

# The Informer

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## FROM YOUR DOM

Greetings in Christ!

May begins the second year of our shared leadership agreement. I have enjoyed getting visit and worship with the churches of our association over the past year. I look forward to getting back around to visiting the churches again in the coming year. Over the past year we have seen not only our ministry opportunities grow, but also we have seen our ministry funds grow. The association is moving in a positive direction and I look forward to seeing what God has in store for us as we continue work together for the Kingdom.

One other thing I would like to highlight is the decision of our pastors to start meeting twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at the China Buffet in Sikeston. I want to encourage all pastoral staff of our churches to attend if at all possible. This is a time of good fellowship and also a chance for pastors to pastor each other. No one is better equipped to be a pastor to a pastor than another pastor. This is also a great time to get to know each other on a social level (and for me to get to know our pastors better from being in regular contact). It a great way for us to develop a shared vision for what God is desiring do through association.

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## FINANCIAL REPORTS

Current associational financial statements can be found on our website (charlestonbaptistassociation.org) under the Info Center tab.



### ASSOCIATION BLOCK PARTY TRAILER RESERVATIONS NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2019

Available to rent to any Southern Baptist Church by calling the Association Office at 573-545-3561. First priority given to Charleston Association churches.

The rental fee is \$30 per use. For Southern Baptist churches not affiliated with the Charleston Association the fee is \$75 per use. A damage deposit of \$200 per use must accompany all trailer rentals.



Prayerfully seeking a Ministry Team to establish a Children and Youth ministry Sunday afternoon for 2 ½ hrs. including music, preaching, teaching, recreation, discipleship and food. Need a consistent, dedicated, called out team who loves God, loves children, and will work with children and youth who have not been in church, and don't know about God. A very challenging opportunity for missions right here at home. The blessings will be abundant.

Contact Bro. Dean Wallace at 573-683-0363.

**May 18 Food Pantry:**  
1-4pm, Helpers needed

## UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

### **Belluno, Italy Partnership:**

**May 21-28** Led by Miner Baptist

This trip is full

**June 3-11** Led by FCC

This trip is full

**Sept 11-18** Led by FBC Scott City

Additional participants possible

### **Alberta, Canada Partnership:**

**Jun 27-Jul 3** Led by Trinity, Sikeston

To Edmonton to work with Whitehall Christian Fellowship – Additional participants possible

**Jul 15-23** Led by FBC Delta

To Cochrane to work with Immanuel Baptist – Additional participants possible

**Jul 20-27** Led by New Bethel, Jackson

To Calgary to work with Tapestry Network – Additional participants needed.

**Aug 3-10** Led by Lynwood

To Calgary to work with Grace Church - Additional participants possible

If your church has a trip that is open to other participants that you would like included, contact Bro. Roger 573-803-8573

## **SPRING CHURCH EVENTS**

**May 4 New Bethel:** having their Men's Breakfast at 7:30 am

**May 12 Morley:** will have guest speaker, Ken Vawter, from Baptist Children's Home at the 10:30 AM service.

**May 19-22 FBC, Bertrand:** Revival services with Evangelist Ron Shrum. Sun. 6 pm and Mon., Tues, Wed. at 7 pm

**May 31 Morley:** hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive from 3pm-7pm.

**May 31 FBC, Morehouse:** will be having a Yard Sale beginning at 7 am

**June 1 FBC, Morehouse:** will have a Fish Fry till they run out of fish. \$7 for Adults, \$5 for kids, and \$5 for 55 and over

### **Clothes Closet Ministries:**

**Unity: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday; 9AM- Noon**



## SPRING FLOODING RESPONSE UPDATE

We just wanted to take a quick second to update you on our response(s) to the Spring Flooding:

We officially completed our commitment to Kansas/Nebraska Convention on Friday, April 27. Missouri Baptists served in Fremont, NE from March 21-April 27. The work there continues through the service of other state DR teams.

Stats:

Volunteer days - 1,047; 10,438 hours

Salvations: 15 (Praise the Lord!)

Meals Prepared: 40,328

Assessments: 323

Shockwave giveaway: 467 gallons

Showers: 922 (includes shelters)

Laundry: 553 (includes shelters)

Recovery jobs completed: 111

We also continue to work in NW MO out of Mound City. Most of the work is in Watsonville, Craig, and Rushville with surrounding areas also being assisted as needed.

Stats so far:

Vol.Day: 850; 6,754 hours

Meals prepared: 1,261 (for volunteers only)

Showers: 272

Laundry: 366 (mainly flood survivors)

Childcare: 49

Recovery: 56 completed

We are approximately halfway through the jobs we currently have on the books. However, we expect this number to hold for a while as more areas open up as the water recedes. There is still work to be done in the area, and we are still in need of teams to respond.

You do not have to be trained in Mud Out to respond to this event. If you are able to go, please contact the Incident Command office in Mound City at: 660-5720-0397.

### Aspire Women's Center

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*Our goal is to promote the welfare and protection of pre-born children, provide loving and compassionate guidance and assistance, free of charge, and without respect to age, race, religion, socioeconomic background or marital status.*



Stan and Jan Bandermann from FBC, Sikeston presenting a disaster care kit to Anne Claussen in Fremont, Nebraska

### Disaster Relief Training

Sept. 13-14: Dexter, MO

Contact Bob Stark at

573-300-3192 or

[www.mobaptist.org/dr](http://www.mobaptist.org/dr)

## FACILITIES TEAM

The mattresses for the dorms are being replaced at a cost of \$130.00 each. If you would like to donate to this, please send it to the Association office earmarked for mattresses.

The Association has completed the process of converting our lights over to LED. We have numerous 4 ft T12 and T8 fluorescent light bulbs available to anyone who needs them. Please call the office at 545-3561 to make arrangements to pick the up. We also have some new bulbs still in the box.

## Churches Seeking a Pastor

Fellowship, Sikeston  
FBC Sikeston  
FBC Bertrand  
New Bethel  
Murray Lane

## Church Announcements

FBC, Bertrand has called **Bro. George White** as their Interim pastor.



Greetings from the Lighthouse!

This upcoming May we will be finishing our first school year with me as the new Director. The students and I have learned much from each other as we adjusted to the change and that has shown in how we are finishing our semester. As the school year winds down I know that we are all very, very encouraged and excited to see how far we have come as a ministry through such a major transition. We have been sharing the gospel more and more intentionally on campus and our student leadership has taken huge strides in faithfulness in sharing their faith. This has resulted in dozens of gospel conversations and more students becoming involved at the Lighthouse, and this is just in the past week!

At the end of the semester we will be sending off our Seniors at our annual Senior night on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m. This is our opportunity to hear from our Seniors what God has done to them and through them during their tenure at SEMO. If you want to hear what God has been up to from the students themselves, please feel free to stop by and encourage them by your presence!

This summer we will also have two of our students serving with the MBC in summer missions. One student will be my intern for the summer and another will be working in Italy doing evangelism and vacation bible schools for local churches. Please pray for these students as they seek to be obedient to God's call to make disciples.

Lastly, as we come to the close of the semester, I want to let all of you know that we are experiencing a downfall in giving. We trust the Lord will provide and are looking at some of the various reasons as to why this may be happening, but I want all of you to pray for us as a ministry that God would grant us the grace to trust His provision and that the Body of Christ would prayerfully consider supporting us as individuals or as churches.

Thank you all for everything that you have done to help this ministry thrive during a difficult year of transition and I am looking forward to developing our relationship in the near future!

In Christ,  
Reese Hammond  
Director – Lighthouse BCM

# CAMP TEAM

Dear Church Families,

Wow, it has been a busy time and church camp is right around the corner. The excitement for camp 2019 is beginning to get real with the July dates being so close. Overnight camp will kick our season off on July the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The following week, July 8<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> will be our Children's camp. The next week will be Youth Camp, July 15<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>. We will end our season with Day Camp on July the 20<sup>th</sup>. We have started the planning process by working with a theme entitled "Run." It is based off of Hebrews 12:1 *"Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us."* Through this theme we want to teach our students to focus on Christ throughout their Christian walk and invite those who don't know Him to a relationship with Him. Each part of camp will be centered around those two focuses, in all events from worship to talent shows.

Some of the changes coming to the camp this year will be subtle, some will be noticeable. The most noticeable changes will come in scheduling, the paintball trailer no longer being an option, and our youth leadership program. The subtle changes will be seen in rule enforcement and adult participation.

The camp schedule will be much fuller than the past, offering more opportunities for events through out the day. We will be introducing Points of Impact or POI's for short in the afternoon rotation. These will be events that will be chosen by the students, they will have a large offering to choose from ranging from options like archery to missions. They will have one POI rotation daily and much less "free time." All students will be expected to participate in their POIs. Due to cost, paintball will no longer be an offering at any of our camps.

Another change will be the revamping of our Youth Leadership track. In the past, youth camp has preceded Children's camp to accommodate for our leadership track, but this year we have returned to the more traditional role of our last week being for Youth. We are going to be offering a leadership track, but the training for this role will take place before the camps occur. To be a part of the leadership track a letter of recommendation will have to be sent from the students home church to the camp ministry team. Seventh and eighth graders will be not be considered for the leadership track because their ages are to close to that of the children's camp ages.

Rule enforcement will be upheld. If a rule is broken the camper will be sent home, no exceptions. This includes curfew enforcement as well as participating in camp events. No campers will be allowed to go back to their dorm room. If a camper drives a vehicle to camp, their keys will need to be turned into the office and only returned on the last day of camp or if they are leaving for work or a sporting event. No students or workers will leave camp for any other reason.

We want our students to be in an environment in which they will be learning about Christ in a positive way. We want them to see the truth of the gospel through the camp process, but to do these things we need to make some necessary changes to our camps. We hope that you will help us with this process.


Needs, something you always hear with camps, are many. Our primary need is to have adult helpers. You might be able to only stay one night at camp or a week, but we would love to have you help in any way possible. We are looking to put a minimum of 2 adults per dorm room every night of camp. If you can help with this please let us know. We are also looking for ideas for POI events during camp or even some ministry opportunities. If you know of a church body that would like a missions team during camps to do some work around their facility or around their neighborhood let us know. We are also coveting your prayers, as we are quickly approaching camp season, please be in prayer for the needs of the camp and our students. We pray that God is already working on the hearts of our students as we prepare for camp. We are also in need of a camp pastor and music leaders. Please be in prayer for our camp.

Jason Crow

FBC, Morehouse

Charleston Baptist Association Camp Director

# May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 	3	4 James Guy
5 Senior Adult Sunday	6	7	8	9 Pastor/Staff Lucheon @ noon	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14 Glenn Cantrell, 14 yrs @	15 Matthew Julian, 3 yrs @ FBC	16	17	18 Spencer & Amanda Ayers,
19	20	21	22	23 Pastor/Staff Lucheon @ noon	24	25 Dan & Leslie Stevens, 51 yrs
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

# June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4 Mitchell Jackson, 22 yrs @ Miner	5	6	7	8
9	10 Rick & Laura Ramsey, 36 yrs	11 <b>SBC Annual Meeting Birmingham, AL</b>	12	13 Pastor/Staff Lucheon @ noon Glenna Marshall	14 Flag Day 	15
16 Father's Day Baptist Men's Emphasis	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Mission: Dignity Sunday	24	25	26 William Marshall, Kelley & Linda Grubbs, 60 yrs	27 Pastor/Staff Lucheon @ noon Ron & Janis Shrum, 60 Yrs	28 Amanda Ayers	29
30 Citizenship & Religious Liberty Sunday						