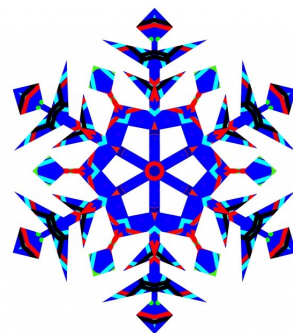
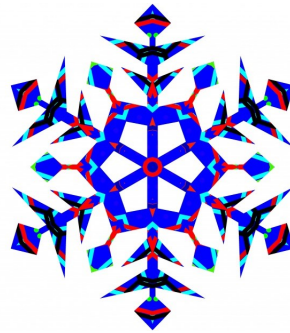
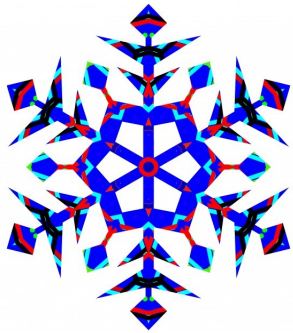


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### **Pastorless Churches**

Please pray for the pastorless churches in our association as they seek the man that God has chosen for them: Freedom, New Hope, Pleasant View & Rothville.

### **Teaching Class**

Alan will be adding a teaching class on Thursday evenings at 7 PM at Park Baptist Church, Brookfield. For more information, please contact the associational office.

# *The Pathfinder*

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Happy 2017!

We begin this year with a new president and government leadership. We begin this year with continued tension between races and countries. We begin this year in a world that needs Jesus. Allow me to offer some questions to help us focus on God's task in the midst of an "anti-God" world.

### **1. What is your plan or strategy for making disciples?**

Gathering a crowd can be accomplished by speaking words that produce good feelings accompanied by music that is recognizable in an environment of comfort.

God's task is to produce followers of Jesus that imitate his lifestyle so that other disciples are made.

### **2. How is the gospel being presented to your community?**

God's good news is best presented in the power of Holy Spirit to desperate people. What is causing the people of your area to be desperate and open to God's good news?

### **3. How will the world be impacted by your church?**

Each of our churches can impact the world with the gospel in two ways: giving and going.

When we give to the Cooperative Program missionaries, they can focus on ministry rather than money. How will your church invest in God's kingdom?

Your association makes international missions possible with a trip to Nicaragua in July 8-15. If you are interested in this opportunity, contact Eric Reeter at 660-646-8147

We are also partnering with a church plant in Raymore, MO. This year we are investing \$600.00 in this new church plant. Trips will be scheduled to join them in furthering their ministry.

New church plants are being investigated. Prayers are being offered for wisdom and timing for possible new churches in Mendon and Avalon. Please prayer for God's will and wisdom.

My prayer is that 2017 will be a year to remember in the life of your church.

To God be the glory. Nothing is impossible for our God!

### Discipleship Conference

The Church Strengthening and Leadership Team is sponsoring a Discipleship Conference on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at the Freedom Baptist Church, Brookfield. The theme for the conference is Being a Disciple Who Makes a Disciple. The conference will begin at 4 PM and conclude at 7:30 PM. There will be 2 breakout sessions led by Matt Kearns of the MBC. A soup and pie supper will be provided by the association about 5:30 PM. Please contact the associational office by 12 noon on Tuesday, January 17 to let us know how many from your church will be attending.

### 2017 Great Commission Conference

You are invited to join the MBC in Springfield Feb 23-25, 2017 for the Great Commission Conference. Formerly know as the MBC Evangelism Conference, the GCC is an expanded multi-generation event to equip and encourage Missouri Baptists in all facets of gospel ministry. It is designed for pastors, church staff leaders, students, campus missionaries, and anyone else seeking encouragement and equipping for The Mission!

The theme is **Transform**. The conference will be held at the Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Springfield. There is no cost to participate. The registration fee is provided by your faithful giving to Missouri missions through the Cooperative Program.

Some of the guest speakers will be Dr. Alvin Reid, Senior professor of evangelism at SEBTS; Dr. John Avant, Concord Baptist Church, Knoxville, TN; Dr Ed Litton & Kathy Litton, Redemption Church, Mobile, AL & NAMB Consultant for ministry to pastor's wives; and Dr. David Garrison, Global Gates Ex. Dir., former IMB Global Strategist for Evangelical Advance.

To register please go to [www.mobaptist.org](http://www.mobaptist.org).

### Pastor's Prayer Time and Breakfast

The Pastor's Prayer Time and Breakfast will meet on Thursday, January 5. We will meet at the office at 7:30 AM for a time of prayer then move to the Eagles Nest Café at 8:30 for breakfast and a time of fellowship.

### Calvary, Chillicothe Puppet Team

The Puppet Team at Calvary, Chillicothe, is looking for some new team members. They are looking for people who can help with set builds, sound and puppets. If you would be interested in puppeteering, call Tyler Evans at 660-214-0484 or Calvary Baptist Church at 660-646-3578.



### Income/Expense by Category 11/1/2016- 11/30/2016

INCOME	
Bethany	124.46
Browning	102.93
Calvary	1,385.91
Calvary Chapel	50.00
Chillicothe	1,157.77
Dawn	336.77
Faith, Utica	233.50
God's Garden	166.75
Highview	357.64
Int Inc	4.89
Linneus	369.85
Meadville	528.00
Park	689.19
Pleasant Grove	516.08
Pleasant Ridge	50.00
Rothville	61.50
Wheeling	25.55
TOTAL INCOME	6,160.79
EXPENSES	
Convention	-99.08
Missions	50.00
Office	491.94
Pers.	4,955.70
Programs	68.03
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,466.59
OVERALL TOTAL	694.20

### Income/Expense by Category 1/1/2016- 11/30/2016

INCOME	
Bethany	1,195.16
Browning	1,142.28
Calvary	15,112.68
Calvary Chapel	550.00
Chillicothe	11,870.73
Chula	150.00
Dawn	4,189.54
Faith, Utica	2,484.45
God's Garden	1,086.24
Highview	3,984.37
Int Inc	57.66
Laclede	840.20
Linneus	3,440.00
Marceline	4,316.32
Meadville	5,506.00
Mt. Olive	410.50
Mt. Pleasant	2,200.00
New Hope	100.00
Park	7,232.10
Pleasant Grove	5,159.61
Pleasant Ridge	550.00
Rothville	1,403.60
Utica	920.08
Wheeling	334.96
TOTAL INCOME	74,236.48
EXPENSES	
Convention	243.55
Misc Exp.	462.24
Missions	8,153.74
Office	9,881.77
Pers.	54,988.93
Programs	1,502.54
TOTAL EXPENSES	75,232.77
OVERALL TOTAL	-996.29