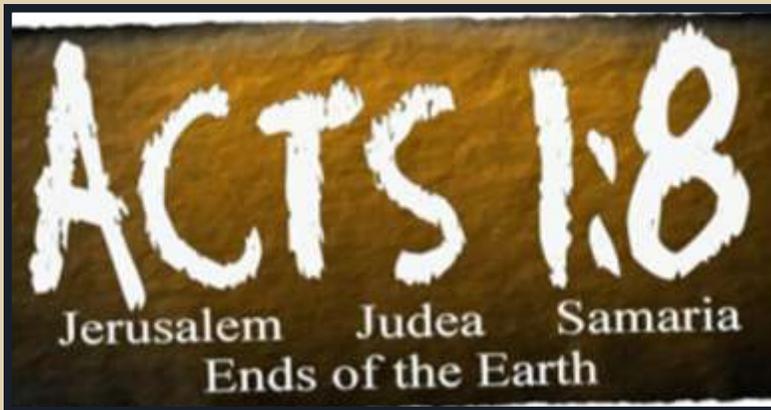




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# Cape Girardeau BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Ministering Together to Build God's Kingdom



## ACTS 1:8 CONFERENCE

### Connected to Serve

*Friday, February 28, 6:30 p.m.  
Connected to The Vine*  
*Saturday, March 1, 6:00 p.m.  
Connected Locally*  
*Sunday, March 2, 6:00 p.m.  
Connected Beyond*

First Baptist Church, Millersville, MO.

## 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

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 in:  
Santa Catarina  
Metapan  
Apaneca  
Las Marias

## DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

There have been a few changes since the last newsletter. I am sure many of you have noticed that Margaret has not been answering the phones at the office this past month. She is doing well but is in Phoenix AZ assisting her sister through the end of February. Please be in prayer for them during this time. Additionally, Don Operle resigned as our camp manager this past month. Please also remember him as he transitions to Jackson and starts a new chapter in his life. Our new camp manager is Brother Allan Fletchall, the bi-vocational pastor of Iona Baptist Church where he will continue serving as he assumes this new role. He has extensive experience in maintenance and is eager to get started at the camp. Join me in welcoming him in this new position.

We also have completed the bathroom downstairs at the association office! If you have been wanting to attend the Pastors' meeting, Executive Board meetings, or the BTCP training but were unable because of the lack of an accessible bathroom, you can now come. We have made it handicap accessible as well. We are so thankful for the many people who helped make this a reality!

The SEMO Regional Pastors & Wives Leadership Conference will be March 7-8 at Lynwood Baptist Church this year. The cost is \$35/couple plus an additional \$65 for

lodging should you need a room. Mark Snowden will be our keynote speaker. He is a leader in the field of Orality, having written several books and small group Bible studies utilizing storying. He has a heart for God and His kingdom, serving to equip leaders and potential leaders in the churches as well as engaging in church planting. Mrs. Mary Ann Randall will lead breakout sessions for the women. She has used Bible storying to train disciples in her church and in West Africa among the unreached, unengaged peoples there. Worship will be led by Evidence Sings, a group of four talented women from the St. Louis area. Please call me or the office to make your reservation!

Blessings,  
John

## SOUTHEAST BSU CAMPUS MINISTER

As we enter into the Spring Semester it's exciting to see Southeast Missouri State come back to life! God blessed us greatly last semester and I look forward to what He is going to do from now until May. Currently, I am using the next four weeks to preach through parts of Acts as we seek to build a foundation that is centered on the gospel, community and mission.

In Acts 1 we find the Church in a place of preparation. Christ had just given them a call to reach the nations, promised them the Holy Spirit and ascended. Just like that, He was gone. Here we find these followers left gazing into the

sky, I'm sure feeling the weight and breadth of what God had called them to. However, instead of going into a panic, forming committees or drafting strategy plans these men and women sought God in prayer. This time of prayer was foundational to the ministry that they were gearing up for. In fact, you and I are reading this as believers who are a direct result of the mission that these people were called to. A mission that began in prayer. As we enter into this next semester I am asking all people to saturate the BSU ministry in prayer. I've heard it said that prayer is the hard work and everything else is just gathering the results. Would you join us in that hard work?

Over the course of the semester I am going to use this space to give some insight into the mind of a college student. Specifically, I hope this information will help you and your church reach this generation for Christ. I've made a few observations and can say that this generation is unlike any other. They are connected to the world, overloaded with information, looking for a cause to champion, relationally driven and searching for an identity. Ultimately, this is a group that desperately needs the Church and the message of redemption that it is the steward of! I'm excited to share and process with you as we walk through the mind of a 20 something.

As we begin the New Year I would love the opportunity to share with you or your church the vision God has given me to reach this people group. If there is ever any way that the BSU can serve you please let me know. May we continue to be faithful to proclaim the message of the Gospel to a world that desperately needs it!

Because of Jesus,  
Andrew Abbott

## FORMAL BANQUET FUNDRAISER FOR RESTORING THE POOL AT PEACEFUL VALLEY BAPTIST CAMP

The Acteens and Girls in Action of First Baptist Jackson are hosting a formal banquet on February 15th beginning at 6:00 p.m. to raise funds to purchase and install a new pool liner in the pool at Peaceful Valley. Tickets are \$30/plate and seating is limited to 80 people. **The deadline is February 12th to purchase your ticket but don't wait until the last minute or there may not be any left.** Please call the office of First Baptist to make your reservation: (573) 243-8415. Checks should be made out to First Baptist Jackson. 100% of the ticket price goes to the camp pool project.

## PARTNERSHIP WITH CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP (CEF)

Southeast Missouri has been selected by CEF as their pioneer area for Summer 2014. In preparation, we have set April 25-26 as a two day training opportunity for youth age 13-18 and college students. During the training we will address child protection policies, how to share the gospel, how to prepare and teach a Bible lesson, and how to tell a missionary story. The training begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and concludes Saturday afternoon. Red Star Baptist Church has graciously agreed to host the event in the recreation center where we will also enjoy other fun activities throughout the night. Those who are at least 16 and complete the training will be invited to Hannibal MO to attend a two week training CEF leads each summer for their summer missionaries. In the first week of July these trained leaders will lead teams around our area engaging our community through Block Parties, Backyard Bible Clubs, and other ways our churches **develop plans for them to engage. Don't miss this opportunity to train the young leaders in your churches!**

## THE SOWING IN TEARS CONFERENCE

If you have access to the internet, please follow the link to listen to the sessions: <http://mobaptist.org/evangelism/sowing/>. If you do not have access, stop by the association office to access these. All the speakers were challenging and carried a message we need to hear. If time simply does not permit you to listen to all of them, please **listen to Nik Ripken's two messages and then Sammy Tippit. You will be glad you did!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS



### BIBLE TRAINING CENTER FOR PASTORS/LEADERS

It is not too late to sign up for the Bible Study Methods and Rules of Interpretation course. It begins February 4th at 6:00 p.m. and is hosted by Trinity Baptist Church in St. Mary, MO. For those wishing to carpool, there will be a vehicle leaving from the association office at 5:15 p.m. Please call the office to let us know if you wish to ride. Adam Pearson and John Vernon will be co-leading this course.

### 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

### MIDWEST MINISTRY CARE CENTER

Professional Christian Counseling in Cape Gir., MO. If you or anyone you know needs Professional Christian Counseling please call 573-334-4600.



### SEMO REGIONAL PASTORS & WIVES LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Mark Snowden is leading this conference. He leads orality workshops, writes Bible studies for small groups that use Bible Storying, and disciples believers to plant churches that multiply. Mrs. Mary Ann Randall will lead the breakout sessions for the women and also uses Bible Storying to train disciples. The conference is March 7 & 8, hosted by Lynwood Baptist. It begins with dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 7. Please contact the association office by February 12th to register for this event.



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in carrying out God's Great Commission!

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#### WMU 125TH BIRTHDAY BASH

Saturday, February 8, 2014  
Noon — hosted by Red Star Baptist

#### FORMAL BANQUET FUNDRAISER FOR PEACEFUL VALLEY CAMP

Saturday, February 15  
6:00pm—First Baptist, Jackson  
Tickets are \$30, seating is limited

#### ACTS 1:8 CONFERENCE

Friday, February 28  
6:30pm—First Baptist, Millersville

## FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2014

	MONTH ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$16,978.84	60,467.11	
EXPENDITURES	\$16,377.40	70,239.28	\$74,892.00
VARIANCE	\$601.44	\$9,772.17-	
ENDING CHECKING	\$68,128.04		
<b>DESIGNATED FUNDS</b>			
OPENING BALANCE	\$57,202.49		
PLUS CONTRIBUTIONS	10,259.52		
LESS EXPENDITURES	949.47		
ENDING BALANCE	\$66,512.54		