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Cape Girardeau BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Partnering Together to Advance God's Kingdom

**HERE
I AM SEND
ME.**

ISAIAH 6:8

North American Missions

Goal: \$70 Million

**ANNIE
ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING®**



**North American
Mission Board**

OUR CHURCHES

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

CHURCH PLANTS

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

El Salvador church partners:
Santa Catarina Las Marias
Apaneca El Triunfo

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Greetings,

I want to make everyone aware of some ministry opportunities on our horizon. I am doing so now in order for you to begin praying and thinking about them prior to our next Executive Board meeting scheduled on April 25 at 7:00pm. The pastor of each church in our association is automatically on the Executive Board. In addition, each church should have elected a member to serve on the Executive Board as a voting member. Currently we have 15 churches who either have not elected a member or have not made us aware of that member. Let me encourage you to select someone at your next business meeting if you do not have a representative. Please select someone who would be interested in informing your church about the ministries of our association.

During this meeting I would like for us to discuss how to help the Baptist Collegiate Ministries acquire their own, permanent building. They currently are renting a space and have proven over the past two years that it is vital to the success of their ministry to have a fixed location to be used at their discretion. Please come prepared with some ideas of how we might proceed with this.

Additionally, a nonprofit organization has offered to give us and the other 8 associations of Southeast MO a mobile medical clinic. The clinic will cost approximately \$5,400 a year to have on hand. This is about \$600 per association. The ministry itself would have to be paid for by those who utilize it. I have done some initial inquiry and found great excitement among people with our association and some just beyond us. We would be able to use it for dental exam and cleaning, eye exams, general medical exams, and other care of this type. Options for Women in Cape Girardeau and the Pregnancy Resource Center of Sikeston would also be able to utilize it in their ministry. I believe this could provide a good way for us to minister to the people in our immediate area while also sharing the gospel with them. We need to discuss this and make a decision at the upcoming meeting.

Finally, I want to remind everyone about the Panel Discussion on March 12 from 8:30am - noon with Rick Hedger, Rob Phillips, and Matt Kearns of the Missouri Baptist Convention (MBC). They will be discussing the changes at the MBC and how they will be relating to them as churches and associations. I believe this will be helpful to all of us and encourage you all to attend. This is open to all who would like to attend, not just pastors or staff members, and there is no cost. However, since we are providing refreshments during the break, we would like an idea of who is planning to attend. Please either email me, Facebook message me, text me, or call the association office to let me know. My cell # is 275-9339, dom@capebaptist.net.

In His Service,
John Vernon

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

March is the month for emphasis in our churches for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The theme this year is **"Here I Am Send Me"**. Let us know your church's goal and work toward reaching your goal to support the North American Missionaries who depend upon our gifts during this season. If you need materials they are available through the Missouri Baptist Office in Jefferson City.

The Missouri WMU Missions Conference is April 8-9 at Midwestern Seminary in Kansas City. It is time to register and reserve your place at this meaningful conference. Go to mobaptist.org to register.

Mark your calendar for April 30 for **"When a Woman Prays"**, a woman's prayer retreat. It will be a time to gather and pray for the needs of our families, churches, communities and country. There has been much emphasis on the need for prayer and a more effective prayer life in movies, other media and book studies. Plan to join with other women as we gather to spend a time together focusing on the issues relevant to women of today. The location for the retreat will be announced at a later time.

A few of our churches reported from their Lottie Moon Christmas Offering collections. Bethany exceeded their goal by 20% and FB Scott City exceeded their goal by 10%. Several churches reported good collections but did not set goals. We want to celebrate our victories, so please notify us of your AAEO goals and let us know if you reach your goals this season.

Kathy Blevins, Assoc, WMU Dir.



On February 25th college students gathered at The Lighthouse for a time of prayer and worship. Since 1823 the 4th Thursday of February has been set aside for people all denomination to pray for college campuses across the world. In the spirit of that day I'm asking you to keep Southeast Missouri State University and its students in your prayers. We truly believe that prayer is essential in our mission to make disciples of all nations. 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?

Thank you to everyone that generously gave in order for our student leaders to attend the MBC collegiate leadership conference at Midwestern Seminary. These 17 leaders are a vital part of our ministry. It's truly a joy to equip them for a life of service in the church.

Because of Jesus,
Andrew Abbott

CHRISTIAN LIFE Intentional—Visible—Measureable

March 27, 2015
MBC's Worldview Conference

Our MBC/Christian Life 2016 Worldview Conference will again be hosted by Anthony Jordan and Hannibal LaGrange University. Featured speakers will include Bradford Wilcox—Director of the National Marriage Project, Ben Mitchell—Prof. of Moral Philosophy from Union University and Janice Crouse—Executive Director of The LaHaye Institute for Concerned Women of America, John Mark Yeats—Undergraduate Dean for Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and our own Don Hinkle, Editor of the Pathway7. I encourage you to be **Intentional—Visible—Measureable** in your support and attendance.

—Doug Austin

CHURCH PLANTING CENTER

This may sound like a broken record, but some things need to be repeated over and over. The Church Planting Team of SEMO exists “to be a catalyst for church planting in Southeast Missouri.” Merriam-Webster defines “catalyst” as 1) a substance that causes a chemical reaction to happen more quickly; 2) a person or event that quickly causes change or action. It’s my prayer that our CPC would be a network of churches that would cause a spiritual reaction that leads to action and the planting of more and more churches. There is no doubt that the conversation about church planting is on the rise. You’ve heard (and will continue to hear) about efforts to reach Filipinos and Internationals. There are at least two churches in our region (not our Association) that are considering closing to be replanted. Would you pray for these two unnamed churches who are seeking God’s wisdom on how to best use their resources for Kingdom work? Would you consider supporting the CPC in it’s catalytic work throughout the region?

For the Kingdom,

Mike Parry

**SHAWNEE HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH
MARCH 19—7:00 P.M.
CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER**

**Jews for Jesus presentation of
Christ in the Passover
from Egypt to Calvary to what it means today.
No admission charge.**

PEACEFUL VALLEY CAMP

Thanks to dedicated and hard working board members and volunteers, much has been accomplished this winter at PVC. A new flyer was mailed to the Christian churches in our area. We have had several responses from new groups about using the camp.

Some of the updates are:

—Caretaker’s House: Exterior siding and trim completed, porch post installed, sheet-rock and ceilings finished and garage door installed.

—New Shower House: Ceiling installed, plumbing , heat and duct work being completed. The classroom/meeting room over the shower house may also be completed by June. This space will be available year round. There has been de construction of the old shower houses.

If your church would like to help by volunteering, we have a list of projects to be done which a small team could complete. There is also a “wish list” of tools needed to service and maintain the property. Maybe you know a small group who would consider donating to this need.

Applications for the position of caretaker have been received and will be considered at the next board meeting.

Saturday, May 21 will be PVC work day. Come out and spend the day helping with projects and enjoy a lunch provided for the workers. Bring your group to see the new construction and help prepare the camp for the final stages before the opening of camp season.

Your camp board has a vision for the camp to become a year round location for individuals, families and groups to spend time listening to God’s voice through the beauty of the natural surroundings in “the valley.”

—Kathy Blevins, PVC Board Chrm.



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Blind Spots

12 Cries Every Parent Needs to Hear

April 8—6:30pm
 (doors open at 6pm)

Free for all Parents With

Tom & Rhonda Hufty
 All Churches are welcome
 @
 Lynwood Baptist Church

Stop & Go is a free, interactive children's experience available for Birth-6 grades during the parent event. Pre-registration is required for the children's experience by April 1st. For more information and to register visit www.lynwoodbc.org/blindspots

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2016

	MONTHLY TOTALS	YTD TOTALS		
INCOME	18,038.84	18,038.84		
EXPENDITURES	14,236.01	14,236.01		
VARIANCE	3,802.83	3,802.83		
DESIGNATED FUNDS	BEGINNING BALANCE	CONTRIBUTIONS	EXPENDITURES	ENDING BALANCE
OPERATING CHK ACCT	40,760.41	18,038.84	14,236.01	44,563.24
DESIGNATED FUNDS	43,861.50	650.00	3,283.44	41,228.06