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Associational Pastors & Family Birthdays and Anniversaries



Grady Tims 9 - 17 Jim Johnson 9 - 22 Jeff Womble 9 - 28

Two REVIVALS this month:

Wardell Baptist Church September 5 - 7

Temple Baptist Church September 7 - 10

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September, 2014

- 1 Labor Day, Mission Center Closed
- 2 Executive Board Fish Fry/Board Meeting 6:00 p.m./7:00

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- 7 Grandparents' Day
- 15 SEMO Baptist Annual Meeting, FBC, Hayti 7:00 p.m.
- 16 SEMO Baptist Annual Meeting, FBC, Caruthersville Meal at 6:00 p.m., Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

Senior Adult Fellowship

Holland Baptist Church September 18 at 11:00 a.m.

All Senior Adults from our association are invited to come, worship, fellowship, eat, and have a good time together.

Just bring yourself, meal is provided.

October, 2014 Cooperative Program Month

- 5 Soul Winning Commitment Day
- 7 Pastor's Prayer meeting, FBC, Portageville 10:00 a.m.
- 12 World Hunger Sunday
- 16 Pastor's Breakfast, Apple Barrel in Hayti at 8:00 a.m.
- 20 & 21 Caruthersville Food Pantry

TREASURER'S REPORT of the GENERAL FUND JULY, 2014

INCOME

EXPENSES

	July, 14	2014 Total
Boekerton	\$925.58	\$2,087.43
Braggadocio	\$158.70	\$991.84
Caruthersville, FBC	\$786.13	\$5,374.04
Catron	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Cottonwood	\$305.42	\$1,766.78
Glass Memorial	\$293.22	\$1,016.94
Hayti, FBC	\$1,280.75	\$8,314.54
Hayward	\$317.40	\$1,555.88
Holland	\$937.00	\$5,467.00
Holly Grove	\$916.68	\$5,576.27
Kinfolks Ridge	\$132.81	\$568.52
Lilbourn, FBC	\$803.99	\$5,658.95
Living Stone	\$434.00	\$2,480.50
Oak Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pascola	\$297.50	\$1,568.70
Portageville, FBC	\$1,281.23	\$8,125.50
Steele, FBC	\$560.66	\$4,378.78
Temple	\$0.00	\$3,450.04
Tyler	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wardell	\$835.93	\$6,154.70
	\$10,267.00	\$65,536.41
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$50.94
Now Interest	\$0.55	\$3.33
Total Income	\$10,267.55	\$65,590.68

	JULY
DOM Salary	\$1,333.32
DOM Mileage	\$350.00
DOM Housing	\$562.50
DOM Health Insurance	\$2,076.55
DOM Retirement	\$187.50
Secretary Salary	\$673.44
Secretary Taxes	\$119.34
Custodian	\$184.60
Custodian Taxes	\$64.41
Utilities	\$175.25
Telephone	\$40.00
Office Maintenance	-\$998.55
Postage	\$197.72
Brotherhood	\$462.27
Camp Program	\$3,150.65
Camp Scholarships	\$500.00
Volunteer Meals	\$76.26
MO Baptist Childrens HM	\$154.01
SMBA General Fund	\$308.01
SMBA Endowment Fund	\$154.01
Total Expenses	\$9,771.29

AUGUST 1, 2014 - General Fund Balance \$8,044.60



TUNA CHOPSTICK DELITE

Serves 4

2 cans low sodium cream of mushroom soup
½ C. white onion, chopped
1 C. celery

½ C. water4 C. Chinese noodles (thin)2 cans lite water-packed tuna, drained

In non-stick baking dish or spray with vegetable oil combine all ingredients. Bake for 55 to 60 minutes and pepper to taste.

CHICKENBURGERS AMERICAN STYLE

Serves 4

1½ C. ground, cooked chicken1 tsp. mixed dried herbs

34 C. white onion, chopped
 1 C. lowfat (1% or less milk fat) cottage cheese, unsalted, drained

Mix together chicken and onion. Pepper to taste. Add the mixed herbs, then the cottage cheese and mix well. Shape into 4 flat patties. Grill or cook each side for 5 to 7 minutes or until heated throughout.

BAKED BANANAS

Serves 4

4 medium bananas 4 T. honey 4 T. lemon juice

With a knife, cut bananas lengthwise into halves. Place in ungreased baking dish. Mix lemon juice and honey separately and brush on bananas. Bake at 350° uncovered until bananas are golden, 10 to 15 minutes. 90 calories per serving.

From Your Director of Missions

Why does your church look like it does? I am not talking about the building and grounds but the makeup of your Sunday School, Worship Service, and other church meetings or activities. When you look at yourself as a church does it reflect your community? If it doesn't, what are the reasons for the way it looks? I will ask you to answer a few questions in this months DOM article.

Is it because of disobedience to the commands of Jesus?

Jesus declared that people would know that we are His disciples by our love. We have been taught to "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". Have we lost our love for our fellow man? Do we go out of our way as the Good Samaritan did to meet the needs of people in our community? Have we fallen into the trap of the Pharisees of only loving those who love us? Do we only do things for those who can return the favor? Jesus taught us better than that and warned about that attitude for life. Yet it is a very simple trap that Satan can set for us that we do not seem to avoid.

Do we see the needs of those around us? "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me." If we are not on the left hand but the right because of our profession of faith in Jesus, why do we act like those on the left?

Jesus told us to take the gospel to everybody. He not only told us to do it but He modeled it for us. He worked with fishermen, tax collectors, Samaritans, lepers, children, and many that were just called sinners by the religious leaders of His day. We, myself included, must guard against rationing the gospel to those that we deem are fit or worthy to receive it. The sower went out to sow his seed and he spread it everywhere. Is your church obedient in spreading the gospel? Jesus said, "Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together."

Why does your church look like it does? If it does not look like God wants it to, who is to blame?

September Missions Report

"Our obedience... His abundance" is the theme of this years Rheubin L. South Missouri Missions Offering. It is taken from the story of the widow at Zarephath in 1 Kings 17 and captures the

essence of her great faith and Gods great provision. The key verses are 1 Kings 17:15-16: "So she proceeded to do according to the word of Elijah... MISSOURI MISSIONS OFFERING The flour jar did not become empty,



and the oil jug did not run dry, according to the word of the Lord." Materials for this Offering are available for download at the website mobaptist.org/mmo.

Our SEMO Association Annual Meeting will be September 15th at First Baptist Church in Hayti at 7:00 p.m. and September 16th at First Baptist Church Caruthersville at 7:00 p.m. Please come support your association.

We were bless to have a WorldCrafts party at our last Associational WMU Meeting. Although there were not many in attendance, we had a good time learning about some of the artisans that participate in this mission. We also enjoyed being able to see some samples of their work in our Association World Craft Kit. WorldCrafts, a division of WMU, which began in 1996. Their vision is: an income with dignity and the hope of everlasting life offered to every person on earth. This ministry helps impoverished and exploited people obtain a better way of life. If you or your WMU is interested in hosting a WorldCraftsSM party, there is downloadable information on their website http://www.worldcraftsvillage.com. The Associational WMU also has a kit and materials available. Please contact me if you would like help coordinating a World Crafts party or if you would like for me to host a World Craft party at your Church.

Our next Associational WMU meeting will be October 25th at 10:30 a.m. Please mark your calendar and come support your Associational WMU. Thank you so much for this opportunity to serve you.



Hope you have a Blessed day,

Associational WMU Director

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in

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IS YOUR CHURCH PLANNING TO HAVE A REVIVAL, HOMECOMING, OR OTHER SPECIAL SERVICE. WE CAN PUT THE INFORMATION IN THE VOICE IF WE ARE CONTACTED ONE MONTH BEFORE THE EVENT SEND INFO TO THE MISSION CENTER BY EMAIL OR REGULAR MAIL

SEMO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, September 15, 2014 First Baptist Church, Hayti

7:00 p.m. Call to Order Bro. Bill Clayton

Congregational Singing

Welcome and Prayer
Seating of Messengers
Bill Clayton
Adoption of Program
Fred Boyd
Recognition of New Pastors & Visitors
Tim Abanathy

Congregational Singing

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Resolution Committee Bill Clayton

Time, Place, & Preacher Committee

REPORTS

Nominating Committee Earl Bullington
Financial Sue Ross
Budget Obine Lackey

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

REPORTS

Director of Missions

Caruthersville Food Pantry

Camp Board Report

Tim Abanathy

Vonnie Snelling

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Congregational Singing

Special Music

Moderator's Message Bill Clayton Benediction John Compere

Adjourn

Potluck Fellowship supper at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday Meat, Bread, and Drinks will be provided.

FOCUSING ON THE FAMILY



Joe Ulveling the Family Ministries Specialist at the Missouri Baptist Convention

"I don't point a finger at people. I try to come up with practical ways to help," Ulveling said. "For example, I talk about the two most stressful times in a marriage – when the first child is born and when the last child leaves home. - Joe Ulveling

"I don't think anyone in Missouri would argue that Missouri families are not under attack," Qualls said. "We think it's time for a counterattack and I believe Joe Ulveling will stand and will share God's Word to strengthen the family." - Kenny Qualls

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH 1200 TRUMAN BLVD

September 7th -10th

Sept 7th Starting 11:00a.m. and 6:00p.m. Sept -8th -10th Starting at 7:00p.m.

- Building Blocks For A Successful Family
- Leading At Home
- > The Day My Heart Came Home
- > Making A Mark That Lasts
- Standing Strong....Overcoming Strongholds

Music Will Be Lead By "Ascension" who just recently released their new CD at North Tenth Street Baptist Church in Blytheville, AR

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Church News Continued

HOLLY GROVE: Hello from Holly Grove! We started August with our deacon's meeting on the afternoon of the 3rd. Our monthly business meeting was on the 6th We had our WMU meeting on the 6th with a special guest. Ms. Kim McCarty, our Associational WMU Director, was our speaker. Sunday, August 10th was a busy day. We had a few guests for our morning service and Bro. Lew delivered a great message. At the close of the service, we had a special "Prayer Circle" to ask God to keep our school children, all the workers, and teachers safe this year. Then that afternoon, we had our monthly service at the River Oaks Care Center. At 5 p.m. we had our annual "Back to School Bash". We had a Barbecue, water slides, volleyball, and home made ice cream. Everyone had a great time. We were able to stay outside with the help of some big fans. We passed out free school supplies to all the children. School started on August 14th. We had our women's prayer meeting on Monday mornings and the men met on Thursday nights. We helped the C.D.H.S. food pantry on the 14th and 16th. We are working on our WMU Christmas projects. It is going to be here before we know it. On Sunday night, August 31st, we showed the movie, "Heaven is for Real" for all the church. We already know that but we want our guests to realize it. We are trying to get people to listen before it is too late. We ask prayer for our families, friends, and our country. It is wonderful to have so many family churches that we know are praying for us.

PORTAGEVILLE: We here at First Baptist Portageville are excited about how the Spirit of God is moving and working in many areas of our church. On August 10th, we ordained our Associate Pastor, Steve Bradford to the Gospel Ministry. It was an exciting evening. Many family and friends were in attendance. Mark LaRue brought a message that challenged us all and the Holy Spirit moved mightily as we made a commitment of total surrender to Christ and to sharing Jesus with a lost world. We held several Cottage Prayer Meetings leading up to our revival on August 17-20. It is exciting to see how God is working in individual lives as we continue to pray for personal revival. Dr. Ron Lynch from Out Of Death Ministries was our evangelist. Since we are writing this article before the revival has actually been held, we will update you more in the October issue. July 31-August 2 we had the Rise Again Boys Basketball Camp. We averaged around 15 boys each day. They learned basketball skills and they also heard about Jesus each day. Thank you to Brandon Bradford, Kendall Allen, John McAfee and Adam Pike for coming from Memphis to lead the camp. Also, thank you to Tim Abanathy, John Compere and Todd Higgs for sharing the devotions each day. The boys were awarded certificates, medals, trophies and other individual awards. Our prayer is that they not only took home some new skills for basketball but that they also learned how to live each day for Jesus.

We are excited about the days ahead and we ask you to continue to pray for the ministries of First Baptist Church, Portageville.

SEMO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, September 16, 2014 First Baptist Church, Caruthersville

7:00 p.m. Call to Order Bro. Bill Clayton

Congregational Singing

Welcome and Prayer Bro. Doug Boyd

Missouri Baptist Children's Home Keith Vawter

REPORTS

Evangelism
Brotherhood
WMU
Children's Camp
Youth Retreat
Michael Funderburk
Jim Dereign
Kim McCarty
Todd Higgs

Congregational Singing

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator Clerk

Vice-Moderator Asst. Clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Time, Place & Preacher Committee

Resolution Committee

Congregational Singing

Special Music FBC, Caruthersville Choir

Annual Message Bro. Griff Walker Benediction

Adjourn



WHERE YOUR MMO GIFTS GO

Even the most humble gifts go a long way:

- **\$1** provides an evangelistic Bible study guide for an unreached immigrant
- **\$5** provides a witnessing bracelet for a camper at Deaf Youth Camp
- delivers a basket with a Bible and toiletries to women rescued from slave/sex trafficking
- **\$25** buys a scoop shovel for a mud-out recovery unit at a flood-ravaged house
- \$50 provides school supplies for one child at the Missouri Baptist Children's Home
- \$100 covers summer camp tuition for a young lady in a Crisis Pregnancy home
- **\$250** equips a newly planted church with hunger funds to reach out to its community
- **\$500** provides a scholarship enabling a pastor to go on his first partnership mission trip

Imagine the abundance God provides when we give obediently to His work in our state. Thank you for your generous support of MMO!

2014 Southeast Missouri Baptist Association Annual Meeting

Monday, September 15 First Baptist Church, Hayti 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 16 First Baptist Church, Caruthersville

Meal at

6:00 p.m.

Meeting at

7:00 p.m.

Theme

"Whatever We Do...
Do It For The Glory Of God"

Colossians 3:23

Monday's Message -- Bro. Bill Clayton

Tuesday's Message -- Rev. Griff Walker

Braggadocio: Greetings from Braggadocio. Mrs. Ruth Hayes decorated our church for the Fourth of July. We celebrated by singing patriotic songs. Later in the month, we had five girls to attend church camp at Van Buren with Mrs. Patricia Bryant as their leader. They reported that a good time was had by all. On Sunday, July 27 we had a church social to celebrate Bro. Joe's birthday. Everyone enjoyed cookies and ice cream. Bro. Joe's daughters and a friend from Dallas were in attendance. The men of the church went with the men from First Baptist of Steele to Reelfoot Lake. They met at Boyette's Restaurant. We had 8 to attend and Steele had 20. Do you have a door greeter? We are fortunate to have such a person. Bro. Jerry Turpen meets you with a smile and a bulletin each Sunday morning. School started August 14th. We are praying for the students, teachers, and bus drivers. We are praying for a safe year. God bless all of you.

Caruthersville FBC: Emma Fitzwater completed her summer internship on August 3rd. The congregation presented her with a money/card tree during the morning worship in appreciation of the wonderful work she did again this summer. Jim DeReign gave a presentation on Gideon Day and the donations the congregation gave will provide thousands of people to see the Bible. Emma, Connor and Dylan took six kids to Children's Camp and they all enjoyed it so much they plan to attend next year. Praise the Lord, we have been blessed with many new babies and more on the way at FBC. That is one way to grow a church!!! Fred Boyd, Jim DeReign and Nathan Pinkerton are going off rotation and the election of new deacons will be in September. Dr. Doug Fitzwater held his free clinic in the Children's Building on August 2nd. What a wonderful, much needed ministry he provides to the community. A new sound system that was mostly donated by the granddaughters of Calvin House has been installed. Phil Barksdale is staying busy working on projects with the groups, Extreme Acts, Common Ground and the sanctuary choir. Extreme Arts along with the Kinfolks Ridge Baptist church youth team will present the musical "People Need The Lord" on November 9th at Kinfolks Ridge and November 16th at FBC. He also conducted the annual music workshop "Fine Arts Boot Camp" on August 9th . Common Ground continues to play a variety of music at 9:00 Sunday mornings. The sanctuary choir is making plans for their Christmas production "Memories of Christmas Past". Chris and Kristy Riggs keep the youth busy. One of their many projects for the past two years is placing flags at the Memorial Parks on Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day and 9-11 Remembrance. They had their annual swim party on August 10th at Karen and Wayne Smith's home, attended the Agape Worship Center on August 15th for game night and will go again in September to see Royal Tailor in concert. A full day of fun was had by the youth as they had a Fun Day in Jackson, Tennessee on August 16th. The youth have been invited to a "Jam For Jesus Youth Explosion" in Steele September 6th. WOM will make

Caruthersville FBC: a donation at Christmas to the MO Baptist Children's Home. A World Bank is located in the pulpit area for birthday offerings all of which will be donated to the MBCH. The group met August 13th with fourteen members present and continued their study of Bathsheba. Plans were made for an ice cream social to be held after evening worship service in September as a fund raiser. For many years WOM have distributed cookies to area law/fire/emergency personnel in observance of 9-11 and did so again this year. We are starting the collection for the Samaritan Purse Christmas Boxes. We will observe No Excuse Sunday on Sept. 21st and have our annual church picnic that evening at England Park.

Cottonwood: What an eventful summer we have had here at Cottonwood! All of the scheduled work crews have come and gone and we are making priority lists and getting organized so that we can finish up the construction of the new building. Bro. Mick preached for the first time after the stroke on Aug 10th! We had a back to school event for the kids that evening with a movie that showed the importance of taking a stand for Christ followed by games and refreshments. A good time was had by all! Bro Mick sends his thanks and appreciation for all the visits, calls and especially the prayers that have been offered up on his behalf. He, also, extends a special thanks to the congregation at Cottonwood for stepping up to the plate and taking care of everything that needed to be taken care of while he was under the weather. An extra special thanks goes to David House, who filled the pulpit and delivered God's message to the church while Bro. Mick wasn't able to. Bro. Mick has received very good reports from the doctor's and is continuing to improve. Please continue to pray for that he will have a full recovery and for the completion of the church building that we may reach out to and minister to the surrounding community in a mighty wav!

Hayti: My time as Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hayti is coming to an end. I have served with these wonderful people for almost 6 years and have seen the Lord do many wonderful things. There are many that have come to mean so much to our lives and we will certainly miss them as we go, but we know that the Lord has planted them deeply in our hearts and we will be in contact with them as often as possible. I have had the honor of serving with one of the finest Worship Leaders that I have ever known. Everyone knows Randy Turnage and the passion and grace that he brings to this ministry. God certainly blessed the FBC with him and his beautiful wife through all that they do for the church. I would also like to say a huge word of thanks to Bro. Tim Abanathy. He is one of the finest DOMs that I have ever met. His passion and concern for each and every church regardless of size has blessed my heart. He has counseled, encouraged and become a dear friend to me in Christ. I ask that you pray for us as