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NOVEMBER, 2020

- 1 Daylight Savings Times Ends
- 1 Orphans and Widows Sunday
- 3 Election Day
- 8 Disaster Relief Appreciation Day
- 9-10 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 26 Thanksgiving
- 29-Dec 6 Week of Prayer for International Missions, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering



DECEMBER, 2020

Cooperative Program Emphasis Month

- 1-6 Week of Prayer for International Missions, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 11 Pastor/Wife Thanksgiving Christmas Banquet, Mary Adas, 6 p.m.
- 14-15 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 23-31 Mission Center Closed
- 25 Christmas

GENERAL FUND TREASURER'S REPORT

August, 2020

	SEPTEMBER	2020 TOTAL		SEPTEMBER
Boekerton	\$0.00	\$1,835.28	DOM Salary	\$1,291.66
Braggadocio	\$152.15	\$1,662.50	DOM Mileage Reimb.	\$217.77
Caruthersville, FBC	\$457.64	\$3,988.48	DOM Housing Allow.	\$562.50
Catron	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	DOM Health Insurance	\$1,397.02
Cottonwood	\$305.17	\$2,245.80	DOM Retirement	\$270.83
Hayti, FBC	\$193.79	\$1,453.94	Secretary Salary	\$532.80
Hayward	\$731.60	\$3,281.08	Custodian Salary	\$139.02
Holland	\$754.00	\$7,509.00	Utilities	\$198.28
Holly Grove	\$960.24	\$6,729.21	Telephone	\$250.44
Kinfolks Ridge	\$0.00	\$351.99	Office Maintenance	\$645.90
Lilbourn, FBC	\$0.00	\$5,040.06	Postage	\$134.76
Living Stone	\$0.00	\$3,865.00	Insurance	\$909.00
Oak Grove	\$65.00	\$775.00	Miscell. SMBA Camp	\$5,000.00
Pascola	\$210.60	\$1,456.10	Volunteer Meals	\$81.95
Portageville, FBC	\$1,376.12	\$16,182.78	MO Baptist Children Home	\$119.20
Steele, FBC	\$508.48	\$3,443.11	SMBA General Fund	\$238.40
Temple	\$1,270.00	\$6,432.35	SMBA Endowment Fund	\$119.20
Wardell	\$961.82	\$8,814.16		
	\$7,946.61	\$76,065.84		
Miscellaneous	\$2,500.00	\$4,450.00		
Now Interest		\$4.56		
SMBA Camp		\$111.50		
Total Income	\$10,446.61	\$80,631.90	Total Expenses	\$12,108.73

October 1, 2020 General Fund Balance \$14,021.17

Pumpkin Crunch Cake

Ingredients

- 1 can 15 ounces pumpkin puree
- 1 can 12 ounces evaporated milk
- 4 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- pinch of cloves
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2- box yellow cake mix if you'd like a more cake-like consistency, use more - up to the full box. If you'd like it to be more like a pie texture, use around 1/2 the box
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup butter melted

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9x13 baking dish with non-stick spray.

In a large bowl, beat together the pumpkin, milk, eggs, sugar, and spices until well combined. Pour into the prepared baking dish.

Sprinkle the top with yellow cake mix. I prefer a half of a box, but use more if you want it to be very cakey.

Sprinkle with the chopped pecans.

Pour the melted butter evenly over the top of the cake.

Bake for 60-70 minutes or until the top is lightly browned and the custard is set.

Serve warm or cold. Store in the refrigerator.

From Your Director of Missions

Here I am sitting at home in front of the computer listening to the Missouri Baptist Convention in St. Charles, Missouri. All plans were to be there to fellowship and worship with our convention workers, Director of Missions, and pastors from across our states.

However, plans change. While taking Lynda (my wife) to the doctor for dizziness, he told her that he wanted to test for the virus. She volunteered that I was with her and should be tested too. Our doctor walked into the room, looked at Lynda and told her she tested negative. He then turned to me and said that you tested positive. The irony is that I am quarantined for 10 days and Lynda for 14.

We have no clue where I was exposed to this virus.

However, we can learn from the spreading of the virus across our state and the nation. The virus is harmful and doesn't care who that it infects. It seems that it is not that hard to share. People with no intention or purpose pass it on to those around them.

Then the lives of those infected are changed. While this change is temporary, it is not a positive experience to go through. While I have had the symptoms of a head cold without fever or other major symptoms, I am quarantined. I must avoid others and pray that Lynda doesn't get it.

But, the church has something that needs to be shared. In listening to the convention services, I could not help but to think about the positive results an infection of the Gospel would have in our communities.

This infection can only be caught from someone that has experienced it for themselves. Unlike the Covid-19 virus, it is something that we should hope that people catch from us. Unlike the destructive nature of the virus, the salvation that we have caught and desire to pass on to others is a life changing experience. It causes those around us to pass from death unto life.

While the virus causes quarantine and separates us from those around us, salvation calls us to become involved with those around us and infect them with the Gospel message. Just like the virus, not all will catch it. But according to the commission of Jesus, we are responsible to make sure that all will have the opportunity to hear.

How beautiful are the feet of those who spread the Good News.

Thank you for your prayers for my family. You have been with me through surgery in January and now the virus. God has called many that have come along side us to work in the food pantry and other ministries of the association.

Also, you will notice a new page in the VOICE this month. For the next 18 months or so, you will be getting a brief message from one of our pastors. We will do this until each pastor has had an opportunity to speak to the churches of our association.

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER
BECAUSE WE ALL NEED IT!

NOVEMBER MISSION REPORT



I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. I pray that everyone enjoys their holiday. I also pray that you can be with your family in the midst of this COVID-19 Thanksgiving. We can rest in assurance that God is in control and “has worked all things for the good of those that love the Lord”. I try to remember this in my daily walk and especially this month of thankfulness. I pray that all is well in your world and that God blesses you and your family with more than you need.

December is the time for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Also, November 29th – December 8th is the week of prayer for International Missions. For materials, go to: <https://store.imb.org/LMCO/>.

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Collection Dates for the Christmas Shoe Boxes are November 16th to 23rd. Caruthersville Church of God, 1100 Carleton Ave, Caruthersville, MO is a drop off point. I have posted the dates and times on our WMU Facebook Page - "Southeast Missouri Baptist Association WMU".



As you probably already know, I have announced my intentions to resign my position as the Associational WMU Director. If you or someone you know would be interested in this position, please contact Bro. Tim Abanathy or me. Thank you.

At this time, I have not scheduled our next WMU Meeting. My plan is to re-assess the situation regarding COVID-19 in early December. I will get with Bro. Tim and we will determine if it will be appropriate to schedule the Sno Country Sing-a-Long in January. Thank you for this opportunity to serve you.

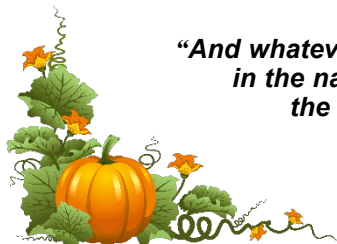
I hope you have a Blessed day,

Kim Ferguson

Associational WMU Director



“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” (Colossians 3:17).



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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

IN SPITE OF ALL THE PROBLEMS WITH
COVID NINETEEN, WE STILL HAVE A LOT

TO BE THANKFUL FOR.

REMEMBER HOW GOD HAS TAKEN CARE
OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THIS YEAR.

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER,

CELEBRATING WHAT HE HAS DONE!



Drop-Off Locations

Shoebox Drop-off Locations Near You

Portageville, MO - First Church of God

500 King Avenue Portageville, MO 63873-1445

Mon, Nov. 16: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Mon, Nov. 16: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Tue, Nov. 17: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Wed, Nov. 18: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Thu, Nov. 19: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Thu, Nov. 19: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Fri, Nov. 20: 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Sat, Nov. 21: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Sun, Nov. 22: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Mon, Nov. 23: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Caruthersville, MO - Caruthersville Church of God

1100 Carleton Avenue Caruthersville, MO 63830-1843

Mon, Nov. 16: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Tue, Nov. 17: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Wed, Nov. 18: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Wed, Nov. 18: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Thu, Nov. 19: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Fri, Nov. 20: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Fri, Nov. 20: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Sat, Nov. 21: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Sat, Nov. 21: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Sun, Nov. 22: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Sun, Nov. 22: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Mon, Nov. 23: 6:30 AM - 8:30 AM

A Note from a Pastor

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 ³Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; ⁴Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

There are many churches in the Southeast Missouri Baptist Association that are hurting. COVID-19 has done a number on our churches in 2020. Many churches shut down for a period of time. Some churches started meeting on the parking lot. Other churches turned to technology and did services on the internet. Some churches returned to their sanctuary meetings only to have to stop and do something else. All of our churches have experienced pain.

Some of our churches have been experiencing pain for a long time. There are churches who have been declining in numbers for years. There are churches who have not conducted a VBS in years, and other churches have not had a ministry effort their community in years. If truth be told, some of our churches have forgotten how to minister in our communities and don't know where to start to begin again.

I would like to propose to our Association a partnership, a kind of partnership where the strong can help the weak. We have churches that are doing well that could provide people and materials to support a church that is struggling to do ministry like VBS and help with community outreach by sharing the gospel. What will it take? It will take some churches sharing the need. Some churches will have to step up and say, "We are hurting and here's how." Likewise, it will take some churches who can hear, respond, and help. Those churches must step up as well.

You have no idea how much this could benefit our churches. In stead of doing VBS for a week in your church, you do two: one in your church, pack up the stuff, and go to a struggling church to help for a week. What if churches partnered together? Going door to door in some rural communities is possible. What if you just packaged information and hung it on the door? Sometimes, we forget how badly some churches are struggling. Some churches have an annual budget of under \$15,000 a year. Could you imagine what a gift of \$200 to \$2000 would mean to a church in that condition?

When we have churches that minister because they have a love for Jesus and His work, when we have churches that have access to resources for ministry, and when we are committed to helping the hurting (churches and people), we will see the lost respond to the gospel and God will bring growth to His church.

Allen Nichols

Pastor, First Baptist Church Lilbourn

Moderator, Southeast Missouri Baptist Association



HOLLY GROVE: Thanks to everyone who has a part in publishing The Southeast Missouri Voice each month. It informs us about coming events; and the opening articles written by Bro. Tim and Kim Ferguson are always for our benefit, encouraging us in our service for God.

We always look forward to reports from other churches. It keeps us in touch and reminds us to pray for one another.

We read names, whether in an article or on the cover, and it acquaints us with our Christian family.

From Holly Grove Baptist at Cooter, our church family would like to send a special "thank you" to Peggy Copeland. She has faithfully written our monthly report for many years. Help us pray for Peggy, that her health will improve and she will once again be able to do this.

Thank you, Mary Helen Barger.

KINFOLKS RIDGE: Hello there again. I just love hearing from all of you.

We have some that are sick in our church: Mrs. Peggy is still on our list along with Bro. Jerry still under the weather. Mrs. Zera is still not getting out. We miss her.

But we are still in good spirits. We have around 20 or more on Sunday and Wednesday we have a good Bible Study. We hope to get better soon.

We have not had a WMU meeting all year but I have been keeping up with all of our Baptist ladies every month. I guess I would say that we have our WMU meetings through the mail. I have always loved missions and have been in WMU for 50 or more years. I was about 17 when our church first had a WMU meeting. We have done a lot of things in my lifetime. I will be 78 in November.

We are planning our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions.

Jo Ann Rogers Herren

Your church can send church news and announcements about activities for the VOICE. Please send the information in by November 15th for publication in the December VOICE.

Mail to: SEMO Baptist Association
P. O. Box 551
Hayti, MO 63851
or email to semoba@sbcglobal.net

YOUR IMPACT THROUGH THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING



(The numbers above are taken from the 2014 Annual Statistical Report, a summary of Southern Baptist work overseas in 2013. For up-to-date statistics, go to public.imb.org/globalresearch.)