

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

6 EDNOR SEBAG
8 SANDRA MAYO
17 CHRISTY BALES
22 PAM KIRK

CCSBA Financial Status

Oct. 01, 2020 – Sept. 30, 2021

Budget to date	Contributions received
\$ 52, 393.95	\$ 47, 141.58

PRAY FOR THESE PASTOR-LESS CHURCHES

New Hope

*Harviell FBC

Calvary, Dexter

*HAVE INTERIM SERVING

Calendar for March & April
*March 7-14 Week of Prayer and Missions Study
for North American Missions and Annie
Armstrong Easter Offering*

March 9 Executive Board Meeting 7:00 PM

April 1 CCSBA Offices Closed at Noon

April 2 CCSBA Offices Closed

April 4 CCSBA Offices Closed

April 24 Filipino Partnership Launch Festival

2021 Disaster Relief Training

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

March 5-6, 2021

Calvary Baptist Church
Hannibal, MO

April 9-10, 2021

First Baptist Church
O'Fallon, MO

CCSBA CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS

Twin Springs



Roger Mayo, Pastor

Friendship



Lonny Mittag, Pastor

Broseley FBC



Steve Mayo, Pastor

Pleasant Valley



Roy Davis, Pastor

First Baptist Church Doniphan is currently receiving resumes for Student Pastor. We will consider full time or bi-vocational. We will also consider a dual position: worship/student pastor. Please send resumes to monty@fbcdoniphan.org.

CCSBA Office Hours

8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday – Thursday

8:00 am – 12:00 pm, Friday

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What's it really going to take to see our church become more effective and our community changed?

Back in January we sponsored and conducted a Strategic Planning for Church Leadership workshop which was attended by pastors and leaders from across Southeast MO. Each attendee was interested in answering that basic question which appears above.

The basic answer to the question is this: **It is going to take the unified focus of every church member in becoming like Christ, equipped by the Holy Spirit for works of ministry and the building up of the body of Christ.**

This all starts with each believer (YOU) coming before God in personal and unified prayer for His work and glory through their life. As you pray, God will move to help you gain the same vision, perspective, and goals as Jesus. As you pray, God will help you engage those who are lost without faith in Christ. As you pray, God will lead you to engage in the discipleship of new or young believers. As you pray, God will show you ministry opportunities with those around you. As you pray, God will enhance your times of worship – and God will draw you closer together with the body of Christ in fellowship and partnership.

Last month I challenged you to join me in a season of prayer leading up to Easter. On the 22nd I started that season of prayer – using the Guided Prayer material which appears on our CCSBA website. During these next weeks of prayer, my requests before God will not only be for myself, but each of you – my brothers and sisters – and the churches you belong to.

I believe God will do a mighty work in your life. I believe God will give you opportunities for sharing the gospel and discipling those who come to faith. I believe God will give you great opportunities for ministry, and to grow in fellowship / partnership with body of Christ. I believe God will move and help you experience Him in greater ways as you

come before Him in worship. I believe we're about to see great and amazing things from our Father. I ask you to join me – to believe – and to experience.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES!

On Jan. 31 **Black River Baptist Church** completed a merger with **Grace and Truth Fellowship** (a mission group). The official name of the church is Grace and Truth Fellowship, and Joe Crites has been called as the lead pastor.

Emmanuel Baptist Church in Doniphan has called Justin Francis as their pastor.

Jas 1:20 "for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God."

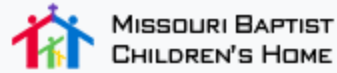
Marriage research done by Doctors John & Julie Gottman has determined that the instruction in this scripture is especially useful in relationships (no surprise there)!

What do I mean by that? Gottman's research has determined that four kinds of communication are destructive to a marriage; so destructive that the Gottmans call them "the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse". In giving them that name, they are telling us that when those show up regularly, the end (of the relationship) is near! They have plenty of research to support this.

What are these Four Horsemen? They are criticism, contempt, defensiveness, and stonewalling. Let's take a quick look at each one.

- Criticism – has to do with the partner's character, not the thing they did that upset you. It is attacking who they are. Critical statements often begin "You always..." or "You never..."
- Contempt – This is the condition where you consider yourself superior to the other. You might mock, ridicule, or mimic to make the other feel despised and worthless.
- Defensiveness – Typically a response to criticism; when you are defensive you will throw out excuses or play the innocent victim.

- Stonewalling – This occurs when one partner withdraws from the interaction and becomes silent.



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Help the kids!

Isn't it the "anger of man" that brings us to the point of criticism, contempt, defensiveness, and stonewalling?

Next time I want to talk about some antidotes to these Four Horsemen.

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CCSBA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MARCH 9, 2021 7:00 PM TEMPLE BAPTIST

Baptist Student Union

Even though the weather slowed things down for a couple weeks if there is one thing we have learned in this past year is that while adjustments will happen ministry never stops. At the beginning of February I was able to spend some time with other BSU directors from the Missouri Baptist Convention. This time was spent discussing current

issues in our ministries, praying for one another and getting a different outlook on strategies for our ministries. Overall it was a great weekend which brought to light that none of us are alone and the issues we are facing are not just our own. All campus ministries are being affected right now, and college students need a lot of prayer at this time. We are seeing a faster rate of burnout and lower numbers with many students feeling frustrated, and hesitant to try something new. Some campus ministries don't even have students on their campus and are wrestling with how to connect with students. This semester's focus is a continuation of building up a core group of students who will then become student leaders next year who will assist in the

outreach of the BSU. There are still lunch dates available for April 12& 19 and May 3.

mb MISSOURI BAPTISTS

VBS TEAM

Training Events

8:30 - 2:30 PM

- Pastors/Directors
- Preschool and Kids
- Adults and Students
- Safety and Security
- Creative Ideas
- Networking & More!

CONCRETE & CRANES
Philippians 1:6

DESTINATION DIG
JEREMIAH 29:13

THURSDAY, MARCH 4
TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH
POPLAR BLUFF

MONDAY, MARCH 1
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
CHILICOTHE

SATURDAY, MARCH 6
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OZARK

SATURDAY, MARCH 13
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
TROY

Register at <https://mobaptist.org/vbs/>

Baptist Camp in Van Buren

We need your help! We've got several projects which we need volunteer teams to help us with. As well, we need \$4000 to replace the roof on one of our dorms. Please pray about you and your church helping with these needs. For more details, call Jim at the CCSBA office.

New Free Prayer Calendar

Journey with us this year as we intercede daily for East Asian Peoples.
<https://store.imb.org/daily-prayers-east-asian-peoples-perpetual-calendar-in-english-korean-chinese/>