



# THE INFORMER

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#### ASSOCIATION NEWS

##### SPRING WORKDAY



At least 15 volunteers from seven churches (Unity, Commerce, Morehouse, First-Sikeston, New Bethel, New Savannah & Morley) joined in the camp workday.



First Baptist, Sikeston, hosted the community's National Day of Prayer breakfast on May 3.

#### The Director's Thoughts

What a difference a year makes! At this time last year I wrote about coordinating our flood recovery efforts in Southeast Missouri. This year I am praying for rain as a prolonged spell of hot and dry weather has settled in.

Whatever the circumstances in life we may face, the opportunities for Kingdom service are ever present. Volunteers from our churches continue to excel in their service to the Lord. A dedicated group of volunteers recently devoted a Saturday morning to preparing the campground for the upcoming summer camping season. Landscaping, painting, cleaning and installation of a new waterline to the Chapel were the principal tasks completed. Thank you, volunteers, for your service!

Another group of volunteers met on a different day to continue planning and preparing for the Youth and Children's Camps in July. Thanks, Bro. John Vernon, for giving strong leadership to all the Summer Camp ministries. I urge you to give special attention to page 4 of *The Informer*, which lists all the dates and ages for the various weeks of Summer Camp. Registration forms are available at each church and under the ministries heading at [www.charlestonbaptistassociation.org](http://www.charlestonbaptistassociation.org).

Yet another group of volunteers is more than worthy of our thanks. This is the team of folks enlisted by Mr. Eddie Barnhill to construct the Association's disaster relief shower trailer. I hope that you have already taken advantage of opportunities to view it up close. If not, it will be available for inspection at various times this month at the Shining Light Mission in Charleston. Thanks to those who volunteered their labor during its construction. Thanks, also, to those who made financial contributions and donations of materials. Thanks for a job done well!

A final group deserving our appreciation is the mission volunteers who recently traveled to Ontario and Iowa on vision trips – Jim Barnhart, Randy Conn and Brad Wilson to Ontario and David Thompson and Dennis Lowe to Iowa. Thanks, men, for your missionary service!

I hope that you will read on page 2 the schedule of Vacation Bible School dates for our churches this summer. Remember to pray for these churches and their VBS faculties plus the children and families in their communities. I do want to recognize those churches that ordered their LifeWay VBS materials through the Association Office. You incurred no additional cost in doing that but you enabled the Association to earn nearly \$700 in commissions for the operating budget. Thanks!

May the Lord bless you!

*Brother Dick*

#### MISSIONS NEWS



##### Acts 1:8 Missions Challenge

Mission volunteers traveled to Ontario, Canada and Ottumwa, IA during May to explore mission opportunities in those locales.



Pastors David Thompson (left) and Dennis Lowe (right) from Morley Baptist and Unity Baptist Churches shared some fellowship with Pastor Jeremy Skinner (center) of Albia Road Bapt Church in Ottumwa, IA.



#### THE MEXICO PARTNERSHIP

VBS & Medical Trip: July 7 - 14



#### THE COLORADO PARTNERSHIP

VBS/Revival Trip: **Postponed due to health issues.** Pray for Pastor Mark Baker & wife Linda at Harvest Baptist Church in Ovid. Linda Baker is now in hospice care suffering from cancer.