

CCSBA Focus on Church Growth

As we enter summer, we enter into a prime time for church growth. We have two great opportunities within our Association to help with church growth. Both the Children’s Camp and the Youth Retreat are chances for churches to get some of their youngsters into a life changing experience. Children’s Camp will be July 17-20 and will help each child and adult discover that true strength comes from a good relationship with God. The Youth Retreat, July 20-22, will help each attendee discover strength in Christ. Daniel Bray, our new BSU Director, will be the pastor/teacher for both these events.

Another opportunity many churches utilize is VBS. There will be a VBS clinic on June 3rd at FBC Doniphan which can assist those who plan to conduct a VBS this summer. There is a committed team of workers who will help you with great ideas and insight, regardless of the material you’re going to use for your VBS.

One of the best opportunities churches have this summer is to simply be out in the community around them. There one can meet new people, have a chance to pray for or with them, be able to share the gospel with them, and discover other ways to minister to their family – which can lead to church growth. Let me encourage to make a plan for growth – and work hard at doing the simple things as you trust God to bring the fruit and growth.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 ROY & CASEY DAVIS
- 17 JIM CORNMAN
- 17 BRANDON & AMANDA SPAIN
- 21 JOHN COLLINS
- 22 RANDY MILLER
- 23 TIM FREEMAN
- 24 GLENDA KIRKMAN
- 26 GREG & PAM KIRK
- 27 GARY & STEPHANIE GILBERT
- 28 HAROLD & FAYE SITZE
- 28 ALLEN & SHELLY CLARK

CCSBA CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS

Second Baptist



John Collins, Pastor

Hunter



Jim Page, Pastor

Poplar Bluff, First



Brandon Spain, Pastor

Living Word



Donny Emmons, Pastor

PRAY FOR THESE PASTOR-LESS CHURCHES

Dexter FBC
Northside Bernie
Stringtown
Harviell FBC

Essex
Trinity
Center Hill
Lone Hill

“The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves....whatever house you enter, say, ‘Peace to this house’...’The kingdom of God has come near to you.’” Lk 10:2-9

Calendar for June & July

June 6 CCSBA Executive Board Meeting 7 PM

June 10-14 SBC Events, Phoenix, AZ

June 17 Refugee Outreach – St. Louis

July 4 Independence Day Office Closed

*July 10 WMU Quarterly Meeting Doniphan FBC
6:30 PM*

July 11 Meet the Brays, 7 pm, CCSBA office

14-15 Emerging Leader Summit Jefferson City, MO

14-15 MO WMU Board Meeting Jefferson City, MO

15 Special Worker's Training Jefferson City, MO

July 17-20 Children's Camp

July 20-22 Youth Retreat

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 Disaster Relief

As in the days of Noah, the rains began to fall and the waters began to rise. The result here across CCSBA was not as devastating as in Noah's day, but the flood waters did take their toll. In Doniphan there were dozens of homes destroyed, along with businesses and three churches. One of those churches, Emmanuel Baptist is one of our sister churches. They received almost 4 feet of water in their lower level. Thankfully, as the water receded, many volunteers showed up and worked tirelessly for several days to help clear the church of damaged drywall and ruined supplies. For many others, the damage was too extensive to even think about recovery.

Besides local volunteers, we were blessed that Disaster Relief teams from Texas, Michigan, and other parts of MO came to help with the cleanup. Having a strong DR team is an asset for a community and an association. In talking with Bob Stark, our local CCSBA DR Coordinator, this most recent disaster helps everybody understand the need for building up our local DR team.

There are many folks with CCSBA who once were part of DR, but participation has dropped over the years.

Now is the time for us to rebuild that team, and even to increase capabilities beyond what they once were.

According to Bob, there is a need for those who will be trained in doing mud-out, chainsaw work, and emergency childcare. There are several training dates for those who need to be re-certified or want to be trained and are available to go when called upon.

We never know when a disaster will strike, but ministering through DR provides a great opportunity to be used by the Lord to minister directly to those who've been hit the hardest.

Jefferson City July 28-29 (Re-certification in all areas)

Hannibal Sept. 8-9

Sikeston Nov. 3-4 New volunteer training

www.mobaptist.org/dr disasterrelief@mobaptist.org

If interested, please sign up online, or give Bob a call to find out more details. You can reach him at 573-300-3192.

For urgent and up-to-date prayer requests, news, and other information please visit our site at www.ccsba.com.

CCSBA Financial Status

Sept. '16 - May'17

Budget to date	Contributions received
\$ 89,100.00	\$ 88,063.33

CCSBA Focus on Missions

Recently I met a guy who I hope becomes a friend someday. I didn't get to speak to him long, just enough to get acquainted. In a text exchange, he wrote, "I always thank Jesus that gives me such amazing people in my life." His name is Omar, and he is from Iraq. I met Omar in St. Louis as part of the refugee outreach. After being in St. Louis for a year, he is still looking for work which will turn into a career. At the bottom of his resume is the statement, "Life is a long lesson in humility."

Humility is a big part in learning to obey God and be faithful in being on mission for Him. June 17th there is another opportunity to do refugee outreach in St. Louis. I hope to introduce some of you to Omar on that day. Will you be part of the team?