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August Calendar of Events

- 3. MABA Mission Conference @ FBC Desloge , 12pm-4pm
- 5. Pastor’s Conference
- 7. . . MABA Youth Pool Party 5:30-7:30 Park Hills Pool
- 16-17. We Preach Christ Conference@Delassus
- 19. Pastor’s Conference
- Birthdays & Anniversary**
- 3. John Jones (BD)
- 3. Josh&Sarah Wilson 17th (WA)
- 4. Randy&Marilyn Murphy 46th (WA)
- 7. Roger&Barbara Driggs 37th (WA)
- 8. Mui Myers (BD)
- 10. Becky Laubinger (BD)
- 11. John&Shelly Jones 34th (WA)
- 11. Paul Eye (BD)
- 13. Margaret SanSoucie(BD)
- 16. Clyde Berry (BD)

- 16. Fred&Jennifer Manning 16th (WA)
- 19. Ginger Buck (BD)
- 27. Daniel&Lee Ann Clayton 14th (WA)
- 27. Eugene&Lorene Alcorn 48th (WA)

Ministry Anniversary

- 6. Bryce Wilson Lost Creek, 16th

Moderator- Bill Bond

Just a month ago, I was wishing us all a good summer, and now the calendar is saying it’s just about over. If you’re anything like most of the folks I’ve talked to lately, you’re tired, but, as a former pastor used to say, “It’s a good tired.” I’ve just been through 2 Timothy 2 in our services. God promises that if we are diligent to show ourselves approved, He can use us as He grants people repentance. He can use us to lead them to the truth, come to their senses, and escape the snare of the devil. That kind of hope makes it a “good tired.” That “being diligent” reminds me that our camp season began with about 60 girls signing up and 98 attended. There was some scrambling, but I’d say that’s the kind of problem we’re willing to deal with. Better than that, Paul was right about how God can use us. We had 17 girls who received Christ at camp (1 rededication). Likewise, I know that the altar prayer time was very active by the end of Youth week and we had 3 salvations reported (9 rededications & 85 campers). We didn’t have as many cards turned in, but I know there were 5 salvations reported (2 rededications & 52 campers). Our church’s half-cabin had two children receive Christ during

Boy’s week – one on the first night! Thank you for all the children sent, cabin leaders & staff (31, 30, & 27 for the three weeks), kitchen help, transportation and everything else that makes this ministry work. Paul also spoke about people being brought to the truth and escaping the snare of the devil. We just came back from Boy’s week in time to attend the Witnesses Now for Jesus conference hosted by Sunrise Baptist. What a blessing! I hope you’ll attend next year. Even after a long week, I could have listened all night to Dr. Gonzalez speak to us to close out the Friday session. And the testimonies. I have a new appreciation for what many of our brothers and sisters face when they break free of the snare of bondage to non-Christian cults. Paul writes that all who desire to live godly will suffer persecution. We know that this is going on all over the world. Our Missions Conference is this weekend, Aug. 3, beginning with a Noon meal at FBC – Desloge. Bro. Rob Phillips (MBC) will bring the main message and we will focus on how our churches can get involved in mission work. We’ll even get to video conference with several of our foreign missionaries from all over the world. This would be a great opportunity to help you and your friends learn how to get involved in supporting and doing our mission work. Head over to the conference. You’ll be blessed and you will bless our missionaries. Paul finished the next chapter by discussing the power of God’s inspired Word. Delassus Baptist is hosting the We Preach Christ conference again on August 16-17. Last year, we experienced some great instruction and were challenged to do just what Paul told Timothy, “Preach the Word.” If you

can’t devote time for the whole conference, offer to run some errands for your pastor and send him with some of your church leadership. I know that the panel discussions and the Saturday luncheon were highlights last year. Things are heating up for our Evangelism Team in preparation for our September (15-18) Association-wide revival (LifeAction Thirst Conference).

We now have a schedule:
Sun 6:00pm Worship
Mon-Wed 6:30pm Worship
Tues 11:30am Ladies Lunch

Sunrise Baptist is hosting the meetings, but we need all the help we can get. Among other things, we’ll need you to advertise that we need at least 10 homes for pairs of team members to stay, 10 vehicles to loan out for the week, and churches to sign up to provide meals for the team and for the Ladies Luncheon. Watch your church mail and email, but here’s what you can do:

1. Pray for the event/team.
2. Set time aside to attend.
3. Advertise the revival.
4. Preregister some children
5. Advertise Ladies Lunch
6. Bring people.
7. Call the Assn. Office to:
 - Sign up to house people
 - Sign up to loan vehicles
 - Sign up to bring meals

Please also continue to pray for our Personnel Committee. They are scheduled to meet in early August to take the next step in looking for a DOM. Pray for God’s leadership and wisdom.

In Christ,
Bro. Bill Bond

Church News-

Bethany Baptist Church will have a Homecoming and Revival, Sept 8-11

First Baptist East Bonne Terre- Vacation Bible School-"In the Wild" will be taking place July 29-Aug 1 from 6-8:30 each evening. Ages pre-k thru 6th grade.

Delassus-We'd like to invite you to our 2nd annual We Preach Christ Conference on August 16th and 17th!! This conference is designed to serve pastors, preachers, deacons, Sunday school teachers and anyone else who feels led to rightly divide the Word of God. Our guest pastor will be Dr. Tyler Scarlett from Forest, VA. He will be leading us in our workshops throughout our time together! We have hundreds of books and resources that have been donated for giveaways!

FBC Desloge- First Baptist Church of Desloge is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of our current campus. Join us on Sunday, August 4th for Sunday School at 9:45 am and Worship Service at 10:30 am, followed by a Carry-In Dinner. After dinner, we will have a time of celebration in song with bounce houses and outdoor activities for the kids. At 3pm, we will have tea and cake while we view the time capsule from the original cornerstone.

Second Baptist Fredericktown- VBS at Second Baptist Church of Fredericktown was a great success. We had 6 children pray to receive Christ. The church has 5 set for baptism in the near future. The church worked wonderful together to provide a great VBS. A big thank you to two churches that assisted us this year. Dawn Smith from New Life Fellowship Baptist Church of Farmington and Gary and Lorraine Moore from Meadow Heights Baptist Church of Fredericktown. Your effort is deeply appreciated.

Lost Creek- Southern Baptist Church Homecoming August 4th Service starts at 11am lunch following. Featuring the Ivie Sisters come join us for some great singing and then some good food!

FBC Park Hills-14:18 Ministries will be having a Recruitment Meeting on Thursday, August 22nd, 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Park Hills. The goal of

this meeting is to recruit Christian families and churches in the area into the ministry of serving, fostering, or adopting the children in our community who are in the foster care system. If you know anyone in your church who is interested in fostering or adopting, or if your church is interested in ministering at one of the area group homes for foster children, then please encourage them to come to this meeting. You can contact the office of FBC Park Hills for more information about the upcoming meeting at (573) 431-3576.

Providence- Providence Baptist Church Homecoming at 537 State Highway 47, Bonne Terre September 15, 2019- Celebrating 188 years (1831-2019) Speaker Bro. Jim Frago (former Pastor) Sunday School Service -10a.m. Worship Service- 11 a.m. Basket dinner at noon following morning worship service. Everyone is invited to join our fellowship!

Springtown-Ordination for Bro. Joe Jackson will be August 11 at 3 pm. at Springtown.

MINERAL AREA WOMEN'S RETREAT

-SEPT. 20-21st
BATES CREEK BAPTIST CAMP
COST: \$40 – ADULT WOMEN, \$30 – TEEN GIRLS. LODGING AVAILABLE SPEAKER: BEVMcCOLLOCH

Light in the Darkness Can you believe it? It is changing so fast. We are now part of the Christian minority. Our mouths hang open. "What" happened?" Well, the door was propped open and Satan came rushing in, blinding eyes, darkening foolish minds, making evil appear good and good appear evil. The legislation passed law after law to satisfy man's desire for complete separation from the moral law of God. America is sliding down the slippery slope at lightning speed. What shall we do? Stunned! Frightened! Intimidated! Stop! Listen! God has a plan. You are in it. He chose you to live in this year, this day, this hour for the very purpose He has planned for you. You could have been born 500 years ago. You could have not been born at all! But, here you are; God's child, in God's care, in God's plan.

Sisters, we face nothing more than the first Christians experienced as The Way was opened to them. Take stock! We have the Word. We have the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We have the Holy Spirit's indwelling. We have sisters and brothers in the faith ordained to help us stand and hold up the light in the darkness. Our Mighty God is not taken by surprise. He is not pacing heaven, popping tranquilizers! Jehovah wins! We've read the end of the Book! This week-end is designed to encourage us in the Lord. We will ask the Lord to help us understand our part in His plan. Come join us as we open ourselves to the Lord's will and way! Romans 13:11-12 And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the **armor of light.**

MABA Office- ACP's have been mailed to your churches. Please let me know if you need help filling them out or entering them.

Thirst Conference I would like to encourage you to attend the MABA Life Action Ministry Conference at Sunrise Baptist Church on September 15-18. Child care will be taken care of by the Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief. If you wish to use the child care team please contact the MABA Office for a form. We need to know in advance in order to assure that we will have enough children to warrant DR to come.

Youth Leaders
August 7 Swim Party 5:30-7:30 at Park Hills Pool
September 25 SYATP Youth Rally at Central High School Auditorium, 6:30-8:30 pm
Note-During Youth Week, we mentioned a "Winter Camp". Of course if we were able to do this it would actually be a weekend retreat. If anyone is interested, we could discuss it during the swim party. I believe it would work.
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General fund receipts **July , 2019**

Belleview.	\$36.72
Bethany.	\$0.00
Bismarck.	\$599.05
Bonne Terre 1st.	\$664.94
Cadet.	\$0.00
Cantwell.	\$145.02
Chestnut Ridge.	\$241.10
Coffman.	\$0.00
Delassus.	\$458.21
Desloge.	\$737.72
Doe Run.	\$269.28
EBT First.	\$110.00
EBT Second.	\$100.00
Elvins.	\$335.19
Esther.	\$400.00
Fairview.	\$138.10
Fredericktown 1 st	\$217.14
Fredericktown2 ⁿ	\$123.86
Genevieve.	\$300.00
Glover.	\$0.00
Grace.	\$260.80
Iron Mountain.	\$628.26
Irondale.	\$0.00
Ironton.	\$489.98
Knob Lick.	\$0.00
Leadwood.	\$100.00
Liberty.	\$0.00
Little Vine.	\$25.00
Lost Creek.	\$50.00
Mitchell.	\$0.00
New Life Fellowship.	\$120.00
New Offenburg.	\$50.00
Park Hills.	\$254.97
Pilot Knob.	\$134.00
Pine Log.	\$279.08
Potosi Community.	\$100.00
Potosi SBC.	\$2236.30
Primrose.	\$0.00
Providence.	\$125.00
Silver Springs.	\$167.00
Sunrise.	\$536.87
Springtown	\$117.75
Ste. Genevieve.	\$100.00
Stouts Creek.	\$250.00
Three Rivers.	\$182.03
Unity.	\$25.00
Viburnum.	\$125.00
Washita.	\$210.00

Summary of Gifts **\$11,443.37**

