

# THE MESSENGER

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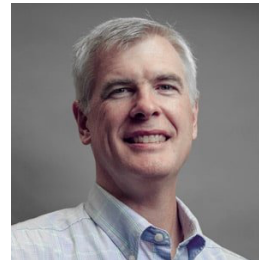
Photos of some recent events are pictured on page 3.

### Ministers Lunches

Pastors and ministers meet for lunch every month at local restaurants. Info. on page 4.

### THBA Calendar

Calendar of Events is on page 4.



**Gaylon Moss, the director of disaster relief for the Missouri Baptist Convention will be the speaker at the THBA Executive Board meeting on Thursday, April 22nd at Rehoboth Baptist Church, Kirksville.**

**The meeting starts at 6:30 PM. There will be a business session, some worship and then board members will hear from Gaylon Moss. Refreshments will follow.**

## VBS TRAINING

**APRIL 24 - 9 AM - NOON - FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH**

Training for church VBS workers will be offered by the THBA VBS team in Kirksville on April 24th at 9 AM to noon. The Fellowship Baptist Church, 1701 Jamison, welcomes all to come and experience a preview of both last year's and this year's VBS curriculums. "Destination Dig" (VBS 2021) and "Concrete and Cranes" (VBS 2020) will be featured. There will be training for workers with preschool, children and adults and there will be many other skill development breakout sessions. Crafts, snacks and decorations will be featured. So churches that saved back last year's curriculum can get trained as well as those using the 2021 curriculum.

More info. will be sent to each church in late March. Contact VBS Coordinator Bobbie Bansal with questions at: 660-665-0633.

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## From the Director of Missions Richard Nations

Easter Sunday was a great time for many of our churches. I heard reports from several churches that there were decisions for Christ, baptisms, Lord's Supper observances and high attendance.

I sent a note around to the pastors asking for stories and several sent back responses which I will share here.

Broadlawn Baptist in Unionville had a joint choir presentation with the combined choirs of the United Methodist Church and the Broadlawn choir. This was the retirement Sunday for their pastor, Bro. Walter Griffen. They reported a "full house."

Rehoboth Baptist, Kirksville had 150 in attendance and had an Easter brunch...the first time they had shared a meal in 14 months.

Coatsville Baptist, Coatsville had 15 attenders, almost double their normal crowd. They had two new families from the neighborhood visiting with them.

Pastor Andy Needham of Open Arms Baptist in Macon reports a record attendance and they said they really felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Easter service.

FBC La Plata had a baptism, served communion and had the highest attendance of the year.

FBC Bevier had a sunrise service, followed by breakfast and then 96 attenders in the morning worship time.

71 people attended Yellow Creek Baptist in Green City. Pastor Randy Quick and his wife Bonnie have returned from a winter vacation in Texas.

Hamilton St. Baptist in Kirksville had a sunrise service with 53 people and then combined worship of over 190 in their two regular morning services. One person accepted Christ. This is the second Sunday they have experienced someone come to Christ.

FBC Kirksville reported 280 in Easter worship and the First Baptist Francophone had 35 in attendance.

And there are many more that we have not heard from yet. But we hope all of you had a good worship time on Easter and maybe it encouraged you a little bit. We've had a tough year of course and it's good to see folks starting to come back to worship services.

Many churches are continuing to broadcast their worship services and sometimes Sunday school classes. They feel it is a worthwhile effort to continue to offer those who choose to participate in the services from home that option. It may be that way for a while or it might even be that way from this day forward.

I preached at a Good Friday service of a church in Des Moines in an online Facebook Live event. I was sitting in my office in Kirksville preaching on the thief on the cross crying out to Jesus to save him.

No matter how you worship—in person, at home or even while listening in your car—the focus on the Lord and not on ourselves is the key. I wish you the very best this Easter season. Happy Easter.

**THBA SUMMER CAMPS**

**Grand Oaks Youth Camp - June 7-11**

**\$110 registration due by May 14**

**Grand Oaks Children's Camp - July 26-30**

**\$110 registration due by July 6**

**50% scholarships available.**



Joe Curtis is the pastor of Primera Iglesia Bautista in Milan. While a member of First Baptist Church, Trenton, Joe was a part of the group who planted the Hispanic church, first in Trenton and then later moving to Milan. After searching for several years for a pastor during a vacancy, Bro. Joe felt the Lord calling him to serve this group of Hispanic believers. He preaches through a translator and he brings people with him from FBC Trenton who help teach the children and teenagers in the Sunday school time.



Billy and Sherry Pippin of FBC La Plata are providing VBS themed snacks during the upcoming VBS training session on April 24th at Fellowship Baptist Church, Kirksville.

The Pippins have been doing this on the THBA VBS training team for several years. Billy says cooking is relaxation for him and he and his mother enjoy finding fun ways to prepare snacks for kids during VBS.

Come for the training and a bonus will be getting to enjoy some of these cool snacks.

**April**

- 1 Grand Oaks board meeting, Chillicothe, 12:30 PM
- 2 Good Friday
- 4 Easter Sunday
- 5 Office closed (Easter Holiday)
- 10 Retirement Reception-Walter Griffen, Unionville, 2 PM
- 14-18 DOM on vacation in Des Moines - Son's wedding
- 19 Ministers Lunch, La Pa, Kirksville, 11:30 AM
- 22 Exec. Bd. Mtg., Rehoboth, Kirksville 6:30 PM
- 24 VBS Training, Fellowship Baptist, Kirksville 9 AM
- 26 DOM to MBC Historical Commission Mtg, Jackson

**May**

- 4 BSU board meeting, BSU, Kirksville, 7 PM
- 9 Mother's Day
- 18 Ministers Lunch, Nurhachi Restaurant, Kirksville
- 17 Youth Camp Registration Forms Due
- 24 Children's Camp promotion mailed to churches
- 31 Memorial Day (office closed)

**June**

- 7 Youth Camp staff training, Grand Oaks, Noon
- 7-11 Youth Camp, Grand Oaks
- 15 Ministers Lunch, La Pa Restaurant, Kirksville 11:30 AM
- 20 Father's Day

**Ministers Lunch**



**On the 3rd Tuesday of most months the pastors and ministers gather for lunch.**

**In May it will be held at Nurhachi Restaurant on North Baltimore St. in Kirksville. They feature a Mongolian buffet. Select your meats and vegetables and they will cook it and bring the food to you.**

**In April the pastors will visit with Willie McLaurin who is the vice president of the SBC Executive Committee in Nashville, Tennessee.**

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