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**Ministry Anniversary**

1. . . Stanley Payne EBT 2<sup>nd</sup> 17<sup>th</sup>
1. . . . . Wayne Isgriggs  
Potosi Southern 11<sup>th</sup>
3. Tim Mattingly Pine Log 16<sup>th</sup>
12. . . . . Dooley Politte  
Iron Mountain 9<sup>th</sup>
13. . . . . Roy Kaylor  
Silver Springs 8<sup>th</sup>

**Moderator- Bill Bond**

Before I move on to September issues, let me say that this has been a very busy month for our association. We began the month with our Missions Conference at FBC – Desloge. I want to thank our special guest speaker, Bro. Rob Phillips (MBC), and our two special guests from the IMB (one a current missionary). Between the hospitality of the folks at Desloge, the vision of our whole Missions Committee, and a special effort by Bro. Daniel Weyand to handle most of the technical issues, it was an awesome experience. I believe we broke into some new territory.

Those who attended got to converse with a number of our missionaries representing different stages of ministry, cultures, and dealing with differing difficulties. Our Committee envisioned being able to spend a few minutes in each of the rooms and then to move on, perhaps being selective with our choices. The truth was that we all wanted to spend the whole time with each missionary, and we wanted to see them all. We did more than make a connection; we caught a glimpse of how we might be able to do this kind of “Skyped” conference each year, and we saw how it could be done on either an associational level or a church level.

In mid-August, many of us attended the We Preach Christ conference at Delassus Baptist. As promised, it was a wonderful opportunity to sit down with other pastors and teachers and be blessed

to go over many of the fundamentals of the gospel. Many thanks to Bro. Cheston Pickard and the folks from the church who graciously put the conference together, collected a pile of free resources, fed us ... If you didn't come for anything but the music, you were blessed.

Many of you may have already gotten a call from either our Program Committee or our Nominating Committee. As we look forward to our October 3 Annual Meeting at Potosi Southern Baptist, we have a whole slate of speakers, special music and other folks to set up, including the replacements for outgoing team members.

September has long been a special time for revivals in our Baptist tradition. Part of the reason for that is that it's one of those times of the year when we often see a surge in attendance and availability. 2 Chronicles 7:14 always comes to mind. God instructs us to humble ourselves, pray and seek His face, and to turn from our sins. In return, He promises to hear and to heal our land.

Our Evangelism Committee (usually through Cathy or me) has probably flooded your inboxes with emails with information, requests for help, and resources to help us prepare for our Thirst Conference. If you don't get these emails, please contact the office and we can get you the information.

Right now, we still need about 5 vehicles and as many as 7 homes. I'm thankful that the team suppers and Ladies Lunch are covered, but we still have a couple of team lunches left. In thinking about our text, when God asks us to humble ourselves, I don't think it is a stretch to say that He also means sacrificing our time and other resources to meet the housing, transportation, and meal needs of these 28 LifeAction team members who are coming to spend a week

ministering to us. Setting aside time to attend the meetings and to bring others to the meetings with us also takes humility. If your church hasn't yet committed to help meet these needs and attend the meetings, I'm hoping that you will adopt the mind of Christ and make it a priority to do so. We admit that we can't schedule or manufacture revival, but we can humble ourselves.

The next step is to allow that humility cause us to pray and seek God's face. I am not aware of any major revival or awakening that did not begin with a concentrated season of devoted prayer. I recently sent out a Prayer Guide to help us prepare our hearts for the September 15-18 conference. We simply won't see revival unless we beseech the eternal, living, almighty God to bring revival to our own hearts. Humility will lead us to fall before Him in prayer salted with praise, confession and thanksgiving. “It's me, It's me, Oh Lord, Standing in the need of prayer.” While you are praying, 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.

The natural result of humbling ourselves and praying and seeking God is that we will see Him for who He is and see ourselves in need of both revival and reform. We live by grace through faith, but that message looks even better to the world around us when they can see that we have turned from our own personal sin. It may not be the kind of sin that lands a man in prison, but sins like apathy and many forms of selfishness and disobedience. God is willing to bring revival to our hearts, but He gives us the responsibility to humble ourselves, pray and seek His face, and to turn from our sin. If this one group of Baptists can do this in one association, one state, and one country, then I can't help but believe that God will show Himself to be the living, faithful merciful God of the Bible that we know Him to be.

In Christ,  
Bro. Bill Bond

# Church News-

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

## FBC East Bonne Terre-

East Bonne Terre Baptist Church: VBS-"In the Wild" went well. We had a girls/boys offering contest with the losers receiving a pie in the face. Odd thing was it was a tie and our recreation leaders, James and Carolyn Bullock both received delicious pies in the face. Our offering received went to Missouri Missions. We had 3 boys attend boys camp this summer with 2 receiving Christ as their Savior and want to be baptized.

## 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!  
Providence is having an ordination service for Bobby Upchurch on September 8th and 2pm.

## Silver Springs - Silver Springs

Baptist Church will be having Revival September 29 through October 2, 2019. Times of services are: Sunday morning 10:30 AM; Sunday Evening through Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend. Guest Speaker will be Bro. Elmer Killian. Special music will be provided.  
Please bring your favorite Bible, a pen, a selection of high lighters, and notebook to take copious notes. You may want to bring a pair of steel toes shoes/boots just in case your toes are stepped on; bring a comfortable cushion to sit on just in case the seats are too hard; be sure to install fresh batteries in hearing aides to ensure you can hear ok, a light weight jacket just in case you get to cold, short sleeve shirt/blouse in case you get hot, be sure to sit up front (the cushions are much more softer), and feel free to sit wherever you want because there are no names on the pews. And may your stay at Silver Springs Baptist Church be a memorable one. Bring several friends and family members because they probably need the revival more than you do. (Sarcastic)  
Silver Springs Baptist Church is very simple to get to if you don't use GPS.

However, you must have a working mileage gauge (speedometer) and an on board compass – just in case you don't know what direction you're traveling. And maybe a good map. Just follow the instructions below and I guarantee your safe arrival:

(1). Go North on Hwy 67. The church is located approximately 1.5 miles North of St. Francois State Park. Turn left on Shannon Road. Go approximately 1/10 of a mile. The church is located towards your right.

2). Go South on Hwy 67. The church is located 1.5 miles South of Y Hwy. Turn right on Shannon Road. Go approximately 1/10 of a mile. The church is located towards your right.

## MINERAL AREA

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

**-SEPT. 20-21st**

**BATES CREEK BAPTIST CAMP**  
**COST: \$40 – ADULT WOMEN, \$30 – TEEN GIRLS. LODGING AVAILABLE**  
**SPEAKER: BEVMcCOLLOCH**

### MABA Office-

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

## Parkland PRC

Trivia Night "Yeah Baby"  
September 7<sup>th</sup>, 6PM  
In addition to Trivia, activities will include a services auction and Kung Fu Karaoke! Complimentary snacks will be provided.  
Location- Farmington American Legion Post #416  
1604 W. Columbia Street  
\$20/per person  
\$150/table- 8 players per table  
advanced payment, pay online at parklandprc.com  
or mail to Parkland PRC  
Attn. Trivia Night  
815 E Main Street  
Park Hills, Mo. 63601  
Table (8 Players) \$160 at the door  
  
All proceeds support the Parkland Pregnancy Resource Center.  
Any questions please call the PRC at 573-431-6001

## 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!

## 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

**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 not be provided due to not enough people signing up.

## September 25 SYATP

**Youth Rally** at Central High School Auditorium, 6:30-8:30 pm

## General fund receipts August , 2019

Belleview. . . . .	\$30.26
Bethany. . . . .	\$215.08
Bismarck. . . . .	\$452.76
Bonne Terre 1st. . . . .	\$394.11
Cadet. . . . .	\$519.08
Cantwell. . . . .	\$103.52
Chestnut Ridge. . . . .	\$214.90
Coffman. . . . .	\$104.00
Delassus. . . . .	\$0.00
Desloge. . . . .	\$612.09
Doe Run. . . . .	\$221.15
EBT First. . . . .	\$110.00
EBT Second. . . . .	\$100.00
Elvins. . . . .	\$258.98
Esther. . . . .	\$400.00
Fairview. . . . .	\$109.80
Fredericktown 1 <sup>st</sup> . . . . .	\$195.01
Fredericktown2 <sup>n</sup> . . . . .	\$80.80
Genevieve. . . . .	\$350.00
Glover. . . . .	\$0.00
Grace. . . . .	\$193.00
Iron Mountain. . . . .	\$467.40
Irondale. . . . .	\$0.00
Ironton. . . . .	\$378.58
Knob Lick. . . . .	\$0.00
Leadwood. . . . .	\$0.00
Liberty. . . . .	\$84.94
Little Vine. . . . .	\$25.00
Lost Creek. . . . .	\$25.00
Mitchell. . . . .	\$0.00
New Life Fellowship. . . . .	\$0.00
New Offenburg. . . . .	\$50.00
Park Hills. . . . .	\$201.58
Pilot Knob. . . . .	\$134.00
Pine Log. . . . .	\$279.08
Potosi Community. . . . .	\$100.00
Potosi SBC. . . . .	\$831.40
Primrose. . . . .	\$425.00
Providence. . . . .	\$125.00
Silver Springs. . . . .	\$104.05
Sonrise. . . . .	\$445.91
Springtown . . . . .	\$46.67
Ste. Genevieve. . . . .	\$100.00
Stouts Creek. . . . .	\$150.00
Three Rivers. . . . .	\$151.86
Unity. . . . .	\$0.00
Viburnum. . . . .	\$125.00
Washita. . . . .	\$70.00

Summary of Gifts  
\$8,985.01

