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We are a great family of sister churches. We regularly demonstrate love and care for each other in the way we pray for each other, associate together and partner together for the sake of the gospel. How amazing would it be though if the Linn/Livingston Baptist Association could be known as the most loving family of churches throughout the state of Missouri? That the love demonstrated within our churches continuously overflows as a cup pours into a saucer. Love that blesses everyone we come in contact with and adds to our numbers daily (Acts 2:47.)

“In this of life we have three great lasting qualities—faith, hope and love. But the greatest of them is love” (1 Cor. 13:13, Phillips Paraphrase). Let us together aim for the greatest.

Dr. Rob Hurtgen, pastor
Chillicothe, First Baptist Church

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Guest Column

“The greatest of these is love.”

Paul closes his famous love chapter in 1 Corinthians 13 with this phrase. In seven syllables, Paul compares, declares, and elevates love. For an association of like-minded churches, it is important to take a moment and remember that while this powerful and poetic chapter possesses tremendous applications for us individually, but the primary audience was the Corinthian church.

1 Corinthians 13 was delivered to a church that was divided over leadership and influence. A church that categorized and separated the spiritual elite from the spiritually inferior. A congregation that emphasized individual rights in corporate worship creating a chaotic gathering, gluttony in place of the Lord’s supper, and envy over spiritual giftedness. Perhaps we have grown so accustomed to readings of 1 Corinthians 13 at weddings – which are incredibly important and appropriate – that we have grown dull of hearing to the call for love within the church.

That these verses are targeting the church in no way diminishes their application for individual Christians. We, individually, must love within our families. After all, a qualification of church leaders is how they live out the gospel in their families. If they are not faithful to Christ at home, how can they care for the household of God? Yet we would do our selves, and our churches harm if we missed that these Holy Spirit inspired verses were delivered as an antidote to the selfishness that reigned in the Corinthian church.

We know that love is emotional. We are challenged to realize that without love, the best of us gain nothing. Without love, the most eloquent is a clanging cymbal. Without love, we are nothing. We are also challenged to know that love is also an intentional act resulting in showing love because we have been greatly loved by God.

We need more love in our churches. There is no way around that. Even the most loving church, the church that gives 90% of their budget away, the church that sees baptism after baptism week in and week out could use more love.

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Thank You

Linn-Livingston Association—

Your kind expressions of sympathy and friendship will always remain in our memories. Thank you so much for the lovely plant for Gary's funeral service and the donation to the MBCH. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Dorla Payne & Family

Thank you Friends! During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you for the potted plant to honor Rita.

The family of Rita Brock

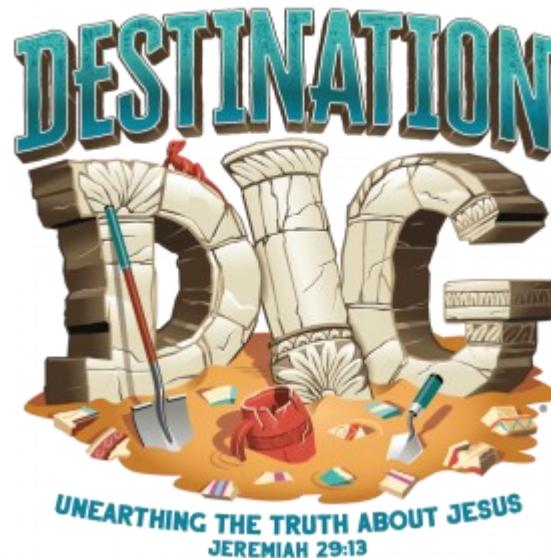
Pastor's Prayer & Breakfast

The Pastor's prayer time will be on Tuesday, February 2 at 7:30 AM at the office. Breakfast will follow at 8:30 AM at the Eagles Nest Café at the Meadville junction. Hope you will plan to join in for prayer, food and fellowship.

VBS 2021

VBS DESTINATION DIG is just around the corner. I am in need of 4-5 volunteer trainers for the Association. Team Training Institute will be held at Chillicothe First Baptist Church, Monday, March 1, 2021. Tentative Training Schedule is 8:30 am - 2:30 pm. Please consider helping.

If another church is interested in hosting our Associational training mid-March in another area of the Association, please let me know. Joann Mott, 28908 Locke Rd, Marceline, MO 64658. Cell: 660-375-2250. Home: 660-272-3795. Email: jcmott@cvalley.net. Thank you.



Income/Expense by Category 12/1/2020- 12/31/2020

INCOME	
Bethany	43.64
Browning	107.51
Calvary	625.00
Calvary Chapel	175.00
Dawn	1,125.21
God's Garden	134.37
Highview	466.60
Linneus	291.02
Meadville	751.00
Mt. Pleasant	250.00
New Hope	25.00
Park	637.44
Pleasant Grove	1,030.58
Pleasant Ridge	100.00
Rothville	133.40
TOTAL INCOME	7,118.61

EXPENSES	
ADMIN Team	186.46
Kingdom Min.	833.33
Missions-	46.26
Office	497.43
Pers.	1,398.18
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,869.14

OVERALL TOTAL 4,249.47

Acc't Bal. as of 1/25/2021	
Checking:	\$ 12,115.40
MMA Balance	\$ 38,006.12

Happy
Valentine's
Day

Income/Expense by Category 1/1/2020- 12/31/2020

INCOME	
Bethany	562.18
Browning	1,803.10
Calvary	7,500.00
Calvary Chapel	2,100.00
Chillicothe	14,185.55
Dawn	5,797.55
Faith, Utica	1,835.83
Freedom	75.00
God's Garden	1,721.66
Highview	3,933.76
Int Inc	33.81
Laclede	591.52
Linneus	3,430.88
Marceline	2,000.00
Meadville	10,934.00
Misc. Inc.	190.00
Mt. Olive	404.28
Mt. Pleasant	3,000.00
New Hope	100.00
Park	9,803.90
Pleasant Grove	6,094.28
Pleasant Ridge	600.00
Rothville	2,169.40
Utica	960.45
Wheeling	262.43
TOTAL INCOME	80,089.58

EXPENSES	
ADMIN Team	1,859.91
Church S & L	-1,950.00
Kingdom Min,	2,113.33
Misc Exp.	175.40
Missions	8,478.03
Office	8,271.02
Pers.	38,890.82
Programs	873.40
TOTAL EXPENSES	58,711.91

OVERALL TOTAL 21,377.67