



FROM the DOM:

I am sure that most of you have heard by now that I announced my resignation as Director of Missions. I will serve through the month of April.

It is hard to believe that I have been here almost 19 years. That is longer than all four of my pastorates together. Tulsa, OK is the only place I have lived longer than here. There is much that has happened and much we have shared together.

I have been praying about and considering this move for almost 2 years. I believe the Lord has confirmed in recent days that it is time for me to move to a new challenge in ministry. I am somewhat nervous, but am confident that God will provide and care for me. I began in the ministry trusting Him to provide and I see no reason to stop doing so now.

I want to thank you for your support through the years. This Association has walked with us through some of the most challenging days of our lives. You prayed for us, cared for us, supplied needs, and expressed your love in so many ways. I am convinced there is no better place for us to have been these last few years than here. The Black River Baptist Association will always hold a special place in my heart.

I am asking you to please continue to pray for me as I will continue to pray for you. Thank you for the privilege to serve with you.

God Bless you for your love and kindness!

By His Grace, Kevin

Children's Day 2021

Where: Camp McClanahan

Who: Kids (Pre-K through 2nd grade)

When: Saturday, April 17, 2021 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Come join us for a super fun day of learning about God's promises and Noah's faith! Breakfast and lunch will be served! Bring a friend!



COMING in 2021:

- ⇒ J.O.Y. Spring Homecoming—Saturday, May 15
- ⇒ Women's Prayer Retreat—Monday, May 17
- ⇒ Younger Girls' Camp—June 20—23
- ⇒ Younger Boys' Camp—June 27—30
- ⇒ Junior High Camp—July 4—7
- ⇒ Special Edition Camp—Saturday, July 10
- ⇒ Senior High Camp— July 11—14



“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding;

In all your ways know Him, and He will make your paths straight.”

PROVERBS 3:5-6 (CSV)

BLACK RIVER
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
212 Southwest Drive - Kennett, Missouri 63857

Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday

8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Lunch Hour:

Monday—Thursday

12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.

A Southeast Missouri Partnership

FILIPINO ACTS 1:8

Mission Conference

**April 24, 2021
10am - 8:30pm
Miner Baptist Church**

416 State Hwy H, Sikeston, MO 63801

— FILIPINO MEAL FOR DINNER WITH DONATION —
LUNCH PROVIDED AT NO COST

BREAKOUT SESSIONS INCLUDE:

Prayerwalking and prayer support • Evangelism Methods
Partnerships: USA, Canada, and Philippines
IMB Nehemiah Teams • Mission Team Leader Training



Jess Jennings

IMB leader for the
Philippines, founder of
Nehemiah Teams.



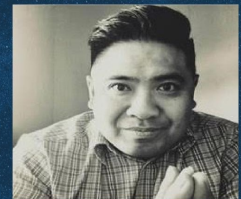
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Please read the following information. This is the Planning Committee’s Report and Recommendations given to the Executive Board April 1, 2021. These recommendations were approved. You will be hearing more in the coming days about the implementation of these. The key will be ‘your’ involvement. Please use these as a guide for prayer. In your prayers ask the Lord how you may be used to fulfil these ministries. There will be a place for you to serve.

Planning Committee Report and Recommendations

A motion was made at the Annual Meeting on September 21, 2020 to form a planning committee. The committee was to be appointed by the moderator. The moderator presented a list of names for approval by the Executive Board on October 1, 2020. The list was approved, and the committee consists of the following:

Matthew Kamper (Ely)	Chris Hicks (Senath First)
Paul Moore (Hornersville)	Chris Maynard (Friendship)
Ricky Taylor (Tallapoosa)	Aulden LeBlanc (Malden First)
Patti Duncan (Bragg City)	Paul Karratti (Gideon)
Ruth Ann Shelton (Varner River)	Keith Grantham (Kennett First)
Kevin Carter (Kennett First), Ex-Officio	Steven Scherer, chair (Kennett First)

The planning committee met on ten occasions to evaluate, discuss, and plan for the future of the association. Based on our discussions, we would like to make the following five recommendations to be voted upon by the Executive Board:

1) Align annual budget/expenses with actual revenue

- Incrementally reduce budget over next three years to \$120,000-130,000
- Current budget is \$172,000; each year our expenses exceed our income
- We have consistently relied on income from church closings, estate gifts, etc. to stay cover budget deficits
- A budget of \$120,000-130,000 is in line with our revenue from churches and camp

2) Form a Personnel Team

- A team of three to five individuals will be appointed by the moderator and presented to the Executive Board for approval

- Team will be asked to formulate a job description, a clarification of benefits, and evaluate housing and financial needs of staff
- Team will periodically meet with Director of Missions for support and encouragement

3) Take steps to make camp (more) solvent

- Camp is one of our greatest assets but also operates at a major loss each year (\$10,000 loss in 2020; \$28,000 loss in 2016)
- Fixed costs of camp (utilities, mowing, regular maintenance, etc.) is upwards of \$15,000
- Must generate more funds to help offset the loss or budget for loss

4) Evaluate and update our constitution

- Create a constitution team to make necessary and appropriate updates/changes to our constitution
- Upon completion of their work, this team will make recommendations to the Executive Board
- Possible updates: changing the budget year, switching the months of the annual meeting/fall Executive Board meeting, allowing Executive Board meetings to occur virtually, the possibility of Executive Board members being able to vote via email, and incorporating changes that will occur if recommendation #5 below is approved

The moderator has appointed the following to serve on the Constitution team:

Chris Hicks, chair (First Senath)

Patti Duncan (Bragg City)

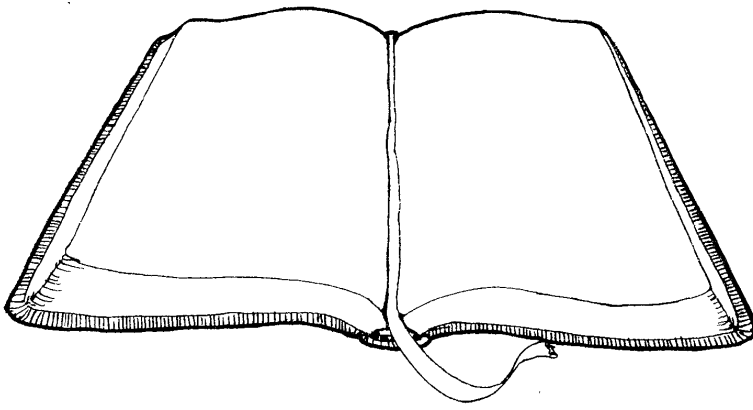
Patti Jones (First Senath)

Harold Dunbar (Varner River)

Matt Shetley (First Kennett)

5) Update our mission statement, vision, and align all we do with four areas of focus

- Equip leaders (leadership development)
- Empower churches (church revitalization)
- Engage partnerships (missions mobilization)
- Expand the kingdom (church planting)



Spiritual Food for Thought

“So we rebuilt the wall until the entire wall was joined together up to half its height , for the people were willing to keep working.”

NEHEMIAH 4:6 (CSV)

Associational/State Events

Children’s Day.....April 17

Filipino Acts 1:8 Mission Conference

.....April 24

J.O.Y. Homecoming.....May 15

Women’s Prayer Retreat.....May 17

Pastors’ Events

Pastors’ Fellowship.....April 5

Pastors’ Fellowship.....April 19

Pastors’ Fellowship.....May 10

Pastors’ Fellowship.....May 24

Associational Directory

Director of Missions.....Kevin Carter

Moderator.....Steven Scherer

Vice Moderator.....Chris Maynard

Treasurer.....Sarah Jo Morgan

Clerk.....Ruth Ann Shelton

W.M.U. Director.....Ruth Ann Shelton

Asst. WMU Director.....Kay Shelton

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