

MSWSBA Messenger
October 2016

From the DOM's Desk

The past month has been one that has been full of Associational activity. As the month began, we were faced with the bittersweet funeral of Grover "Bud" Gamm. It was bitter in the sense of loss and mourning, but sweet in acknowledging the wonderful grace of our Savior who gives us eternal life. We are very grateful for all of the great service that Mr. Gamm has provided for our association, our community, and the kingdom of God.

On September 10, we found ourselves getting the great opportunity to do evangelism at the Knox County Cornfest. There was a tent set up with a drawing for a free meat bundle from Lumley's Locker in LaBelle for anybody who would come and listen to a three- minute testimony. There were also balloons, balloon animals, and bracelets for kids. There was also the opportunity for kids to do crafts that had Bible verses on them and they were taught about these verses while they did crafts. As I looked around the court square, I was taken back by all of the people around us seeking hope in the things of this world who do not understand the hope that we have in Jesus. May we never forget what it was like to be lost so that we look at these people not with frustration at their sinfulness, but with the compassion that Jesus had toward us that we might show them how to find life in Jesus.

This opportunity came again two weeks later during Old Settlers Day in Kahoka. We had the opportunity to share the Gospel with so many people that I lost count. One of my favorite moments of the day was when a little girl approached our tent amazed that we were giving away free stuff and said "You all are really good people." We then got the opportunity to explain to her about the love of Christ. We also had a young boy who had the gospel presented to him with a colored bead bracelet who then ran off and got a friend and asked us to share this with his friend. These are merely a couple of many stories of people hearing the gospel because the churches of our association decided to work together and go out amongst the lost that we might share with them the hope that is to be found in Jesus. I want to thank all who came out to make this happen and Pastor Floyd Pyle for his leadership in organizing our effort in this.

In addition to this, we had several from our association show up at Highland High School to serve at the See You At The Pole event. Several churches from our association came together under the organizing of Pastor Ted Middleton to serve breakfast to students as well as to pray with them. There were 65 students who showed up to pray at the flagpole before school that day and it was a joy for us to fellowship and pray with them.

I am full of joy when I think about the opportunities that we have had together to go out amongst lost people to serve and share the gospel with them. I am confident that the Lord has great things in store if we continue to faithfully seek out these opportunities to be actively engaging people with the gospel. Let me challenge you to begin praying over the souls of specific lost people in your life and also to continue to join together to share the gospel that we may see the Holy Spirit do some great things as we seek to advance the kingdom together.

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Upcoming Events

OCT

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TUE

Missions/Evangelism Team Mtg

6:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Ten Mile Baptist Church

Camp Team Mtg.

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

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THU

Association Council

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

FBC Ewing

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FRI

DR Training at Jefferson City

DR Training at Jefferson City. Go to www.mobaptist.org/dr for more information and to register.

NEMO Pastors and Wives Regional Retreat

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SUN

Global Hunger Sunday

For more information go to <https://gobgr.org>.

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TUE

Hymn Sing

7:00 AM

Durham Baptist Church

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FRI

GA Retreat

GA Retreat at Grand Oaks, Chilicothe. Contact Teri Broeker at 217-779-3396 or tbroeker@marktwain.net

From The MBC

“Messengers representing churches affiliated with the Missouri Baptist Convention (MBC) are gathering Oct. 24-26 at the St. Charles Convention Center for their 182nd Annual Meeting.

The theme is “Never Alone,” taken from Deuteronomy 31:6, where Moses declares, “Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you” (ESV).”

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Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of service to you!

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