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MISSIONS NEWS



Greetings,

God is doing mighty things through the Baptist Collegiate Ministries of Southeast Missouri. I count it a privilege to be the new minister at SEMO and to mobilize students to engage their campus with the good news of the gospel! Without the support we have received from our local churches we couldn't do this desperately needed work. Simply put, the local church is the backbone of The Lighthouse at Southeast Missouri State University. I believe without a doubt that the college campus is the most strategic place to do ministry in America. The nations are in our backyard and we see that **today's** students are seeking a greater, deeper meaning to life than ever before and because of that we are devoted to engaging them with the love, hope, and redemption that is found in Jesus Christ.

You're invited to the SEMO "Lighthouse" warming party on Oct. 6th at 2 pm. Come be a part of celebrating the purchase of our building by the MBC.

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For the Kingdom,
Reese Hammond
BCM Campus Director
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From Your Association Office

Greetings in Christ!

I hope this finds you enjoying the cooler weather that has finally arrived. I don't know about you, but I have been looking forward to this cooler fall weather. I was in one of our churches this past Sunday where the worship leader used this cooler weather to really challenge us. He asked how many have been looking forward to this cooler weather and then asked whether we were more excited about the cooler weather or the opportunity to come and worship. What a great challenge to all of us. We should come to worship with an expectancy that exceeds our other desires. Isn't it great when God challenges us on what is truly important.

September has been a good month in our association. We held our annual meeting on the 18th at Miner Baptist Church. I was greatly encouraged by the unity that was displayed during our meeting. We had a very productive time during our business session and heard some exciting reports from different ministries. The business session was followed by a good time of worship, both in song and in the word. It is so good to be a part of a service where God's churches gather together to worship the One who is the head of all of the churches.

During my time to give the DOM report, I highlighted what I believe to be the 5 key areas of our cooperative effort in associational ministry. Those 5 key areas are: missions, church planting, church strengthening and development, camp ministry and Baptist collegiate ministry. I pointed out how the association already has the structures in place to be effective in all five areas. We have already been doing ministry at some level in all these areas. I believe that our association is in position and is poised to do great things for God's Kingdom as we go forward and begin to develop and strengthen our ministries in all 5 of these key areas.

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184th Missouri Baptist Convention Annual Meeting

October 22-23, 2018

at

Crossway Baptist Church

Springfield, MO

Theme: *Steady*
Exodus 17: 8-16

Go to: mobaptist.org/annual-meeting for more information

Fourth Annual BCM Fundraiser

There will be hors d'oeuvres, a dessert bar, child care and speakers.

To reserve your table(s) please contact Reese Hammond by **October 9th** for our **October 16th** event at Fruitland Community Church or by **November 6th** for our **November 13th** event at FBC, Sikeston. Call [816-550-3452](tel:816-550-3452) or reese@semolighthouse.com.

If you cannot make it but would still like to send a donation, you may do so by mailing contributions to the address below:

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