

The Informer

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FROM YOUR DOM

Greetings in Christ!

July has been a very busy month. We held over 2 weeks of camps and they went very well. I want to thank everyone and every church that came to serve during our camps. I also want to thank everyone who prayed for our pool to hold up through camp. It required close monitoring, but it did make it to the end of our camps. Given how hot it was during our camp weeks, I know that we were all blessed to have a pool to get into and cool off. We have had to shut it down after camps were over, but the facilities team will begin to work on getting it back into great shape for next year.

At the end of camp, I was blessed with the opportunity to go on a mission trip to Canada and to be involved in a camp up there and to see what all God is doing among the churches we are partnering with up there. From our work we saw 2 families decide that they wanted to start coming to the church that we were working with. We are praying that the seeds planted during the camp will now be watered by the church and a harvest will follow.

August will be a time of preparation and planning for some new ministry opportunities that God is leading us to consider. I look forward to sharing more with you about this in the near future.

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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.

July 20 Food Pantry:
1-4pm, Helpers needed

UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

Belluno, Italy Partnership:

Sept 11-18 Led by FBC Scott City

Team is full

Alberta, Canada Partnership:

Aug 3-10 Led by Lynwood

To Calgary to work with Grace Church - Team is full

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

AUGUST CHURCH EVENTS

Aug 3 New Bethel: having their Men's Breakfast at 7:30am

Back to School Rallies:

Aug 8 Bertrand City Hall 5-7 pm

Aug 9 East Prairie 2-5 pm location to be announced

Aug 10 Shining Light 2-5 pm

Aug 11 Wyatt Baptist 4-6 pm

Clothes Closet Ministries

Renovate SEMO

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." - 1 Corinthians 12:12

God has created His people to be diverse, in part, by uniquely gifting and positioning us to build up his church and reach the world for Christ. Not only is this true for individual Christians but it's also true for local churches. Every local church has been uniquely gifted by the Holy Spirit for specific ministries, and each has been positioned in unique communities and cultures to engage their neighbors with the Gospel. God intends for every one of our churches to play a special role in His mission to make disciples of all nations.

Renovate SEMO exists to help churches realign themselves with God's specific vision for their church so that every church within our association can make the impact that God intends for His glory. Right now, we have four churches in the Renovate process. Each church has a very unique community, from the very rural to a small village to a larger town, and each church has a unique gifting from God. Our churches are in the process of doing community surveys to better understand those communities and identify how their gifts intersect with needs in the community. I can't wait to see how God revitalizes these churches for His glory and reaches many throughout these communities for Christ.

Additionally, we are launching the Renovate SEMO Residency in partnership with the North American Mission Board this August. We have two tracks for training pastors to lead revitalization. First, we have the Credit Track that enables students to receive masters level credit for their work at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. It is an intensive track that immerses students in strong and struggling churches for revitalization experience. Second, we have the Certificate Track that enables students to receive training through monthly cohort meetings and assignments that fits into an already busy schedule of a full-time, bi-vocational, or volunteer minister.

If you are interested in the Residency or the Renovate SEMO Process for your church, contact brandon@renovatesemo.com.

For His Glory,
Brandon Moore

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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.

Church

Announcement

New Bethel Baptist Church is excited to announce that they have called Bro. Randy Thomas as their new pastor. He will was previously serving as their interim.

Disaster Relief Training

Sept. 13-14: Dexter, MO

Contact Bob Stark at

573-300-3192 or

www.mobaptist.org/dr

for more information

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 Savannah



Greetings from the Lighthouse!

As our summer starts to wind down at the Lighthouse and our preparation for the return of students begins to ramp up, I'm completely and continually amazed at what God is doing in Southeast Missouri, especially in our young people and in our students at SEMO. My summer intern, Caleb, has already served as a camp leader at two different summer camps in the State, including one of our associational camps. He has seen students make new professions of faith in Christ and he has walked along side students as he counseled them in their trials. Just earlier this week, he was able to share his testimony at the Charleston summer camp and share what God has done in him and through him as a student that has been a part of the Lighthouse BCM.

Since Caleb has been part of a ministry, that you, our local Southern Baptist churches have supported and were convinced was needed on Campus at SEMO, he has been able to not only touch the lives of our youth with the gospel and the love of Christ, he has been transformed into a young man that has a greater faith, a stronger faith, and a more resilient faith. And this is what I want you to understand when I speak of the importance of our ministry: That the ministry at the Lighthouse is a place of spiritual transformation, not only for the many students that we meet from around the world, but for the youth that come out of our churches. I want God to raise up more Calebs out of our midst. I want you to help us invest in the students from our churches that are coming to SEMO.

Because of these things, I want you to contact me directly if you know of any students that have graduated from your student ministries and are going to SEMO or the SEMO extension in Sikeston. I want to get to know them and I want you to partner with us in the work of making sure that our youth continue in the faith in a world that is in every way trying to destroy it.

My cell number is (816)-550-3452. My email is reese@semolighthouse.com. Please contact me at anytime and I would love to meet you and your student and get them off to the best start they can in this next season of life!

In Christ,
Reese Hammond
Director – Lighthouse BCM

CAMP TEAM

It has been a great year at the camp. This year within the 2 full weeks of camp, overnight and day camp we had over 130 campers! We had many rededications and one salvation during kids camp, which if you ask me, makes camp worth it to add one to the kingdom. The new rotations for camp went well basing our mornings Bible study and our afternoons in recreation rotations. We are excited to begin to look to the 2020 camp season and to reaching more youth and children for Christ.

Jason Crow

FBC, Morehouse

Charleston Baptist Association Camp Director

Holy Land Tour

FBC Charleston will be leading a trip to Israel and Jordan, with an optional addition of 3 days in Greece. The trip dates are Feb 17–Mar, 2020. If you are interested in joining in on this opportunity to visit the lands of the Bible and gaining a whole new perspective on biblical understanding, please contact Bro. George Nite at 615-506-8519.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

MEETING REPORT

The Executive Board of the Charleston Baptist Association was scheduled to meet on July 30th. Unfortunately, we were unable to obtain a quorum and therefore, no business was transacted.

August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Dennis & Susan Lowe, 44yrs	2	
4	5	6	7	8 Pastor/Staff Lucheon @ noon	9 Andy & Betsy Bumpus, 39yrs	10
11	12	13 Robert Cox, Jr Dennis Lowe, 19yrs @ Unity	14	15 Jeff & Heather Polk, 21yrs	16 Jeff Polk	17
18 Laura Ramsey	19 Mindy Cantrell	20	21	22 Pastor/Staff Lucheon @ noon Matthew Julian	23	24
25	26	27	28 Glen & Mindy Cantrell, 26yrs	29 Mitch Jackson	30	31

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 James Guy, 6yrs @ Miner	2	3	4	5	6 Jim Barnhart Marge Bishop	7
8	9	10	11	12 Pastor/Staff Lucheon @ noon	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Lacquita Johnson	20	21
22	23	24 Annual Mtg @ Unity Baptist 4:00pm & 7:00pm	25	26 Pastor/Staff Lucheon @ noon	27	28
29 Mike & Lillian McKinney, 29yrs	30 James & Cindy Guy, 13yrs					