

# THE MESSENGER

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### From the DOM

Richard Nations talks about the establishment of a new missions partnership with the churches in the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention in his column on page 2.

### WMU Annual Meeting

The MBC WMU annual meeting information is on page 3

### Calendar of Events

Page 4 has a listing of upcoming dates in the THBA along with promotion about a D-Now youth event in the Moberly area.

### Pinewood Derby Info.

The association has a long standing tradition of having a pinewood derby race for boys and girls in the spring. See the information on page 3 for this year's race (kids as well as teens and adults may race).



## Game On! VBS Training Sessions

Director/Pastor  
Preview - Mar. 3  
Fellowship Baptist

VBS Training for  
all age groups -  
Apr. 28  
FBC, Kirksville

Focusing on 2 Peter 1:3, the LifeWay VBS curriculum for 2018 is following a heartbeat that not matter what happens "God has got this!" He has given us the ultimate playbook (the Bible) to guide us, teach us and draw us closer to God.

Bobbie Bansal, THBA VBS Coordinator, invites you to join her team as they present two seminars this spring to train VBS workers. March 3rd, at Fellowship Baptist, Kirksville, VBS directors and pastors are invited to preview the VBS theme and curriculum from 10 AM-Noon. Then on April 28, First Baptist Church, Kirksville will host training for all age groups from 9 AM to noon. More information will be published next month and mailed to the churches later this month. Contact Bobbie at 314-399-0226 or [bobbie.bansal@gmail.com](mailto:bobbie.bansal@gmail.com).

### First Baptist Church, Kirksville calls John Marshall as associate pastor



FBC Kirksville welcomes John Marshall as their new associate pastor. John is a former manager of the Kirksville Walgreens and is a student at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City. He is married to Leslie who is a resident physician at Cleaver Dermatology Clinic. They live in Kirksville.

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## From the Director of Missions

### Bro. Richard Nations

I would like to encourage the association to form a new ministry partnership with the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention starting this summer. We have a request for assistance from the Midvale Baptist Church in Madison, WI to help put together a team of day camp teachers and recreation leaders for a week of camp this summer. We will be announcing dates a little later this spring and hope to take 6-8 people to help them reach kids and their families in the Madison area near the University of Wisconsin and the state Capitol.

Pastor Bob Stine and his wife, Sarah, have led this ministry for several years and find it a productive way to funnel prospects into their church as well as teach kids. Let me know if you are interested?

The Wasilla, Alaska partnership will continue under the direction of Pastor Jeff Harlan, Hartford Baptist, Unionville. They are planning to do some construction and backyard kids club in Wasilla June 19-25. Contact Pastor Harlan at (660) 626-4362 or [parentsx2@yahoo.com](mailto:parentsx2@yahoo.com) for more information.

In their January meeting the association executive board received the resignation of Pastor Larry Gibson (Fellowship Baptist) as evangelism-missions coordinator and Pastor Matthew Tanner (FBC La Plata) as church development coordinator. Bobbie Bansal (Fellowship Baptist Church) was elected as VBS coordinator and Pastor Chance Glenn (FBC Atlanta) was elected as evangelism-missions coordinator. We appreciate these volunteers serving the association.

How can I help you? Can I preach in your church? Tell you about the association? Call me.

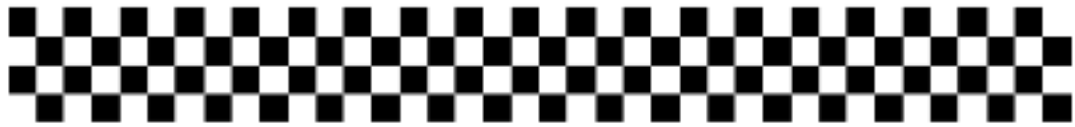
### **News from the churches and ministry partners**

The Missouri Baptist Children's Home is seeking individuals interested in helping plan a fall of 2018 5K race along with a 1.5 mile walk/run in the Kirksville area to raise funds for their human trafficking rescue ministry. A meeting has been scheduled at First Baptist Kirksville, on Saturday, February 17 at 9 AM. Those who are interested in helping plan this fundraising event may contact Pastor Dan Hite at First Baptist Church, Memphis, at (660) 216-6364 or [dhite@nemr.net](mailto:dhite@nemr.net).

Rehoboth Baptist, Kirksville is calling for an ordination council for their associate pastor, Ben Austic. The council is asked to convene on March 24, 2 PM at Rehoboth. The ordination service will be on April 8, 2 PM. They are inviting ordained clergy and deacons to attend.

Hamilton Street Baptist Church, Kirksville, is seeking a full-time associate pastor. They are seeking a candidate to serve their mission-minded church with two Sunday morning worship services—traditional and contemporary. Go to [www.hamiltonstreet.org](http://www.hamiltonstreet.org) for more information about the church and the employment tab for a job description. To apply for the position, email information to [apsearch@hamiltonstreet.org](mailto:apsearch@hamiltonstreet.org).

Omaha Baptist Church, Unionville reports they have paid off the bank note on their building. They began this note on July 1 with a balance of over \$102,000 and now it is paid off. They still have \$20,000 in personal loans made to the church but they are confident those will be paid back shortly and they will be completely debt free. They met recently to begin planning work to complete the work on their basement. Pastor Kevin Collins says "God is good!"



# Co-Ed Pinewood Derby

**Rehoboth Baptist Church  
100 Pfeiffer Ave., Kirksville**

**Saturday,  
April 7th, 2018**



**Trophy Categories:**

- Speed 1st—4th
- Best overall design
- Most realistic design
- Best religious design

**Registration 10:00 AM - Race 11:00 AM - Outlaw Derby to follow**

*Lunch will be served during the races.*

Only Association kits are eligible.

**Kits available for \$6 from THBA 1701 S Jamison, Kirksville**

Please consult official rules and regulations!

## For Kids Grades 1-6

*Outlaw Derby for everyone else!*

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### WMU Missions Celebration and Annual Meeting

April 6-7, 2018 • South Gate Baptist Church, Springfield



**Kriey Carr**  
Missions Director



**Brian & Shanna**  
Missions Team



**Berni**  
Missions Team



**Melissa**  
Missions Team



**Mark & Laura Riege**  
Missions Team



**Spencer Hester**  
Missions Team



**Marc Ritchie Family**  
Missions Team

**Register online at [mobaptist.org/mc](http://mobaptist.org/mc)**

**February Events**

- 6 THBA hosts Kirksville Minister's Lunch, Fellowship Baptist, Noon
- 6 BSU Board Mtg, BSU, Kirksville, 7 PM
- 17 5K FUNd Run Planning Mtg., FBC Kirksville, 9 AM
- 17 Camp Team Mtg., Fellowship Baptist, 10 AM
- 20 Minister's Lunch, King's Buffet, Kirksville, 11:30 AM
- 22-24 MBC Great Commission Conference, Springfield

**March Events**

- 3 Early VBS Preview for Pastors/Directors, Fellowship Baptist Church, Kirksville, 10 AM to Noon.
- 11 Daylight Savings Time ends
- 15 Bible Training Centre classes end
- 20-21 DOM Spring Retreat, Jefferson City
- 24 Ordination Council-Ben Austic, Rehoboth Bapt., 2 PM
- 25 Palm Sunday
- 30 Good Friday

**April Events**

- 1 Easter
- 2 Office closed, Easter holiday
- 5 Grand Oaks Board Mtg., Chillicothe, Noon-2 PM
- 5 WMU West Mtg., FBC Winigan, 7 PM
- 7 Pinewood Derby, Rehoboth Baptist, 10 AM
- 8 Ordination-Ben Austic, Rehoboth Baptist, 2 PM
- 10 WMU South Mtg., Location TBA, 7 PM
- 26 Exec. Bd. Mtg., Rehoboth Baptist, 6:30 PM
- 28 VBS Training, FBC Kirksville, 9 AM to Noon
- 28 Hymn Sing, Coatsville Baptist, 7 PM

