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OUR CHURCHES

Advance First Baptist	Lithium
Allenville	Lynwood
Bethany	Marble Hill First Baptist
Bethlehem	Millersville First Baptist
Brush Creek Missionary	New Bethel
Brushy Bible	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
 Lamplighter 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

Happy New Year!

As you begin the new year I want to take a moment to simply express my heartfelt appreciation for each one of you. It is a great joy to serve as your Director of Missions and my life is continually blessed by knowing you all. As Janet and I consider all that you mean to us, Paul's words in 1 Thessalonians 1:2-4 seem to summarize very well our feelings for you all: "We always thank God for all of you, remembering you constantly in our prayers. We recall, in the presence of our God and Father, your work of faith, labor of love, and endurance of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, knowing your election, brothers loved by God." Though the road God has placed you on may be long and tiring at times, know that the end goal is worth immeasurable more than we are called to endure.

As you consider the work God has given you this year, let me encourage you to write it down and refer back to it often. Identify the things that matter most so you can push away good things that will distract you from the work God has given you to accomplish. I am endeavoring to do this as well and have identified three areas I believe I am called to be about this coming year.

First, God continues to reaffirm the necessity of leadership development. Therefore, I intend to continue engaging in the Bible Training Center for Pastors/Leaders (BTCP/L), Hannibal-LaGrange classes through Lynwood Baptist and the ADVANCE program in Sikeston, and mentoring pastors and leaders individually.

Second, God is focused on seeing the gospel penetrate all the unique peoples of the world. He calls me and other believers to do the same. Consequently, I will continue to seek opportunities to engage the peoples of the world with the gospel and equip believers among them to fully saturate their people with the gospel as they themselves begin to engage other unreached peoples. This is why we will be training El Salvadoran leaders to be trainers for the BYTCP/L this coming February. We will send teams three times in 2015 to co-teach with these newly trained leaders.

Third, God loves His church and desires it to reach the fullness of Christ. The Church Development Team will be instrumental this year in helping individual churches identify areas they wish to more fully develop. The team will then facilitate the church in creating plans to bring about the desired development.

If it has been a while since you have participated in the Tuesday morning pastors study and fellowship, or perhaps you have never attended, let me encourage you to begin in January. We meet at 11:00am and have pastors and other leaders in local churches attend. We will finish our current book study the first part of January then we will likely move to a different format. I am proposing that we discuss a current issue, or question of our day, together each week. This will serve to better equip us as we lead the people God has entrusted to our watch-care while also deepening our understanding and appreciation of one other.

Blessings,
John

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

With another semester complete at Southeast Missouri State, it's encouraging to look back and see all that God has done. It's equally exciting to dream about all that He will do! As we move into a new semester we are looking to fill our calendar with church visits. We would love to come and share about God's work at Southeast! Also, one of the most successful ministries we have begun this school year is our Monday night dinners. We provide a free, no strings attached, meal for SEMO students. These meals provide a safe place for students to meet one another. They also provide many opportunities for gospel-centered conversations. In order to do this we need churches who will bring food and people who are willing to interact and get to know students! If you are interested in us visiting your church or sponsoring a meal, I encourage you to contact me for available dates and questions.

Prayer is vital to any work of God. With 2015 upon us would you make a commitment to pray for our ministry? We are engaged in a spiritual battle, and fully believe that God responds to the prayers of His people. Will you join us in prayer for the below?

- Pray for our new leaders. Students continue to join our leadership team.
- Pray they would learn what it means to make disciples and engage their fellow students with the gospel.
- Pray that students continue to connect with the local church!
- Pray that our Monday night meals would all get sponsored this semester.
- Pray our small groups will build one another up in the gospel.
- Pray our Spring Break mission trip.
- Pray for the six students travelling to El Salvador in June.

We would like to thank you for all the support you have given to us, and we look forward to God glorifying 2015! It's a pleasure to serve alongside you in Southeast Missouri.

Because of Jesus,
Andrew Abbott
(573) 275-5532

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Our Lord Jesus Christ, before He ascended into heaven, gave the church instructions for what must be done until He returns. Jesus said: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age: (Matt. 28:18-20 ESV). The Church Development Team exists to help churches make disciples and we hope to soon communicate more details how we wish to do so.

Blessings, Jeremy Sells

CHRISTIAN LIFE

January 2015

Intentional - Visible - Measureable

Sanctity of Life is the focus across our SBC in the month of January. I tell you upfront, I dislike Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Not because I think it unbiblical. **No!** Scripture is clear with **God's** wrath at the shedding of innocent blood. I dislike Sanctity of Human Life Sunday because I'm reminded that we have to say things to one another that human beings should never have to say.

- ◆ **Mothers shouldn't kill their children.**
- ◆ **Fathers shouldn't abandon their babies.**
- ◆ **No human life is worthless.**

The very fact that these things must be proclaimed is a reminder of the horrors of this present darkness, and how far we have drifted from God. Will you be **Intentional - Visible - Measureable** in this matter.

56,662,169 Abortions in America Since 1973

Doug Austin

CHURCH PLANTING CENTER (CPC)

It's exciting to see church planting growing in our area and in the hearts of those in and from Southeast Missouri. Our CPC has been supporting Jon Sedgwick in planting New Hope Baptist Church in Rock Falls, Illinois. Here is a brief note from Jon:

When Rhadonda and I move to northwest Illinois it was a great change in both in location (from Oak Ridge, MO to Rock Falls, IL) and ministry (From pastor to church planter). God continues to bring changes in us as He leads our life in His kingdom work. Beginning in 2015 our ministry will be expanding west to include the Quad Cities. We will be working with the established churches of the Quad Cities Area Association in promoting new outreach Bible studies and other mission projects to reach the lost. During this next year we will also be seeking God's direction in where we are to plant a new church in the Quad Cities area. Please pray as we expand our ministry and continue to pray for our current work at New Hope in Rock Falls.

Take a moment to pray for Jon and Rhadonda as they minister at New Hope and begin to transition to Quad Cities!

For the Kingdom!
Mike Parry

WELCOME NEW PASTORS

FBC MARBLE HILL— ANDREW GREEN

BRUSHY BIBLE BAPTIST— GARY FORSYTHE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 15 - Association Council Meets at 10:00am, Assoc. Office

January 19—Association Executive Board meets at 7pm, Assoc. Office

MINISTERS/STAFF MEET EVERY TUESDAY (unless prior notification) 11:00AM AT THE ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICE.

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PEACEFUL VALLEY CAMP

2015

**YOUTH CAMP—JULY 14-18
Grades 7-12 (completed)**

**1st & 2nd Grade Overnite
JULY 18-19**

**GIRL'S CAMP—JULY 21-25
Grades 3-6 (completed)**

**BOY'S CAMP—JULY 28-AUGUST 1
Grades 3-6 (completed)**



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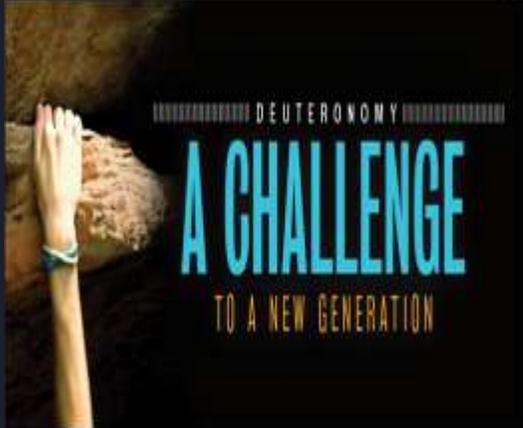
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2015 JANUARY BIBLE STUDY

THANK YOU

I am so grateful for the weeks you allowed me to spend with my sister as she battled cancer. Thank you for your prayers, cards and acts of kindness. I had so many opportunities to share God's love with the care-givers and give Him the glory for his watch care over Mary and her family.

—Margaret Tallent

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2014

	MONTHLY TOTALS	YTD TOTALS		
INCOME	13,872.56	245,549.98		
EXPENDITURES	28,033.12	288,121.09		
VARIANCE	14,160.56-	42,571.11-		
DESIGNATED FUNDS	BEGINNING BALANCE	CONTRIBUTIONS	EXPENDITURES	ENDING BALANCE
OPERATING CHK ACCT	54,252.27	13,872.56	28,033.12	40,091.71
DESIGNATED FUNDS	57,349.44	588.52	19,216.80	38,721.16
CAMP IMPROVEMENT	42,682.38	975.00	40,000.00	3,657.38