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We, however, must abide in Christ and bear much fruit. We must ask ourselves are we are doing what we are doing because it is the season for doing it? Or, are we abiding, depending, upon our Shepherd who is leading us to bear fruit in this manner.

My prayer is that we will see a revival throughout Linn and Livingston County. You and I both know that there are men and women, boys and girls who live up and down the hills, and dales who need Christ. Throughout our county and in many places in north Missouri, you will find gospel deserts were the witness of Christ is drying up. I hope that God will raise men and women who will go to the places that it seems the rest of the world has seemed to have forgotten.

Again, thank you for entrusting me to serve as your Moderator. I look forward to laboring side by side until His Kingdom comes.

Dr Rob Hurtgen, LLBA Moderator
Pastor, Chillicothe FBC

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Guest Column

First, thank you for entrusting me to serve as your Moderator. I am looking forward to serving you to help make our association thrive.

Somewhere between the banter across the aisle, the times of worship, and the incredible sermon delivered at our annual meeting, I was struck with two observations. First, we are a joyful people. A people who love each other.

Second, we are an association looking to Christ. An association longing for Christ to rule our hearts and lives. We are an association that wants to see those who do not yet know Jesus come into a saving relationship with Him. We have a wonderful family of churches.

These are challenging days before us. There are two great priorities that I believe we must elevate in our family of churches to thrive in the unknown days to come. We must commit ourselves to prayer and the presence of Christ.

The church is the body of Christ. We must spend time together listening to Christ our head. No movement of God, whether in the Bible or church history, began absent of His people seeking Him in prayer. I hope that throughout our association, men and women of God will come together and seek his presence and power through prayer.

We must also remain in the presence of Christ. In John 14:4 -5, Jesus commands us, "4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

Doing nothing does not mean an absence of activity. Doing nothing means that spent time, energy, and money absent abiding in Christ have created nothing. What appears to be good then is in fact empty.

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DOM Search Committee Update

We are in the process of trying to set up a date to meet with our candidate that works for everyone on our committee. We will then have a joint meeting with North grand River Assoc at Grand Oaks to introduce the candidate to the associations. More info to follow.

Sunday School/Small Group Training

There will be a Sunday School/Small Group Training Conference on Saturday, September 11 at FBC, DeSoto from 10 AM—3 PM. The church is called to teach disciples to obey Jesus' commands. When we teach, we do not want to simply transmit information; we want our teaching to **Transform**. Our focus is on teaching that transforms and leads to life change in our people and communities. To register for this conference go to www.mobaptist.org/transform-conference.

Midwest Leadership Conference

The Midwest Leadership Conference is being held once again in Springfield, IL January 18-20, 2022 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. This event for church leaders is presented by your state convention in partnership with Baptist conventions in the Midwest and national SBC entities. Some of the guest speakers include Kirk Kirkland, Revive City Church, Cincinnati, OH; Ben Mandrell, President of LifeWay Christian Resources; & Shane Pruitt, National Next Gen Director, North American Mission Board.

Mark you calendar and plan to attend. If you are interested in attending, please let the associational office know. More info to follow about lodging and making reservations.

Pastorless Church

Please be in prayer for Pleasant Ridge as they seek the man God has chosen for their new pastor.



Income/Expense by Category 7/1/2021- 7/31/2021

INCOME	
Bethany	48.40
Browning	113.00
Calvary	625.00
Calvary Chapel	175.00
Chillicothe	1,502.98
God's Garden	79.45
Highview	267.57
Int Inc	5.29
Linneus	372.74
Meadville	889.00
Misc. Inc.	10.00
Mt. Olive	21.50
Mt. Pleasant	500.00
Park	897.29
Pleasant Grove	439.70
Pleasant View	50.00
Rothville	193.25
TOTAL INCOME	6,190.17

EXPENSES	
ADMIN Team	131.25
Kingdom Min	924.99
Missions	4,296.75
Office	480.87
Pers.	1,111.94
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,018.38

OVERALL TOTAL -828.21

Account Balances as of 8/26/2021

Checking:	\$
MMA Balance	\$

Income/Expense by Category 1/1/2021- 7/31/2021

INCOME	
Bethany	411.22
Browning	1,051.67
Calvary	4,375.00
Calvary Chapel	1,225.00
Chillicothe	9,622.35
Dawn	2,952.26
Faith, Utica	1,284.20
Freedom	50.00
God's Garden	1,142.96
Highview	1,818.27
Int Inc	31.18
Laclede	462.86
Linneus	1,140.92
Marceline	1,000.00
Meadville	6,179.00
Misc. Inc.	436.65
Mt. Olive	253.00
Mt. Pleasant	1,750.00
New Hope	50.00
Park	7,010.65
Pleasant Grove	3,770.00
Pleasant Ridge	300.00
Pleasant View	50.00
Rothville	1,434.76
Utica	221.73
Wheeling	138.69
TOTAL INCOME	48,162.37

EXPENSES	
ADMIN Team	951.52
Church S & L	83.32
Convention	25.00
Kingdom Min	9,857.87
Misc Exp.	459.13
Missions	3,318.96
Office	6,261.90
Pers.	8,808.46
Programs	846.21
TOTAL EXPENSES	30,688.97

OVERALL TOTAL 17,473.40