

### **Envisioning Beyond Myself**

Last week I was privileged to attend the 2020 Midwest Leadership Summit. There were over 1200 attendees representing a dozen States in the Midwest. There was a lot of networking. There was a great offering of information and training on several areas of church life. It was a great time of worship. But perhaps the most important thing occurred within the first 30 minutes of the 2 day event.

Josh Tovey, Lead Pastor of Redemption Church in Michigan, challenged everyone with Ephesians 3:20-21. *“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”* NKJV

### **IS YOUR VISION BIG ENOUGH ? What can God do in and through your church?**

This is the most challenging question today. We may be living a righteous life, doing all the right things, and trying our best to do church like we think it needs to be done. But, have we stopped to consider that the vision for our church, which is the Bride of Christ, may not be all God wants it to be. If it's based on the vision of a man, then it will likely come with personal preferences – and when personal preferences reign, a church will eventually find itself on life support.

Can God redeem your city? Can God redeem your state? What about our nation- can God redeem our nation and the world? What does He want to do in and through your church in this redemption process? Is your vision big enough to think of, ask for, and expect God to do all that is necessary in you and through your church to accomplish His goals?

HE IS ABLE ! Do you believe this?

The church, of which you are a part, exists because of the gospel message. Now, having been empowered with His Spirit you are given the gospel mandate of making disciples with a vision for gospel multiplication which would result in a movement of evangelism, discipleship, and church planting – all leading to the redemption of your city, your state, your nation, and the world.

### **HE IS ABLE! IS YOUR VISION BIG ENOUGH?**

### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**6 JANICE AUBUCHON**

**6 JUSTIN MILLER**

**9 KATHY KIRKLEY**

**26 BARBARA WARD**

### **CCSBA Financial Status**

Oct. 01, 2019 – Sept. 30, 2020

Budget to date  
\$ 40,981.44

Contributions received  
\$ 38,511.52

### **PRAY FOR THESE PASTOR-LESS CHURCHES**

New Hope

Fairview

Duck Creek

Leora

Qulin MB

### **Calendar for February & March**

February 9 Racial Reconciliation

February 10-16 Focus on WMU

February 15 Children's Missions Day

March 1-8 Prayer for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

**March 10 CCSBA Executive Board Meeting  
7:00 PM**

March 15 Church Planting Emphasis Sunday

## CCSBA CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS

### Fellowship



Tim Freeman, Pastor

### Grand Avenue



Greg Kirk, Pastor

### Emmanuel



Geoff Box, Pastor

### Harviell FBC



Pastor-less

### CCSBA Office Hours

8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday – Thursday

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**VBS Clinic**  
**March 5, 2020**  
**8am – 3pm**  
**First Baptist Church**  
**Poplar Bluff**

Register at [www.mobaptist.org/vbs](http://www.mobaptist.org/vbs)

Register for our book give-a-way on the home page of our web site.

BSU Lunch Dates: Help us feed the kids!

February 3, 10, 17, and 24

March 2, 16, 30

April 6, 20, 27

May 4

### BSU

I want to start off by saying thank you for all of your prayers as my wife and I transition to our new lives here in Poplar Bluff. The semester has started and we have made some changes to the order of things. Lunch is still on Monday, but The Gathering has moved to Thursday nights at 7pm. My hope in moving to Thursday is to allow the students to be involved in their local churches on Wednesdays without feeling rushed to move from one thing to the next.

The BSU is continuing to work with Three Rivers College for the food pantry, and we have been able to find ways to better serve students in need. God has opened a door to reach students on the rodeo team and hopefully we are in the final steps of seeing this come to be. There are still several things I am working on to establish relationships with the students who come through this campus.

I ask you to join me in prayer over Three Rivers College. Specifically I ask you to pray for students who are in need and utilize the food pantry. That we may help meet not only their physical but also their spiritual needs. I ask you to pray for the students who come to the BSU, that I may be able to build relationships and help guide them to a deeper relationship with Christ and teach them to live a missional life where they reach out to the students around them. I ask you to pray for a continued positive relationship with Three Rivers. Finally, I ask you to pray on how you and your church can make an impact on this campus.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to working with all of you as we embark on this new adventure.

James Mohler, CCSBA BSU Director