

Cape Girardeau BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Ministering Together to Build God's Kingdom



ACTS 1:8 CONFERENCE

February 28—March 2, 2014

First Baptist Church Millersville, MO.

Watch for update in February Newsletter.

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

Happy New Year!

Traditionally this is a time when people examine their life and resolve to make what they deem to be needed changes. I believe this is a good tradition because it creates a time on the calendar for us to be intentional about the way we live our lives. James W. Sire wrote in his book The Universe Next Door: A Basic Worldview Catalogue, “we will live either the examined life or the unexamined life. It is the assumption of the author that the examined life is better.” So let us examine our lives.

Our examination must begin with our minds. Are we practicing the renewal of our minds so that we are increasing in our knowledge of Christ? (Romans 12:2; 2 Peter 3:18) We must do this so we know how to live. As we examine our lives we compare ourselves to Christ, and Him alone. He is the One that demonstrated for us how to live according to the purpose we were created. What habits will we develop this year to achieve this?

Next, let our examination continue to **our hearts**. **Luke 6:45** states “A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks **what the heart is full of.**” **Therefore**, to examine our heart we need to consider the things we say and the manner in which we say them. This will reveal pride, anger, prejudice, humility, patience, love; whatever is stored in your heart. If the things you discover are not consistent with the character of Christ, then ask Him to show you why and to

purge you from those things. (Psalm 139:23-24)

Finally, let us examine our actions. Do they honor God? Are we engaging in **doing the “good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do”** (Eph. 2:10)? While the specific acts may vary, the substance will always be related to worship, compassion, love, sharing the good news of Jesus, making disciples, and equipping leaders. We are ministers of reconciliation according to 2 Corinthians 5:11-21. Let us increase in doing the things which bring people to the point of reconciliation with God so they can experience Immanuel in their life each and every day!

Blessings,
John

SOUTHEAST BSU CAMPUS MINISTER

Just like that the fall semester is in the books.

Through the course of the semester we were able to see two people come to faith in Christ and countless others grow **in their relationship with God**. **It's a privilege to be on the frontline and see what God is doing in the lives of students at Southeast.**

As we transition into the spring we are asking some of our students step into **leadership positions**. **It's an encouragement to serve alongside students who are willing and eager to give of themselves so that their peers may know Christ**. **We are called to be Christ's ambassadors**, and we have a faithful group of students that are living that out in their daily life.

Finals week is often a time of desperation for many students. In order to be a blessing to these students we gave away **200 “survival bags”**. **These bags contained highlighters, pens, oatmeal, Ramen, granola bars and a variety of other things**. We also included a brief message explaining the Gospel and posing the same question that Jesus asked in Matthew 16--“**Who do you say that I am**”. **I am certain that this is one of the most important questions that students can ask themselves as they examine their faith**. This proved to be fruitful as we were able to engage many students in spiritual conversation surrounding this crucial question. These bags would not have been possible without the generous contributions of many churches in this region. Thank you for being a blessing to the students at Southeast! Please pray that God uses these bags to be a blessing and lead them to consider the things of God.

Winter break can be a spiritual wasteland for many students. Most of them become accustomed to the accountability, fellowship and encouragement that is provided through campus ministry. This week 12,000 students will head home to spend time with their loved ones. Would you pray for them-- that their break would be spiritually beneficial, and that they would not check out of the mission when they check out of the dorm?

Because of Jesus,
Andrew

HAVE A BLESSED NEW YEAR!

MIDWEST CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION

Div Courses being offered Spring 2014 through Hannibal-LaGrange University at the Midwest Center for Spiritual Transformation:

B1B143: Biblical Interpretation (3 hours)

Introduces students to the history, methods, tools, and principles of biblical interpretation; gives practical attention to the structure and characteristics of Scripture. This course emphasis the inductive approach to Bible Study.

PHL213: Introduction to Philosophy (3 hours)

Surveys the basic problems, procedures, and systems of philosophy. Assists students in developing a critical and constructive attitude toward knowledge.

Please contact Dr. Kevin Coffee at Lynwood Baptist Church, 2935 Lynwood Hills Dr, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 with any questions or to enroll. Phone number is (573)334-4600.

BIBLE TRAINING CENTER FOR PASTORS AND LEADERS

COURSE #1: Bible Study Methods and Rules of Interpretation

Each Tuesday January 28—March 25 from 6pm—9pm at Trinity Baptist Church St. Mary, MO.

COURSE #2: Old Testament Survey

Each Monday January 27—July 14 from 6pm—9pm at Cape Girardeau Baptist Association Conference Room.

Please contact John Vernon at the Associational Office for more information or to register. Phone number is (573)275-9339.

UPCOMING EVENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS



WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2014?

Mark your calendar now for the 7th annual Children's Ministry Day.

This year's theme is GenerationReach. Boys & girls across North America will be reaching out to all generations with the love of Jesus. Lead your church to plan a CMD project that will encourage your children to participate in hands-on ministry in your church, community, or across the state.

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.



LAMPLIGHTER COWBOY CHURCH

"Let God be a lamp unto your feet and a Light onto your path."

This new church plant is located at Hwy 51 North beside the Bank of Missouri in Patton, MO. They meet on Sunday and Thursday at 6:30pm. Steve Francis, Pastor



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ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 16, 2014
 10:00am—Association Office

ASSOCIATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

Tuesday, January 21
 7:00pm—Association Office

YOUTH LEADERS MEETING

Thursday, January 9
 7:00pm—Bethlehem Baptist Church

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2013

	MONTH ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$14,527.42	42,258.15	
EXPENDITURES	\$17,122.73	53,019.64	\$56,169.00
VARIANCE	\$2,595.31-	\$10,761.49-	
ENDING CHECKING	\$71,898.29		
DESIGNATED FUNDS			
OPENING BALANCE	\$57,522.36		
PLUS CONTRIBUTIONS	1,180.13		
LESS EXPENDITURES	1,500.00		
ENDING BALANCE	\$57,202.49		