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### RA Congress 2018

The RA Congress 2018 will be held April 27-28 at the MO State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO. All 1st-6th grade boys are invited to attend. You do not have to be an RA! Meet a missionary and take part in traditional RA events and activities!

To register or for more information: [mobaptist.org/racongress](http://mobaptist.org/racongress)

# The Pathfinder

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*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” 1 Peter 1:3*

Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Jesus’ resurrection is more than just the recognition of a historical event. According the verse from 1 Peter, the resurrection of Jesus *has caused us to be born again*.

The resurrection of Jesus verified the satisfaction of God’s wrath by Jesus’ death on the cross. Our sin is forgiven forever because of the cross AND the resurrection. Without Jesus’ resurrection, the cross means nothing to humanity. Paul says in 1 Cor 15:17, “And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.” Christ has been raised, therefore by faith, our sin is forgiven and we are born into the family of God.

The new birth produces a *living hope*. The word *living* is a present participle speaking of a continual, ongoing condition. The word *hope* describes a future confidence impacting present reality. Our new birth produces a confidence that cannot be squelched by current conditions.

It is important to remember that Peter wrote to Christians experiencing life threatening persecution authorized by Emperor Nero.

A living Jesus produces new life with a living hope all because of God’s *mercy*. God’s compassion and pity allowed humanity the option of living for His glory rather than our own glory as He original intended.

Celebrating Jesus’ resurrection is the celebration of new life with an ongoing hope because of God’s mercy.

Jesus is alive!

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Strengthening Member Churches through  
Cooperative Biblical Ministry”

## Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board of LLBA will meet on Monday, April 9, at 7 PM at the Meadville First Baptist Church.

Two items that will be on the agenda that evening will include a report from the ADMIN Team to admit the First Baptist Church of Brookfield as a member of LLBA. Rob Hurtgen and Alan Brock will present information about their trip to India.

This will be the only notification of this meeting that you will receive.

## Camp 2018

Camp is just around the corner. Plans are underway for both Youth and Children's Camp. Dates for Youth Camp are June 29-July 3 (Friday –Tuesday) and Children's Camp is August 6-10. Cabin leaders are still needed for both camps.

The registration forms for Youth Camp will be available online at [www.llba.org/infocenter](http://www.llba.org/infocenter) starting at noon on Monday, April 2 and are due back in the office Thursday, June 7.

## Work Day at Grand Oaks

Our Association will have a work day at Grand Oaks on Saturday, April 28 beginning at 9 AM. There are several projects that need to be done before camp starts. See Alan for more information about the projects that will be done that day.

## Pastor's Breakfast

The Pastor's Prayer time and Breakfast will be on Thursday April 5. The prayer time will begin at 7:30 AM at the associational office and the breakfast will be at 8:30 AM at the Eagles Nest Café at the Meadville junction.



## Pastorless Church

Please be in prayer for Pleasant Grove as they seek a new pastor.

## Teaching Classes

The Teaching Classes on Monday and Thursday nights will end at the end of March. They will resume in September.



## Get Your Game On!

VBS is just around the corner.

We have some decorations and materials here in the office that are available for the churches to borrow to help promote your VBS.

Please let the office know when your VBS is scheduled.

## Income/Expense by Category 2/1/2018- 2/28/2018

<b>INCOME</b>	
Bethany	103.19
Browning	88.59
Calvary	625.00
Calvary Chapel	175.00
Dawn	385.75
Faith, Utica	265.80
God's Garden	126.53
Highview	235.76
Int Inc	5.52
Linneus	176.50
Meadville	517.00
Mt. Olive	21.50
Mt. Pleasant	225.00
Park	563.46
Pleasant Grove	925.17
Pleasant Ridge	50.00
Rothville	97.65
Wheeling	21.56
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>4,608.98</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Convention	30.00
Missions	41.65
Office	673.67
Pers.	4,372.95
Programs	110.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>5,228.27</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-619.29</b>

**2018 Pursuit** is a Missions Experience for teen girls grades 7-12. Held April 6-8 at Southgate Baptist Church, Springfield. To register or for more info go to:  
[www.mobaptist.org/wmu](http://www.mobaptist.org/wmu).

## Income/Expense by Category 1/1/2018- 2/28/2018

<b>INCOME</b>	
Bethany	289.79
Browning	401.18
Calvary	3,192.30
Calvary Chapel	350.00
Chillicothe	2,481.09
Dawn	1,153.35
Faith, Utica	470.30
Freedom	50.00
God's Garden	299.24
Highview	591.69
Int Inc	11.38
Laclede	366.03
Linneus	720.09
Marceline	758.69
Meadville	1,602.00
Mt. Olive	56.75
Mt. Pleasant	225.00
Park	1,308.06
Pleasant Grove	1,407.91
Pleasant Ridge	100.00
Rothville	403.80
Wheeling	48.12
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>16,286.77</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Uncategorized	0.02
Convention	30.00
Misc Exp.	45.00
Missions	142.49
Office	1,356.63
Pers.	10,919.24
Programs	415.96
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>12,909.34</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>3,377.43</b>