

## MSWSBA MESSENGER

November 2016

As we enter November I always find myself filled with excitement as my favorite time of the year is upon us. As I write this, I remember this morning (Nov. 1) sitting in prayer as the first of daylight broke on an unusually warm morning and noticing that even in the midst of an odd heat wave, the leaves are falling as usual and reminding us of the faithfulness of God. It amazes me how something so small and so ordinary can speak such great volumes into what God is like. He intended this to be the case Romans 1:20 states, *“For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.”* If the trees and their leaves proclaim Him, then how much more powerful is it then, when His people proclaim His character to the world! Before passing before Moses on Mt. Sinai, God described His character in Exodus 34:5-7, *“5 The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. 6 The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, 7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.”* While describing God’s character, David, Joel, Jonah, and Nehemiah all quoted this description. Are you joining in with all creation to proclaim God? Does mercy, grace, slowness to anger, steadfast love, and faithfulness describe you? If the lost in this community were to describe our churches, is this what they would see? May we show this kind of loving character to each other and the world! I am very grateful for those who served on Disaster Relief this past month. I have heard great stories from you about people seeing the love of Christ and of souls being saved! Praise the Lord and may He continue to bless this sacrificial labor for His glory!

Over the past month, I have enjoyed blessed fellowship with many of you over bon fires, hayrides, and other Fall gatherings. I also had the privilege of enjoying a good Missouri Baptist Convention and Missouri DOM Conference, as it seemed to be a very loving and united atmosphere. This causes me to stop and consider what a blessing it is to gather together with the people of God. As Christ’s church, we are expected to be together and enjoy fellowship with one another. Hebrews 10:24-25 tells us, *“24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”* I am praying this month that we will do well at reaching out to one another, all of our churches working in unison to proclaim God’s glory to this lost and dying world.

With sincere brotherly love,  
Chris Kuenzle, DOM

## Upcoming Events

Monday, Nov. 7

Sewing For Project Dignity  
6:30pm-8pm @ Dover

Tuesday, Nov. 8

Hymn Sing Postponed Due to Election

Thursday, Nov. 10

Sewing For Project Dignity  
6:30pm-8pm @ FBC Ewing

Friday, Nov. 11

HLGU Booster Banquet  
Contact HLGU @ (573) 221-3675

Monday, November 14-21

Operation Christmas Child Collection  
Drop off locations are FBC Ewing and  
FBC Edina

Thursday/Friday, Nov. 24-25

Office closed for Thanksgiving

Sunday, Nov. 27

Advent Begins

Sunday, December 4

Week of Prayer For International  
Missions Begins and Lottie Moon  
Christmas Offering

Tuesday, December 6

7pm  
Camp Team Meeting @ Ten Mile

Saturday, December 10

12pm-2pm @FBC Ewing  
Associational Leadership Christmas  
Dinner -Carry-in for Team Leaders,  
Pastors, officers, and Executive Board  
Members

## How To Contact Your DOM

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"I aim to be a pastor for our pastors, a coach for our churches, and a missionary to our community. Please contact me if I can be of any service."

### Prayer Need

"Please lift up Mohammad Yamout in your prayers. His church (The Tripoli Center For Gospel Proclamation) has been shut down by the government of Lebanon. The landlord of the building that they meet in is now planning to evict them for merely claiming to be Christians. He is our brother who spoke to our association last Spring.

### Pray For Our Churches Seeking a Pastor

Wyaconda

South Wyaconda

Liberty

FBC LaGrange

Providence

### Associational Leadership Dinner

Date: Saturday, December 10

Time: 12pm-2pm

Place: FBC Ewing

Who: Pastors, Team Leaders, officers,  
and Executive Board Members.

This will be a carry-in lunch.

Contact:

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