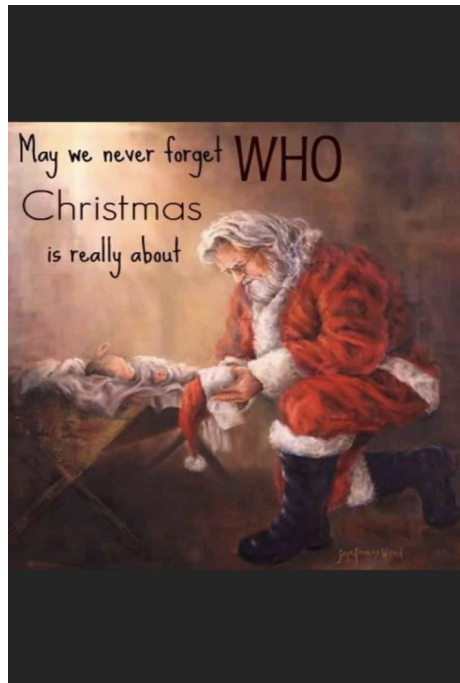


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The Pathfinder

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*"Now I say, as long as the heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything, ² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by the father. ³ So also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world. ⁴ **But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, ⁵ so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. ⁶ Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God."** Galatians 4:1-7*

The Apostle Paul writes to a group of people he led to Christ and helped them form a church in the area of Galatia, modern day central Turkey. These new believers are being attacked by teachers attempting to add Jewish activity to faith in Christ.

Paul reminds them that the Law was given by God to reveal their need for a Savior, (3:24). Before the beginning of the world, Jesus has been set aside as Savior of the World, (1 Peter 1:18-20). Salvation comes through faith in God alone made possible through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

In this Christmas season, we celebrate God invading a sin-saturated world with His sin-free Son, Jesus in order to redeem us from the clutches of the slave master sin.

The Galatians text teaches us three facts about our salvation through Christ:

God's law is used by Holy Spirit to convict us our need for a Savior.

God's Son Jesus came into history exactly when God the Father destined Him to come.

God's salvation through Jesus allows us to be adopted into His family positioning us to be transferred from a slave to an heir of God.

Merry Christmas because Christmas is about Christ.

In His Love,

Alan & Janet Brock

2 Corinthians 5:21

Alan Brock

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Pastorless Churches

Please be in prayer for Bethany, Marceline; Freedom , Brookfield and Laclede Baptist Churches as they seek the man that God has for their pastor.

Pastor's Prayer & Breakfast

The next Pastor's Prayer time and Breakfast will be Tuesday, December 3. We will meet at the associational office at 7:30 AM for a time of prayer then gather at the Eagles Nest Café at 8:30 for a time of food and fellowship. Hope you will plan to join us.

Pastor/Staff/Spouse Christmas Dinner

The annual Pastor/Staff/Spouse Christmas Dinner will be held on Thursday night, December 12, at 6 PM at the First Baptist Church, Chillicothe. Pam Miller of Chillicothe FBC will be catering the dinner. Letters to the pastors & staff will go out the first week of November. Reservations are due by 5 PM Thursday, December 5.

Shannon & Katie Ford

Shannon & Katie Ford, former staff members at Chillicothe First will be sharing about their mission work in Prague at 8:30 AM December 16 at First Baptist Church, Chillicothe. All are invited to attend.

Christmas Office Hours

The Associational Office will close at 5 PM on Thursday, December 19 for the Christmas holiday and re open on Thursday,

Cookie Distribution in Avalon

On Sunday, December 15, the Kingdom Team, and anyone else who would like to join in, will be distributing cookies to the community of Avalon. They will meet at 4 PM at the Avalon Community Center. Call the office if you have any questions.

Missouri Baptist Foundation

A rate sheet from the MBF is included in this month's newsletter. If you are considering investing some money, you might want to check out the Foundation.

**Income/Expense by Category
10/1/2019- 10/31/2019**

INCOME	
Bethany	52.55
Browning	180.29
Calvary	625.00
Calvary Chapel	175.00
Chillicothe	927.62
Dawn	343.98
Faith, Utica	211.50
God's Garden	162.26
Highview	384.78
Int Inc	5.90
Linneus	278.75
Meadville	905.00
Mt. Olive	25.25
New Hope	25.00
Park	782.00
Pleasant Grove	525.97
Pleasant Ridge	100.00
Rothville	121.55
Wheeling	18.17
TOTAL INCOME	5,850.57

EXPENSES	
Uncategorized	0.18
ADMIN Team	30.14
Convention	25.00
Missions	817.54
Office	401.52
Pers.	6,281.67
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,556.05

OVERALL TOTAL -1,705.48

Acc't Bal. as of 10/21/19:

Checking:	\$ 2,921.66
MMA Balance	\$22,963.25

**Income/Expense by Category
1/1/2019- 10/31/2019**

INCOME	
Bethany	679.46
Brookfield FBC	104.90
Browning	1,600.22
Calvary	6,250.00
Calvary Chapel	1,750.00
Chillicothe	11,502.08
Dawn	4,402.09
Faith, Utica	1,967.70
God's Garden	1,780.84
Highview	3,370.78
Int Inc	87.78
Laclede	596.40
Linneus	3,207.37
Marceline	3,090.21
Meadville	8,902.00
Misc. Inc.	10.00
Mt. Olive	264.75
Mt. Pleasant	2,250.00
New Hope	100.00
Park	7,755.97
Pleasant Grove	4,690.12
Pleasant Ridge	500.00
Rothville	1,474.58
Utica	1,020.65
Wheeling	259.87
FROM LLBA MMA	4,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	71,617.77

EXPENSES	
Uncategorized	0.18
ADMIN Team	726.67
Church S & L	1,210.59
Convention	25.00
Kingdom Min.	4,414.97
Misc Exp.	590.20
Missions	10,019.47
Office	7,641.21
Pers.	50,228.20
Programs	816.28
TO LLBA Gen 3	4,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	79,672.77

OVERALL TOTAL -8,055.00

