

CCSBA Focus on Church Growth

Four keys toward having an impact for Christ in your community.

1. **Pray** – entrusting everything to God.
 - a. Pray for God to make you more like Jesus and then to use you to touch the lives of others.
 - b. Pray for unbelievers, asking God to prepare their heart for an encounter with the gospel.
 - c. Pray for believers, asking God to increase their faith and understanding about being witnesses for Christ.
2. **Reach out to neighbors** – building interest, rapport, and trust.
 - a. Reach out with an encouraging card, including a Bible verse and a short note that you have prayed for them.
 - b. Reach out with a call or text, just to say that you hope they have a good day and have prayed for them.
 - c. Reach out with a knock on their door and a small batch of cookies just to encourage them and let them know that you believe God has a great blessing for them.
3. **Invite others** – into settings where conversations about life leading to a conversation about the Lord can take place.
 - a. Invite them to your place for coffee, or just to sit on your porch or deck.
 - b. Invite them to meet you at a nearby café for a treat.
 - c. Invite them to a special event like a concert, simulcast, fellowship, dinner, or program.
 - d. Invite them to church.

4. **Listen well and share lovingly** – remembering that your conversation is meant to help them understand the depth of God’s love for them and the intention of His heart to have a deep relationship with them.

CCSBA CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS

Puxico FBC



Justin Miller, Pastor

Bellview



Jerry Cooper, Pastor

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Gary Gilbert, Pastor

Essex FBC



Krag Runzi, Pastor

PRAY FOR THESE PASTOR-LESS CHURCHES
Northside Bernie **Trinity**
Center Hill **Harviell FBC**
Emmanuel

Calendar for May & June

May 19 WMU Regional Training

May 20-27 Baptist Association Week

May 28 CCSBA Office Closed for Memorial Day

June 5 CCSBA Executive Board Mtg. 7:00 PM

June 10-11 National WMU Mission Celebration, Dallas, TX

June 12-13 Crossover, SBC Annual Mtg. Dallas, TX

June 18-20 CCSBA Children's Camp, Van Buren

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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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

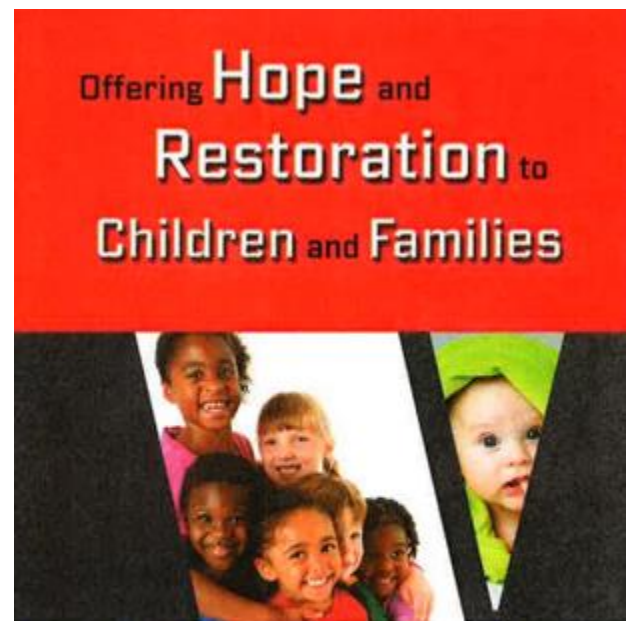
- 2 DANNY & CHRISTINE COLLINS
- 11 MONTY & RHONDA FLANIGAN
- 17 LAURA HOLLY GENTRY
- 22 TIM & KRISTEN FREEMAN
- 22 MALISSA MAYO
- 23 EDNOR & MAY SEBAG
- 25 JUSTIN & JODAWN MILLER
- 27 AMANDA BRAY

CCSBA Financial Status Sept. 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018

Budget to date	Contributions received
\$77, 333.36	\$ 76,625.81

CCSBA Focus on BSU

If I told you there was a city within your reach that has 9 million people, and there is little being done to share the gospel with them what would you think? There are 9 million students attending community colleges in the United States, and very few people are trying to reach them. That is one of the many reasons that I'm thankful that your church has chosen to cooperate in caring for the students at Three Rivers College. Nine million people is a lot of people, and it's very possible you and your church or ministry is perfectly positioned to have a significant impact on this unreached people group!



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Ken Vawter is the new Regional Representative for MBCH and would love to share with you, your church, your class, or your group about all God is doing through this ministry. You can reach him at 573-241-1113 or by email at Kenny.Vawter@MBCH.org.

Sharing Jesus *Without Freaking Out* book study will be held at Temple Baptist each Sunday afternoon – May 13 to June 3 – 4:30-5:30 pm. Books are \$5. Contact CCSBA office if interested.