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### **ABUNDANCE**

*“God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;”*

*2 Corinthians 9:8 (NASB)*

Every day I awake, I am reminded that God is causing His grace to abound to me. My brother and I are the first among our family to venture into their seventh decade, so each day is a gift. I have been given a new opportunity to serve my Savior and a new opportunity to bring some measure of glory to His name. I also have the opportunity to tell someone of my eternal hope through Jesus. I also know that I will have all I need and more.

Speaking of abundance, I want to thank all of you in South Central Association for the wonderful surprise on April 5<sup>th</sup>. First let me say that if the government needed to keep something secret, they could look to you folks. Vicki and I were flabbergasted! I have never had a surprise birthday party (that kind of happens when you are born the day after Christmas). I am grateful that Ed Ethridge made wiggle room in his schedule to speak that night. I sort of feel as if I have heard my own funeral service. Not many people get to hear that. Thank you for taking the time to show your love for Vicki and me by putting the party together and especially for flying our family to Kansas. I thought I was going to have a heart attack when I looked up and saw Rusty, Leslie and the boys. Those few days were mighty sweet to us. I am so glad I am going to be in heaven with you wonderful folks where our fellowship will be uninterrupted. I am a family man, being given a gift like this means more than any of you will ever know.

This association—this family of churches—has been beyond kind and generous to me and my family. I am deeply humbled by your expressions of love and your gracious giving. I could never ask for a better place to serve or better people with whom to serve our King. You have enriched my life as I have watched the growth in discipleship and service. I truly feel as if I walk among giants, and I am honored to do so.

It is also my ardent prayer that God may cause each church and every member to experience His gracious abundance in your life with Christ. I pray you will find, in Him, the sufficiency for every challenge and obstacle you might encounter. I further pray that you might come to know the height, depth and breadth of His love for you, and that your greatest joy will be His ever increasing Glory.

Loving Him and Loving You,

*Tom*

## **Southeastern & South Central Leadership Conference**

**Saturday, May 4 at FSBC, 2701 W. 8th Street, Coffeyville, KS**

**Begins: 8:30 a.m. Ends 3:00 p.m.**

**This conference is designed for pastors, key leaders and spouses. Sessions for:**

Ministry to those Dealing with Addiction by Roy & Brenda Jaye; Training for Deacons by Russell Cook; Training for Deacon Wives by Marsha Cook; Using Social Media by James Gillespie; Financial Updates for Treasurers by Darrell Duncan; Tax Questions and Answers for Pastors by Darrell Duncan; Worship and Using Media by David Manner; Breaking Numerical Barriers by Jamie Tickel; Developing Leaders by Jim Presnell; and Women's Ministry by Mari Parker. **To Register <https://sechurchleadership.eventbrite.com>.**  
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**Winfield, Central Baptist Hosting Trip to Branson  
Sight & Sound Theater to see "SAMSON"  
October 4-5, 2019 (Friday-Saturday)  
Cost: \$219.00 per person**

The \$219 per person cost includes motor coach transportation, lodging and ticket to "Samson". Breakfast at the motel, all other meals you pay for. A \$50 deposit is required at time you sign up for the trip. For complete details and/or to sign up contact the church office, 620-221-2980 or Ed Shubert 620-402-6702, home. The church office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ed Shubert has coordinated several trips for Central and does a super job. This event is open to anyone who would like to participate. Group will meet and depart from the church parking lot, 904 Wheat Road, Winfield.

"He defeated an entire army and slayed a lion with his bare hands. But there's a secret behind Samson's superpower. And that's where the trouble begins." Sight & Sound Theater.

**Purpose of South Central Association of Southern Baptists.** The South Central Association of Southern Baptists (SCASB) exists to resource its member congregations in ways that will enable them to fulfill their unique, God-given vision for reaching the lost, developing disciples and leaders, and being involved in missional partnerships.



## SCASB STATISTICS

Next month we will include the financial information from the 2018 Final Book of Reports. Two copies of this book will be provided to all SCASB churches.

Please note that several churches did not complete the Annual Church Profile (ACP), and several just entered minimal information. Therefore, the information does not reflect the full scope of ministry for South Central Association. Thank you to those who completed their ACP's in a timely manner. It is greatly appreciated when preparing for the annual meeting.

### Statistics from 2018 Final Book of Reports:

| Question                               | 2017  | 2018  | Numeric Difference |
|--|-------|-------|--------------------|
| Total Members                          | 4,564 | 4,539 | +25                |
| Total Baptisms                         | 51    | 73    | +22                |
| 11 years & under                       | 25    | 25    | 0                  |
| 12 to 17                               | 10    | 19    | +9                 |
| 18 to 29                               | 6     | 12    | +6                 |
| 30 and up                              | 10    | 17    | +7                 |
| Other Additions                        | 44    | 67    | +23                |
| Weekly Worship Attendance              | 1,023 | 1,085 | +62                |
| SS/Bible Study/<br>Small Group Avg Att | 726   | 638   | -88                |
| VBS Enrollment                         | 609   | 574   | -35                |
| Total Mission Project Participation    | 499   | 402   | -97                |
| Local Community                        | 431   | 331   | -100               |
| State                                  | 17    | 36    | +19                |
| U.S. and Canada                        | 6     | 19    | +13                |
| Outside U.S. and Canada                | 45    | 16    | -29                |



## KIDS CAMP 2019 June 10-14 WCC, Salina, KS

For those currently in grades 3-6 (Current 2018-2019) school year.  
**THEME: "The Greatest Life on Earth"**

School is almost out and Kids Camp is quickly approaching. Please pray for Bryan Jones, Camp Director ; the Camp Pastor, Camp Musician as well as those who will be leading classes, and directing recreation. Pray for the children and sponsors who will be attending camp, that this will be a life changing experience for them.



### Known VBS Dates for SCASB:

June 3-7 Belle Plaine, FBC  
 June 3-7 El Dorado, FSBC "ROAR"  
 July 15-19 Winfield, Central "The Incredible Race"  
 July 21-26 FBC, Douglass  
 July 29-Aug. 1 FBC, Towanda

**VBS... a great way to discover kids and their families and start a relationship with them.**

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Sunday, May 12, 2019

**MAY**



**May**

- 2 SBC National Day of Prayer
- 4 South East & South Central Associations  
Regional Leadership Conference.  
At First Southern, Coffeyville, KS  
No Registration Fee  
8:30 AM—3:00 PM, Lunch provided.**
- 5 Webster Conf. Center Sunday
- 9 Pastors Fellowship, Noon,  
Tom Edwards host
- 12 Mother's Day
- 27 Memorial Day, Office Closed
- 31-6/1 Y.E.S. Retreat, WCC

**June**

- 5/31-6/1 Y.E.S. Retreat, WCC
- 5-7 Campers on Mission National Rally,  
State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson
- 10-11 WMU, SBC Annual Missions  
Celebration, Birmingham, AL
- 10-14 Kids Camp, WCC, Salina**
- 11-12 SBC Annual Meeting, Birmingham, AL
- 16 Father's Day

**July**

- 4 Office Closed, Independence Day**
- 11 Pastors Fellowship, Noon,  
KC Colvin host pastor
- 15 Administrative Team Meeting,  
7:00 PM at FBC, Douglass**
- 22 Executive Board Meeting, 7:00 PM  
at SCASB Office Building**



**Congratulations  
to all  
College & High School  
Graduates!**



- 07 Vicki Edwards
- 15 Kham  
Phakonekham
- 17 Renee Charles
- 23 Jimmy Charles
- 23 Richard & Brenda  
Awtrey
- 27 David & Lisa  
Crook