

LCBA CALENDAR

2/6/14 Executive Board 12:00 (L)
2/13/14 Baptist Hill Board Meeting (H)
2/18/14 LACOPA Board Meeting (L)
2/22/14 WMU BRUNCH First Baptist of Monett. (L)
3/8/14 VBS Training for Pastors and VBS Directors at Ridgecrest in Springfield (L)
4/4-5/14 - Missions Celebration 2014 Annual Missouri WMU at Second Baptist in Springfield, MO (M)
MBC state hosted events noted with (M)
Associational hosted events noted with (L)
Baptist Hill ministries will noted with (H)

Upcoming LACOPA Worship Schedule

January 26 -	Pleasant Ridge
February 2-	Verona
February 9-	Curtis Chapel
February 16-	Summit
February 23-	Stotts City
March 2-	Living Water
March 9-	New Hope
March 16-	Chesapeake
March 23	Purdy
March 20	Miller FBC

CHURCH UPDATES

Halltown BC Pray for Rick and Beth Conway's oldest son Jared and wife Crystal as they lost their house to fire on January 18, 2014.

Monett Community Church will be hosting a women's conference, February 21-23 by Jennifer Kennedy Dean.

February 21 at 7:00 PM

February 22 at 9:00-12:00 noon

February 23 at 8:30 and 11:00 AM

\$5 per session per person on Friday and Sat.

Childcare for ages 0-5 will be provided

Reservations are not mandatory, yet we request a head count - please call the church at 41-235-6200 and leave your name, phone number and how many will be attending.

FBC MT. VERNON will be hosting a live creation vs. evolution video debate between Ken Ham, the creation defender, and Bill Nye, the evolutionist, on February 4 at 6pm at the fellowship hall.

Pastorless Churches

FBC Pierce City

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Thoughts from your DOM

My wife and I had the privilege of attending seven different Christmas programs during December. They were from feeding the poor, to wonderful children's programs, to great times of worship through singing. It is wonderful being your DOM! Since the beginning of December I have been meditating and reading Psalm One. Let me share it with you.

Psa. 1:1-6 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly. Nor stands in the path of the sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the Lord. And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither. And whatever he does shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

We live in a world that is a dichotomy. In other words, there are two definite worlds of thought. One says (from the Bible) that we are to live a life pleasing to the Lord. The other says that we have no creator and that we can live a life only to please ourselves and no other. In Psalm One it talks about who is blessed: the person who delights in the Words of the Lord and meditates on them day and night. He will bring forth fruit and part of that fruit is peace, joy, love and persevere.

The ungodly will be blown away in the trails of life and will perish. Which thought are you following?

In His Service, Bro. Ken



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DID YOU KNOW?

• I have a box of Holman Christian Standard New Testament **Bibles** at the office that can be given out in your communities. They are named "Find it Here".

• That Halltown Baptist Church has four foreign **mission opportunities** in 2014. Cost to go to Mexico are \$325. Dates to **Mexico**:

March 1st to the 8th.

June 6th to the 16th.

July 4th to the 12th.

Dates to **Peru** are:

August 8th to the 17th.

They could use a doctor and a dentist. The cost is \$1250 plus airfare which is between \$1,100 to \$1,300. Contact Dan Ross at ross12@centurylink.net for more information.

• That the Missouri **WMU** is celebrating 125 years at the Annual Meeting at Second Baptist Church April 4-5, 2014.

• Baptist Hill **Day Camp** for 3-5 year old is May 31. BH **Intro to Camping** for K-2nd graders is June 13-14.

• Our **Youth Camp** is on June 6-8 a Friday through a Sunday. We'll be doing a missions at FBC Stotts City in putting on a VBS, Sports Camp, and small construction projects.

• I'm looking for a possible date for an LCBA men's meeting in March. Ideas?

Monthly Cash Receipts Lawrence County Baptist Association Fiscal Year 2014 10/01/2013 to 12/31/2013

Cash Receipts	Oct - Dec
Aurora, FBC	249.99
Buck Prairie	240.00
Centro De Alabanza	-
Chesapeake	952.76
Covenant Baptist	500.00
Curtis Chapel	-
Ebenezer	375.60
Faith Baptist	-
Halltown Baptist	930.00
Hopewell	527.00
Living Water Fellowship	480.77
Marionville, FBC	2,699.30
Miller, FBC	900.00
Monett Community	1,100.00
Monett, FBC	750.00
Morningside	-
Mt. Olivet	215.92
Mt. Vernon, FBC	1,730.97
New Home	404.01
New Hope	737.65
Pierce City, FBC	576.00
Pilgrims Rest	150.00
Round Grove	1,500.00
Southside Baptist	100.00
Stotts City, FBC	193.46
Summit Baptist	1,624.47
Valley View	128.19
Verona	1,236.51
Subtotal	18,302.60

Designated Offerings	Oct - Dec
Baptist Hill	148.00
Hispanic Missions	650.00

Designated Fund Balances	Oct - Dec
Women's Retreat	3,188.30
SW Regional WMU	1,056.37
Children's Camp	2,903.05
Youth Camp	889.16

Expenses for Oct - Dec 2013 (16,271.58)

Checking Acct. Bal. as of 12/31/13 \$ 51,411.35
Undesignated amount: \$ 46,590.06

WMU NEWS

In January and February some of the churches are collecting cans of soup (or chili) for a "**Souper Bowl**" **Contest**. (I believe Feb. 2, will be the football Super Bowl. You could have people bring cans that day or you could kick off your collection that day.) We used to like to collect for a whole month. The cans would be given to the Christian Service Center or other food pantry.

On February 22, at 9:30 a.m. we will have an **Associational WMU Brunch** at First Baptist of Monett. (I will include directions to their new church in the next newsletter.) Reservations need to be made by Feb. 16. Please call Mary Young at 235-3425 or email her at youngmarymarie@gmail.com to let her know the names of those attending. The cost of the brunch will be \$5. The money may be sent to Mary at 206 W. Nellie Ave., Monett, MO 65708 or you can pay at the door. If the number changes, please make sure to contact Mary again.

As part of that meeting, we will be celebrating 125 years of WMU history. (100 years for GAs.) I want to display posters, pictures, books, etc. from the past. I would like to include pictures of coronations and activities from the churches in our county. There were lots of GAs in our county in the 1960s and 70s and 80s. Find some people who were a part of that back then and invite them to come to the brunch. If you have some pictures and things that can be displayed, let me know. If your church doesn't have any pictures, check with individuals. How has being a part of WMU (or GAs in the past) influenced your life today? (Most of our missionaries have had a connection with a WMU organization in their past.) I hope you will encourage as many women as you can to come.

Blessings,

Shirley Andrus (417-258-2149) sma5teach@netzero.net

VBS is coming! This is the biggest evangelist tool the church has today. I would like to know the dates of your VBS and also if you need some help. Some of our churches have it all week, some on the weekend, and some for a day. If you are ordering from Life Way this year please order through us from March 8-22 and the association will get a 15% commission. The price is the same whether you order through us or Life Way. It is another way to support your association. Please note that VBS training for pastors and directors will be held in partnership with Greene County again this year at Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Springfield. The time is from 9:00 to 2:30. It includes lunch and breakfast. Cost is \$8 if paid by February 14.