

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 DONNA BODE**
- 17 STEVE MAYO**
- 18 SHERRY COOPER**
- 27 AMANDA SPAIN**

CCSBA Financial Status

Oct. 01, 2019 – Sept. 30, 2020

Budget to date	Contributions received
\$ 122,944.37	\$ 112,282.11

PRAY FOR THESE PASTOR-LESS CHURCHES

- New Hope
- Harviell FBC
- Emmanuel
- Calvary, Dexter

Calendar for October & November

- October 1-31 Cooperative Program Emphasis
- October 5 CCSBA Annual Meeting, Second Baptist Church, Poplar Bluff**
- October 11 Global Huger Sunday
- October 18-24 Week of Prayer for Baptist Missions
- October 26-27 MBC Annual Meeting, St. Charles, MO
- November 5-7 MO WMU Meeting, Jefferson City
- November 25 CCSBA Offices Closes at noon
- November 26-27 CCSBA Offices Closed

CCSBA CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS

Harviell FBC



John Lorch, Interim Pastor

Essex FBC



Krag Runzi, Pastor

Quilin First MB



Jimmy Lemonds, Pastor

Calvary Dexter



BSU Monday Lunch dates still open. Call James or Sandy to schedule a time for your church to assist in providing lunch for the students on the Three Rivers College campus at the BSU.

CCSBA Office Hours

8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday – Thursday

8:00 am – 12:00 pm, Friday

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Disaster Relief needs volunteers in DeRidder, LA to help with the mobile kitchen, chainsaw, and mud-out. Call 337-226-9362 if you are able to help.

Ministry in Our Post-COVID World

Last week I got to hear Dr. Rodney Harrison, professor at MTBS, share seven things which COVID has caused changes in concerning ministry. Although the virus has not redefined the church or its mission, it has led to some changes in the practices we formally took at normal.

First, COVID has forced many churches to adopt a hybrid approach to their ministry. Pastors and churches have turned to technological advancements to help them reach families at home. ZOOM, Youtube, Facebook, and other innovative services are helping churches continue their contact with families from a distance. The paradigm of “normal” has changed to mean shorter services, smaller groups, and a lot of online ministry and teaching. And, the hybrid approach will continue to grow as mankind shifts their expectations to what a normal future for them will look like.

Second, there is a greater emphasis on growing leaders who are able to understand the way things are and the way things will be – rather than long for and try to turn back to the way things were before COVID. Discipleship and mentoring are an absolute for a ministry to survive, and good leaders are focusing on that more and more.

Third, COVID has forced the church to evaluate what skillset is most needed for impactful ministry. This has opened the door for even more talented and gifted folks to play vital roles in a ministry.

Fourth, the expectations of Christian duty have fallen under the microscope and in many ways been revived to match what is more Biblically needed. Those who once thought their “duty” was to the church now understand their duty is to live out their Christian faith in ways that positively impact their community for Christ’s glory and kingdom.

Fifth, some of the former trappings of the church may forever be forsaken – or at least changed. Bulletins, hymnals, offering plates, greetings, etc.

are all things which have been set aside to limit contact. Many churches will not go back to these things, but are finding other avenues to accomplish the tasks these things formally handled.

Sixth, the acceptance of change – which is usually really slow, if it comes at all – has been accelerated. Flexibility is a key characteristic being exhibited by most Christians in an attempt to continue ministry, grow the church, and impact their community.

Seventh, a new matrix to measure ministry impact is being developed. Moving from seats filled to saints served during the week is now the standard. Church health is no longer being measured by average Sunday attendance, but by average monthly attendance.

For sure, things have and continue to change. And although the visible ministry of the church may look some different, the mission of the church has not changed. Evangelism, discipleship, spiritual growth, Bible study and knowledge, prayer, outreach/ministry, along with brotherly fellowship are still the churches mission – that nobody is lost, but all come to repentance and salvation. The focus of ministry in a post COVID world – reach as many as possible with the gospel of Christ.

CCSBA Annual Meeting

Monday, Oct. 5, 2020

Second Baptist Church

Poplar Bluff

6:30 PM

Dr. John Yeats will be our guest speaker bringing our annual message.

Dessert reception following

Facial coverings highly suggested along with social distancing in the sanctuary.