

CCSBA Focus on Church Growth

Why isn't our church growing? That's a question often heard, and it often receives a variety of answers. Keith Green, a great Christian singer/song writer, shared his answer in a song entitled *Asleep In the Light*. There he says that the church is asleep and unwilling to truly follow Jesus in the ways he taught. Of course, one answer to church growth is truly following Jesus' teaching and methods.

Within the NT it is clear that multiplication is one of those methods. NAMB president, Kevin Ezell says, "If every believer embraces multiplication and begins leading people to Christ who in turn lead other people to Christ, we will see a surge in salvations, baptisms, and church attendance." He goes on to say that "Southern Baptists face two major challenges when it comes to taking the gospel to North America: a lack of disciple-makers, and a lack of churches being planted. Multiplication is the answer to both."

The principle of multiplication isn't new. This is what Paul told Timothy to do in 2 Timothy 2:2, "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." It starts with you, teaching 1-2 others, and them continuing that process with others who will also continue the process. This is God's method, but will every believer and church embrace it or remain asleep?

As well, in their recent book *1,000 Churches*, Ed Stetzer and Daniel Im examine what it would take to see a church planting movement of 1000 new churches in North America within my lifetime – and their conclusion is that it takes multiplication. They agree with others: multiplication today yields movements tomorrow.

God has given me a conviction that He wants each of our CCSBA churches, as well as every church, to be healthy and multiplying. That's His vision and I believe He can make it happen.

CCSBA CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS

Black River



Harold Sitze, Pastor

Fellowship



Tim Freeman, Pastor

Grand Avenue



Greg Kirk, Pastor

Emmanuel



Pastor-less

PRAY FOR THESE PASTOR-LESS CHURCHES

**Northside Bernie
 Center Hill
 Emmanuel**

**Harviell FBC
 New Hope**

*Congratulations to Black River Baptist Church on their 200th Anniversary.
 May God use you to touch many more lives for Christ.*

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 ROGER & MALISA MAYO
- 18 GARY GILBERT
- 18 JODAWN MILLER
- 22 KRISTEN FREEMAN
- 23 BRANDON SPAIN
- 23 LIAM BRAY

Calendar for July & August

July 4 CCSBA Offices Closed

**July 9 WMU Quarterly Meeting at Second Bapt.
6:30-8:30 PM**

July 19-21 CCSBA Youth Retreat, Van Buren

August 10 Pastor/staff & family cookout

August 19-25 Worship Music Week

**August 20-21 MBC Executive Board Meeting,
Jefferson City**

CCSBA Office Hours

8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday –Thursday

8:00 am – 12:00 pm, Friday

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Disaster Relief Training

Sept. 14-15

Oct. 12-13

Contact Bob Stark at 573-300-3192

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CCSBA Financial Status

Sept. '17 - June '18

Budget to date	Contributions received
\$96,666.70	\$ 96,168.49

CCSBA Needs YOU!

One of the great needs we currently have are volunteers who will join us in advancing the gospel together as an association by participating on various ministry committees. We need people to help with Children's and Youth Camp, Student Work, Pastor Education, Finance, Personnel, Fixed Assets (building & grounds, etc.), Missions, and more. We've got lots of talented God led adults in our churches who could be part of what God wants to do across CCSBA. Maybe you are one of those. Please pray about being part of your associational ministry. Call us if you can serve or have questions.

CCSBA Focus on BSU

Pray for our summer missions interns Triston and Caleb. These two have been hard at work since Memorial Day weekend assisting Lake of the Ozarks churches with VBS, children's camps, and resort ministry. Pray that these guys will continue to grow in Christ through this work. Pray that they will have a gospel impact through their life and words.



**Pastor/staff
and family
Fellowship**

**August 10
6:00-7:30**

@ the BSU

**Bring your
family and
join us!**

RSVP by Aug.9th 573-686-1115

UPSIDE-DOWN YOUTH RETREAT

July 19-21 @ the SMBA
in Van Buren
7th grade to 18 years old
\$65

Info at www.ccsba.com

**Send your VBS stories and mission stories to us
and help us celebrate all God is doing to reach
the lost.**