

## CCSBA BSU Focus

The Lord has given us a good start to the Spring semester at the BSU. It will be exciting to see how He moves in the hearts of students this semester. We're hoping to have many opportunities to witness, disciple, and help mobilize students over the next few months. If your church wants to help, please give Sandy or I a call and we'll be happy to set you up with an opportunity among the students.

Many have asked about when we're going to get a new BSU Director. We are hoping the answer to that is March 7<sup>th</sup>. Daniel Bray heard about our opening through one of his friends and submitted his resume back in November. In December he interviewed with the Personnel Committee and the Lord led them to the unanimous decision that Daniel was the man for the position.

Currently Daniel and his wife, Amanda, live in East Asia where he teaches English. God has given them both many opportunities for investing in those around them through witnessing and discipleship. Daniel has a strong vision for reaching college students, and for seeing them become healthy disciples of Jesus. More information about Daniel can be found on the CCSBA web site under BSU Director Candidate.

March 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm, CCSBA will have their Executive Board meeting and will ask the Association to positively affirm the Personnel Committee's decision by voting to call Daniel as the new BSU Director.

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

6<sup>th</sup> Freda Boyer  
9<sup>th</sup> Kathy Kirkley  
26<sup>th</sup> Barbara Ward

## Prayer Focus for sister Churches in CCSBA

East Carter Grace Baptist Church



Keith Boyer, Pastor

Temple Baptist Church



Steve Patterson, Pastor

Twin Oaks Baptist Church



Billy Herren, Pastor

Stringtown Baptist Church



### Pray for these Pastorless Churches

**Dexter FBC, Northside Bernie, Stringtown, Harviell, Center Hill, and Lone Hill.**

## Calendar for February and March

### CCSBA Office Hours

8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday –Thursday

8:00 am – 12:00 pm, Friday

Feb. 13-19 Focus on WMU Week  
Feb. 22-25 MBC Great Commission  
Conference (Evangelism Conf.)  
Springfield, MO

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March 5-12 Week of Prayer for NAMB and  
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

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**March 7 CCSBA Executive Board Meeting**  
**7:00 PM at the Association Office**

<https://www.facebook.com/PBBSU/#>

Ever feel that you are caught between a rock and a hard place, anxious, afraid of both your present circumstances and how things may turn out in the future? The Israelites must have felt a little like that after they were released from Egyptian captivity. God had brought several plagues upon the Egyptians and had spared the Hebrews from the harshest one – the death of the firstborn – but the faith of the Hebrew people was still so weak, still almost non-existent. Finally they were allowed to leave Egypt, following the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night as they were led by God to the edge of the Red Sea. It was there that they were overcome with fear and anxiety – caught between a rock and a hard place, like a mouse in a trap – and they must have thought that the end was very near.

God's intention was that the Hebrews and the Egyptians alike – and the entire world for that matter – would come to "know that I am the Lord" (93 times in the NKJV). Everything God does is with great intentionality. He thus led Moses to respond to those of little faith, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace." Then, after crossing the sea and seeing the Egyptian army killed, the Hebrews truly began to "fear" and "believe" the Lord. God is still intentionally working today, all around you and through your life. **Don't be afraid, anxious, or overwhelmed – know that He is Lord and trust Him. May God bless each of you beyond measure.**

Bro. Jim

### Vacation Bible School Training

**Thursday, March 9, 2017**

First Baptist Church of Dexter

11 W Caster St

Dexter, Missouri 63841

Contact the CCSBA office or web site  
for more details.



### *Reaching Our International Neighbors for Christ* *April 6-11, 2017 Aurora, Ill (outside Chicago)*

This will be a 2 day training to better equip us in doing cross cultural ministry, followed by 2 days of outreach to an ethnic population in partnership with church planting efforts in the Chicago area.

We need a team of 8-10 people from our Association.  
Please call the Association office for more details.

Pray and seek God's direction for this great mission opportunity.

CCSBA Year-to-date Operating Budget Sept. 2016 – Dec. 2016

Undesignated Offerings: Actual \$36,000.49 Budget \$39,600.00 Over (Under) (\$3599.51)