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**Annual Meeting**  
**September**  
**9th & 10th**

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# THE SOUTHEAST MISSOURI VOICE

# SEPTEMBER, 2019

## Rheubin L. South Missouri Missions Offering Month

- 1 Senior Adult Sunday
- 2 Labor Day, Mission Center Closed
- 3 Executive Board Fish Fry/Meeting, Mission Center, 6:00 / 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Annual Meeting, FBC, Caruthersville, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Annual Meeting, Holly Grove Potluck Meal at 6:00, Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Associational WMU Meeting 10:30, Associational Mission Center, Hayti
- 13-14 Disaster Relief Training, FBC, Dexter
- 15 Anti-Gambling Sunday
- 16-17 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 19 Senior Adult Fellowship, FBC, Portageville, 11:00 a.m.
- 24 Pastor's Fellowship, McDonald's in Portageville, 8:00 a.m.



Missouri Missions  
Offering

The Rheubin L. South  
Missouri Missions Offering  
(MMO) supports missions

throughout the state – from disaster relief to the Missouri Baptist  
Children's Home.

2019 goal (to be disbursed in 2020): \$715,000



# OCTOBER, 2019

## Cooperative Program Emphasis Month

- 1 Pastor's Fellowship, 8:00 a.m., McDonald's, Portageville
- 6 Personal Evangelism Commitment Day
- 7-8 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 13 Global Hunger Sunday (World Hunger Day)
- 14 Columbus Day (Mission Center Closed)
- 15 Pastor's Fellowship, 8:00 a.m., McDonald's, Portageville
- 20-26 Week of Prayer for Baptist Associations
- 22 Pastor's Fellowship, 8:00 a.m., McDonald's, Portageville
- 28-29 Missouri Baptist Convention, Branson

## GENERAL FUND TREASURER'S REPORT

JULY, 2019

	JULY	2019 TOTAL		JULY
Boekerton	\$0.00	\$1,221.99	DOM Salary	\$1,291.66
Braggadocio	\$141.90	\$1,178.30	DOM Mileage	\$320.16
Caruthersville, FBC	\$405.00	\$3,293.73	DOM Housing Allow.	\$562.50
Catron	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	DOM Health Insurance	\$1,263.02
Cottonwood	\$194.10	\$1,702.64	DOM Health Reinburse.	\$123.58
Hayti, FBC	\$227.57	\$1,676.40	DOM Retirement	\$229.16
Hayward	\$423.82	\$1,933.29	Secretary Salary	\$755.50
Holland	\$898.00	\$4,838.00	Secretary Taxes	\$133.90
Holly Grove	\$760.19	\$3,832.57	Custodian Salary	\$259.59
Kinfolks Ridge	\$0.00	\$450.18	Custodian Taxes	\$36.72
Lilbourn, FBC	\$0.00	\$5,641.64	Utilities	\$284.93
Living Stone	\$486.00	\$2,286.00	Telephone	\$167.93
Oak Grove	\$0.00	\$715.00	Print Supplies	\$169.96
Pascola	\$206.00	\$1,310.00	Office Maintainance	\$348.94
Portageville, FBC	\$1,845.82	\$9,012.48	Postage	\$218.69
Steele, FBC	\$0.00	\$2,826.47	Insurance	\$823.50
Temple	\$0.00	\$2,648.48	Camp Program	\$5,546.30
Wardell	\$1,033.84	\$5,037.66	Camp Scholarships	\$210.00
			Volunteer Meals	\$129.59
			MO Baptist Children Home	\$99.33
	\$6,622.24	\$50,604.83	SMBA General Fund	\$95.67
			SMBA Endowment Fund	\$99.33
Miscellaneous		\$0.00	SMBA Building Fund	-\$25.00
Now Interest	\$0.64	\$3.71		
Total Income	\$6,622.88	\$50,608.54	Total Expenses	\$13,144.96

August 1, 2019 General Fund Balance \$6,424.69

# Frito Corn Salad

## Ingredients:

- 2 Cans of yellow sweet corn, drained well or fresh cooked cut from the cob
- 1 Cup of mayonnaise
- 1 Diced sweet red bell pepper
- 1/2 Red onion
- 2 Cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 5 oz. Bag of chilli cheese Frito's.

## Directions:

Mix all together except cheese and chips.

Mix in the cheese right before serving and top with crushed chili cheese Frito's. This keeps it from getting soggy

Optional: Add some bacon crumbles and maybe some diced jalpeno's



IF YOU HAVE A RECIPE  
THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE  
SEND IT TO:

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

or email to [semoba@sbcglobal.net](mailto:semoba@sbcglobal.net)

## From Your Director of Missions

When I came into the office and turned the computer on, I had an interesting experience. The computer screen had a canary yellow tint on everything. It seems that an outside force (probably lightning) had effected the operation of the computer monitor. Things did not look like they normally would. It was useable but not something that I enjoyed looking at.

This year at our annual meeting we will be continuing the idea of the Scrappy Church book. Our theme will be "God's not done yet ... But the time is short".

Just like the computer monitor, there are many things that are having a negative effect on our churches. Church attendance is not important to many in our communities today. Activities of our children take priority over church functions, including worship services. Many do not have financial resources to give to the church because of over extensions of their lifestyles.

All of these things are taking a toll on the church. Instead of encouragement and enthusiasm, gloom and despair has crept in. In most churches baptisms are not something that are happening on a regular basis.

So, what is your answer to the following question? Is God finished with His work in the Bootheel of Missouri?

If your answer is yes to that question, then we may as well just close the doors of our churches and just let everyone that is not already saved die and go to Hell. There is no hope because Paul said that some plant, others water and others cultivate, but it is God that gives the increase.

If your answer to that question is no, what are you doing to join God in His work in the Bootheel? He has called you to salvation for a purpose. He wants you to be salt and light in your community.

How can people be saved unless they hear about the Savior?

The Scrappy Church model is simple: We must quit waiting for someone else to reach our community. Regardless of the number of churches in our communities, none of them are reaching everyone. We must quit feeling sorry for ourselves. We must quit using excuses about what we don't have. We must examine the talents and gifts that God has given to our church and put them to use.

We must have an "Outward Deluge" of ministry to people in our community.

We must have a membership that "Welcomes" people into our fellowship.

We must "Close the Back Door". Most of our church buildings would not have room for their membership if they all came on the same Sunday.

Almost all of our pastors have a copy of the Scrappy Church book. If not, we have some at the Mission Center.

If God's not done yet, why are we like we are? If God wants to do things through us and our churches, why don't we let Him?

The time is short, the harvest is there, but the night is coming when man's work is done.

# SEPTEMBER MISSION REPORT

I hope everyone is having a good month. School has started back and the holidays will be here before we are ready. I thought this would be a good time to remind everyone about the WMU Mission of "WorldCrafts". World Crafts is a division of WMU and 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 WorldCrafts<sup>SM</sup> party, there is downloadable information on their website <http://www.worldcraftsvillage.com>. The Associational WMU also has some materials. Please contact me if you would like help coordinating a WorldCrafts party.

Remember that September is the month to collect for Rheubin L. South Missouri Missions Offering. Resources are available through [mobaptist.org/mmo](http://mobaptist.org/mmo) or you can call 800-736-6227 ext. 303.



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.

**THIS IS A CHANGE OF PLACE:** Our next Associational WMU meeting will be September 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at the Mission Center in Hayti. Please mark your calendar and come support your Associational WMU. If a Church would like to volunteer to host a WMU meeting, please let me know. Thank you so much for this opportunity to serve you.

Hope you have a Blessed day,

*Kim Ferguson*

Associational WMU Director



*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7*

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SEPTEMBER TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE NEEDED DESPERATELY

OUR CHILDREN ARE IN SCHOOL

THEY NEED GOD'S PROTECTING HAND

CROPS ARE MATURING, FARMERS PREPARE FOR HARVEST

PRAY FOR A GOOD HARVEST, AND THE SAFETY

OF FARM WORKERS

REMEMBER THE LOST, WE HAVE LESS TIME TO REACH

THEM THAN WE HAD YESTERDAY.





## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### ANNUAL MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 9 AT 7:00

FBC, CARUTHERSVILLE

SEPTEMBER 10

Potluck Meal at 6:00 Meeting at 7:00

HOLLY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Associational WMU Meeting

September 14th

10:30 a.m.

Associational Mission Center

*Senior Adult Fellowship*

*September 19th*

*11:00 a.m.*

*FBC, Portageville*

REVIVALS, HOMECOMINGS, and other  
special events can be posted in the  
VOICE

Help, Hope & Healing

## Disaster Relief Training in Your Area

### Trainings offered at every event:

- Introduction to Disaster Relief
  - Chainsaw
  - Mud-out
  - Child Care
  - Mass Care Feeding
  - Communications
  - Shower/Laundry
  - Blue Hat\*
  - Chaplaincy\*
  - Assessment\*
  - Incident Management Training (IMT)\*
- (\* Previous call-out experience required)

First time: \$40  
Re-certifying: \$20  
Cross-Training: \$5

### Friday:

Registration 5:00 pm  
Dinner 6:00 pm  
Introduction 7:00 pm  
(Chaplaincy begins at 1:00 pm)

### Saturday:

Training 8:00 am - 3:00 pm  
(Some classes dismiss earlier)

**September 13-14, 2019**

**First Baptist Church**

11 W Caster St, Dexter, MO 63841

Meals provided. Optional lodging at church.



\*Detailed training schedule can be found at [www.mobaptist.org/dr-training](http://www.mobaptist.org/dr-training)

Additional training information and online registration can be found by visiting [mobaptist.org/dr-training](http://mobaptist.org/dr-training), by emailing [disasterrelief@mobaptist.org](mailto:disasterrelief@mobaptist.org), or by calling 800-736-6227, extension 317.

Missouri Baptist Convention Disaster Relief  
400 East High Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101, 800-736-6227



# CHURCH NEWS

**FBC, CARUTHERSVILLE:** August has been a warm month, but nevertheless we are still busy doing the Lord's business. The kids enjoyed camp and are now ready for school to start.

Our Youth Department has grown by two new members as result of our camp attendance.

Elizabeth Hardesty and Joel Williams are doing a wonderful job keeping our youth busy. They held a very successful car wash in July. They went to Sky Zone in Jackson, Tennessee on August 3rd and attended a Jackson Generals game that evening. A back to school swim party was held at Elizabeth's house on August 4th and they went to ASU to attend a concert by David Crowder. They sponsored a church movie night Sunday evening, August 18th. We viewed "Breakthrough". Proceeds from the movie night went toward youth activities.

A Baptism was held for Austin Brooks during the morning church service on August 18th.

The Brotherhood meets the last Sunday of each month in the church fellowship hall. The attendance has been good.

Our Music Committee is still searching for a new Music Minister. "Bob Interim" has been leading the song service and several soloists have been bringing specials each Sunday.

Women On Mission met August 12th with 14 members and one guest present. Seven members were absent due to school meetings, vacations and other matters. The Theme for the evening was "What's In Your Mirror". Reflections For Jesus were discussed and Shelby Walker gave a very interesting program about Stephen, his dedication to the Lord and his ultimate death as a result of his unwavering faith. The Mission Spotlight was on Chicago and the ladies enjoyed "Chicago Pizza and a Twinkie Cake, foods Chicago is famous for. Wriggley's gum was given as favors. The ladies will be making desserts for the 9/11 Appreciation Dinner sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance .

On August 25th at 5:00 p.m. we had an Ice Cream Social sponsored by our Women On Mission Ladies in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds from that event go toward our Lottie Moon Offering.

**HOLLY GROVE:** Hello everyone! We hope you and your loved ones are well.

August started out great at Holly Grove. On Saturday, the 3rd, we had our all day Vacation Bible School. This included some water works and free school supplies for all of the children. We were blessed with 44 children and over 20 helpers. Everyone reported a great time. The decorations, all the crafts, our Bible lessons, food, and fun were enjoyed by many. A huge thank you to all the teachers, workers, and children for making it a blessed Vacation Bible School.

On Sunday morning, the 4th, all the grandparents, parents, friends,

and family got to enjoy some of the things that we did in Vacation Bible School before our morning service.

Our deacons had their meeting later that afternoon. After the night service, we had a fellowship with food and gifts for one of our youth that is heading off to college. Savanna Edwards will be attending college in Louisiana. We ask God's blessing on her.

Business meeting was on Wednesday, the 7th, followed by WMU with Sharon Jean.

Services were held at the River Oaks Care Center on the 11th.

We did all of regular duties and had a great month of August. We enjoyed helping all the children get ready for school.

Please pray for our teachers, staff and students in our schools. We want them to have a blessed and safe school year.

I know that we will continue to pray for our country, its leaders, and one another.

**OAK GROVE:** We are roasting in this heat, but God is still good and cares for us.

Well, its back to school this month . Let us keep our schools, the children, the staff, and bus safety on our mind and in our prayers. May God grant us a safe and happy school year.

We had our one day VBS on Saturday, August 11. The children seem to be very attentive to the Bible stories and the plan of salvation that our pastor, John Brown presented with a "gospel box" and painting a picture. In the last hour of the day, the children enjoyed a bounce house.

We had a table with gifts and games at the Delta C-7 school bash. Our church adopted a 3rd grade boy and supplied him with all the necessities needed for school.

Bro. Brown is back (safe) from his 3 week mission trip to Africa. His team led approximately 1000 people to Christ. Praise the Lord!

Our Wednesday night group is studying "The Scrappy Church". Bro Tim is leading the study. We feel that we can identify with some of the churches in the book and it has enlightened us to do better.

On Sunday nights, Bro. Brown, is leading us in a study of David. We are learning so much from the life of David.

Please pray for our church and all the churches in our association, the lost, the sick, our country, and our military.

And as Tiny Tim said, " God bless us everyone!".