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Cape Girardeau BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Partnering Together to Advance God's Kingdom

CONTENDING
FOR THE FAITH

PASTORS & WIVES
SEMO REGIONAL
LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE

MARCH 6 & 7, 2015

6:30 PM Friday—Noon Saturday

**Conference Location:
FB Jackson**

Lodging: Comfort Suites Jackson

Cost:

\$125 per couple

\$40 per couple w/o lodging

Call 573-334-3511 to register

OUR CHURCHES

Advance First Baptist	Lithium
Allenville	Lynwood
Bethany	Marble Hill First Baptist
Bethlehem	Millersville First Baptist
Brushy Bible	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

CHURCH PLANTS

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

El Salvador church plants:
Santa Catarina Metapan
Apaneca Las Marias

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Changes often come with a new year and this year has already seen a few! If you are a pastor or staff member of your church, please consider joining us for the weekly Pastor's meeting each Tuesday at 11:00am. We share praises and requests to pray for one another as well as engage in spirited discussions. This year we have begun to take questions people are asking in our community and discussing what the Bible actually says about that subject. For example, this week's question was "Does the Bible forbid gambling?" Through developing our ability to clearly share a biblical perspective on real issues in our society, we are being equipped to minister more effectively to those in our community.

We also have witnessed First Baptist Marble Hill call Andrew Green as their new pastor, along with Brushy Bible who has called Gary Forsythe as their new pastor. Please welcome these new pastors into our association. Additionally, please continue to pray for First Baptist Delta and First Baptist Millersville as they continue to search for the man God is calling to serve as their respective pastor.

I continue to spend most of my time preparing and conducting training courses through the Bible Training Centre for Pastors/Leaders (BTCP/L). There are two new groups beginning soon. Calvary Baptist in Perryville will host a group that begins on February 26 and Perkins will begin theirs on March 3, both start at 6:00pm. If you are interested in participating in this course (Bible Study Methods & Rules of Interpretation), please contact me or the office by February 16.

I will be co-leading a missions conference at First Baptist, Macon, MO February 6-8 then fly to El Salvador with Mike Parry, Al Flohr, Jim Barnhart, Josh Boley, and Jensen Petersen to teach three different groups their next BTCP/L course on February 9-13. We will conclude that trip by training 17 El Salvadoran pastors as teachers of the BTCP. In future trips they will teach alongside us as we continue to mentor them so they can take full responsibility for this leadership equipping program in their country. Thank you for praying for us as we go!

Blessings,
John

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

The start of a new semester presents us with a unique opportunity to connect with previous students and meet new ones. God is doing mighty things on this campus and it is a privilege to labor where He is working.

This past semester was an exciting time for our ministry. We began a new dinner ministry, opened our facility and adopted a new on campus name. With all that said, our mission remains unchanged: to disciple collegians into life-long Kingdom laborers. This semester has brought great growth, both numerically and spiritually. Students are wrestling with the things of God and surrendering to His calling of life-on-life disciple making.

As we look to the future we expect continued growth in our Monday night dinner ministry. The only way that we are able to engage students in this is with the help of local churches. We ask that a church provide five members who would bring in food for 35. However, we also ask that these individuals interact with students in conversation that builds relationships and connects them with the local church. Would your church consider committing ONE night a semester to this ministry? We currently have six open spots and need them filled as soon as possible. Please contact me if you are considering partnering with us in this area.

As our ministry grows it is becoming increasingly clear that we must add new financial partners to continue the work here. Over 58% of our received contributions are provided for through direct local church support. Currently 15 churches give directly to our ministry. Would you consider being the 16th? If you are interested in finding out how your church can partner with us please let me know. I look forward to the opportunity to speak with you or your church about this Kingdom effort.

We are grateful for all the support we receive and the hours of hard work that many of have given to God through this ministry.. We ask for your continued prayers. Please pray for the thousands of students that have recently flooded our campus. Ask God to begin a movement that results in a multiplication of disciples that honor Him through obedience and missional living!

Andrew Abbott
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CHURCH DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Our passion is to see a great and sweeping revival among our land and see all people come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and grow in spiritual maturity. Imagine what this would mean: Towns and cities that see a noticeable reduction in crime, AS great reduction in drug abuse and drunkenness, Marriage and family being held in honor in our society, Families that are strong, vibrant and loving, Television, magazines, and the Internet not being polluted with sexuality, God being glorified in His people! How can we do this. It starts with everyone becoming an intentional disciple-maker. Stay tuned to find out more about how you can do this.

Regional VBS Team Training Institute
Saturday, March 21, 2015
Lynwood Baptist Church
8:15am-2:30pm

Registration Fee: \$8.00 if registered before 2/16
\$12:00 if registered on or after 2/16 including at the door
Register online at mobaptist.org
Fee includes materials, light breakfast and lunch

Conferences for all ages including Youth and Adults



February 2015

Intentional - Visible - Measureable

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 **15,872,404**? This is the current membership in more than **46,034** Southern Baptist churches across the United States, that baptized **314,956** people last year. However, with a global population exceeding 6.5 billion and a command to take the gospel to every nation. We need to improve our cooperative efforts if we are going to fulfill Christ’s command.

Pray. Pray regularly for our missionaries in Missouri And around the globe.

Go. Be involved in some sort of missions endeavor. Home, State, World. “Go...make disciples of all Nations.”

Give. Out of love for the Lord, give regularly to **HIM** through our church. Discover the blessings of giving beyond the tithe.

“A rising tide floats all boats”.

I encourage all of us to be **Intentional—Visible—Measurable** with our Cooperative Program

Doug Austin

CHURCH PLANTING CENTER (CPC)

The Church Planting Center of SEMO (as a new regional entity) has been functioning since January 1. This month, Brittany Vernon has served us well as an intern from Union University. In consultation with the CPC Board, Brittany has developed a logo and website for the CPC of SEMO, as well as some other promotional material. The website is still under construction but take time to to and look at Brittany’s work at: **www.cpcsemo.com**

Please pray for all our church plants in the region, but especially pray for these specific requests:

1. **Anchor Church** as they are taking a step of transition and growth to be responsible for their finances.
2. **Lamplighter Cowboy Church** in Patton as they make decisions about a meeting place.
3. **Filapino Mission** in Doniphan as they organize for outreach, discipleship, and ministry.

Let’s keep praying that God will raise up workers in the harvest found in Southeast Missouri!

For the Kingdom
Mike Parry

PEACEFUL VALLEY UPDATE....

Preparations for the summer camps are going along well. We are in the process of gutting the camp house(because of an electrical fire) to rewire it and make improvements. We appreciate the volunteers that have given their skills and time.

We are getting lights installed in the ball field which will provide night time use for the camps.

Repairs continue from the damages by the strong winds last year. Those projects will be completed before summer.

— Ed Knous, Camp Manager



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**PVC Project Update**  
**Doug Simminger, Board Chairman**

The **Cooks Cabin** is progressing

1. Vinyl siding is 60% complete.
2. Interior stud framing 95% complete
3. Plumbing is 20%complete

As soon as the framing is completed, the wiring and insulation will commence.

The **ShowerHouse** is under way!

1. The concrete foundation has been poured.
2. The concrete walls have been formed and poured.

As soon as weather permits, we will begin on the exterior foundation coating and interior plumbing rough-in.

The **Expanded Parking** area.

1. Gravel has been delivered. It will be spread in a few weeks.

The Peaceful Valley Camp Board suggested a Sunday be designated for Peaceful Valley Camp Offering. There are many projects needed that were not budgeted. If any church would like to participate, March 15, 2015 is the suggested Sunday. Please mail any offerings collected to Peaceful Valley Camp, 22199 Peaceful Valley Dr., St. Mary, MO 63673.



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 EASTER OFFERING

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR  
 NORTH AMERICAN  
 MISSIONS  
 MARCH 1—8

STATE OFFERING GOAL:  
 \$2 MILLION<sup>2S0Ja</sup>

PEACEFUL VALLEY CAMP  
 DATES

Youth Camp—July 13-17  
 Overnite Camp—July 17-18  
**Girl's Camp**—July 20-24  
**Boy's Camp**—July 27-31

Cost: \$110.00 per camper  
 Overnite: \$15 per person

## FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2015

|                    | MONTHLY TOTALS    | YTD TOTALS    |              |                |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| INCOME             | 16,667.55         | 60,051.14     |              |                |
| EXPENDITURES       | 16,636.96         | 75820.46      |              |                |
| VARIANCE           | 40.59             | 15,766.32-    |              |                |
| DESIGNATED FUNDS   | BEGINNING BALANCE | CONTRIBUTIONS | EXPENDITURES | ENDING BALANCE |
| OPERATING CHK ACCT | 40,091.71         | 18,162.55     | 17,662.50    | 40,591.66      |
| DESIGNATED FUNDS   | 38,721.16         | 603.12        | 399.96       | 38,924.32      |
| CAMP IMPROVEMENT   | 3,637.38          | 0             | 0            | 3,657.38       |