

Cape Girardeau BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Partnering Together to Advance God's Kingdom



192nd ANNUAL CELEBRATION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

2:30PM

Evening Meal—5:15pm

Meat provided, please bring vegetable, salad
 or dessert

Evening Session—6:30pm

Guest Speakers

Gary Mathes, Ednor Sebag, Jon Sedgwick

Annual Sermon - Mark Anderson

OUR CHURCHES

Advance First Baptist	Lynwood
Allenville	Marble Hill First Baptist
Bethany	Millersville First Baptist
Bethlehem	New Bethel
Brush Creek Missionary	Oak Ridge First Baptist
Burfordville	Perkins
Calvary	Perryville First Baptist
Caney Fork	Red Star
Cape County Cowboy	R&R
County Line	Saline
Delta First Baptist	Scott City First Baptist
Fellowship	Sedgewickville
Fruitland Community	Shawnee Hills
God's Country Cowboy	Southside
Iona	Trinity
Jackson First Baptist	Whitewater First Baptist
Lithium	

CHURCH PLANTS

North American church plants:
 Anchor, Sikeston
 Rock and Roll Church, Herrin IL
 New Hope, Rock Falls IL

El Salvador church partners:
 Santa Catarina Las Marias
 Apaneca El Triunfo

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

The 192nd Annual Celebration of the Cape Girardeau Baptist Association is quickly approaching. In preparation for this meeting I would like to provide a couple of reminders. First, each church is to elect an Executive Board Member. Please ensure we have the name and contact info for this person, In addition, the pastor of each church is an EB member. For churches currently without a pastor, you may elect an additional EB member to serve until you call a new pastor. Second, please ensure your church votes to elect messengers for the annual meeting scheduled October 11 at Fruitland Community Church. We need to have those names by September 15th in order to get them in the Book of Reports. Each church is allowed six messengers plus one additional messenger for every 50 members over 50. The maximum is 10 messengers plus the pastor of the church. This is very important as only approved messengers are eligible to vote. This year we will be voting on recommendations from our Exploratory Committee regarding the Association property as well as administrative items such as the 2017 budget. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

In the April Executive Board meeting we voted to form an Exploratory Committee to look into whether we should sell the associational office as a stewardship matter. The Exploratory Committee consists of Bob Houchins(Chrm), Cliff Crosnoe, Curt Poore, Jo Ann Hahs and John Vernon(ex-officio). They have met and are planning to make the following motion at the annual meeting. "The committee makes the motion that the Cape Girardeau Baptist Association sell its administrative office building and property at 5103 Old Cape Road E., Jackson, MO."

We have scheduled a meeting to be held at the Association Office on September 6, at 6:30pm to discuss this prior to the annual meeting. I hope you will be able to attend this meeting so that we are able to ensure our churches understand fully what is being proposed. Any member from your church is invited to attend, especially those that will be messengers to the annual meeting.

Our annual meeting this year will be a "mini" Acts1:8 conference. There will be mission booths setup in the fellowship hall representing groups we have partnerships with at this time. We will have Ednor Sebag, a Filipino international church planter, giving a testimony of God's work through the North American Mission Board ministry he leads in Southeast Missouri. We will also have Jon Sedgwick with us to give a testimony of God's work he leads thru NAMB in the Quad Cities. Both of these men will be sharing during the 4pm session of our meeting.

I hope all of you will make every effort to join us for this eventful meeting on October 11.

Blessings.....John Vernon

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

September is State Missions Offering Month. Your church should have received information about this offering which is sometimes called the Rubin L. South Offering. The biblical text for this year's offering is Hebrews 13:16 "Do good and share what you have for such sacrifices are pleasing to God".

Thanks to generous giving last year we reached the highest since 2001. 2016 focuses on three areas of ministry that correspond to the mission of making disciples, multiplying churches and developing leaders. What has your church set as it's goal this year?

When your church gives they will help:

1. Provide relief for victims of disasters.
2. Advance the ministries of the MO Baptist Children's Home
3. Train and send summer missionaries
4. Reach the nations whose people live in our state
5. Support Christian higher education
6. And much more

Together we can help reach our state(Judea) for Christ.

Mark your calendar:

Saturday, October 22, 1 –3pm

**Regional WMU Leadership Conference
Friendship Baptist Church, Dexter, MO**

Multi age level missions training, Project HELP(PTSD), Missions in China, Disaster Relief(child care), Operation Christmas Child, etc will be available.

Contact Pam Stark, Reg. WMU at bistark@windstream.net for more information

I am available to help your church start a missions group.

Kathy Blevins, Assoc. WMU Director

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

"Two can accomplish more than twice as much as one, for the results can be much better" (Eccl. 4:9). How much better are **15,499,173** working together? 15,499,173 is the current membership in one than **46,499** Southern Baptist churches across the United States, that baptized **305,301** people last year. And the "back-bone" of our SBC is the **SMALL BAPTIST CHURCH!** 67% of SBC churches have 100 members or less. Churches with more than 1,000 members contribute \$85.8 million to our Cooperative Program. However, churches with 250 members or less contribute nearly \$196 million. **Smaller churches drive our Cooperative Program!**

I encourage us all to;

- ⇒ **Pray.** Pray for harmony and unity for our **SBC, so that God will be exalted.**
- ⇒ **Be involved.** It is important to be faithful in our giving to **CP, so that God will be exalted.**
- ⇒ **Give.** Out of love for our Lord, give regularly to Him through our tithe and then our offerings, **so that God will be exalted.**

—Doug Austin

CHURCH PLANTING CENTER

A year of praying, planning, and bringing a Filipino missionary to our region once or twice a week has brought us to an incredible step of faith. Ednor Sebag has relocated his family from Springfield, MO, to Sikeston to work in establishing an International Church in the SEMO region. This is truly a Kingdom effort involving several churches and the Lighthouse. The lead church is FBC Sikeston. Miner Baptist Church is providing their missionary house. The Missouri Baptist Convention is providing a stipend for Ednor. The Lighthouse is providing Sunday afternoon worship space. Even so, we are approximately \$2000 a month short on supporting Ednor. We believe that churches in Southeast Missouri want to give to Kingdom mission efforts in the region. Would you prayerfully consider leading your church to give to the Church Planting Center in 2016.

Ednor is currently discipling two couples in four different locations: Poplar Bluff, Doniphan, Sikeston, and Cape Girardeau. Soon those couples will disciple other couples. As the multiplication occurs, a core group of a new church will be birthed. The group is also partnering with the Lighthouse this fall to do several International dinners at the Lighthouse. If your church would like to help with an International dinner, please contact me or Andrew Abbott.

Please pray for Ednor's efforts to reach Filipinos and International!

For the Kingdom!
Mike Parry

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

Greetings!

As you read this thousands of students are beginning their fall semester at SEMO. Many are still unpacking their room and seeking to determine who they will be. At this point in time they are more concerned with finding friends and fun than to even acknowledge the spiritual battle that is going on all around them.

Many have asked me what we need for the coming school year. My consistent response has been that we need prayer! We need people who are willing to intercede, and stand in the gap on behalf of thousands of students that will walk onto campuses across the country in the coming weeks. Therefore, I'm asking you to commit to pray for SEMO's student body and our ministry. Below you will find 7 specific things to help guide you during this time.

1. Pray that God would draw students to Himself. (John 6:44)
2. Pray that students would be convicted of sin. (John 16:8)
3. Pray students would connect in a local church. (Heb, 10:24)
4. Pray that students would repent and turn to Christ for salvation. (Luke 13:5), John 14:6, Acts 3:12)
5. Pray that students would grow in their knowledge and obedience of Christ. (Luke 6:46, 2 Peter 3:18)
6. Pray that students would be equipped, and engage in the work of the ministry. (Ephesians 4:11-13)
7. Pray that we would have boldness in sharing the gospel with those around us. (Acts 28:31, 2 Cor. 3:12)

Please keep our 19 student leaders in your prayers.,

For the Kingdom!
Andrew Abbott

PEACEFUL VALLEY CAMP

This summer was a busy time at Peaceful Valley Camp for not only the association's five camps this year but several other Christian church groups who held camps there. Volunteers gave many hours of their time to ready the camp for this season. Returning campers noticed right away that "bolder mountain" had been moved. The improvements in the landscaping, new shower house and almost finished "all season meeting room" were welcomed by those who came to camp.

Lives of campers were changed with some deciding to accept God's gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ, some renewed their commitment to God and learned to spend time with God in Bible Study and prayer. The camp is a wonderful place for sharing the Gospel and changing lives of those who spend time there.

Because of all the hard work from 0 so many and upon the completion of the building projects and upgrades the camps ran smoothly this year. We are blessed to have David Lawrence as our camp caretaker. He was able to move into the new caretaker's house before camp sessions began. He was on site to handle the few minor problems which arose.

Thank you to those who volunteered as counselors, nurses, directors, cooks and kitchen helpers.

I am still amazed at the number of people who have never been to the camp. The board is inviting you to come September 11 for an "open camp". We want you to see your camp and enjoy the beauty of Peaceful Valley. Each church has been asked to appoint a "Camp Ambassador" who will be the contact person for information about the camp to your church.

We invite you to use the camp for your church activities, family reunions, weddings, etc. Check out our website at www.peacefulvalleycamp.org and the associational website, www.capebaptist.net.

—Kathy Blevins, PVC Board Chrm.



Partnering together to advance the Kingdom of God locally and throughout the world.

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**OLD FASHIONED
TENT REVIVAL**

CURTIS OWENS, EVANGELIST

**AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 3
7PM EACH EVENING
JACKSON CITY PARK
BAND SHELL AREA ACROSS
FROM MCCOMBS FUNERAL
HOME**

**SEPTEMBER 5-10
7:00 PM - DELTA, MO
LOT NEXT TO FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH DELTA**

GOSPEL SINGING EACH NIGHT

**BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS TO
ENSURE SEATING**

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF AUGUST 1, 2016

	MONTHLY TOTALS	YTD TOTALS		
INCOME	23,836.31	116,423.49		
EXPENDITURES	17,173.80	102,648.74		
VARIANCE	6,662.51	13,774.75		
DESIGNATED FUNDS	BEGINNING BALANCE	CONTRIBUTIONS	EXPENDITURES	ENDING BALANCE
OPERATING CHK ACCT	48,424.57	23,836.31	17,173.80	55,087.08
DESIGNATED FUNDS	39,559.88	1,993.90	3,910.55	37,643.23