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FROM YOUR DOM

Greetings in Christ!

Well, September was a very busy month. Many things are beginning to get restarted. School has been in session for several weeks and there haven't been any major issues. Our churches and businesses are returning to a much fuller and more normal schedule.

There are certainly many challenges that we still face in our churches and in our country. However, we are discovering that life does continue on and that we cannot remain at a stand still. What our churches and our country need more than anything is Jesus. He is the only hope than any of us have. As the church, we need to rely on Him as our source of hope and strength and then to be faithful to share the good news with a lost and dying world.

Over the past month I have been very busy serving on a Cooperative Program task force on behalf of the Missouri Baptist Convention. The purpose of this task force is to take a close look at everything we are doing as Missouri Baptists and to assess our effectiveness. The end goal is to make any and all changes necessary to make Missouri Baptists more effective in our Kingdom work through our Cooperative Program giving and our cooperative mission efforts.

Please be in prayer for this task force and for our churches that we will take advantage of this time of great opportunity to be effective for the Kingdom of God.

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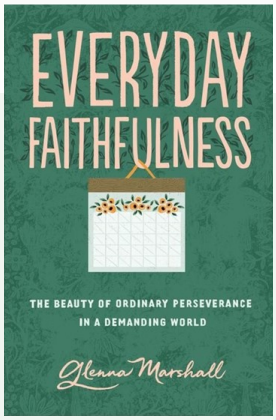
FINANCIAL REPORTS

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.



Everyday Faithfulness: What does Christian faithfulness look like when life feels unpredictable, hard, or just plain ordinary? We want to follow Jesus, but it's easy to become more focused on our present situation than on a long view of faithfulness. Working through the unique challenges that come with seasons of waiting, caretaking, suffering, worry, spiritual dryness, and more, Glenna Marshall delves into practical ways to build habits into everyday life that will aid in spiritual growth throughout a lifetime. Glenna is the wife of William Marshall, one of the pastors of Grace Bible Fellowship in Sikeston.

MISSION & EVANGELISM TEAM

Mark the date, April 24, 2021 will be our Acts 1:8 Missions Conference launching our Filipino mission partnership. This will be an exciting day filled with information on how to get involved in the partnership through the many avenues provided by the partnership. As a true Acts 1:8 partnership there will be opportunities right hear in southeast Missouri and around the world. There will also be opportunities to participate around the world from right here in southeast Missouri.

OCTOBER CHURCH EVENTS

Oct 15 Unity: VBS will be the last 2 weekends in Oct. (Oct 15, 16, 17 & Oct 22, 23, 24)

Oct 16-17 Fellowship: will be hosting "Rekindling the Romance" seminar. Call the church for details at 573-471-2778

Oct 18-22 Miner: Revival with Evangelist Ken Freeman, 6:30pm nightly

Oct 19-23 FBC Canalou: Revival with Rev. Scotty Raburn and Mitch Pullen leading music, 7pm nightly

Nov 1 Murray Lane: Blue Grass Gospel Singing with "The Farmhands" begins at 6pm

Clothes Closet Ministries

Unity: 3rd Saturday 9am-noon

Shining Light: open weekly and one Saturday each month

Greetings from the Lighthouse!

The semester has been such a blessing from God. Due to Covid-19 we have had to make specific adjustments to the ministry from what we've been doing in the past. We had to cancel our Monday Dinners but now we are scheduling and putting on more events outdoors so more students are comfortable in coming. We've also been having all of our worship gatherings on Thursday evenings outside in the parking lot. This has helped us stay socially distanced but has also challenged us to think differently about how we must do ministry during this year. We've also been blessed with almost 40 students in small group discipleship and we have two international students in our Bible studies who don't know Jesus, so please pray for their salvation! Finally, we recently had our very first student since I came to SEMO who has professed saving faith in Jesus. So, God has been so gloriously faithful in rewarding the work that we have been putting in to get the gospel to students.

Please continue to pray for our new students and their growth in Jesus. Also, please pray for our lost students as they continue to hear the gospel!

If you would like to receive our monthly newsletter please email me at **reese@semolighthouse.com** with your full name and what local church you attend.

Thank you for your prayerful support!

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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, socio-economic background or marital status.

Church Announcement

Annual Church Profiles (ACPs) need to be completed and turned in. If your church has not reported yet, please send it in as soon as possible.—Thank you, Jo Ann

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

FBC Bertrand

October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Cooperative Program Emphasis Month				1 Jason Crow Jim & Karen Barnhart, 43yrs	2 Mary Wallace	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Connie Thompson, Susan Lowe
11	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Rodney Davis, 7yrs @ Crossroads of Hope	21	22 Betsy Bumpus	23 Dean & Mary Wallace, 44yrs	24 Dean Wallace
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Week of Prayer for Baptist Associations

Missouri Baptist Convention Annual Meeting: St. Charles Convention Center

November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Election Day Kenneth Shoemaker	4 Phyllis Ford	5 David Thompson	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Amber Crow	19	20	21
22	23	24 Roger & Delores Graham, 30yrs	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30					

Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering: Nov. 29-Dec. 6