

**CCSBA Focus on Church Growth**

Earlier this year, a study of the personal evangelism habits of 1500 small church pastors across the United States was done. Once the data was analyzed, 10 factors emerged which contribute to higher rates of individual faith in Christ and church growth.

Churches with pastors and members who expose themselves to lost people, connecting with them, and intentionally having gospel conversations with them, see a higher rate of conversions. Evangelistic churches which create a welcoming place where unchurched people feel loved and welcomed see higher rates of conversion and growth.

Many people crave personal connection. Small churches are able to provide this connection as they create “community” and foster a place where Gospel conversations aren’t forced but occur more naturally.

Often these same churches see evangelism as the responsibility of every member, not just the pastor. Their pastor is committed to ongoing evangelism training for himself and the church. He is always seeking to become proficient with evangelism tools and methods which will help them reach a broader group of people.

As well, he leads the church to intentionally budget for and work toward what they value. Together they put their training to work by being in the world – finding the lost and loving them where they are, so they can get to gospel conversations. Then, with each one who comes to Christ, the church is ready with a discipleship path which leads each new believer toward becoming a disciple-making disciple of Jesus.

**Trusting God - Start with these simple steps:**

1. Take time weekly to share your faith with non-Christians outside the church.
2. Learn two approaches to share the gospel.
3. Engage in ministry outside the church monthly, focused on reaching the unchurched.
4. Attend evangelism training 1-2 times annually.
5. Train 1-2 others in evangelism annually.
6. When you share the gospel – ask that person to commit to follow Christ.

**CCSBA CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS**

Trinity



Lone Hill



Scotty Smothers

East Carter Grace



Keith Boyer, Pastor

Temple



Steve Patterson, Pastor

**PRAY FOR THESE PASTOR-LESS CHURCHES**

**Essex  
Northside Bernie  
Second  
Harviell FBC**

**Trinity  
Center Hill  
Emmanuel**

Calendar for November – December 2017  
**Nov. 3-4 MoWMU Board Meeting in Jefferson City, MO**  
**Nov. 3-4 Southeast Disaster Relief Training at Miner Baptist Church, Sikeston, MO**  
**Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> Noon – 24<sup>th</sup> CCSBA Office Closes at Noon for Thanksgiving**  
*Dec. 2 Pastor/Spouse/Staff Christmas Party at Temple Baptist 4:30 PM*  
**Dec. 3-10 Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon Offering**  
**Dec. 5 CCSBA Executive Board Meeting 7:00 PM**  
**Dec. 25 & 26 CCSBA Office Closed for Christmas**

CCSBA Office Hours  
 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday –Thursday  
 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, Friday

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Sikeston Nov. 3-4 New volunteer training  
[www.mobaptist.org/dr](http://www.mobaptist.org/dr) [disasterrelief@mobaptist.org](mailto: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](http://www.ccsba.com).

**Mexico Missions Report from Bro. Dennis Ward**

Although we are not done, to date, were able to supply 57 tents (all that we could find to purchase locally). We also bought hand tools and materials to build more extensive shelters. We still have some monies remaining and are currently in contact with a local church ministry in Puebla to offer resources to them as they work with their community. As you may have seen in the news, they have not only the earthquake damage, but a looming threat of volcanic activity to deal with. All remaining monies given for relief will be spent for that purpose. In the village where we worked, we had an evangelism team follow us, handing out personal supplies and the gospel was shared with everyone who came to them, about 50 people. I do not have the final number of those professing Christ, as I was busy building shelters, but there were those who prayed for salvation. We also had a team going door to door praying with families and sharing the gospel.

Thank you for your kindness to the Mexican people and for trusting us to do the work of an evangelist.

CCSBA Financial Status Sept. '17- August'18	
Budget needed	Contributions received
\$ 19,333.34	\$ 16,828.56

**CCSBS Focus on BSU**

I've been learning so much talking to our students this month. Everyone has difficult stories and pasts that they're trying to overcome. Many are barely able to pay for college even with part-time jobs. Many of the athletes are having a difficult time being away from their families for the first time. I wouldn't know any of this if I didn't take the time to talk to them.

Are there young adults in your life that you can spend time talking to this week?

Please be praying (1) for the students as they are facing big projects and tests, (2) for our fall events, and (3) planning for our mission trip to St. Louis in December.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**9 NATHAN KIRKLEY**  
**12 LONNY MITTAG**  
**13 GEORGIA STEPHENS**  
**14 DANIEL BRAY**  
**17 LINDA EMMONS**