

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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CCSBA Financial Status

Sept. 01, 2018 – Sept. 30, 2019

Budget to date	Contributions received
\$ 116,584.62	\$ 118,716.42

PRAY FOR THESE PASTOR-LESS CHURCHES

Harviell FBC	Bloomfield FBC
Black River	New Hope
Duck Creek	Fairview

Calendar for September & October
September 2 CCSBA Offices closed for Memorial Day
September 10 CCSBA Executive Board Meeting 7:00 PM
September 13-14 DR Training at Dexter FBC
October 7 CCSBA Annual Meeting Friendship in Dexter, MO 3:00 PM
October 12 WMU Meeting at Fellowship in Harviell 10:00 AM

FOCUS ON THE BSU

Help us reach the TRC students through our Monday Lunch! We need sponsors for the following dates:

September 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

October 21st

November 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

December 2nd

Please call Sandy at our office with the date you can sponsor.

CCSBA CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS

Westside



Broseley FBC



Steve Mayo, Pastor

Pleasant Valley



Roy Davis, Pastor

Fairview



CCSBA Office Hours

8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday – Thursday

8:00 am – 12:00 pm, Friday

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2019 Disaster Relief Training

September 13-14 Dexter, MO

October 4-5 Warsaw, MO

Call our office for details or visit

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

The Life of a Disaster Relief Volunteer

Last evening I watched the movie, *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*. It's about the life of a guy who often day dreams of saving the world, but in reality is overcome by fear. That is until the day he actually decides to jump into action with an attempt to save himself. It's a cute movie with a nice ending, but it's just a movie. Most of us like movies like movies like this. These are "feel good" movies. But, regardless of our feelings, these are just movies.

However, there are those around us who don't day dream about jumping into action to help others, or only act when their own life is on the line. Some of these folks get paid for what they do. They are policemen, firemen, soldiers, paramedics, etc. They are expected to jump into action when disaster hits.

And yet, there are others who are volunteers – unpaid for their efforts – who are gearing up right now. They are getting ready for the next disaster. It could be the hurricane just off the Florida coast, a tornado in the Midwest, a wildfire, or a flood – nobody knows for sure what disaster will strike first. And when it does there will be disaster relief volunteers who jump into action to go meet the needs of those hardest hit by that disaster.

Over the past few years I've met several folks who are DR volunteers. A simple summation of these people would be that they are "humble individuals with huge servant hearts who desire nothing else but the glory of God." They minister to others through cutting downed trees, cleaning our flooded houses, preparing enough food to feed all who are hungry, offering safe care for displaced children in a shelter, or by just sitting with those who are so overwhelmed that all they can do is cry. Some of the volunteers are Chaplains, actively seeking opportunities to share the gospel with those who need the peace of Jesus immediately. All of these volunteers do what they do for the glory of God. They exemplify Matthew 25:35-40.

"for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I

was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me. Then the righteous will answer Him saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You? And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'"

There is a great opportunity for you to join the MO Disaster Relief Volunteers. September 13 and 14 there is a training at the First Baptist Church in Dexter. We'll even help cover your registration fee. Call our office asap and ask us for details.

Focus on Mission and Ministry

For the past few months the **Filipino church plant** for Poplar Bluff has been meeting on the 1st Sunday of the month here in the BSU. They meet at 2pm and share a meal following their service. They certainly need continued financial support, but also need you to support them through prayer. As well, they need volunteers who will work with the kids so the adults can focus on the Sunday message. If you'd like to help, call us for details.

Grace and Truth Fellowship (a new church plant here in Poplar Bluff) has also been using the BSU. They meet at 10:30 am every Sunday morning. You may have unchurched friends in Poplar Bluff. If so, encourage them to give this new church a try.

God continues to build and strengthen **Ethnos Church in Milwaukee**. Just a couple Sundays ago I was there and saw them baptize two new sisters in the faith. Bro. Elie Hasbani shared that they need a mission team to come help with their November outreach and gathering. If interested, call our office.

The GATHERING happens each Wednesday evening at the BSU – 8pm. It's a time for young adults to connect with God and others. It's not just for TRC students, but for anyone from 18 to 28. Encourage your young adults to check it out. They will be encouraged and challenged to grow deeper in Christ.