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Mickey Moody Cottonwood 2006

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NOVEMBER, 2015

- 1 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 1 Disaster Relief Appreciation Day
- 11 Veterans' Day
- 13 Samaritan Purse Shoe Boxes due at Mission Center
- 14 Pastor and Wife Thanksgiving/Christmas Banquet Location First Baptist Church, Caruthersville at 6:00 p.m.
- 16-17 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 26 Thanksgiving (Mission Center close 26-27)
- 30 Associational Executive Council Meeting, Mission Center, 6:30 p.m.



All
Things
Come
From Our
Heavenly
Father

DECEMBER, 2015Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

11/29—12/6 Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon International Missions
Christmas Offering

- 7 Executive Board Meeting, Mission Center, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Senior Adult Fellowship. 11:00 a.m. Location to be announced.
- 14 & 15 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 25 Christmas Day

GENERAL FUND TREASURER'S REPORT SEPTEMBER, 2015

	Sept, 2015	2015 Total		Septem- ber
Boekerton	\$0.00	\$410.82	DOM Salary	\$1,333.32
Braggadocio	\$153.25	\$1,312.95	DOM Taxes	\$2,546.25
Caruthersville, FBC	\$1,035.43	\$7,448.12	DOM Mileage	\$414.58
Catron	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	DOM Health Insurance	\$2,317.55
Cottonwood	\$338.11	\$2,543.24	DOM Medical Reimb.	\$343.12
Glass Memorial	\$117.00	\$1,062.71	DOM Retirement	\$187.50
Hayti, FBC	\$1,594.27	\$9,649.15	Secretary Salary	\$443.28
Hayward	\$328.02	\$2,643.80	Custodian	\$117.70
Holland	\$1,025.00	\$7,361.00	Utilities	\$160.00
Holly Grove	\$825.59	\$7,072.12	Telephone	\$134.73
Kinfolks Ridge	\$52.58	\$604.20	Office Maintenance	\$255.70
Lilbourn, FBC	\$822.31	\$8,346.61	Postage	\$188.24
Living Stone	\$470.00	\$3,629.00	WMU	\$75.00
Oak Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00	Annual & Board Meeting	\$272.54
Pascola	\$0.00	\$1,421.00	Miscellaneous	\$6.00
Portageville, FBC	\$1,399.49	\$9,748.91	Volunteer Meals	\$95.69
Steele, FBC	\$550.75	\$4,756.12	MO Baptist Childrens HM	\$167.62
Temple	\$1,566.56	\$3,179.68	SMBA General Fund	\$335.24
Tyler	\$0.00	\$0.00	SMBA Endowment Fund	\$167.62
Wardell	\$896.16	\$8,128.42		
	\$11,174.52	\$80,317.85		
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$131.00		
Now Interest	\$0.13	\$2.45		
Total Income	\$11,174.65	\$80,451.30	Total Expenses	\$9,561.68

October 1, 2015 General Fund Balance: \$1,968.01

Crock Pot - Loaded Baked Potato Soup Great Fall recipe!!

1 30oz. bag of frozen diced hash browns

1 32 oz box of chicken broth

1 can of cream of chicken soup (10 oz)

1 pkg. cream cheese (8 oz, not fat free)

3 oz bacon bits

1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

Put the hash browns in the crockpot. Add in the chicken broth, cream of chicken soup and half of the bacon bits. Add a pinch of salt and pepper.

Cook on low for 7-8 hours or until potatoes are tender.

An hour before serving, cut the cream cheese into small cubes.

Place the cubes in the crock pot. Mix a few times throughout the hour before serving.

Once the cream cheese is completely mixed in, it's ready to serve.

CHERRY DUMP CAKE

- I Can cherry pie filling
- 1 Yellow cake mix
- 2 Small cans crushed pineapple
- 2 Sticks butter
- 1 Package nuts

Directions:

Spread pineapple in long baking pan (glass). Add cherry pie filling to top of pineapple, add dry cake mix to top of cherry pie filling. Melt butter and spread over dry cake mix. Sprinkle nuts over top of cake.

Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour

From your Director of Missions

What is the most important ministry of the church?

We can focus on many things and have many activities, but unless we know what our purpose is we will not be successful. Jesus told us what the focus of His ministry was while He was here on earth. His purpose statement was "To seek and save that which is lost".

As a church, we are responsible for training our members. Jesus commanded us, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you". Discipleship is a very important part of the ministry of the church.

As a church we are responsible for one another. Edify one another and bearing one another's burdens are teachings of the New Testament. The early church had great fellowship and concern for one another. We are commanded to "not forsake the assembling of ourselves together". Fellowship and concern for one another and being together are important parts of church life and ministry.

However, the religious leaders of Jesus' day were good at these two areas. They taught people and they fellowshipped with those that were like them. However, they did not meet God's approval.

We must be careful that we do not lose focus on the main ministry of the church.

We have to recognize and acknowledge why we are doing what we do. Has the focus of church ministry changed from seeking to reach the lost to trying to keep the members comfortable and happy?

Jesus was condemned by the religious leaders of His day for the people that He chose to be around. He was a friend to the outcast and sinners. Why would he bother with those kinds of people? Jesus did it because He knew what His "Mission Statement" was. Paul said that, "I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some".

Let us celebrate that Jesus has chosen the church to be the group to carry on His ministry to the world. Hey, Jesus chose us!

Since we are a chosen people with a message for the world and a responsibility for growing the Kingdom of God, does our ministry measure up to the standards of Jesus? If it doesn't measure up, is anyone concerned about why it doesn't?

If no one is concerned, then things will continue as they are. The result will be churches in decline with many of them in danger of closing. All of this will happen with the number of lost people around us growing larger each and every year.

Each of our churches needs to examine their purpose for existence. What is your "Mission Statement"? What are the ministries of your church doing to accomplish the "Mission Statement"?

November Mission Report

November 2nd is "Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer". The theme is "ARISE, SHINE - When we rise up He shines through". 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 and Missionaries. For more information go to: http://bwawd.org/day-of-prayer.

God expects us to approach each day with a thankful heart. I am thankful



that I live in a country where we are free to thank God for all of our blessings. Free to carry our Bible and enter our Church. I am sure that you struggle, just like I do, over the changes in our country. It is so very important that we pray for our Nation, our Leaders and our President. Pray for the next Presidential Election. Pray that we elect a Christian as our next President. 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. Also, November 29-December 6 is the week of prayer for International Missions. 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 shoe boxes, please have them to the missions office by November 13th.

Our next Associational WMU Meeting will be our 6th Annual Sno Country Sing A Long on January 16, 2016 at Cottonwood Baptist Church. If you would like to "sign-up" to perform, please let me know. Please come support your Associational WMU. Thank you so much for this opportunity to serve you.

Hope you have a Blessed day,





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

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NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH THAT WE CELEBRATE

THANKSGIVING. THINGS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS

EVENT: PILGRIMS, INDIANS, TURKEY, DRESSING,

HAM, PUMPKIN, AND PECAN PIES, FAMILY, FRIENDS.

BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS SHOULD

BE SPENDING TIME THANKING GOD FOR WHAT

HE HAS BLESSED US WITH.



Sunday,
November 1
Is
Disaster Relief
Appreciation Day

When disaster strikes, We answer.



On November 11, we will celebrate Veteran's day.

Each of us need to spend time praying for the country that these men and women gave a part of their lives to protect and defend. We honor their service! Next Month most of our churches will be having Christmas Programs.

Please have someone from your church email the
Information about your program to the
Associational Mission Center
for publication in the December VOICE.
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OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Annual Harvest Day
November 8

with a pot luck meal and music by

Jimmy Williams.

BRAGGADOCIO BAPTIST CHURCH

Annual Harvest Day
November 8
FULL CIRCLE

Singing during Morning Worship Service with a pot luck meal to follow

OAK GROVE: Greetings from Oak Grove. Here's what happened in October. On Oct. 12th, Bro. J. R. started a Bible study on the book of James. Also on the 12th, our ladies traveled to the Yule Log Cabin near Cape Girardeau. On the 30th, we participated in the "Trunk or Treat" at Delta C-7 school from 5:30 till 6:30 p.m.

On the 31st, we had a Fall Festival time at our church.

We have started a Youth Bible study on Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. It is led by Kim Blanton. Sheila Baylor is also leading our younger children on Wednesdays.

We are still doing our "Prayer Walks" each Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. We are praying for our church, our school, and our community.

Our Annual Harvest Day is planned for November 8th with a pot luck meal and music by Jimmy Williams.

Please pray for our pastor and his family as well as all of our sister churches and their pastors. We honored our pastor and his wife on Sunday, October 18th. We had a video of words from each member and a love offering for them.

May God bless each one of you. Pray for our country!

HOLLY GROVE: Hello friends, hope you are enjoying our fall weather. It is already November, 2015. Where did the year go?

We started October off with Bro. Tim Abanathy filling in on October 4th. Bro. Tim and Mrs. Lynda were our guests while Bro. Lew and Mrs. Mary were out of town. We always enjoy our visit with the Abanathy's. They are family. On Wednesday the 7th, we had our monthly business meeting. We were not able to have WMU.

On Sunday afternoon, the 11th, we had our monthly service at River Oaks Care Center.

We have continued our lite breakfast before Sunday School. It seems to be a hit with the young and the old.

The ladies continue to meet on Monday mornings for prayer time. The men meet on Thursday nights.

On the 15th and 16th, we helped with the C.D.H.S. Food Pantry.

We are getting closer to our Christmas season and all of the WMU's Christmas Projects.

October was pastor appreciation month. We want our pastor and his wife to know how much we love them.

We had a Chili Cook Off on Wednesday night the 14th after our meeting.

We helped the family of our oldest member celebrate her 100th birthday. Mrs. Lorene Azbill is a resident at the River Oaks Care Center. She and her husband, Hooper, have lived in the Tyler area most of their life. Mr. Azbill has been gone for a few years.

On Friday night, the 16th, we had our Annual Slime Time Night. Mrs. Lei Ann Odom and all the young one have a blast every year.

This month we spotlight Mrs. Peggy Holmes. Mrs. Peg, as everyone calls her, has been our school secretary at Cooter High School for over 50 years or more. She is an amazing lady. You can call, talk, or go to her anytime. She fills in at the piano whenever there is a need. She plays it beautifully. She always plays at our nursing home service.

We are planning a "Trunk or Treat" for Saturday afternoon, the 31st.

We have had several visitors this month. Many have come more than once. We hope that they will join our church family. We had one come forward on Oct 11th to join our church family. We planned a baptismal service for later in the month.

Prayers from our family to yours.

TYLER: We are happy to announce the new addition to our church. 8 lb. and 7 oz., Silas Ransom was born on September 24th to our pastor Don Tims Jr. and his wife Candyce.

Church News is due in to the Associational Mission Center by the 15th of the month if you are sending it by the post office. Send it to:

Southeast Missouri Baptist Association P. O. Box 551 Hayti, Missouri 63851

News can be emailed to semoba@sbcglobal.net

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