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FROM YOUR DOM

Greetings in Christ!

It is getting harder and harder to turn on any news channel and hear anything encouraging or positive.

Our government leaders are pushing to pass one sinful and destructive piece of legislation after the other. While there may be bits and pieces of the legislation that could be considered good and helpful, the overall goal and bulk of the legislation is to promote sin and to try to weaken God's church.

I want to write a word of encouragement this month. Psalm 2 tells us that although the rulers of this world seek to come against the Lord and to cast away His control and authority, God sits in heaven and laughs. No matter how hard they try they cannot remove His authority.

We serve a mighty God who is in complete control and is at this very moment working to complete His plans in this world. We have nothing to fear. God tells us in His word that He works all things for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purposes. Let us focus on loving God and be active in fulfilling the purposes He has called us to.

Let us also be faithful to pray for our governmental leaders, that they will realize that it is God who has given them their authority and that it is under His authority that they operate. Pray that they will turn from what they are doing and that they will promote Godly legislation that will be for the good of all people.

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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.

<u>Announcement</u>

If your church has an event coming up and you want it in The Informer, please contact the office by the 15th of the month prior to the newsletter.

Phone: 545-3561

Community: meets at 940 S. Kingshighway in Sikeston, MO

Fellowship: please remember Bro. Bob Houchins as he recovers from knee surgery.

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.

MARCH CHURCH EVENTS

Mar 5-6 Miner: hosting a Women's event. See announcement on page 3

Mar 7 FBC Morehouse: Will be having a 1-day revival with Rick Strickland @ 7pm in their Family Life Center. Rick is part of the Songfellows Quartet.

Mar 7 Unity: Will be having their Valentine's Banquet @ 5:30pm

Mar 21 Miner: Will be having a Children's Play "Jingle Bell Beach" @5pm

Mar 26 FBC Charleston: Will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive from 9-2pm

Mar 28 FBC Sikeston: Their Student Ministry will be presenting "The Cross of Christ" @ 6pm

Mar 28 Morley: Will be having the Dysart Family during their 10:30am service. A love offering will be taken up for the group.

Clothes Closet Ministries

Unity: 3rd Saturday 9am-noon

Shining Light: open weekly and one Saturday each month



Greetings from the Lighthouse!

This month has been really exciting at the Lighthouse! We've had multiple new students attending our worship services, we've added another Discipleship Group, we've had more students step up into leadership, and we've had more gospel appointments the first month of this semester than we did in the Fall! Additionally, many of our students are growing in maturity in every aspect of their lives. And I want to stop and say that all of this is due to prayer. God is answering and blessing our work because we have set our hearts to seek Him. We have truly been focusing and renewing our ministry focus on prayer. Because of this I want to encourage you to pray for us daily this upcoming March in three specific ways:

- 1. Pray that the Lord will continue to mature our students in the Faith.
- 2. Pray that the Lord will give our students a greater love for the lost and confidence in the gospel to save sinners.
- 3. Pray that the Lord will raise up more laborers and leaders that will go into His harvest.

I'm excited to share with you the answers to these prayers in April! Thank you all for your continued prayer support!

For the Kingdom, Reese Hammond Director – Lighthouse BCM

Women's Live Stream Event- IF: GATHERING March 5-6, 2021

Friday, March 5th: 6:00-9:00 pm Saturday, March 6: 8:00 am-3:00 pm

Dinner will be served Friday evening, breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Worship, Door prizes and lots of fun with your girl pals!

Tickets are \$15.00 Call church for more details 471-1331

Association Work Day

May 1st at the Camp 8:00am until finished



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
FBC Charleston
Calvary
Old Bethel

A Southeast Missouri Partnership

FILIPINO ACTS 1:8

Mission Conference

April 24, 2021 10am - 8:30pm

- FILIPINO MEAL SERVED FOR DINNER -

BREAKOUT SESSIONS INCLUDE:

Prayerwalking and prayer support • Evangelism Methods Partnerships: USA, Canada, and Philippines IMB Nehemiah Teams • Mission Team Leader Training



Jess Jennings IMB leader for the Philippines, founder of Nehemiah Teams.



Paul Chitwood
President of
International Mission
Board, SBC



Peter Yanes
Executive Director for
Asian American Relations
and Mobilization of
the Southern Baptist
Convention



Nathan Vedoya Send City Missionary for Edmonton

Miner Baptist Church, Sikeston MO



March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Executive Board Mtg @ 7pm	3	4	5 Aaron Powell, 4yrs @ FBC East Prairie	6
7 Alma McMullin	8 Dewayne Coleman Kenneth Shoemaker, 6yrs @ Hooe	9	Week of Prayer For Annie Armstrong offering & NAMB March 7-14	11 Pastor/Staff Lunch @ noon Uriah Kiehl Dennis Lowe Cindy Jackson	12	13 Spencer Ayers
14	15	16	17	18 Donny Ford, 9yrs @ FBC Oran	19	20
21 Cindy Bollinger	22	23	24	25 Pastor/Staff Lunch @ noon	26	27
28	29	30	31			

April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dean Wallace, 24yrs @ FBC Wyatt				1 Mike KcKinney	2 Good Friday	3
4 Resurrection	5	6	7	8 Pastor/Staff Lunch @ noon	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Pastor/Staff Lunch @ noon	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Carolyn Shoe- maker	30	