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# The Informer

## October 2019

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#### FROM YOUR DOM

#### **Greetings in Christ!**

We had a good Annual Meeting this past month. We heard many reports on what God is doing through the ministries of our association and the ministries that we support. I want to thank all who came out and supported the association and participated in doing the business of the association.

I want to welcome the 3 new churches (New Faith, Diehlstadt; Old Bethel, Sikeston; Northside, Bernie) that petitioned to join our association at the Annual Meeting. We are so glad to have each of these churches join us in our efforts to build God's kingdom.

God has blessed our association and there are many exciting things happening in our association. One thing I want to highlight is the merger of Trinity Baptist with Smith Chapel to form Grace Bible Fellowship. Many of you may already be aware of this exciting event as Pastors Kenny and William have been featured on the front page of the Missouri Baptist Pathway newspaper and the Sikeston Standard-Democrat newspaper. This merger of a predominately African-American congregation with a predominately white congregation.

We need to realize that if we want to see racial reconciliation in our country, it will have to begin with the church. It is only continued on page 3

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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.

Fellowship Baptist Church's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Conference

November 2, 2019 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Theme: "Precious Treasures of the Heart"

**Guest Speaker: Susan Abar** 

Tickets: \$20 each until Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> and orders received after will be \$25

This will include a full meal with a drink and dessert.

Call church for more details at 471-2778 or 380-8999

## **UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS**

**Belluno, Italy Partnership:** 

No more trips for 2019

Alberta, Canada Partnership:

Nov 16 Lynwood Baptist Church has invited Bob Shelton, North American Mission Board (NAMB) SENDcity coordinator for Calgary, to come to Cape Girardeau on the weekend of November 16-17. They are hosting a complimentary dinner for pastors and leaders to hear about the work in Calgary to see how your church might pray

about joining the effort there as a partner. Bob will be sharing at this dinner on Saturday evening. Some of our churches are already involved in this work. More info about this opportunity will follow.

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

#### OCTOBER CHURCH EVENTS

- Oct 1 Miner: "Celebrate Recovery" begins at 5:30pm each Tuesday
- Oct 5 New Bethel: having their Men's Breakfast at 7:30am
- Oct 5 FBC Morehouse: will have a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser beginning a 7am
- Oct 6 FBC Canalou: Homecoming beginning at 10:45am with special speaker Fred Ritter; followed with dinner and singing
- Oct 6 FBC Charleston: will continue their "Financial Peace University" classes each Sunday night at 6pm; call church for details
- Oct 8 New Bethel: having a "God's Beautiful People Luncheon" starting at 11:30am
- Oct 12 FBC Morehouse: will host a community movie night a 7pm
- Oct 26 Unity: "Fall Festival" at the associational campgrounds 5:30pm
- Oct 31 FBC Morley: will have their "Fall Harvest" from 6pm-8pm
- Oct 31 FBC Sikeston: will have their "Fall Harvest" beginning at 5:30pm

### **Clothes Closet Ministries:**

Unity: 3rd Saturday; 9am-noon



### Greetings from the Lighthouse!

This past week we've had some of our best evangelistic efforts since I've been here at the Lighthouse.

In the last week and a half of September alone, we've had over 30 gospel conversations and 16 gospel appointments with students that we've met at our outreach events. During our gospel appointments we sit down and talk more about the gospel one-on-one with the students we meet and this is where I evaluate our success at making disciples and evangelizing those who are not yet believers. This is encouraging for us because this semester we've really made a push to be more faithful as a ministry to be intentional about sharing the gospel on campus. Thankfully, Morgan Tackett, our new staff member, has done an amazing job of organizing these intentional outreach opportunities.

Please keep praying for a continued zeal and strength in evangelism for us. It is a pivotal time in the year because this is where everyone really falls into the rhythm of the semester and we want our rhythm to be intentional gospel sharing. Thank you for your prayer and support!

Thank you for your prayer and support! Reese Hammond Director – Lighthouse BCM

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the power of the Holy Spirit that can bring about this kind of unity. This is just a small picture of what it really looks like in God's kingdom. Our unity in Christ is far greater than any form of diversity we have here on earth, whether that is racial, cultural, or something else. Let's pray that we will see more and more of this unity in all of our churches. May God be glorified!

#### Aspire Women's Center

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Michelle Terrell

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www.aspirewomenscenter.org

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**

**Miner Baptist:** will present: Judgement House beginning in October.

The dates are Oct. 16, 19, 20, 23, 26, and 27. please call the church for more information.

#### WMU Southeast Regional <u>Training Conference</u>

"UNSHAKEABLE PURSUIT"

Missionary Speaker: Irina Creek Saturday Oct 5th 10am-3pm Temple Baptist Church, Poplar Bluff, MO

Registration opens at 9:45am

Cost \$10.00 (covers lunch fees)

Contact the associational office for more info

## 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.

### Holy Land Tour

**FBC Charleston** will be leading a trip to Isreal and Jordan, with an optional addition of 3 days in Greece. The trip dates are Feb 17-Mar. 2020. If vou 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.

## Churches Seeking a Pastor

Fellowship, Sikeston FBC Sikeston FBC Bertrand

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#### WHEN

Friday, November 1, 2019, 7:00p - 9:30p Saturday, November 2, 2019, 8:30a - 12:30p

#### WHERE

Lynwood Baptist Church 2935 Lynwood Hills Dr, Cape Girardeau MO

#### REGISTRATION

\$35/person, \$50/couple, \$20/teens Scholarships available Register at capebaptist.net/rw360\_seminar

## October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Cooperative Program Em- phasis Month	Pastor Appreciation Month	1 Jason Crow Jim & Karen Barnhart,42yrs	2 Mary Wallace	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Connie Thompson Susan Lowe	10 Pastor/Staff Lunch @ noon	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Rodney Davis, 6yrs @ Crossroads of Hope	21	22 Betsy Bumpus	23 Dean & Mary Wallace,43yrs	24 Pastor/Staff Lunch @ noon Dean Wallace	25	26 Betty Cox
27	Missouri Bapti @ Branson, M		30	31	Week of Praye Associations:	er for Baptist Oct. 20-26

## November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> Kenneth Shoemaker	4 Phyllis Ford	5 David Thompson	6	7 Pastor/Staff Lunch @ noon	8	9
10	11 Kathy Bishop	12	13 Kelly Grubbs	14	15	16
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