBER, 2014

INCOME

	Sept, 2014	2014 Total
Boekerton	\$293.35	\$2,380.78
Braggadocio	\$161.65	\$1,392.84
Caruthersville, FBC	\$0.00	\$7,549.12
Catron	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Cottonwood	\$232.14	\$2,639.27
Glass Memorial	\$128.00	\$1,249.94
Hayti, FBC	\$1,399.56	\$11,411.04
Hayward	\$241.92	\$2,283.32
Holland	\$796.00	\$7,443.00
Holly Grove	\$827.56	\$7,760.88
Kinfolks Ridge	\$83.55	\$717.90
Lilbourn, FBC	\$619.57	\$7,766.96
Living Stone	\$399.00	\$3,717.50
Oak Grove	\$0.00	\$266.00
Pascola	\$202.50	\$2,061.20
Portageville, FBC	\$1,413.23	\$11,745.96
Steele, FBC	\$591.48	\$5,864.12
Temple	\$0.00	\$5,929.97
Tyler	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wardell	\$938.05	\$8,613.55
	\$8,327.56	\$92,293.35
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$150.94
Now Interest	\$0.50	\$4.25
Total Income	\$8,428.06	\$92,448.54

EXPENSES

	September
DOM Salary	\$1,333.32
DOM Taxes	\$2,546.25
DOM Mileage	\$315.84
DOM Housing	\$562.50
DOM Health Insurance	\$2,076.55
DOM Medical Reimb.	\$171.69
DOM Retirement	\$187.50
Secretary Salary	\$443.28
Custodian	\$117.70
Utilities	\$159.00
Telephone	\$40.00
Print Supplies	\$179.23
Office Maintenance	\$245.21
Postage	\$192.69
Insurance	\$291.50
SMBA Board Expense	\$92.07
Senior Adult Fellowship	\$200.00
Annual & Brd Mtng Exp	\$571.65
Miscellaneous	\$125.00
Volunteer Meals	\$44.70
MO Baptist Children's Hm	\$124.91
SMBA General Fund	\$374.73
Total Expenses	\$10,395.32

SEPTEMBER 1, 2014 - General Fund Balance \$9,699.72

Rustic Garlic Mashed Potatoes

INGREDIENTS

- 3 pounds baking potatoes (such as russet or Yukon gold), peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces
- 6 cloves garlic, halved
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 14 ounce can seasoned chicken broth with roasted garlic
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Bay leaves (optional)

DIRECTIONS

In a 3-1/2- or 4-quart slow cooker, combine potatoes, garlic, and bay leaf. Pour broth over potato mixture. Cover and cook on low-heat setting for 6 to 8 hours or on high-heat setting for 3 to 4 hours. Drain potatoes in a colander over a bowl to catch the cooking liquid. Remove and discard bay leaf. Return potatoes to slow cooker. Mash potatoes with a potato masher. In a small saucepan, heat milk and butter until steaming and butter almost melts. Add milk mixture, salt, and enough of the reserved cooking liquid to mashed potatoes to reach desired consistency.* To serve, transfer potatoes to a serving bowl. Sprinkle with freshly ground black pepper. If desired, garnish with bay leaves.

Sweet Potato Pound Cake

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 2 cups white sugar
- 2 cups cooked and mashed sweet potatoes
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4 eggs
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
- 5 teaspoons orange juice
- 2 tablespoons grated orange zests

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour a 10-inch tube pan. Sift together flour, baking powder, cinnamon, baking soda, nutmeg and salt. Set aside. In large mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add mashed sweet potatoes and vanilla. Beat until well blended. Add eggs, one at a time (the batter will look curdled). Add flour mixture to potato mixture. Beat on low until combined. Pour batter into 10 inch tube pan. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for about 1 hour and 20 minutes, or until a wooden toothpick inserted into cake comes out clean. Cool cake for 20 minutes in the pan, then invert onto serving plate. To make the glaze: in a small bowl, combine confectioners sugar with 3 to 5 teaspoons orange juice to achieve drizzling consistency. Spoon over warm cake and sprinkle with orange zest if desired.

From Your Director of Missions

There are 2 things that I would like to call to your attention this month. November is important in 2 ways. We have an opportunity to participate in the political process of our country and then we have set aside a special day for thanksgiving.

Jesus told us that we have a responsibility to our government. Other writers in the New Testament remind us to be subject to our leaders and pray for them. We are also reminded that we have a responsibility to serve the commands of God over the commands of men.

Jesus said, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." We need to take the opportunity to vote seriously as Christian Citizens of the United States. If we choose to elect ungodly men to lead us and make laws for our country, we will reap what we sow. Our nation is very close to the wrath of God because our leaders and our court system have decided that men are smarter and more thoughtful than God. Paul wrote in Romans that God gave them over to a reprobate mind, If we vote for them, we will share in the judgement of God against them.

Take your vote seriously. Pray!!! Research the stands that the candidate has made. Ask yourself, "Would Jesus vote for them?"

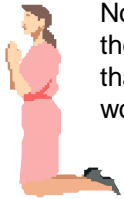
God is being excluded from the lives of people around the world. We talk about how bad ISIS is, but, have we excluded God from our nation and is God being consulted by our leaders? Which is worse: To not know God and live your life against His teachings or to claim to know and follow God and then vote for people that are against His teachings.

We have a responsibility to God in the last part of what Jesus said, "And unto God the things that are God's" We are to give ourselves to God as a living sacrifice. He purchased us with the blood of His Son. We should be willing to give all we have to Him. The least we can do is Worship Him and give Him thanks.

James wrote, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." Everything that you have is a result of the grace and mercy of God. He has not given us what we deserve. On Thanksgiving, we will eat fellowship with family and friends, watch sporting activities, go shopping, and over indulge ourselves. At what point do we stop and spend time in communicating our "Thanks" to our Father that has provided all these things for us. Yes, it should be an everyday process. But, it should be special on this day. Will Thanksgiving Day be special to you?

We can combine the 2 things in this month's column in one sentence. We as Christians should be thankful that God has given us a country that allows us to vote. A freedom that is not found in many parts of this

NOVEMBER MISSIONS REPORT



November 3rd is "Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer". The theme is "In Step with the Spirit through Prayer". This is a day that National WMU has put aside for Baptist women around the world to participate in praying, learning, and giving so that the work of WMU will continue to be successful. Please take a little time on this day to say a special prayer for all of our WMUs. For more information go to: <http://bwawd.org/day-of-prayer>.

God expects us to approach each day with a thankful heart. Look at the Israelites that wandered in the wilderness for 40 years because of grumbling and complaining. With Thanksgiving just around the corner, please take the time to be thankful for the many blessings that God has provided. Especially the gift of eternal life for those that believe in HIM. Praise the Lord, we have so much to be thankful for.



December is the time for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. For materials, go to: <http://mobaptist.org/wmu/lottie-moon/> or call Sharon Paris at 1-800-736-6227.

If you haven't turned in your Operation Christmas Child boxes, please have them to the missions office the first of November.

I would like to thank First Baptist Church of Caruthersville for volunteering to host our 5th Annual Sno Country Sing-a-long on January 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer to sing, do a skit or dramatization, please call me at 870-278-3143.

Our next meeting will be November 1st at 10:30 a.m. at the Association Office in Hayti. All ladies are welcome to attend our meetings even if your Church does not participate in WMU. Please come support your Associational WMU. Thank you so much for this opportunity to serve you.



Hope you have a Blessed day,
Kim Mccarty
Associational WMU Director

In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

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

THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING
FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS FUNDS MORE
THAN FIFTY PERCENT OF THE WORK
ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE IMB WHICH
HIS ALMOST FIVE THOUSAND MISSIONARIES
AROUND THE WORLD CELEBRATE THE WEEK
OF PRAYER NOVEMBER THIRTIETH THROUGH
DECEMBER SEVENTH

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE® (All Periodicals Publications Except Requester Publications)		
1. Publication Title Southeast Missouri Voice		2. Publication Number 381-060
3. Filing Date 10/24/2014		
4. Issue Frequency Monthly		5. Number of Issues Published Annually 12
6. Annual Subscription Price None		
7. Complete Mailing Address of Known Office of Publication (Not printer) (Street, city, county, state, and ZIP+4®) Southeast Missouri Baptist Association P. O. Box 551, Hayti, MO 63851		Contact Person Tim Abanathy Telephone (include area code) 673-359-2366
8. Complete Mailing Address of Headquarters or General Business Office of Publisher (Not printer) Southeast Missouri Baptist Association P. O. Box 551, Hayti, MO 63851		
9. Full Names and Complete Mailing Addresses of Publisher, Editor, and Managing Editor (Do not leave blank) Publisher (Name and complete mailing address) Southeast Missouri Baptist Association P. O. Box 551, Hayti, MO 63851 Editor (Name and complete mailing address) Tim Abanathy P. O. Box 551, Hayti, MO 63851 Managing Editor (Name and complete mailing address) Tim Abanathy P. O. Box 551, Hayti, MO 63851		
10. Owner (Do not leave blank. If the publication is owned by a corporation, give the name and address of the corporation immediately followed by the names and addresses of all stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of the total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, give the names and addresses of the individual owners. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, give its name and address as well as those of each individual owner. If the publication is published by a nonprofit organization, give its name and address.)		
Full Name Southeast Missouri Baptist Association		Complete Mailing Address P. O. Box 551, Hayti, MO 63851
13. Publication Title SOUTHEAST MISSOURI VOICE		14. Issue Date for Circulation Data Below
15. Extent and Nature of Circulation		
a. Total Number of Copies (Not press run)		766
b. Paid Circulation (By Mail and Outside the Mail)		750
(1) Mailed Outside-County Paid Subscriptions Stated on PS Form 3541 (Include paid distribution above nominal rate, advertiser's proof copies, and exchange copies)		
(2) Mailed In-County Paid Subscriptions Stated on PS Form 3541 (Include paid distribution above nominal rate, advertiser's proof copies, and exchange copies)		
(3) Paid Distribution Outside the Mails Including Sales Through Dealers and Carriers, Street Vendors, Counter Sales, and Other Paid Distribution Outside USPS®		
(4) Paid Distribution by Other Classes of Mail Through the USPS (e.g. First-Class Mail®)		
c. Total Paid Distribution (Sum of 15b (1), (2), (3), and (4))		
(1) Free or Nominal Rate Outside-County Copies included on PS Form 3541		384
(2) Free or Nominal Rate In-County Copies included on PS Form 3541		371
(3) Free or Nominal Rate Copies Mailed at Other Classes Through the USPS (e.g. First-Class Mail)		
(4) Free or Nominal Rate Distribution Outside the Mail (Carriers or other means)		
e. Total Free or Nominal Rate Distribution (Sum of 15d (1), (2), (3) and (4))		766
f. Total Distribution (Sum of 15c and 15e)		750
g. Copies not Distributed (See Instructions to Publishers #4 (page #3))		44
h. Total (Sum of 15f and g)		25
i. Percent Paid (15c divided by 15f times 100)		800
16. Publication of Statement of Ownership		775
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If the publication is a general publication, publication of this statement is required. Will be printed in the NOVEMBER issue of this publication.		<input type="checkbox"/> Publication not required
17. Signature and Title of Editor, Publisher, Business Manager, or Owner Director of Missions		Date 10/24/2014
I certify that all information furnished on this form is true and complete. I understand that anyone who furnishes false or misleading information on this form or who omits material or information requested on the form may be subject to criminal sanctions (including fines and imprisonment) and/or civil sanctions (including civil penalties).		

Church Camp



I would like to remind you again this month of the \$10,000 matching fund that our camp has been challenged to. Money that is given to the camp will be matched up to \$10,000. If you would like to give, you can do so through your church, the association, or by mailing your check to South Missouri Baptist Assembly, P. O. Box 513, Van Buren, MO 63965. Make sure that you put camp matching fund in the memo of your check.

I will be contacting those of you who have volunteered to work at the camp to get it ready for our Centennial Celebration. If you would like to be put on the list of volunteers, contact Bro. Tim at the Mission Center and he will get the information to me.

!!!REMEMBER!!!

South Missouri Baptist Assembly Centennial Celebration May 2, 2015

Camp Tours, Music, Fellowship, and of course food

Remember, if you have pictures you would like displayed at the celebration you need to e-mail them to Donna at smba@centurytel.net as soon as possible so she will have time to process them.

Vonnie Snelling
SMBA Camp Promotion Committee

MATTHEW 28:19-20

imb
connecting

ONE SACRED EFFORT

FIND YOUR PLACE
IN GOD'S STORY

512 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS NOV 30 - DEC. 7

IMB.ORG/OFFERING

Church News Continued

OAK GROVE Cont: We are still gathering supplies for our Christmas Shoe Boxes. Our goal is 50 boxes. As we collected money for the MMO offering, we were elated to find that we had exceeded our goal. We have several members of our church family that are seriously ill. We ask for your prayers for them. Our pastor's wife, Makisha Davis has just found out that her mother has stage 4 liver cancer. Pray for her and her family. Pray for our little church, our pastor, and his family. We are struggling in several areas. We will have our Harvest Day in November, but haven't set the date yet. Continue praying for all of the churches, our country, and for one another. **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!!** Seek God for Guidance as you cast your ballot.

PORTAGEVILLE: Fall is in the air, the leaves are beginning to fall and here at First Baptist Church the Spirit of the Lord has been falling upon our services. We praise the Lord for how He has been working in our lives here at FBC. We celebrated Pastor Appreciation Month on Sunday night, October 19th with a fellowship meal. We are so thankful for the two men that have been called to serve here. Bro. John Compere is our Senior Pastor and we are so thankful for him and his family. He is a true man of God, he preaches the Word of God with conviction and we are blessed to have him here to lead us. Bro. Steve Bradford is our Associate Pastor of Music and Youth. We are so thankful for the great job he does leading us each Sunday in worship through song and for the blessing he has been to our youth here at FBC. Continue to pray for the men of God that the Lord has placed in your congregation to lead you. We participated in Main Street Madness by handing out free popcorn along with Bibles and other church information. We had some children that also participated in the Kiddie Parade the following Tuesday night. On Wednesday evening, our youth were part of the Main Street Community Service. And then we participated in the Grand Parade on Thursday night with a Grand Float. The theme was Comic Con, so we went with the theme of Superman emphasizing that Jesus is the original Superman. Even though we got rained out just as we turned the float onto Main Street, a good time was had by everyone who participated. Our new Discipleship Training classes began on Sunday night, October 12th with great attendance. These classes will run for six weeks and we are excited about what the Lord is doing through these studies. We took pictures for our new Pictorial Directory and we look forward it coming out soon. Continue praying for us here at First Baptist

HOLLY GROVE: Hello everyone! We hope everyone you love is well and safe. October was a busy month. It came in on a Wednesday night and we had our regular Bible Study and Prayer Times. On the 4th, we helped the town of Cooter celebrate its Fall Festival and Gospel Music with a ceremony at the War Memorial also. Also on the 4th, several of our members went to the River Oaks Care Center in the afternoon to help our long time friend, Mrs. Lorena Azbill celebrate her 99th birthday.

Ricky Taylor filled the pulpit on the 5th in the absence of Bro. Lew. October 8th was our regular monthly business meeting.

On Saturday night, the 11th, we honored our teachers, leaders, pastor, deacons, and their spouses with a dinner at the Grecian Steak House in Blytheville, AR. On the 12th, we had our monthly service at River Oaks Care Center in Steele. On Friday night, Oct. 17th our young group, directed by Lei-Ann Odom, had our annual Slime Time Party. I can't explain what that is but the kids and the grown-ups have a blast. We helped with the C.D.H.S. Food Pantry on the 16th and 18th. The Holly Grove Baptist Church celebrated its 126th birthday on October 21st.

We continue to work on our WMU projects because the holidays will be here before you can blink and we have to be ready. So, we work on these projects all year long. We hosted a Trunk or Treat on our church parking lot on October 31st for all the local children. Now, here we are in November, Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family from ours. Pray for our country

OAK GROVE: Hello, from Oak Grove. We are enjoying this cooler weather that God has sent us. Also, this brings less of the troublesome mosquitoes. We haven't reported in some time, so the first thing is our VBS. We traveled through the Wilderness escape with Moses. We had a daily attendance of 50 and are still rejoicing in the 4 decisions to follow Jesus and the one rededication.

We are now in the middle of a 6 week Bible Study entitled "Called To Be Holy, being led by our pastor. We continue to have our cottage prayer meetings each month. Several of our members attended the Associational Annual Meetings in Hayti and Caruthersville.

In August, a group from the church enjoyed a day at Discovery America in Dyersburg. We served juice and cakes at the "See You At The Pole" at Delta C-7 on Sept. 24. Our hearts were blessed as we listened to the prayers of the students. There were 150 present.



Dr. Michael Haynes' DOM column **Does Your Church Need A New Pastor?**

Does your church need a new pastor? I am not asking if your church needs a different pastor. I am asking if your church needs a **new** pastor. Many pastors are tired. The natural response to this condition is for the pastor to start looking for a different church and the church to begin wishing for a different pastor. This **natural** reaction is almost always **not** God's will. In fact, the wandering eye of both pastor and church can lead to further frustration, dissatisfaction, exhaustion and even conflict. No, what your church needs is not a different pastor, but a renewed pastor. In fact, scripture mandates that every believer be regularly renewed in their relationship with and service for the Lord. King David said, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; And renew a right spirit within me." Psalm 51:10. The Prophet Isaiah said "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." Isaiah 40:31. For anyone to stay fresh in the Lord, they must constantly be renewed.

This renewing process is imperative for pastors. Pastors face unrealistic expectations. Everyone in the church has an idea of the "perfect pastor" and projects that on their pastor. Pastors face impossible work demands. Pastors are constantly under the gun regarding sermon preparation, visitation, administration, conflict mediation, vision casting, counseling, staff planning, weddings, funerals, attendance at the myriad of meetings and the list goes on and on. Is it any wonder that 1500 pastors leave the ministry every month.

Satan wants to destroy your church. His primary strategy to accomplish that goal is to weaken your pastor. Prior to the crucifixion, Jesus predicted the disciples would fall away. He quoted from Zechariah when he said "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered." Satan is doing every thing in his power to strike your pastor (shepherd). What can churches and pastors do to counter this assault?

First, churches and pastors need to recognize that this struggle is primarily a spiritual struggle. As such, it must be fought on spiritual grounds. Furthermore, for the pastor to simply move to a new church or the church to call a different pastor solves nothing. Within a short period of time, both pastor and church will be in the same situation again.

Next, pastors need to be intentional about caring for themselves. Pastors must recognize that appropriate self-care is not selfish. Whatever benefits the pastor will also bless the church. Pastors need to know when it is appropriate to say *no* to excessive demands. Pastors also need to be honest with their congregations regarding their own struggles and needs.

Finally, healthy, happy churches are led by healthy, happy pastors. Churches need to do whatever it takes to encourage and assist their pastors in regular renewal. This assistance should take the form of the obvious such as praying for, honoring and encouraging your pastor. It may also involve making sure your pastor has adequate time off and the resources to do things and go places where he can be renewed. It may involve giving your pastor a much deserved and needed sabbatical. A sabbatical is extended time off, usually several weeks up to three months for study, rest and renewal. Several of our churches have given their pastors a sabbatical. Invariably, the pastor returns from the sabbatical renewed and refreshed. In truth, the church gets a new pastor.

Does your church need a **new** pastor? Yes. And you can have a new pastor if you will create an environment where your pastor can regularly experience renewal.

Reprinted from the Green County Baptist Association newsletter "THE CONNECTION"

Caruthersville FBC: We are always busy at FBC, we had several baby dedications in October and 3 more scheduled in November. We had Soul Winning Sunday in October, called a "2x2 program". Members of the congregation were asked to commit to seeing two people accept Jesus because of their help and witness and to commit to helping them along the way. A huge thanks to Michael Santschi and Peggy Boyd for leaving flyers, visiting and inviting people in the community to church. While Bro. Doug was away in revival, Eddie Wilbanks from the FBC in Finley, TN preached both services on October 12th and Dr. Doug Fitzwater led the Wednesday night service. The youth of our church attended the annual Associational Youth Retreat in Van Buren. Bro. Doug attended the Missouri Baptist Convention October 26th - 29th. WOM will begin taking orders for Poinsettia Memorials and Honorariums starting November 1. The proceeds go toward the Lottie Moon goal of \$10,000.00 this year. The group will continue their Bible study on Mary at the November 10th meeting. The Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes project is going on. Literature and boxes are in the Fellowship Hall. Extreme Arts will be participating with the Kinfolks Ridge Baptist Church on November 9th, presenting the musical "People Need the Lord". Common Ground continues to provide a variety of music at the Sunday morning praise and worship service at 9:00. The FBC sanctuary choir is working on their Christmas program. Children's Missions (formerly GA's & RA's) meet on Wednesday night led by Paige Gillock and Mr. Michael. They are learning about Home & International Missions. This is for ages K - 4th grade. Kristy Riggs is leading the 5th & 6th grade learning about missionaries here and abroad. Ewanda Young is teaching a new Sunday School Class for ages 3 - 5. She has many great projects planned for this class. Sandra Hooker has completed 46 years of faithful attendance in Sunday School. What an accomplishment. Peggy Boyd continues to work with the P.R.A.I.S.E group. This children's choir are practicing for their Christmas Musical every Sunday night. Pray for our pastor's family as Peggy's dad passed away in October.

Cottonwood: We are continuing to move right along with the new building. We now have lights and can work at night! PTL!! We are working most Saturdays and some nights. Times will be posted on our Facebook page or you can call Bro Mickey (573-359-7422) or David House (573-359-7058). Bro Mickey and Ms Debbie attended the Church Training event at Holland Baptist on the 21st. We had our trunk or treat for the kids on Friday the 31st.

CHURCH NEWS

Hayti: Greetings from Hayti First Baptist. We have been very busy lately. We now have in place a pulpit committee to begin the search for a new pastor. We welcome your prayers in this process. We are so grateful to Bro. Phill Hall who has agreed to be our interim during this transition. He and his wife Charlotte have been such a blessing to our church. God is at work and definitely in our midst. Despite the road ahead, we are thankful for them and the ministry they bring to our church. We met our Rhuebin L South Mission Offering goal and now begin our shoebox ministry thru Samaritan's Purse. What a joy to be a part of this ministry. We are off to a great start with the help of our RA's & GA's who helped pack 15 shoeboxes! Our GA's went to the GA Retreat and had a wonderful time. The Youth has been very active this month too, playing flag football one Saturday morning and going to the Judgment House in Sikeston. Outreach has been ministering to Hayti High School football team, giving out drinks and snacks to every player for every home game with a scripture verse attached. We are also planning to feed the players and coaches this month. We are looking forward to the group "Blend" who will be with us at 6:00 p.m., November 2nd. We will continue to take everything to God in prayer, and know He is in control! Thank you for your prayers!

HOLLAND: Fall is upon us and the beauty God has given us with the leaves changing and the autumn sunsets are amazing! We had 4 people attend the GA retreat in Van Buren MO. We also attended the Extraordinary Women's Conference in Southaven MS. Ten of our WMU ladies were able to enjoy Ms. Chonda Pierce. She lost her husband last year and was still able to see joy in her time of grieving. Ms. Lis Curtis Higgs, a comedian, gave us a new phrase. In Scottish the thank you is Ta and Father is Da. So when you want to thank the Lord you can say TA DA, I believe that is what he said every time he made one of us TA DA!! We hosted a Discipleship training promotional meeting Tuesday, October 21st for the association. I will leave you with this: Psalm 118:22 (NKJV) The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone." So, lift your eyes to heaven and look to God for acceptance, not to man. You will never know what God has in store for you if you spend all of your time worrying about what man thinks of you.