

# OBSERVER & HELPER

“Baptists Go Forward When They Go Together”

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**November Calendar of Events**

- 4. . . . . Pastor’s Conference
- 14. . . . . Special Called Executive Board Mtg. 7 p.m.
- 18. . . . . Pastor’s Conference

**Birthdays & Anniversary**

- 4. . . . . Bobbie Price (BD)
- 9. . . . . Bruce Valle (BD)
- 10. . . . . Freddie Brammer (BD)
- 10. . . . . John Jones (BD)
- 10. . . . . Elmer&Sandra Killian 60<sup>th</sup> (WA)
- 15. . . . . Jennifer Manning (BD)
- 16. . . . . Keith Huffman (BD)
- 17. . . . . Daniel Clayton(BD)
- 22. . . . . Michael Hagerty (BD)
- 25. . . . . Roger Driggs (BD)
- 26. . . . . Randy Black(BD)

**Ministry Anniversary**

- 1. . . . . Danny Berry Knob Lick 26<sup>th</sup>

- 1. . . . . Randy Black EBT 1<sup>st</sup> 13<sup>th</sup>
- 20. . . . . Keith Huffman Doe Run 14<sup>th</sup>
- 24. . . . . Roger Faulkner Ste. Genevieve 23<sup>rd</sup>
- 27. . . . . Fred Manning Bethany 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Moderator- John Jones**

As I write this letter, I am struck by the enormity of the blessing of being a Child of God! At the same time though, I am also burdened by the enormity of the lostness around us. May I never forget that was me just a little over 20 years ago. May I never forget what it was like to be lost. May I never lose the joy and awe of being saved. May we truly have the heart of Jesus toward those who are lost.

I write to you on the day after the Annual Meeting of the Missouri Baptist Convention.

**Psalms 133:1-3 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* For brethren to dwell together in unity!

<sup>2</sup> *It is* like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments.

<sup>3</sup> *It is* like the dew of

Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing-- Life forevermore.

This was truly a time of unity. Not that there weren’t a few things to hash out in the order of business, but it was done in the fear of the Lord and a unified spirit of His saints in Branson. Thanks be to God for the great sermons preached in both the Pastor’s Conference and Annual Meeting by John Yeates, Carlos Smith, Jeremy Muniz, Jimmy Scroggins, Johnny Hunt, and J.D. Greear (just to name a few). Those present were definitely encouraged to continue the Kingdom work of winning the lost, making disciples, and planting churches where they are needed. A strong emphasis on personal growth and prayer was appropriately present as we were also encouraged that Jesus is greater than any problem we may experience. Do I get an amen to that?! We were led in worship by the Gettys during the Tuesday portion. What a refreshment it truly was!

We are truly blessed to be a part of Mineral Area Baptist Association today. God has many great things in store for the ministry to be done here. We are just a couple of weeks from the Special Called Executive Board Meeting scheduled for November 14 @ 7pm at the Association Building. The Search Committee is excited to present the man we believe is called of God to be our next Director of Missions. No one could ever take the place of Bro. Paul but we believe this man has the same Spirit that made Bro. Paul so dear to us. The precious Presence of the Holy Spirit in the specific calling of a leader is what makes the right leader for the task at hand.

The days ahead are certainly bright knowing that Jesus is still on His throne beside the Father. We are all called to a particular task in the building of Christ’s Kingdom. Let us be faithful until we either go to meet Him or He comes to receive us! It could be any day now, praise God! Let us be winning souls all the way to the finish line, my dear brothers and sisters.

By God’s Grace,  
Pastor John

# Church News

The churches of Park Hills will have a joint Thanksgiving service at the 1st Freewill Baptist Church, 300 Emerson St., at 6pm. Bro. Todd Buck of Esther Baptist will bring our message. All are invited.

Also, Elvins Baptist, FBC Park Hills and Esther Baptist will host our annual Christmas Song Service on December 1, at 6pm, at Esther Baptist. All are invited.

## Second Baptist Church of Fredericktown-

Second Baptist Church of Fredericktown is currently seeking a bivocational pastor. We are a cooperating church in the Missouri Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention and adhere to the Baptist Faith and Message 2000. Parsonage is available. Send resume to Second Baptist Church, 1002 High St., Fredericktown, MO 63645, or email to dpogue@mineralarea.edu .

## SBU MUSIC

I'm Robert Carney, Chair of the Department of Music at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Missouri. I'm writing to see if your local Baptist Association or churches within your association would like for a group of our students and faculty to come and share special music during a meeting or worship service.

The SBU Dept of Music uses Colossians 3:23 as its motto: And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father. While our students study and perform both sacred and secular works, we put Christ first in all we do, and we are blessed to share this act of service with our area churches. Specifically, this year we have the following student groups available:

Vocal soloists sharing special music and duets  
Flute Ensemble  
Clarinet Ensemble  
Saxophone Quartet  
Trumpet Trio  
Horn Duet  
Trombone Trio  
Brass Quintet  
Percussion Ensemble  
Violin Quartet  
Piano faculty sharing special music and assisting in congregational worship

We can offer special music for 10-20 min or even a full 60-min program – depending on what best fits your needs. We are offering this as a free ministry to our local churches and are available this fall and spring. Let me know if you'd like to discuss more details.

If you'd like to learn a little more about what we have to offer, please visit: <https://www.sbuniv.edu/academics/programs/music-all.php>

Sincerely in Christ,  
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## MABA News

### **Special Called**

### **Executive**

### **Board Meeting**

**Nov.14th ,2019**

**7 p.m.**

**@ the Association Office.**

### **Agenda: Director of Missions Position**

## **ARTICLE VIII - THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The function of the Executive Board is to conduct the business of the association when it is not in Annual Session.

### **STRUCTURE:**

The Executive Board shall consist of the officers (Moderator, Vice Moderator, Treasurer, Clerk), **and two members from each member church, one of whom shall be the pastor and one elected layperson.**

## General fund receipts October , 2019

Bellevue.....	\$30.95
Bethany.....	\$100.55
Bismarck.....	\$541.15
Bonne Terre 1st..	\$586.73
Cadet.....	\$1629.24
Cantwell.....	\$144.00
Chestnut Ridge...	\$237.05
Coffman.....	\$100.00
Delassus.....	\$286.90
Desloge.....	\$899.78
Doe Run.....	\$270.85
EBT First.....	\$0.00
EBT Second....	\$100.00
Elvins.....	\$352.00
Esther.....	\$400.00
Fairview.....	\$166.10
Fredericktown 1 <sup>st</sup> .	\$195.54
Fredericktown 2 <sup>nd</sup>	.\$103.20
Genevieve. ....	\$300.00
Glover.....	\$0.00
Grace.....	\$213.66
Iron Mountain. .	\$623.38
Irondale.....	\$0.00
Ironton.....	\$454.76
Knob Lick.....	\$10.00
Leadwood.....	\$0.00
Liberty.....	\$96.04
Little Vine.....	\$25.00
Lost Creek.....	\$50.00
Mitchell.....	\$25.00
New Life Fellowship	\$60.00
New Offenburg. .	\$100.00
Park Hills.....	\$236.29
Pilot Knob.....	\$0.00
Pine Log.....	\$246.25
Potosi Community.	\$100.00
Potosi SBC.....	\$1345.55
Primrose.....	\$760.00
Providence.....	\$125.00
Silver Springs...	\$140.24
Sonrise.....	\$483.09
Springtown.....	\$56.16
Ste. Genevieve...	\$100.00
Stouts Creek.....	\$250.00
Three Rivers.....	\$370.99
Unity.....	\$25.00
Viburnum.....	\$250.00
Washita.....	\$70.00

Summary of Gifts  
**\$12,660.45**

