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October Calendar of Events

- 3. MABA Annual Mtg.
- 7. Pastor's Conference
- 10. Bates Creek Camp Board
6:30 p.m. @ MABA
- 14. Legacy Banquet
6:30 p.m. @ Bates Creek
- 21. Pastor's Conference

Birthdays & Anniversary

- 1. Tom Conboy (BD)
- 1. Cindy Valle (BD)
- 1. Larry Bowles (BD)
- 5. Bradford Laubinger (BD)
- 7. Kevin Miller (BD)
- 13. Bill & Freddie Brammer
57th (WA)
- 19. Betsy Wright (BD)
- 20. Sandra Killian (BD)
- 21. Marilyn Faulkner (BD)
- 26. Betha Mattingly (BD)
- 26. Chris Myers (BD)
- 27. Kim Edgar (BD)

Ministry Anniversary

- 1. Mark McMullen
Fairview 1st
- 3. Elmer Killian
Genevieve 17th
- 5. John Jones
Cadet 11th

Moderator- Bill Bond

We have had a whirl wind of a month. What a blessing it was to see so many of our churches gather together during our LifeAction Revival event. I was especially blessed by the work of our Evangelism Committee, by the whole revival team, and by so many churches that voted to give up busy church nights in your home churches. I knew it was going to be a good event when we had about twice as many of us gathered as we usually do for an Annual Meeting. We are particularly indebted to Bro. Daniel Weyand and the Sonrise Church for their efforts to host the event, but also to many others, including Cadet, Desloge FBC, Elvins, Esther, Iron Mountain, Potosi Community and Primrose churches (alphabetical folks) for taking care of so many lodgers, vehicles, and meals.

I rotated off as moderator at our Annual Meeting, and I want to thank the folks at Potosi Southern as well as all of our music, reports preachers, prayers and everyone else involved. I heard many comments to the effect that it was the best meeting they could remember, particularly the spirit of worship. In looking back over this past year, I believe we have accomplished much together despite the terrible setbacks.

In the past few weeks, I brought some messages from Ezekiel to my home church. We saw the potential for change in Ch. 18 and our responsibility as watchmen in Ch.

33, but, as I was reading from Ezekiel 37, it occurred to me that it is easy for us as Christians and even as an association of churches, to find ourselves as those bones confessed in v. 11: very dry, hopeless, and scattered.

I believe we've put together a good slate of committee and team members for the coming year, but this LifeAction event has demonstrated that we cannot hope to accomplish much for Christ if we do not do at least these:

- 1. Abide in Jesus and His Word.
- 2. Work together in this ministry.

That first point addresses the issues of being dry and hopeless, but part of the hopelessness comes from feeling like we are serving all by ourselves.

The third confession of the bones was that they were scattered. If you read back through the previous chapters, you find that they had been scattered because of their idolatry. Interestingly, this was one of the first messages brought during our Thirst Conference. Our revivalists, they explained that, while they do have single team member options, and they offer a number of free resources from their website (www.lifeaction.org), their ministry isn't able to bring these large events to churches the size of most of our churches. It was only by working together (not scattered) for a common vision and enlisting the help of each church in our association that we were able to bring this kind of ministry to our area. I believe that God has helped us to paint the picture of what we can do when we work together. Part of that cooperation means letting each other know what we are doing and what kind of help we could give or use. The world around us believes us to be in competition. We need to help them understand that there are only two ultimate

groups: those for God and those against Him – Heaven and Hell.

I need to give a shout-out at this point to Bro. Bill Brammer and the Civil Air Patrol group that has begun to meet with our help. Part of their Missouri Wing was dispatched to find an aircraft that went down in dense woods in the Bixby area this week. They found the aircraft within 15 minutes of arriving at their initial search area. Much of their success can be attributed to constant training. I'm not just proud of them for their work; I think it's an awesome example to us about how we can be effective ministers – we practice the right things.

God's recipe to Ezekiel, in order to see a great army rise out of those who had formerly been scattered, was two-fold.

- 1. Prophecy to the bones. When we speak the Word of the Lord to someone, we call that preaching. As crazy as it seems to preach to those who are dry and scattered like Israel was, or, in terms of Ephesians 2, those who are spiritually dead, we are challenged to compel them to "Hear the Word of the Lord."
- 2. Prophecy to the breath. That word, breath, also means spirit, but we see its meaning when God tells us that He will fill them with His Spirit. He's asking Ezekiel to speak to the Spirit - to pray. Our only hope to reach those who are dry and disconnected is to ask God to give them life.

Pray that we will see this vision and work together with God to see it happen right here. While you are praying, please continue to lift up our DOM Search Committee as they sift through paperwork, conduct interviews and devote themselves to prayer for success in their task. As we heard from Bro. Justin at the meeting, they are getting closer to a recommendation.

In Christ,
Bro. Bill Bond

Church News

Elvins Baptist Church-

Elvins Baptist Church, 202 W. Elvins Blvd., will host

All-Saints' Museum

**Sun, Oct 28 & Wed, Oct 31,
5:30 - 8:30 pm.**

This is a free, history museum experience where activities, displays and a treasure hunt are designed to help all ages learn the history of saints through the centuries.

Church or school groups may also contact Pastor Bond at 573-760-3618 for tours by appointment at other times (but you'll miss out on the fellowship & snacks).

Trick-or-treating is only on October 31st.

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.

Potosi Southern - Judgement House **WHY?**

October 16 6pm-9pm
October 19 3pm-9 pm
October 20 3pm-8pm
October 23 6 pm-9pm
October 27 3 pm-8pm

Make your reservations by calling
573-436-9506
or 870-416-0937
or go to:

https://supersaas.com/schedule/Potosi_sbc/Judgement_House_2019

MINERAL AREA WOMEN'S RETREAT **-SEPT. 20-21st**

The 2019 Mineral Area Women's Retreat was held last weekend and it was a great time. We had 124 women and 8 teenagers attending. Bev spoke truth to us. Even though she talked about the darkness of this world, we have light, we have hope. She encouraged us to be light to our families, communities and the world. In a dining hall of darkness, we had our candles burning brightly, now we are to have that light shining brightly in our lives! We had songs of worship led by Eyvonne and Shawnee, special singing by Ashley, Cory and Neila, and 15 wonderful prayer group leaders. Food was great and the ladies were ready to help put tables and chairs away at the end of the retreat on Saturday. Oh, and yes, door prizes were given away.

Our mission project was Shared Blessings, a homeless shelter in Bonne Terre. Items were donated (my car trunk and back seat were full) and \$489 was collected!!! The ladies are always so generous with our mission projects. Ladies, make plans to attend next year - 2020!

Parkland PRC

Parkland PRC is seeking to fill a part time position opening for someone who loves the Lord and people (born and pre-born), can maintain an organized calendar, speak clearly and kindly on the phone, and loves to use social media. Interested parties can call the PRC at 573-431-6001.

Please feel free to share with your church or group.

Parkland PRC

The new class year is coming soon and the PRC has several volunteer ministry opportunities available. Each year, hundreds of families come to the PRC. A majority have very little church experience.

Volunteers have the opportunity to show Christ-like love to people who have not experienced it, to share hope and direction for stable lives, and to introduce people to new life

in Christ. This past year over 30 PRC clients began relationships with Jesus. We want to connect these new believers with church homes and the best way to do that is through personal relationships with local church members serving at the PRC.

If you know someone who would be interested in serving as a volunteer, applications can be requested at this email, or by calling 573-431-6001.

Thank you for all that you do in the ministry God has called you to. We are praying for our local churches and church staff as you equip God's people, as you share the gospel, and as you represent Christ to this community. It's exciting to see what God is doing here in the Parkland!

Bates Creek Camp Youth Fall Fellowship A Day of Faith, Fellowship, and Fun **Oct.12, 2019 - 1pm-8pm**

It will be an afternoon at camp including:

Recreation & Relaxation
Dinner
Worship Service

* Featuring Casey Williams and the Dead Sea Drifters And Bonfire!

This event will be the host for a Promotional Video Shoot for the camp. We would love to have the Youth Groups which attend camp as those featured in the video.

RSVP to :

Racheal Carlyon
573-366-1645

rachealcarlyon@gmail.com

CSU

CSU Bible Study Tuesday Evenings 6 p.m. Are you attending Mineral Area College? Then join us at the CSU! It's a place to come chill, have some eats, some great fellowship, and Bible study. Mineral Area Baptist Association? Student Center, 5169 Flat River Rd (down the road from MAC Campus) Entrance through the back door of the house

General fund receipts September , 2019

Belleview.	\$34.36
Bethany.	\$49.00
Bismarck.	\$497.25
Bonne Terre 1st. . . .	\$592.76
Cadet.	\$385.84
Cantwell.	\$102.04
Chestnut Ridge. . . .	\$189.75
Coffman.	\$150.00
Delassus.	\$509.18
Desloge.	\$660.69
Doe Run.	\$252.59
EBT First.	\$110.00
EBT Second.	\$100.00
Elvins.	\$302.31
Esther.	\$400.00
Fairview.	\$95.80
Fredericktown 1 st . . .	\$192.99
Fredericktown 2 nd ..	\$122.90
Genevieve.	\$300.00
Glover.	\$0.00
Grace.	\$229.40
Iron Mountain.	\$486.18
Irondale.	\$400.00
Ironton.	\$327.04
Knob Lick.	\$20.00
Leadwood.	\$100.00
Liberty.	\$107.64
Little Vine.	\$25.00
Lost Creek.	\$0.00
Mitchell.	\$25.00
New Life Fellowship. .	\$0.00
New Offenburg.	\$0.00
Park Hills.	\$237.93
Pilot Knob.	\$0.00
Pine Log.	\$0.00
Potosi Community. . .	\$100.00
Potosi SBC.	\$1252.85
Primrose.	\$0.00
Providence.	\$125.00
Silver Springs.	\$105.10
Sonrise.	\$451.80
Springtown	\$0.00
Ste. Genevieve.	\$100.00
Stouts Creek.	\$200.00
Three Rivers.	\$0.00
Unity.	\$50.00
Viburnum.	\$0.00
Washita.	\$70.00

Summary of Gifts **\$9,460.40**

