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NEWS

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Encourage your Church Leaders October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Pastoring the people of God is hard work; it's a high calling for a reason. The high calling of pastoring the local church is emotionally, spiritually, and even physically stressful at times. How can you show them appreciation and encourage them as they fulfill the calling the Lord had given them?

- 1) **Pray for them.** What better way is there for you to uplift your pastors and church leaders than through approaching the throne of grace with confidence? The Lord hears the prayers of His people, and the Lord cares for the leaders of His people. Take time regularly, each day even, to pray for the men and women on your church staff. Pray for their emotional well-being, their physical strength, their spiritual wellness, and any specific needs you know. This is definitely the simplest and perhaps most impactful way you can support your church leaders. Before you do any of the following, be sure to pray.
- 2) Write them encouraging letters. Letters of encouragement, especially handwritten ones, are true treasures. Thank your leaders for their time outside the typical nine-to-five workday. Share some Scripture that may be encouraging to them. Tell them about how the Lord has been using their ministry to make you more like Jesus. Write about how you saw a friend come to Christ. Your pastors and church leaders will appreciate anything encouraging.
- **3)** Serve in the church. Churches are always looking for more volunteers. Willing hands and warm hearts are so needed in the local church, especially when it comes to children's ministry or nursery help. Simply ask where help is needed and be willing to be a faithful servant.
- 4) **Give generously.** You can show your appreciation for your pastors and church leaders by giving generously and viewing your gifts as an act of worship, not merely ministry maintenance.
- 5) **Encourage their families.** We have already seen the toll leading a church can take on the pastor, but often, the pastor's family feels the toll of ministry as well. Encourage the families of your church leaders in much the same way you encourage your church leaders: prayer, notes, and acts of kindness.
- 6) **Speak well of the church.** One of the most discouraging parts about leading the people of God is hearing them talk bad about others in the church. Do not gossip about the bride of Christ. The body of Christ is a wounded body because it is made up of wounded people. Speak of the bride of Christ as you would like someone to speak of your spouse.

Don't just give a card — be an encourager.

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CALENDAR

Octobe	<u>r</u>			
1-31	Pastor Appreciation Month			
3	Adult Bible Study & Music @ Calvary - 10:00			
am				
	Pastors Fellowship - Best Western - noon			
11	Maplewood Association, 7:00 pm			
13	Winter Bible Study Planning, 7:00 pm			
20	NEWS items due			
24-26	MO Baptist Convention Pastors Conference &			
1	Annual Meeting, St. Charles, MO			
27	Label NEWS			
All meetings at Mission Office unless otherwise indicated				
Church Rededication at				

East Sedalia Baptist Church

Sunday, October 16 at 10:30 am

Pot-Luck Meal to follow - All are welcome. Bring entree, side or salad, and dessert

We plan to open the time capsule from the 1909 cornerstone between 12:30 and 1:00 pm. Feel free to join us at that time to see the opening.

Park on east lot and enter the gymnasium.

Birthdays

Duane Duchesne	October 3
Pastor - New Hope	
Ryan Stone	October 16
Minister of Youth - Katy Park	
Harvey Pace	October 16
Pastor - Emmet Avenue	
Jason McClain	October 17
Pastor - Olive Branch	
Michael Sproles	October 20
Director of Music - Calvary	
John Hanson	October 21
Student Ministries - New Hope	
Missionary Keith Finke	October 22
Larry Chappell	October 28
Pastor - LaMonte	
Missionary Lori Finke	October 28

Church Anniversaries

John Dumsday III10 years, October 1
Pastor - Lamine
Robert Sisney7 years, October 25
Pastor - Mt Herman

Receipts from our churches

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Church Antioch ······	August 2016	YTD
Bethlehem ······		
Bethany		
Broadway		
Calvary		
Camp Branch		
East Sedalia		
Emmet Avenue		
FBC, Sedalia		
Flat Creek ······	$\cdots \cdots 725.89 \cdots \cdots \cdots$	$\cdots 4743.39$
Green Ridge		
Hopewell	$\cdots \cdots 488.84 \cdots \cdots \cdots$	$\cdots 3481.62$
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Katy Park	$\cdots 1264.35 \cdots \cdots$	$\cdots 7858.92$
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Mt. Herman ······		$\dots 1500.00$
New Hope		$\dots 4483.17$
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Other receipts Less Expenditures Ending Balance		(7,833.35)
Ending Balance		\$14,785.47
Reserve Fund - August 2	016	
Beginning Balance		\$17,301.33
Interest earned Ending Balance		
		\$17,502.00
<u>Mission Trip Fund - Aug</u>		A 1 1 4 0 1 F
Beginning Balance Receipts		
Less Expenditures		
Ending Balance		
<u>Designated Funds - Aug</u>	ust 2016	
Balance		\$ 12,280.69
Receipt		1,297.00
Expenditures		
Ending Balance		\$ 12,691.15
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	esignated receipts	7,585.55
Amount above or (b	elow) to meet budget	(\$1,059.37)



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"NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES"

Bethany: The saints at Bethany are excited to begin a new church year this month with new Sunday School classes and workers. We shared a midmonth noon luncheon on the 14th and stayed busy on the 17th with a Fall workday. Our church family was grateful to observe a believer's baptism and the Lord's Supper on the 18th. We held our ninth annual Fall Bible Conference on the 23-25, with Pastor Mike Summers (Countryside Baptist, Olathe, KS) teaching on "Family Matters." We will finish September by hosting a Red Cross Community Blood Drive on the 27th and serving a meal at the Community Cafe on the 29th.

Bethlehem: We extend an invitation to come to our annual "**Octoberfest**" Saturday, October 1, from 4:00-7:00 pm. There will be bounce house, games, live music, and a silent auction. We will have a spaghetti dinner, drink, and dessert for \$5. Children four and under are free. It will be fun for the whole family!

Broadway: The congregation is in a planning mode: a Trunk and Treat event for October, a music service and dinner in November, a Thanksgiving/ Christmas Dinner in December, and our church 50th Anniversary in 2017. The Board of Deacons is reviewing our Church Health Survey and will establish a plan for improvement in several areas. We will offer to do voter registration. Pastor Gray and his wife Cynthia continue pastoral counseling for individuals, families, children, and groups. This includes testing for temperament and learned behavior of all types and counseling for stress and trauma care with military application, including post-traumatic stress disorder. Our Wednesday Prayer Service and weekly prayer list now include the names of 350+ Missouri POW-MIAs.

Calvary: The men and their guests had their regular breakfast the first Saturday of the month. The ladies had a carry-in luncheon. Pastor Don and Marie returned from India after a 14 day Mission Trip. We served a meal to the Smith-Cotton football team. The Women's Ministry started their Beth Moore study. We visited Fair View and Rest Haven as Pastor Don shared a message with the residents and sang their favorite hymns. We extend our sympathy to the Marlin Brown family and the Kay Hepburn family. We celebrated our 90th Church Anniversary on Sunday, September 25, with a carry-in lunch and the afternoon visiting with old friends of the past. Former Pastor Ted Francis and Pastor Mike Cooper spoke. **East Sedalia:** Our goal for the Rheubin L. South Missouri Missions Offering is \$750. Several adults enjoyed the Wednesday night Community Meal, along with the 18 and younger group on September 21. Beginning September 25, there will be a Sunday Night Bible Study, "Big Heroes for Kids" for children, K-5th grade. It will be a fun time of Bible Study, games and refreshments and will be from 6:00-7:00 pm every Sunday evening. Evening services will also resume on September 25. Plans are for a **Church Re-dedication on October 16**.

<u>Emmet Avenue</u>: We are continuing to improve the appearance of the church with maintenance to the front steps. Our 5th Sunday Fellowship dinner is October 30 after the worship service.

FBC, Sedalia: We got an early start on Operation Christmas Child on August 31 by wrapping over 40 boxes with Christmas paper. The adult choir has begun practicing for the December 11 Christmas musical, "Almost There." Anyone is welcome to join the choir for this special Christmas program. Choir rehearsals are 7:30 pm each Wednesday. The Women's Enrichment Ministry held a "Grill, Chill & Roll" Bunco Night on September 9. The Men's Ministry kicked off the new church year with a planning breakfast at Denny's on September 10. One person was baptized on September 11. Randy McDaris was extended a call on September 18 to come as our Associate Pastor of Youth and Activities. Randy and Emma have three children, and will be moving here soon from Texas. The annual Senior Adult Fish Fry was held on September 20.

Flat Creek: In late August Annie DeHaven went to Haiti on a mission trip to work with the children in an orphanage. Among other activities they held a Bible School and interacted with the children. In the near future she will be presenting a program about her experience. We celebrated Sunday School promotion with a doughnut, juice, and coffee fellowship. **Hopewell:** We baptized one on September 18. We held an Annual Fish Fry following services on September 18.

Katy Park: We hosted our 18th Annual Fish Fry on September 2. The Ladies' Bible Study began their meetings again on September 6. They are going through Priscilla Shirer's study "Armor of God" for the second time. The Men's Ministry met on September 8. The S.A.G.E. Group took a trip to the Lycuem Theatre at Arrow Rock September 9. The church messengers attended the HBA Annual Meeting at Camp Branch Baptist Church. Jeff Page led a Sunday morning worship

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Lamine: Members attended the Annual Meeting at Camp Branch Baptist Church. On September 24, we had a Work Day with some cleaning, mending and fixing. On September 25 will be a busy day at church with the Lord's Supper, Business Meeting, Carry-In Dinner, and trap shoot for everyone. A Hay Ride is planned for October 1.

<u>New Hope</u>: We will host a Fall Family Fun Fest on Sunday, October 23, from 5:00-7:00 pm, with hot dogs and burgers, treats, games, booths, and a photo op. Costumes are optional. Our 3rd Annual Car & Bike Show on September 10th was spectacular, showcasing 17 motorcycles and 73 cars and trucks, and even a dune buggy and go-Kart.

<u>Primera Iglesia Hispana</u>: Our Fundraiser Meal is every Friday night at 8:00 pm after services at Primera Iglesia Hispana. The funds help pay off building. We celebrated our 7th Church Anniversary on September 25.

Providence: Praise and worship is our goal as we strive to carry the gospel to our local community. There is nothing we should NOT thank GOD for! We are truly blessed. A special thank you to our visitors who have come to visit us in the last few weeks. Come join us when you can. We love having you share in worship with us. Thanks to all who helped with the Otterville Fair booth, community church service and dinner last weekend. You are greatly appreciated. God bless you. God loves a cheerful giver. Coming soon — special event for October is a Fall Festival.

<u>Vision</u>: The ladies started a Fall Bible Study to be held on Thursday's at 6:00 pm. The ladies also met and had dinner and made a craft. We had four members go on the New Orleans Mission Trip. The youth met weekly on Sunday evenings.

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Upward Sports Program

First Baptist Church is offering recreational basketball and cheerleading to boys and girls, first through sixth grade. The Upward Sports program develops young athletes:

- □ Mentally—Make wise decisions
- □ Athletically—Improve physical abilities
- □ Spiritually—Embrace life's purpose
- \Box Socially—Foster healthy relationships

Play with Purpose:

- □ 5 million participants over the past 19 years in the Upward program
- □ Build competitive athletic skills, character, confidence, and spirit
- Only youth sports experience delivering 360 progression - A unique sports experience that develops the total athlete
- □ First Baptist Church has participated in the program since 2007

The Upward Experience:

- $\Box \ 1 \ {\rm practice} \ {\rm and} \ 1 \ {\rm game} \ {\rm per} \ {\rm week}$
- □ Unique substitution system ensures every young athlete plays
- □ Quality game day uniform and other sport related gear

□ Age appropriate character and skill development both on and off court



Registration Information Available September 21:

- * Early Registration is \$60 per child by October 9
- * Registration after October 9 is \$70 per child
- * Basketball Shorts & Cheer Mock Turtle Necks are optional, at an additional \$16 each
- * Pick up registration forms at First Baptist Church, 200 E. 6th Street, Sedalia, MO. Call 660-826-2160 for more information. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.
- Participants must attend evaluation/orientation in the First Baptist Church Main Hall and Gym. Sunday, October 23, anytime between 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
- □ **Practices** begin the week of Monday, November 28, 2016
- Games begin Friday, January 6, 2017
- □ Awards Monday, February 27, 2017

Deadline to register is October 12, 2016

Vote November 8—General Election

"In addition to praying, we must cast our votes to fulfill our Christian responsibility toward government, one of three institutions – along with the family and the Church – God ordained," said Don Hinkle, Pathway editor and public policy advisor for the MBC.



"We must exercise the opportunity for influence that God has given us through our unique system of self-government. If we fail to vote conscientiously for godly rule, evil will increase in our nation. *Proverbs* 29:16 says, 'When the wicked are in authority, sin flourishes.' Our nation will then bear the consequences of the leaders we choose. First Samuel 8:18 says, 'When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, but the Lord will not answer you'

"If we choose not to vote, we forfeit our moral right to decry the ungodly actions of your elected leaders," Hinkle added.

"By not voting, we help elect ungodly leaders," Don Hinkle stressed. "We bear the blame, and our children and grandchildren will suffer for it. Always vote as wisely as possible so that your conscience is clear before God. Only then can you be part of the solution."

From The Pathway

Highlights of 136th Annual Meeting, Sunday, September 18 Attendance 54 from 20 churches

Heard reports from Discipleship/Life Stewardship, Leadership Development, Children's Camp, Director of Missions, Treasurer's, Leadership Enlistment Team, Staff Recommendation Team, Buildings & Grounds Team, and Time, Place, and Preacher.

Approved the 2017 Associational Budget for \$105,484.

Elected new associational leaders.

Heard Annual Sermon by Dr. Glenn Sparks

Heard from Dr. Robert Springate, Missouri Baptist Children's Home. Dr. Springate, a ventriloquist, introduced "Danny Driftwood" to the messengers and guests. "Danny" presented more information about the MBCH. "Danny" would love to speak in your church. Contact Dr. Springate at 816-898-0008.

Director of Children's Ministry Needed

We are looking for an individual that is passionate in their relationship with Jesus and passionate about ministering to children and their families to be our Director of Children's Ministry. This is a 10-15 hour a week position that oversees our children's programs birth-grade 6.

Please apply at Katy Park Baptist Church, 901 W. 24th Street, Sedalia, MO 65301 -(660)826-7497 or email to: kpbcsecretary@att.net



In Memory of

Rev. James Marlin Brown

November 20, 1945 - September 8, 2016

Director of Missions January 1989 to September 2010

Associate Pastor of Administration at First Baptist Church, Sedalia November 2010 to November 2015

MO Baptist Convention Annual Meeting

Messengers representing churches affiliated with the Missouri Baptist Convention (MBC) will gather October 24-26 at the St. Charles Convention Center for their 182nd Annual Meeting.

The theme is "Not Alone," taken from Deuteronomy 31:6 (ESV), where Moses declares, "Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."

Planted in Missions GA's Retreat

Baptist Ridge, Warsaw, MO

October 28-29 For all girls 1st – 6th grade are invited to attend. You do not have to be a GA.

Registrations forms can be found on the website: mobaptist.org/wmu

Registration • \$36 per person Deadline is October 18

For information contact Teri Broeker at 573-478-3512, 217-779-3396

GA Retreat begins with check-in at 4:00 pm on Friday and ends at 3:30 pm on Saturday. Girls



will have fun in a camp setting, meeting girls from other churches. They will meet missionaries and participate in games, crafts, Bible study, prayer and more!

Operational Christmas Child

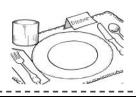


National Collection Week

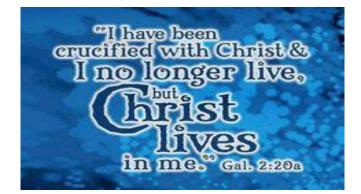
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Mark Your Calendar

Pastor/Staff and Spouse Appreciation Dinner on Friday, December 9, at 6:30 pm at East Sedalia.



2017 Kids Kamp June 12-16, 2017



Project Parachute

Our next Project Parachute Meeting is Thursday, November 17, at 6:00 pm at the Associational Office.

Adult Bible Study and Music

Monday, October 3, is our next Adult Bible Study and Music at **Calvary Baptist Church** from 10:00 to 11:30 am. Elvis Durrill (Vision) will be the Bible Study leader. Don Satterwhite (Calvary) will provide the music.

Refreshments will be provided by Rose Sipes (Emmet Avenue) and Nora Paul (Calvary).

Invite a friend to attend with you!

