

Focus on BSU

This will be my last time to write to my CCSBA brothers and sisters. If you haven't heard it from me already, thank you so much for your love and support of my family and ministry. The last two years have been a time of growth and fruitful ministry among the young adults here in Poplar Bluff. We have thoroughly enjoyed all of our time spent with the Church in southeast Missouri. I'm leaving with great memories, lifelong friends, and an even greater desire for kingdom work. Please continue praying for my family during this transition and for the college ministry that will remain active here when I leave in June.

Faithfully, Daniel Bray

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 ROY & CASEY DAVIS**
- 13 DANIEL & AMANDA BRAY**
- 17 BRANDON & AMANDA SPAIN**
- 23 TIM FREEMAN**
- 26 GREG & PAM KIRK**
- 27 GARY & STEPHANIE GILBERT**

Calendar for **June & July**

June 11-12 Crossover in Birmingham, AL

June 10-14 Children's Camp in Van Buren

June 23 Mission Dignity Sunday

June 30 Citizenship & Religious Liberty Sunday

July 4 CCSBA Office Closed

July 8 WMU Quarterly Meeting, at Emmanuel in Doniphan, MO

July 10-14 Youth Camp with Charleston Baptist Association

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

Budget to date	Contributions received
\$ 85,846.16	\$ 90,824.63

PRAY FOR THESE PASTOR-LESS CHURCHES

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| Harviell FBC | Bloomfield FBC |
| Center Hill | New Hope |
| Duck Creek | |

CCSBA CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS

Trinity



Eldon Wheelis, Pastor

Lone Hill



Truman Chatman, Pastor

Grace



Keith Boyer, Pastor

Temple



Stephen Patterson, Pastor

2019 Disaster Relief Training
September 13-14 Dexter, MO
 October 4-5 Warsaw, MO
www.mobaptist.org/dr disasterrelief@mobaptist.org

CCSBA Office Hours

8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday – Thursday

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Sent!

It was Sunday evening. There was fear, heavy fear, hanging in the air. Hearts were troubled, and minds were confused. With the door locked and the light dimmed low, men keeping their voices down were wondering about the events of the day. And in the blink of an eye everything changed.

The one who had been buried stood directly in front of them. *“Peace be with you”*, flowed graciously from his lips. It was the voice of Jesus, whom they knew as Master, Teacher, Rabbi, Lord, Son of Man, Son of God, Messiah, and Christ. He was there, in their midst, ALIVE! He had risen just as He had said, and just as Mary had discovered earlier that day. His hands, his side, and his feet – all wounds from his crucifixion – were on display to prove the torture he had endured.

Immediately they were glad. *“Peace to you”* was heard again and finally they could breathe. Their fear turned to peace and praise. Their faith was strengthened, and their belief of Jesus truly being God was solidified.

“As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” Jesus did not waste any time getting to His command. He didn’t beat around the bush about the mission He desired for their remaining years. Jesus made it perfectly clear that from this time forward they were being sent to be His witnesses to a lost and dying world.

“Sent” wasn’t new for them. They knew that both the John the Baptist and Jesus had been sent by God. They remembered that Jesus had previously sent them out. Now they were being sent as witnesses to His resurrection.

Their reaction to Jesus’ intention wasn’t recorded. And just as He started teaching them by what authority they were being sent, Thomas – with a doubt filled heart – entered the room. With a single touch of the Master’s wound, he believed. For him it took seeing, hearing, and touching before faith surfaced. Jesus was sending His disciples as witnesses for all those who wouldn’t have a

“Thomas” opportunity. He wanted the world to *“have life in His name.”* Jn 20:19-31

Similar to John, those who had seen the resurrected Lord were being sent *“for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe.”* Like him they would be *“The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Make straight the way of the Lord.’”* That is, as well, His vision for us today. Jn 1:7, 23

Though our eyes have not seen Him, yet by faith our lives have been changed by Him – for His glory. We, like His beloved, are to testify that He is the Son of God, the Lamb of God, slain for the sins of the world, and now is alive having been resurrected from death. Jesus was sent as part of God’s redemptive plan for humanity, and likewise He has chosen to send us out as part of that plan. *“I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.”*

Living SENT starts with acceptance of this fundamental truth – Jesus sends the saved. Jesus calls us to “FOLLOW”, so that in His time He can say “GO”, sending us to seek the lost, share the gospel, and make disciples. Mt 18:11, Lk 19:10, Mt 28:19-20, Mk 16:15

Living SENT demands dying to oneself and the world in order to reach the lost souls of this world. It’s not optional, it’s mandated. Jn 3:3-7; Mt 16:24-25; Mk 8:34-35; Rom 6:4-8; Gal 2:20, 5:24; Rev3:15-16.

Living SENT should be characteristic of each one who says, “I believe in Jesus.” For many people those words hold shallow meaning. The Father desires for our confession to hold the deep meaning of complete alignment to the truth of the gospel, of complete reliance on the person of the gospel – Jesus, and complete yielded-ness to the agent of God who helps us believe and become like Jesus – the Holy Spirit. By one’s life, one’s words and their actions – there is evidence of a real confession or of a disguised denial. Mt 10:32-33

“Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.”

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!!



A vibrant poster for Kids Summer Camp. At the top, three balloons in red, green, and blue contain the words 'LAUGH', 'PLAY', and 'PURE FUN'. Below them, the words 'KIDS SUMMER CAMP' are written in large, bold, red letters with a black outline. A purple banner below the title says 'JUNE 10-14 SOUTH MO BAPTIST ASSEMBLY'. In the center, there is a small image of a 'Fixer Upper' sign with tools. At the bottom, there is a purple bar with the text 'Cost - \$150' and 'Watch the Mail for more info to come'. Above the 'Fixer Upper' sign, there is a small line of text: 'TOO BEE? HANDS? WORK BOOTS? WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!'. Below the sign, there is a small sign that says 'What if you see what BSU can do?'. At the bottom of the poster, there is a line of text: 'Bible Study, Recreation, Worship, Track Times, OMC, Make New Friends, Have More Fun Than You Can Imagine! You Won't Want To Miss Camp This Year!!!'.

YOUTH CAMP

July 15-19

Charleston,

MO

\$80

Call for Details

BSU Monday lunch dates we need filled:

September 9, 16, 23, 30

October 7, 14, 21, 28

November 4, 11, 18, 25

December 2, 9

Call Sandy asap to reserve your date!

It's **BLOCK PARTY** Season

Use the CCSBA Block Party Trailer to help with your outreach this summer.

Popcorn machine

Snow cones

Cotton candy machine

Games

Balls

Sound equipment

The Big 'O Bouncer (our new bounce house)

\$25 gets you all this along with the supplies needed to have a great party.

Reserve asap with Sandy!