

THE MESSENGER

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From the DOM

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WMU meetings are scheduled

WMU West and South meetings are scheduled. Info. on page 2.

Announcements

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Annual Meeting to feature Rob Phillips speaking on “Contending for the Faith”



Rob Phillips

The THBA annual meeting will be held at First Baptist Church, 207 E. Washington St., Kirksville, on Sunday afternoon and evening, September 10th. It begins with registration at 2:30 and the afternoon business session at 3 PM. Dinner is available by reservation at 5 PM and the evening session is at 6:30 PM.

Rob Phillips is the featured speaker and he will share a challenge to be involved in “contending for the faith” as is exhorted in Jude 3. Phillips is an apologetics trainer with the Missouri Baptist Convention in addition to his duties as the catalyst for business services for the MBC. He is the author of several books on defending the faith and there will be a book table offering those resources for sale.

The worship will be led by the worship team of Kaseyville Baptist Church, Callao. Co-Pastor Perry Martin will lead this group. The afternoon session has been streamlined with less reports from ministry partners and more time for celebration of THBA ministries.

Dinner reservations for the catered meal are due at the THBA office by 4 PM on Tuesday, September 5th. A reservation form has been emailed to every pastor and church. The meal will cost \$10 if reserved by September 5th and \$12 if purchased after that date. Send payment for meals with the form sent to each church.

Churches may elect messengers for the meeting according to the formula set by the THBA Constitution and Bylaws. That is available online at www.1000hillsba.org. Guests are welcome at the meeting as well. For more information contact DOM Richard Nations at 660-342-7658 or email at rdnations@gmail.com.



From the Director of Missions Bro. Richard Nations

We live in a culture where some liberal and ungodly people would love nothing better than to make our community elementary school bathrooms be gender-neutral. You think I'm exaggerating? I am not! Gay rights, LBGQT (and some other letters to come), hate-speech lawsuits for expressing Christian beliefs...these are just a few of the opposing forces facing us.

And to add to all that, there are many forms of pagan religious belief systems vying for our attention anytime we plug in some form of media. The universalism of Joel Osteen beckons. The false doctrines of the Latter Day Saints and the Jehovah's Witnesses are dressed up and adorned with Bible verses. They look enticing and seem to be Biblical if not examined closely.

So in light of that, we have invited a champion defender of the Christian faith to speak to our association during the Annual Meeting, September 10th at First Baptist, Kirksville. Rob Phillips, the Ministry Support Catalyst for the Mo. Baptist Convention and an apologetics trainer will speak to us on the theme "Contending for the Faith" from Jude 3. Please don't miss Rob's messages that day.

We will have his two books available for purchase that day also, so you might want to bring a little cash or your checkbook. The books are "The Apologist's Tool Kit" and "The Last Apologist."

We have invited the musicians of Kaseyville Baptist Church, Callao to lead us in worship that day. I enjoy worshipping with them and I know you will too. We look forward to seeing you.

Now, I'm catching my breath here in Kirksville these days. In June and July we had some great camps for youth and children and several became Jesus followers. Our Alaska mission trip took place in late July and 7 of us helped some kids learn archery basics at a church in Palmer and we did some outreach with a cowboy church in Wasilla. I've been back for a few weeks now. I'm sandwiching annual meeting preparations between now and the trip to help out at the Baptist tent at the state fair. So the newsletter is a little late, But I'm glad you have it in your hands or on your device screen now. Remember is is about a week faster if you subscribe via e-mail. Want to convert?

Come hang out with us at the annual meeting at FBC Kirksville and let's celebrate what God is doing in our association and bone up on how we can "contend for the faith."

The association is being invited to a fall gathering at the Winigan community building hosted by FBC Winigan on Saturday evening, October 14th. Hot dogs, chips and drinks are being provided and desserts and side dishes may be brought in to round out the meal. The fun begins at 4:00 PM.

The next regional Women's Missionary Union meetings are at FBC Green City, October 5 and FBC La Plata, October 10. Both are at 7 PM. Men are also welcome.



Friendship Baptist 150 Years

The Friendship Baptist Church, Macon, is celebrating 150 years of ministry (1867-2017) at their annual homecoming. It will be held on September 17th. All members and friends are invited to attend. Worship service begins at 9:30 AM. Sunday School is at 10:30 AM. There will be a social hour after Sunday school until lunch is served at 12:30 PM. Please bring a covered dish to share. Meat, beverage and table service will be furnished. There will be a program beginning at 2:00 PM with Matt Carroll providing special music. Free will offerings for the church and/or the cemetery may be donated. For more information contact Lynda Sandler at 660-385-3605. The Friendship Baptist pastor is Bro. Greg Rhinehart.

Photo courtesy of former pastor, Harvey Hibner

Welcome Steven Nelson, new pastor at Hamilton St. Baptist Church, Kirksville. Steven and his family moved to Missouri from Jay, Florida. They are Missouri natives and we welcome them back to the area. Pictured from left : Lauryn, Dana, Lydia and Steven Nelson.



THBA Bible Training Centre Classes Begin September 21st.

Fellowship Baptist Church, Kirksville, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

The two classes will be offered for the fall and spring semester.

Bible Study Methods and Rules of Interpretation - Richard Nations, instructor

New Testament Survey - Matthew Tanner, instructor. (pre-requisites required)

Classes are two hours per session, running for 20 Thursday nights throughout the fall, winter and spring. Approximate class ending date is March 15. The cost is \$20 which includes the textbook. An **HCSB Study Bible** is also required (cost is \$25 for hardback, \$8 for Kindle)

Come study the Word with others from around the association led by Bible teachers, Matthew Tanner and Richard Nations. These courses are fast-paced, lively and interesting. There are no exams or term papers, but the lectures will have some homework assignments accompanying them each week. The classes will help Sunday School teachers, deacons, church leaders, lay preachers, bivocational pastors and anyone desiring a deeper understanding of the Bible. No academic credit is offered for these courses. Class sizes are limited so don't delay registering. A satellite location for video conferencing is being explored so classes may be offered in Unionville as well as Kirksville.

Register by September 13 - call 660-342-7658 or e-mail 1000hillsba@gmail.com

For more info: www.bibletraining.com

Calendar

September

- 4 Labor Day (office closed)
- 5 Annual Meeting reservations due, 4 PM
- 10 THBA Annual Meeting, First Baptist Church, Kirksville, 3 PM - 8 PM
- 12 Minister’s Lunch, King’s Buffet, 11:30 AM
- 14-15 DOM to Pathway Retreat, St. Robert
- 15-16 FBC Clarence roofing project—help needed.
Note the date change from earlier schedules
- 17 150th Anniversary, Friendship Baptist, Macon
- 21 Bible Training Centre classes begin (10 weeks)
Fellowship Baptist, Kirksville, 6:30- 8:30 PM

October

- 5 WMU West mtg., FBC Green City, 7 PM
- 6-7 NEMO Pastor/Wife Retreat, Hannibal
- 10 WMU South mtg., FBC La Plata, 7 PM
- 14 Association Picnic at FBC Winigan, 4 PM
- 17 Minister’s Lunch, King’s Buffet, 11:30 AM
- 18 Prayer at Macon County Courthouse, 8 AM
- 23-25 Mo. Baptist Convention, Raytown

November

- 1 Prayer at Putnam County Courthouse, 1:30 PM
- 2 Prayer at Schuyler County Courthouse, 3:30 PM
- 3 Prayer at Adair County Courthouse, 8 AM
- 3 Prayer at Sullivan County Courthouse, 10:30 AM
- 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 23 Thanksgiving
- 23-24 THBA office closed

2018 Proposed THBA Budget

The association will be asked to approve the 2018 budget at the Annual Meeting, Sept. 10.

To preview the proposed budget go to

www.1000hillsba.org and click on the budget preview link on the home page.



