

The Informer

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FROM YOUR DOM

Greetings in Christ!

A few months back I mentioned that we were meeting with youth ministers in our associations to try and get a new associational level youth ministry started. I am excited to announce that we are going to be having our first event in January. We are hoping to start having monthly events at our association level, with the quarterly events being combined events with the Charleston and Cape churches. Our first event in January will be a combined event and will take place in Cape, with the next quarter (April) being a combined event taking place at the Charleston Association. I am excited to see our churches working together to put on the best youth events possible.

We will also be starting another new ministry in January. It has come to our attention that there is a need for a ministry to reach out to our pastor's wives. In light of that, we are starting a Pastor's Wives Fellowship. My wife, Delores, will be leading out in helping to start this ministry.

One thing that came to my attention as we were trying to get these ministries started is our lack of contact information for youth workers and pastor's wives. I have asked JoAnn to contact the churches and get phone numbers and emails for those working with the youth in our churches and for our pastor's wives. Please assist her in getting this information added to

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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.

**FBC Bertrand mourns
the loss of one of their
deacons, James David
Peters**



- Dec 7 Children's Christmas Party 10-4pm
- Dec 14 Food Pantry: 1pm-4pm, helpers needed
- Dec 21 Christmas Backpack program at Bowden Center 10AM-2:30 pm
- Dec 25 Christmas Meal for those that have to work, or shut-in or anyone that is alone at Christmas. Helpers needed.

Clothes Closet Ministries:

Unity: 3rd Saturday; 9am-noon

UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

Belluno, Italy Partnership:

No more trips for 2019, but trips forming for 2020

Alberta, Canada Partnership:

Feb 20-24 Led by Old Bethel

To Calgary to work with The Vine Church – Additional participants possible

Additional 2020 trips are

forming

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

DECEMBER CHURCH EVENTS

Dec 1 Grace Bible Fellowship: Grand Opening service begins at 10:45am

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

Dec 7 FBC Morehouse: Movie Night begins at 6pm

Dec 8 FBC Sikeston: Adult Christmas Choir at 10:30am and Children's Choir at 6pm

Dec 13-15 FBC East Prairie: "Living Nativity" each night from 5-7pm

Dec 15 Miner: Children's musical begins at 5pm

Murray Lane: Christmas Program begins at 10:45am

FBC Sikeston: "Christmas Ivories" multiple-piano, organ and handbell Christmas music program at 6pm

Dec 22 FBC East Prairie: Christmas Cantata at 10:30am

FBC Canalou: Christmas Play at 6pm

Murray Lane: Candlelight Service at 6pm

Unity: Christmas Program at 6pm

Dec 24 Unity: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7pm

Illmo: Christmas Eve Service at 4pm

FBC East Prairie: Christmas Eve Service at 5pm

Dec 31 Murray Lane: New Year's Eve celebration at 6pm



Greetings from the Lighthouse!

As we finish our semester I realize that we've come a really long way since the beginning of the school year. With your help, we've served hundreds of students at our Monday Night Dinner. We've engaged students with the gospel that have never heard of Jesus. We have taught, trained, and equipped our students to live lives of intentional discipleship. We have come a long way. The best part is that even through the crazy schedules, the busyness, and the trials, we are coming closer together as a group. For example, we have 6 new students that want to join our leadership in the Spring. This wouldn't happen if our upperclassman didn't take the initiative to encourage our younger students to live for the gospel. I am so thankful for them and they have been such a pivotal group of students for us. In fact, we are graduating two of these students this Fall that have been such a blessing since I've been here. I want to extol their hard work and their faithfulness in living out the gospel. So, as we finish our year and prepare for the Spring semester, I ask that you pray for our upperclassman that are moving on. These will be the young people that will be coming to our churches. I also want you to pray for us as a ministry because our job isn't just to prepare college students to live for Jesus at College, but we prepare our students to live for Jesus for the rest of their lives. This means that every moment of prayer, every hour of service, and every dollar given to the Lighthouse goes to building up these students to live for Christ in a world that is constantly pushing against their faith. Please keep praying, please keep serving, please keep giving. We are in this together for the gospel and for the lives of every student that comes through our doors!

For the gospel,
Reese Hammond

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associational contacts. We have received some, but not all of the needed contact information. We want to make sure everyone is made aware of the opportunities to be involved in these new ministries. I want to personally encourage your churches to participate in these new ministries as we seek to strengthen and encourage one another.

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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 Bertrand



MAN UP

1 Peter 3:15

MENS CONFERENCE

January 11, 2020 8 am – 2 pm \$20

Music – Guest Panel Discussion - Lunch

Rick Burgess - Keynote speaker -

“After my youngest son went to Heaven, I was trying to get ready to go back to work, and I could not tie my shoes I was so weak. I questioned the Lord, “How can you expect me to go back on the air and do this show when I can’t even tie my shoes?” The Lord replied in my spirit, “Now you are ready. Your problem was never that you weren’t strong enough. Your problem was that you weren’t weak enough, but now you’re ready. Now I can use you like I never could before.”



Rick Burgess has been the cohost of the “Rick and Bubba Show” since 1994, a nationally syndicated radio show which airs to 1.2 million people weekly. Rick has coauthored multiple New York Times bestselling books that are autobiographical in nature, but his latest release is a 40-day devotional designed to disciple men, a personal passion and calling from the Lord. [How to Be a Man, the Pursuit of Christ-Centered Masculinity](#) is coauthored by Andy Blanks and was released by Iron Hill Press in 2017. Rick has appeared on various radio and television shows including Fox and Friends and the Sean Hannity Show as a commentator and guest.

For tickets send an email request to: fbcmrp@gmail.com

Tickets are limited. Men Only.

Doors open at 7. Coffee and Donuts will be served.



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December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Janis Shrum	3	4	5 Pastor/Staff Lunch @ noon	6 Seasoned Adult Christmas Party @ 11am	7 Shirley Coleman David & Connie Thompson, 46yrs
Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering: December 1-8						
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			

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Jim Barnhart, 20yrs @ Miner	2	3 Jeff & Amanda Loftin, 16 yrs	4
5	6	7	8	9 Pastor/Staff Lunch @ noon Rick Ramsey	10	11 Darryl Griggs Jason Crow, 5yrs @ More- house Assoc Youth Event 6pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Pastor's Wives Fellow- ship 9am
19 Kenneth Johnson, 6yrs @ Calvary	20	21	22 	23	24 Lillian McKinney	25
26	27	28	29	30 Pastor/Staff Lunch @ noon	31	