

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

- 5 GAIL EDWARDS – LEORA BAPTIST
- 7 DANNY COLLINS – CALVARY DEXTER
- 13 SHELVE & GEORGIA STEPHENS – CALVARY PB
- 17 DAVE & GAIL EDWARDS - LEORA
- 18 STEVE & SANDRA MAYO – BROSELEY FBC
- 19 DENNIS WARD – MEMORIAL BAPTIST
- 23 JERRY COOPER – BELLVIEW BAPTIST
- 24 JOYCE MITTAG – FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST
- 24 JERRY & SHERRY COOPER - BELLVIEW
- 26 SANDY ARNOLD – CCSBA-FELLOWSHIP

**Calendar for April & May**

April 6-7 MO Mission Celebration, Springfield  
 April 8 Cooperative Program Sunday  
**April 14 WMU Quarterly Meeting, Temple 10-12**  
**April 28 Pastors Wives & Women in Ministry Fellowship 10-12 at Memorial Baptist Church**  
 May 19 WMU Regional Training  
 May 20-27 Baptist Association Week  
**May 28 CCSBA Office Closed for Memorial Day**

**WMU Quarterly Meeting to Feature Missionary to the Philippines: Hollie Rathbun and a Filipino lunch by Chef Ednor Sebag. RSVP by April 9<sup>th</sup> by phone or email to us.**  
 Hollie, along with her husband Jeff and 3 daughters, minister beside Filipino pastors and their families as they focus on evangelism and discipleship. Don't miss this time to hear how God is at work.



**Disaster Relief Training**  
**April 20-21**  
 Sept. 14-15  
 Contact Bob Stark at 573-300-3192  
[www.mobaptist.org/dr](http://www.mobaptist.org/dr) [disasterrelief@mobaptist.org](mailto:disasterrelief@mobaptist.org)

**CCSBA CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS**

**Poplar Bluff FBC**



Brandon Spain, Pastor

**Living Word**



Donnie Emmons, Pastor

**Dexter FBC**



Mark Smith, Pastor

**New Hope**



Truman Chatman, Pastor

**PRAY FOR THESE PASTOR-LESS CHURCHES**  
 Northside Bernie Trinity  
 Center Hill Harviell FBC  
 Emmanuel



**Encouraging and Discipling Women in Ministry**

A fellowship for Pastors' wives, Ministry Leaders' wives and Women in Leadership (worship leaders, children's directors, etc.) April 28, 2018 10-12 RSVP at 573-686-1115 for reservations

CCSBA Office Hours

8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday –Thursday

8:00 am – 12:00 pm, Friday

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CCSBA Focus on Church Growth

Over the past several months we've looked at several practices which lead to growing a healthy church, along with several mistakes churches make which lead them the opposite direction toward being unhealthy. There are two other topics which can be added to the lists of helpful and harmful things we've already compiled.

First, **every believer should have a vision for themselves and for the church which is as big as the vision Jesus has for them.** Without the correct vision it will be hard to reach ones potential. With the correct vision one can see clearly where and how God is at work, and will be able to join Him in that process.

The best way I've heard this vision described is this, **"To have a global impact from a single point of origin."** This is what Jesus was thinking for every believer when he told them to "Go and make disciples of all nations". It is what He was implying when he told them, "you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

**Jesus wants to use every believer to impact the world for His glory and the glory of the Father.** With the right vision the church will grow in faith and size.

Second, **every believer should rely upon the Holy Spirit with expectant hearts as they pray in Jesus' name for help while they labor in the midst of His great vision.** Jesus told his disciples, "the works that I do you will do also; and greater works than these you will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in my name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son... And He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever". **God provides the Holy Spirit so that He himself can abide with you, help you, mold you, and use you for His glory.**

You were chosen for fruitfulness (Jn.15:16). You were created for good works (Eph.2:10). Your good works glorify God (Mt.5:16). Your testimony helps others believe in Christ (Jn.17:20). **Have His vision – do His work – grow His church – build His kingdom.**

CCSBA Financial Status	
Sept. 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018	
Budget needed	Contributions received
\$66,419.38	\$ 66,717.72

March 10-15, TRC students joined groups from Southeast Missouri State University and Crowder College for Harvey Rebuild projects in Rockport, Texas. We worked for 4 days to help get FBC Gregory ready to host services again.



Call our office to register your group for Secret Church 18. Registration is needed to insure there are enough books for everyone. This will be a great event for your youth group, or any group in your church. So, DON'T HESITATE !!! register today!

