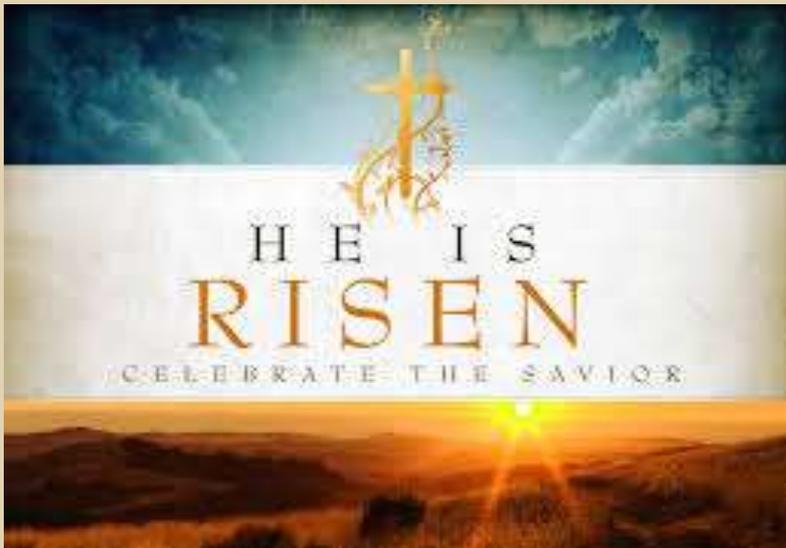


Cape Girardeau BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Partnering Together to Advance God's Kingdom



“We serve a risen Savior, He’s in the world today ;
 We know that He is living, whatever men may say;
 We see His hand of mercy, We hear His voice of cheer
 And just the time I need Him, He’s always near.

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
 He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way,
 He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
 You ask me how I know He lives:
 He lives within my heart!”

CELEBRATE THE RISEN SAVIOR!

OUR CHURCHES

Advance First Baptist	Lithium
Allenville	Lynwood
Bethany	Marble Hill First Baptist
Bethlehem	Millersville First Baptist
Brushy Bible	New Bethel
Burfordville	Oak Ridge First Baptist
Calvary	Perkins
Caney Fork	Perryville First Baptist
Cape County Cowboy	Red Star
County Line	Rock and Roll Biker
Delta First Baptist	Saline
Fellowship	Scott City First Baptist
Fruitland Community	Sedgewickville
God’s Country Cowboy	Shawnee Hills
Iona	Southside
Jackson First Baptist	Trinity

CHURCH PLANTS

North American church plants:
 Anchor, Sikeston
 Lamplighter Cowboy Church, Patton
 Rock and Roll Church, Poplar Bluff
 Rock and Roll Church, Marion IL
 New Hope, Rock Falls IL

El Salvador church plants:
 Santa Catarina Metapan
 Apaneca Las Marias

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

The Lord is amazing! I continually marvel at his works and how he blesses me through his calling on my life. It is a great joy to serve the Lord!

This past month I was privileged to travel to El Salvador with a team from First Baptist Church, Perryville. Their partnership with a church in Sonsonate led them to local schools in that area where they conducted parties that enabled them to share the gospel to many children. I was a part of a second team that trained 20 pastors from around the country in how to study the Bible. This was the first of ten modules we will be teaching these pastors as a part of the Bible Training Center for Pastors/Leaders. It is designed to be transferable so they can teach it to others who can teach it to others. In fact, at the conclusion of the training, one of the pastors stated **“we have had many different trainings but now we have a tool to teach our people.”** We are excited to see what the Lord is going to do through this training in El Salvador!

This coming month we will be having our Executive Board meeting. During that meeting we will be reporting on a variety of things happening in our association. This will include an update on the status of the shower house being built at Peaceful Valley, of the various church plants we are partnering with, and of the progress of the work at Southeast Missouri State University through the BSU ministry. In addition, the various committees will present motions to position us in the direction needed to fulfill our vision. These will include motions to incorporate Peaceful Valley Baptist Camp and the Church Planting Center. It will also include a motion

regarding some modest changes to the our constitution and bylaws which will not be voted on until the Annual Meeting in September but given to the Board members to review and provide input. One of the proposed changes in the Constitution is the creation of a Church Development Committee. This committee will consist of a member representing each of the key functions of the church: evangelism, discipleship, worship, children's ministry, youth ministry, family ministry, and stewardship. This committee will function as a team to assist individual churches in assessing where they are, determining where they want to be, and developing a plan to get there. Between now and September I am asking you to pray about these changes, especially this new committee, and see how the Lord might be preparing you to serve among and alongside your sister churches to participate in the **advancement of God's kingdom locally and throughout the world.**

Blessings,
John

SOUTHEAST BSU CAMPUS MINISTER

We are entering into an exciting time of year. The weather is changing, birds are chirping and students are emerging from their winter long hibernation. Campus is coming alive, and things are changing almost daily! We too, are entering into an exciting time as we begin to enter into the final stages of our building renovation.

Over Spring Break we travelled with 10 students to Arlington, Texas to serve Mission Arlington. This ministry was planted by a missionary family in 1986.

They previously served in Korea, and while returning home they posed one simple, life changing question to themselves: **“What would it look like to not go back to normal?”** Thus, Mission Arlington was born. God has led them to plant over 300 apartment churches in and around Arlington. It was quite an encouragement to see students give up the bulk of their break to serve in the name of Jesus. Our group assisted in various work projects during the day and held a VBS style afterschool program in the evening. Through the course of the week we got to celebrate the salvation of 6 children!

We continue to work hard renovating our new facility. This area will provide us a strategic location to reach the **11,000 students of Southeast.** It's amazing to see the Body of Christ come together to support this ministry through countless hours of labor and support. If you have any special skills, such as dry-wall mudding or laminate floor installation, and would like to help, please give me a call at (816) 752-5054. We are working almost every day, and would appreciate any help you could give us! We are also needing many financial contributions to cover the furnishings of the new building. If you, your church, or small group would like to contribute to this specific need you can mail contributions to P.O. Box 1983, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

Because of Jesus,
Andrew Abbott



PEACEFUL VALLEY CAMP BUILDING PROJECTS

The Cook's Cabin has been removed, along with the sidewalk and 3 trees. The building supplies are stored at the pavilion ready for the construction of **the new Shower House.** **A new Cook's Cabin will be constructed to be ready for 2015 camp year.**

We want to say thank you to volunteers from FBC Jackson, FBC Delta, FBC Oak Ridge, FBC Perryville, Fruitland Community, Iona, Saline and Miner. There will be many opportunities for volunteers during this building projects. Please contact Doug Simminger at 837-0660 or Ed Knous, 703-1818.

ONE DAY CHURCH REVALI ZATION CONFERENCE IN BRENTWOOD, MO

This conference was originally scheduled for February but was cancelled due to a blizzard in Atlanta GA which prevented Pastor Johnny Hunt from travelling. So it is not too late if you would like to attend. It is scheduled for April 24th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You can register online or call the office and we will get you registered!

UPCOMING EVENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS



FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2014
ASSOCIATION OFFICE
7:00-8:30PM

Explore The Bible Sunday School Expanded Curriculum Preview

Lifeway is doing an extensive expansion of the Explore The Bible Sunday School Curriculum for Fall 2014. This will include resources for Youth, Children and Preschool for the first time! It will make it the only Bible Study curriculum to unite all ages in book-by-book study and challenging participants of every age to let the Word dwell in their lives.

This preview will be approximately 90 minutes long and will feature Sergio Arce, Discipleship & Church Health Specialist with Lifeway presenting the new features and resources for the expanded Explore The Bible Series.



Experience a unique event with the stars of TLC's "19 Kids and Counting" on Sunday, May 4, at 6:00 pm. Join us at Lynwood Baptist Church as the Duggar family shares about their journey. Book signing and meet-and-greet following the service (*books will be available for purchase*). Tickets are \$10 each (*payable to Midwest Ministry Care Center*) and can be purchased at the church office, Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm. Seating is general admission. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. *All proceeds will benefit the Midwest Ministry Care Center.*



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FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF MARCH 1, 2014

	MONTHLY TOTALS	YTD TOTALS	2013/14 BUDGET	
INCOME	\$11,969.84	80,131.01		
EXPENDITURES	17,328.97	103,417.13	110,794.50	
VARIANCE	\$5,359.13-	\$23,286.12-		
DESIGNATED FUNDS	Beginning Balance	Contributions	Expenditures	Ending Balance
OPERATING CHK ACCT	67,598.38	14,317.63	19,428.97	62,487.04
DESIGNATED FUNDS	66,604.20	1,160.96	2,482.40	65,282.76
MISSION MOBILIZATION	36,159.93	9.71		36,169.64
CAMP IMPROVEMENT	71,793.08	310.00	525.38	71,577.70

SAVE THIS DATE
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4
WOMEN'S GATHERING
 AT OLD BETHEL
 FOR ALL ASSOCIATION
 CHURCHES!

**Association
 Executive Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 15
 7:00 p.m.
 Association Office**

**Association Office
 Closed
 Good Friday,
 April 18**

**WW Watch for a May date
 For a Peaceful Valley
 Camp Marathon!**