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FROM YOUR DOM

Greetings in Christ!

As I write this months article, I am at the Missouri Baptist Convention. It is an exciting time of fellowship and worship with other Baptists throughout our state. It is also a great time to see just some of the many ministries and Baptist works that are taking place all over the world. For those who have never gone, it is really eye opening to see what all your Cooperative Program dollars support and what is here is only a fraction of what is happening through the Cooperative Program.

Just as we received 3 new churches into our association in September, we have also received many new churches into the MBC/SBC here at the convention.

Last month I mentioned about how God has blessed our association and the many exciting things happening in our association and I highlighted just one of them. Over the past month, as I have visited several of our churches, I have been told many more stories of the ways that God is at work in the churches of our association. I have heard multiple stories of salvations and baptisms, of God bringing healing to churches and others that have been going through difficult times, of churches getting out into their communities and going on mission for the first time

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

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**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 14th 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. 20th and
orders received af-
ter 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

NOVEMBER CHURCH EVENTS

Nov 2 New Bethel: having their Men's Breakfast at 7:30am

Nov 3 FBC East Prairie: Harvest Day begins at 5pm

Nov 10 Fellowship: Ordination service for Spencer Ayers beginning at 5pm

Nov 17 Murray Lane: Thanksgiving meal at noon, with no evening service

Nov 18 Morley: will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive from 3-7pm

Nov 24 Unity: Harvest Day Lunch (carry-in) at noon

Nov 24 FBC East Prairie: Hosting the community Thanksgiving service at 5pm

Nov 26 FBC Canalou: Community Thanksgiving service to be the Assembly of God church in Canalou, with a meal at 6pm and Bro. Dewayne Coleman leading the service at 7pm

Nov 26 Illmo: hosting the Scott City community Thanksgiving service at 7pm

Clothes Closet Ministries:

Unity: 3rd Saturday; 9am-noon



Greetings from the Lighthouse!

This past month is always one of the most intensive of the semester for our students and our ministry. In October, we've been going constantly for 2 ½ months, we have midterm tests, Homecoming, change of weather, and the distant hope of the upcoming Thanksgiving Break. It can be tiresome to say the least. However, I want to brag a minute about our students and the churches that support us. Since our last newsletter, we've added 5 more people to our small groups and one-on-one discipleship. That may not seem like a lot, but we've jumped from 34 to 39. That's a 15% increase during our most hectic month of the semester. There is a student from India getting baptized on the 27th that I have personally been discipling after he came to faith in July. There is another young man that is seriously considering baptism and is currently being walked through that process with me and others. Lastly, we have 4 underclassman that are showing interest in being on leadership and are getting prepared for that step in the Spring. All I can say is that the fruit of the Gospel is ripening! Also, our associational churches have been amazing at serving our students on Mondays so that we can build relationships with new students and share the gospel with them. In fact, some families from our churches have adopted international students and are consistently having those students in their churches. And one of our church's members was able to share her testimony with 2 Indian students last week! So, looking back at the craziness of the semester, I wanted us to stop and see the wonderful work that God is doing through you and the Lighthouse as we strive together for the gospel! Thank you!

For the gospel,
Reese Hammond
Director – Lighthouse BCM

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I have also seen churches and others step up to fill the gap in areas of need. I have to say that I am excited about where we are and where we are headed as an association.

However, all of this good news does not mean it is time to let up, but to keep pressing forward. We know that we are in a spiritual battle and difficulties will come, so let's keep our churches and pastors in prayer and be praying for our sister churches and their pastors as well. As an association, let's keep pressing forward in our mission to reach ALL peoples with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that God may be glorified!

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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

Miner Baptist: "Celebrate Recovery" begins at 5:30pm each Tuesday.

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.

Churches Seeking a Pastor

Fellowship, Sikeston

FBC Sikeston

FBC Bertrand

November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
					Relational Wisdom 2.0 Seminar at Lynwood Baptist	
3 Kenneth Shoe- maker	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
						
17	18 Amber Crow	19	20	21 Pastor/Staff Lunch @ noon	22	23
		Operation Christmas Child: National Shoe Box Collection Week				
24	25	26	27	28 Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30
Roger & Delores Graham, 29yrs						

December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Janis Shrum	3	4	5 Pastor/Staff Lunch @ noon	6	7 Shirley Cole- man
Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offer- ing: December 1-8						David & Connie Thompson, 46yrs
8	9	10	11	12	13 Donny Ford	14
15 Karen Barnhart	16	17 Mitch & Cindy Jackson, 43 yrs	18	19 Pastor/Staff Lunch @ noon Roger Graham	20	21
22	23	24 Brenda Shupert	25 	26 Kenneth & Carolyn Shoe- maker, 50 yrs	27	28
29	30 Amanda Loftin	31	Office will be closed for Christmas and New Year's from Dec 24 -Jan. 1, 2020			