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Ministering Together to
Build God's Kingdom



“Glory to God in the Highest, Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men”

May your families be blessed with a Joyous Holiday!

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DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

What an amazing God we serve! He not only calls us and prepares us but he actually goes before us, starting the work he invites us to participate with him in accomplishing. When we planned the El Salvador mission trip we could not have imaged all that the Lord had in mind for us. The team of 17 included members of First Baptist Millersville, Grace Baptist of Arnold MO, First Baptist Oak Ridge, Fruitland Community, Bethany Baptist, and Heritage Hills Baptist of Santa Claus IN. This team served the Lord and his local church through construction of a new church building; evangelism in two towns (Apaneca and Santa Caterina); evangelism in two schools; teaching of men, women, youth, and children; and leading the Pastors' Conference. During the evangelism, we witnessed 19 people give their lives to Jesus and another 6 who rededicated themselves to him. Two of the people that received Christ were a father and son!

During the Pastors' conference four of us taught the pastors about the process of making disciples. It was a good reminder to us all that we must be intentionally meeting lost people to share the gospel. As we disciple believers, we must also instruct them about the stages of growth and the process of discipling. All of this takes great intentionality and understanding of what we are doing and why.

As I reflected on this part of our training it occurred to me that we need to model this through every part of a disciple's development. The evangelism/discipleship process is the first part of our growth. As we reach maturity as a disciple (obviously with much still to be learned), we are then ready to enter into leadership development. It is my conviction that every believer is created in Christ to become a leader; the only thing in question is the extent of their leadership, which ironically is directly tied to their faithfulness in serving and preparation for future service. Therefore, we all need an intentional plan to develop as leaders and that we can share with those we are given the opportunity to lead. I encourage you to reflect on your personal development plan.

We are continuing to offer leadership training through the Bible Training Center for Pastors and Leaders (BTCPL) after the first of the year. At this time we already know there will be a new group meeting in St. Mary at Trinity Baptist Church to begin going through this process. Those who have completed the first module will be able to advance to the second module with their group in Jackson at the associational office.

As we move forward in training leaders in El Salvador we will be looking for people who are using the BTCPL locally for leadership development and are willing to travel to El Salvador to train there. Such an approach greatly increases the credibility of the trainer and the system being taught. It is my prayer that it will also lead to an abundance of locally trained leaders here so we can advance more quickly in the next stage of the overall process which is church planting.

May the Lord bless you this Christmas season!

John

FBC JACKSON WELCOMES NEW STAFF

Sr. Pastor
Lucas Clabough
Associate Pastor
Bill Poyer
(Former Minister of Music)
Minister of Missions & Students
Aaron Brown
Minister of Worship & Media
Josh Hensley

Pray for these men as they serve at Jackson FBC.

PRAY FOR THESE ASSOCIATIONAL CHURCH PLANTS

Anchor, Sikeston MO
God's Country Cowboy Church, Fredericktown MO and
Patton, MO
Rock and Roll Church, Poplar Bluff MO
Rock and Roll Church, Marion IL
New Hope, Rock Falls IL
El Salvador Church plants in Santa Catarina, Metapan and
Apaneca, Contregacion Bautista Arca de Salvacion, Las
Marias, El Salvador, Barabbas Road Baptist Church, San
Diego, CA, Belarus and Mexico

DECEMBER EVENTS

- ♦ *December 2—Basic Budget Seminar
6:30-8:30pm, Assoc. Office*
- ♦ *December 5—Minister/Spouse Christmas Dinner, 6:30pm, Fruitland Community Church, Call 334-3511*
- ♦ *December 6—Assoc. Youth Lock-in,
Red Star Baptist Church, 6:30pm
To 7am Saturday morning.*
- ♦ *December 7—Life Nativity, 4:30-
8:30pm, Caney Fork Baptist Church,
No cost, refreshments served.*
- ♦ *December 7-8 Bethlehem Village of
Hope, FBC Delta, 4-8pm, No cost,
Refreshments served.*
- ♦ *December 14 -Old Fashion Christmas
Show, Saline Baptist Pavillion, 6:30pm*

Peaceful Valley 2014

Girl's Camp—July 14-18

1st& 2nd Grd. O/N-July 18-19

Youth Camp—July 21-25

Boy's Camp—July 28-Aug. 1

New Shower House & Cook/Nurse Shack

Doug Simminger, Camp Committee Chrm. is making great progress in getting fixtures, electrical items, partitions, etc. for the new Camp Shower House. We are receiving donations for Camp Improvements and we will need many volunteers when the building begins.

Midwest Ministry Care Center, Professional Christian Counseling in Cape Gir.,MO. If you or anyone you know needs Professional Christian Counseling please call 573-334-3964.

SOUTHEAST BSU

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION
SOUTHEASTBSU.COM

As students enter into the final stretch of the semester it's evident that the stress of it all is coming to a head. However, as we walk through 1 John we bask in the truth that those who have been born again are children of God! We are encouraged and thankful for the fact that our adoption into God's family was not something we earned. Instead, it was lavished on us by Christ.

On November 25th the BSU held a Thanksgiving Dinner with the expressed purpose to love and serve the student body in the name of Jesus. The dinner was held at Bethany Baptist Church, and was made possible due to numerous contributions from churches all over this region! Through the course of the evening we were able to serve 30 students from all over the world!

As the semester comes to an end the BSU will once again be packing survival bags to hand out to students for finals week. This is a stressful time for students, and this is a tangible way to show them the love of Christ. We pray that these bags may provide us the opportunity to share the gospel with a group that desperately needs it. Our goal this semester is to pack 200 bags. However, in order to do this we need your help! Would you prayerfully consider making a financial contribution towards helping us fill bags? If you are able, please send it to PO Box 1983, Cape Girardeau, MO 63702

As always, I am thankful for your continued support and partnership as we seek to proclaim the gospel to the 12,000 students of Southeast Missouri State University. In a fatherless world it is an encouraging reality that we have a Father who will never forsake us. As we all enter into the holiday season let us remember, dwell on and act upon the love that was shown to us on the cross.

Because of Jesus,
Andrew Abbott



*A community of Churches assisting each other
in carrying out God's Great Commission!*

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Same name but new website. We are making communication with everyone in the association easier and newer! We would like you to go to the member page and add yourself to our member list, providing (at least) an email address and cell phone number. By having your cell phone and email, we can text you about committee meetings, upcoming events, camp news, mission projects, etc. We can also help churches set up a website at minimal cost.

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2013
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Income	Month Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
	\$14,170.35	27,730.73	18,723	-4552.65
Expenditures				
	\$20,390.71	35,896.91	18,723	-1,667.71
Excess/Deficit				-8,116.18
Designated Fund				
Opening Balance	\$57,522.36			
Plus Contributions	1,180.13			
Less Expenditures	1,500.00			
Ending Balance	\$57,202.49			

**The Association Mission
Center will be closed
December 23-Jan. 1
For the Christmas
Holiday.
If you need assistance
during that time please
call/text John Vernon
at
273-275-9339 or email**