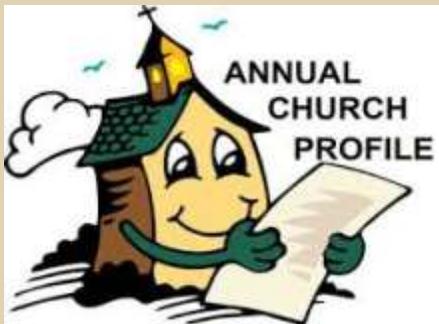


Cape Girardeau BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Partnering Together to Advance God's Kingdom



**Church ACP's are due at the
 Associational office on
 August 18.**

ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Tuesday, September 15

First Baptist, Scott City

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	Rock and Roll Biker
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

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY



As I was preparing for the mission trip to El Salvador I am making August 4-11, I was reminded of some good practices in Strategic Planning. Most, if not all, of us desire to do great things for God. Nido Qubein said "One of the greatest reasons people cannot mobilize themselves is that they try to do great things. Most worthwhile achievements are a result of many little things done in a single direction." This requires us to have a clear plan where we line up specific, simple activities in the direction we wish to go. I am convinced that whether in the context of church growth or church planting, many of these activities are the same. We struggle with doing them because we feel they are too simple or not grand enough.

While at boys camp this past month, Keith Vawter of the Missouri Baptist Children's Home, reminded us of the importance of being fishers of men. As fisherman we need to have a variety of lures to fish; we need a variety of methods to share the gospel. We were challenged to have a plan to actually share Christ with a set number of people each week. Without specific goals in defined time periods we tend to not do much, if anything. We understand that we do not save people because that is the work of Christ, however, we are called and commanded to do the work of an evangelist.

This was a timely reminder in light of my preparations. In order to start a new Bible Study, plant a new church, or grow an existing church, the steps are remarkably similar. We begin by telling people the gospel and asking them to respond. Jesus told us many will reject, but not all. We will continue to define, model, and explain the process to full maturity in Christ for those that accept. This process needs to be clear so each person knows where they are at and what they need to be doing (and becoming) in order to reach the next stage.

We pray through the entire process. Prayer is not an activity; it is an ongoing conversation with God. This is why Paul told us to pray without ceasing; he was urging us to keep the conversation with God going.

Let us not become distracted! We must keep our eyes on Jesus and follow the plan that he has given us. As Paul encourages us in Galatians 6:9 "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Blessings,
John Vernon

Greetings!

Here we are, a few weeks from move in day! Thousands of students from all over the world are preparing to converge on Southeast Missouri State University. These students are getting ready to enter into some of their most formative years. As such, they are shopping for their dorm room amenities and textbooks...but few are preparing spiritually.

As students prepare to travel to SEMO I would ask you to keep them in your prayers. Specifically, I would ask that you pray for their salvation and spiritual growth. The Apostle Paul had a similar prayer for the believers around Ephesus. Will you join me by interceding for these students?

"For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us." (Eph. 3:14-20, ESV)



God is doing a lot of exciting things through The Lighthouse. We are preparing for our yearly leadership training where we will spend two days training our 15 student leaders how to radically engage their campus as disciple makers. We will also prepare for our Welcome Week events. This year we are using "gospel appointments"...each one of our student leaders will be challenged to have 5 1-1 gospel appointments during the first week of class. This will result in 75 gospel presentations in 7 days!

We appreciate your support and covet your prayers as we enter in the trenches. We firmly believe that college campus is the most strategic mission field in the world, and count ourselves fortunate to minister on the college campus!

Christian Life

INTENTIONAL—VISIBLE—MEASUREABLE

“Speed of Light”

How fast does light travel? 186,000 miles a second!
669,600,000 million miles and hour! 16,070,400,000 miles in one day! Nothing in our universe or in our knowledge travels faster than the speed of light! In our everyday lives light travels from one place to another instantly. Did you ever wonder; why light travels at the incredible speed of 186,000 miles a second? 669,600,000 million miles and hour! 16,070,400,000 miles in one day! Because God, in Genesis 1:3 said: “Let there be light: **and there was light!**” Gods spoken word caused light to travel around the entire world in 1/8 of one second! **Now that is the Intentional—Visible—Measureable** power of God’s spoken word.

—Doug Austin

CHURCH PLANTING CENTER

Mike Parry, Director

Pray for these church planting efforts in Southeast Missouri!

1. There were 72 at the Filipino outreach in Doniphan this month! Pray for Emmanuel Baptist Church, Ednor Sebag, and Ed Moncada as they lead in this ministry.
2. Anchor Church in Sikeston
3. The Rock N Roll Church outreach Bible Study, Wednesdays in Sikeston.
4. A new Hispanic Bible study that will begin soon. Details will be forthcoming.

Our commitment with Jon Sedgwick and New Hope Baptist Church in Rock Falls, IL, has ended. We are grateful for the work Jon and Rhadonda continue to do. They will be transitioning to the Quad Cities as church planters and there will be opportunities for individual churches to partner with them in starting churches in the Quad Cities. We will share this information with you soon!

Financial Summary:

Balance Forward 10/1/2014	\$25,000.00
Income 10/1/2014-8/1/2015	3,969.57
Expenses 10/1/2014-8/1/2015	6,702.81
Balance as of 8/1/2015	22,266.76

Thanks for praying and giving!

PEACEFUL VALLEY UPDATE....

Doug Simminger, Board Chairman

Project Update on Camp Improvements

SHOWERHOUSE

Main electrical service is established, breaker panel is in place and energized. Floor trusses have been set and exterior walls are up. Roof trusses have been lifted into place and are ready for decking and roofing.

MANAGERS HOUSE

Basement walls have been formed and poured. Foundation coating and sealing is complete, as well as the underground plumbing rough-in. MO Baptist Builders will be on site soon to erect walls and roof!

SNACK SHACK

Exterior walls have a fresh coat of paint. Shingle roof has been replaced with a metal roof. New custom sign was made and installed.

WELL HOUSE

New booster pump was installed and a chlorination system was added to the water distribution system.

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Next time you purchase items from [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), please consider using Amazon Smile program. They will donate 0.5% of the purchase price (at no extra cost to you). Just tag “PEACEFUL VALLEY BAPTIST CAMP” as your charitable organization of choice.

We couldn’t do camp without the churches sending cooks to help each day. We so appreciate all of you.

Margaret, Linda, Georgia, Maggie, Olivia, and Ron & Joann



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

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FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JULY 1, 2015

	MONTHLY TOTALS	YTD TOTALS		
INCOME	19,494.13	100,786.16		
EXPENDITURES	18,961.00	98,964.05		
VARIANCE	533.13	1,822.11		
DESIGNATED FUNDS	BEGINNING BALANCE	CONTRIBUTIONS	EXPENDITURES	ENDING BALANCE
OPERATING CHK ACCT	41,602.92	19,494.13	18,961.00	42,136.05
DESIGNATED FUNDS	39,267.91	1,552.06	1,045.38	39,774.59



**Disaster Relief
 Training
 September 18-19
 Lynwood Baptist Church
 Watch for more info!**



Lighthouse Students in El Salvador

**SAVE THE DATE OCTOBER 12
 6:30pm, LYNWOOD BC—
 BCM FUNDRAISING BANQUET**