

The Informer

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FROM YOUR DOM

Greetings in Christ!

God is so good! Even in the midst of the many challenges we are facing, I am continually being told of salvations and baptisms that have been taking place during the past month. What a blessing to know that God is working in our churches and ministries and drawing people to himself.

Unfortunately, not all news is that good. We had one of our churches that was hit hard during Covid vote to close it doors. Sept 26th was the last day of services for New Faith. It was a tough decision for the church to close their doors, but the time had come. I know there are other churches struggling and we need to be in prayer for them. God has a plan and His church will prevail.

The hosting company for our website had their entire system crash. It is now back up, but we have lost much of our information and will need to basically rebuild our website. This will take some time, but we will work on it as fast as we can.

On a positive note, our Filipino missions partnership is moving forward. We have teams beginning to make prayer walking and vision trips. I have just returned from a trip to Phoenix. What an incredible trip and God used our team in many ways.

We also have a youth retreat coming up for all youth in south-east MO that will be focused on discipleship and missions. Please encourage your youth to attend.

Don't forget that our annual meeting is coming up on Nov 7th at FBC Sikeston. Please plan to be there to worship in unity, to celebrate what God is doing in our ministries and to conduct a little business.

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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 2021

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.

Announcements

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: 573-545-3561

Community Baptist: is seeking a Bi-Vo Worship Leader. For more info please contact Pastor Glen Cantrell at 573-380-1673.

MISSION & EVANGELISM TEAM

Filipino Partnership:

2021 Trips forming now:

Bro Roger is leading a prayer walking trip to NY/NJ on Oct 8-11. The team is set, please keep them in prayer.

Bro John Vernon is leading a prayer walking trip to Chicago. Exact dates will be set soon. If you are interested in joining this trip please let Bro. Roger know.

Bro Jim Barnhart is leading a prayer walking trip to Houston on Oct 29-Nov 1. There is still room for more team members. If you are interested in joining this trip please let Bro. Roger know.

Continue to pray that God will open the door for overseas travel, so that we can make the initial vision and planning trips by this fall to Canada and the island of Camiguin to plan our mission work for 2022 and beyond.

If you or your church would like to participate in one of these partnership prayer walking mission teams, or if your church has a trip that is open to other participants that you would like to have promoted, please contact Bro. Roger at 573-803-8573.

OCTOBER CHURCH EVENTS

10 FBC Canalou: Homecoming with guest speaker, Fred Ritter begins at 10:45am followed by lunch at noon and a singing with Mitch Pulium at 1:30pm

16 Fellowship: Family Fun night begins at 4:30pm (hayrides, bounce house, food and fellowship). At 6pm Matt Adams—Master Illusionist from Alabama will perform.

23 Bement: will host a “Fall Fest” with food, games and horses to begin at 2pm

23 Unity: will host a “Fall Fest” at the campgrounds with food, games, fellowship and hayrides from 5:30-9pm

24 FBC Morehouse: will have a bonfire and outreach event from 5pm-??

24 Fellowship: will have a deacon ordination for Randy Crowe at 4pm with a fellowship meal to follow.

Clothes Closet Ministries

Unity: 3rd Saturday 9am-noon

Shining Light: open weekly and one Saturday each month



Greetings from the Lighthouse!

The ministry here at the Lighthouse has finally begun to slow down from the hectic pace of Welcome Week. This is a good thing as we are now beginning to establish new and returning students into discipleship. Thus far, we have had 2 students come to faith in Christ through our ministry. Additionally, through our partnership events with another ministry on campus we have seen 9 total students profess faith in Jesus.

We have been going through a study on the Doctrine of Scripture with our student leaders and this study will be used in our discipleship groups. We have 7 different study leaders and our students are continuing to reach out to the more than 1,200 new students that we were able to meet during our August and September outreach events.

Finally, our international student ministry has been thriving. In fact, one of the new students that came to faith in Christ is an international student that we have been building a strong relationship with. We have been averaging around 50-60 students at our weekly Monday Dinners with many of the students being international students. I have personally shared the gospel with multiple students that have NEVER heard the gospel. Because of this I ask for your prayers for our international ministry, especially that God would continue to work through us to reach the more than 600 international students on campus.

Thank you for your continuing prayers and support!

For the Kingdom,
Reese Hammond
Director – Lighthouse BCM

OCTOBER CHURCH EVENTS—CONT.

- 30 Old Bethel:** having a Car & Craft show from 11am-3pm with food, fellowship and music.
- 30 FBC Sikeston:** Fall Festival from 5-6:30pm
- 31 Fellowship:** Trunk or Treat from 4-7pm
- 31 FBC Sikeston:** online registration for Upwards Basketball begins
- 31 Old Bethel:** Trunk or Treat begins at 4pm followed by a “Musical Treat”

Community Wide

Oct. 13th Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) will be having a “Fields of Faith” event at the Sikeston Complex (Soccer Field); tailgate from 6-7 pm and the event will be at 7 pm. All churches are invited to bring their youth.

Revivals

Miner: Oct 10-14 with Rev Ken Freeman. Sun. service at 6pm and 7pm the following nights. He will return on the 17th to finish the week.

East Prairie: Oct 24-27 with Rev All Flohr. It will be kicked off with a fish fry on Sat Oct 24th.

Churches Seeking a Pastor

FBC Charleston

Calvary

Add'l Announcements

Wyatt: please keep Bro. Dean and Mary Wallace in your prayers. She fell and broke her right ankle and is in a wheelchair and Bro. Dean has inflammation of the lungs (breathing difficulty).

Canalou: In response to last months prayer request, Canalou received a new baptistry from a sister church in Jackson, MO

THE BIG PICTURE

Discipleship Training
Missions Training
Food
Games
Bonfire
Nehemiah Teens (IMB)

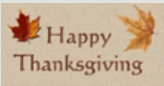
A Southeast Missouri
Youth Retreat

Saturday Nov 13th
Charleston Baptist Campground
9:00am - 5:30pm
Housing available for those wishing to
arrive early
Register at:
www.charlestonbaptistassociation.org
For more info call: 573-803-8573

October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Jason Crow Jim & Karen Barnhart, 44yrs	2 Pastors' Wives' Fellowship Mary Wallace
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Connie Thompson Susan Lowe	11	12	13	14 Pastor/Staff Lunch @ noon	15	16
17	18	19	20 Rodney Davis, 8yrs @ Cross- roads of Hope	21	22	23 Dean & Mary Wallace, 45yrs
24 Dean Wallace	25 Missouri Baptist Convention Annual Meeting @ Branson Convention Center	26 Betty Cox	27	28 Pastor/Staff Lunch @ noon	29	30
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November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Kenneth Shoe- maker	4 Phyllis Ford	5 David Thomp- son	6 Pastors' Wives' Fellowship
7 Annual Mtg @ FBC Sikeston 3pm	8	9	10	11 Pastor/Staff Lunch @ noon 	12	13 Youth Retreat at Camp 9am
14	15 	16	17	18 Amber Crow	19	20
	Operation Christmas Child: National Shoe Box Collection					
21 →	22	23	24 Roger & Delores Graham, 31yrs	25 	26	27
28	29	30				