

**CCSBA Focus on Growth**

The New Year is here! Starting something new usually comes with the desire for a “new you”. There’s nothing better for starting a new year off on the right foot than having some clearly defined goals. Setting those goals comes easier after inner reflection. Set aside some time alone (maybe an hour), just you and your coffee, and use these questions to guide your reflection. Then set 1 or 2 goals for 2019. Write them down, ask someone to keep you accountable, and get started.

1. What’s one thing you could do this year to increase your enjoyment of God?
2. What’s the most humanly impossible thing you will ask God to do this year?
3. What’s the single most important thing you could do to improve the quality of your family life this year?
4. In which spiritual discipline do you most want to make progress this year, and what will you do about it?
5. What is the single biggest time-waster in your life, and what will you do about it this year?
6. What is the most helpful new way you could strengthen your church?
7. For whose salvation will you pray most fervently this year?
8. What’s the most important way you will, by God’s grace, try to make this year different from last year?
9. What one thing could you do to improve your prayer life this year?
10. What single thing that you plan to do this year will matter most in ten years? In eternity?

**CCSBA CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS**

**Second Baptist**



Curtis Crowley, Pastor

**Hunter**



Jim Page, Pastor

**PBFBC**



Brandon Spain, Pastor

**Living Word**



Donny Emmons, Pastor

**PRAY FOR THESE PASTOR-LESS CHURCHES**

**Northside Bernie  
Center Hill  
Bloomfield FBC**

**Harviell FBC  
New Hope**

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3 NATHAN & KATHY KIRKLEY
- 5 GREG KIRK
- 5 ROY DAVIS
- 5 JIM & DONNA PAGE

Calendar for January & February  
 January Call to Prayer Month  
*January 1 CCSBA Offices Closed*  
 January 20 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday  
 February 1-28 True Love Waits Emphasis  
 February 10 Race Reconciliation Sunday  
 February 11-17 Focus on WMU  
 February 16 Children's Ministry Day

CCSBA Office Hours  
 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday – Thursday  
 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, Friday

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 Jim Gentry, DOM (ph: 870-219-2355)  
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**2019 Disaster Relief Training**

March 1-2 Macon, MO  
 April 5-6 Diamond, MO  
**September 13-14 Dexter, MO**  
 October 4-5 Warsaw, MO  
 Contact Bob Stark at 573-300-3192 or  
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**Missionary Flow and Church Planting (Growth)**

The NAMB published an article with this title on 11-13-18. View the article here: <https://www.namb.net/send-network-blog/missionary-flow-and-church-planting> .

There are three primary steps which lead to church planting and/or church growth. **First**, there must be an understanding of the local setting, which helps you to best engage people relationally. Having engaged those around you with the gospel, you disciple the believers, and work toward moving them into a community/church.

**CCSBA Focus on BSU**

As you are spending time with family this holiday season please being praying for our college students. After Thanksgiving, I heard several stories of about arguments, disagreements, and disappointments that defined students' time with their families more than love and encouragement. Pray for our students who are the only Christian in the family, isolated and misunderstood. Pray for our students, who are lonely and depressed that they will feel support and joy. Pray that the light of Christmas will break through into these families this year.

**Isaiah 9:2,6 — 2** The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; a light has dawned on those living in the land of darkness... **6** For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. (HCSB)



Current MMO Offering Amount: **\$750,628**  
 As of December 10, 2018

**CCSBA Financial Status  
 Sept. 01, 2018 – Sept. 30, 2019**

<b>Budget to date</b>	<b>Contributions received</b>
<b>\$ 38,153.86</b>	<b>\$ 48,299.68</b>

**Second**, you must create opportunities and environments for the community to grow and flourish relationally and spiritually. **Third**, you must implant the right DNA for the community. “The church is formed by mission and is formed for mission.” Focused on God’s mission, the church will grow healthy and fruitful for His glory.

“...present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...”