

THE MESSENGER

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From the DOM

Richard Nations talks about brotherly love in his column on page 2.

Upcoming events

There is a list of upcoming events and opportunities on pages 2 and 4. Please take note and participate if you can

Annual Meeting Plans

The THBA Annual Meeting will be at First Baptist Church, Kirksville on Sunday afternoon and evening, September 10th. It begins at 3 PM and concludes around 8:30 PM. See the note on page 3 for more information Annual Meeting Plans

Photos

Page 3 has a few photos of actives and events going on in the association. If your church would like to have something featured next month, send an email with a photo attached to rdnations@gmail.com.

Change of Location - Ex. Bd. Mtg.

The THBA executive board meeting location has changed from Novinger Baptist Church to Rehoboth Baptist Church, 100 Pfeiffer Rd. Kirksville. The board will meet at 6:30 PM on July 27. The guest preacher will be Jim Misloski, Developing Leaders Catalyst for the Missouri Baptist Convention. Pastor Curtis Ferguson and the Rehoboth Baptist Church welcome the board to Rehoboth. Guests are welcome also.



Jim Misloski

Will you pray?

The THBA Children's Camp will be held at Grand Oaks on July 10-14. Please pray for camp director, Sarah Mires, camp pastor, Jason Marlin and camp worship leaders Brock Caldwell and Ben Austic. Pray for the 110 children enrolled. Pray that many will be saved. Pray for safety for the children and staff members.

The THBA Alaska Mission Trip will take place in Wasilla and Palmer, AK on July 18-26. Pray for the team of 7 from Thousand Hills and North Grand River Associations as they lead an archery camp for RiverCountry Church and help with outreach at Cottonwood Creek Cowboy Church. Pray for team leader, Jeff Harlan. Pray for safety and evangelism efforts in the two churches.



From the Director of Missions Bro. Richard Nations

One of my good friends died this past month. Dr. Jim Wells, was the retired strategic partners team leader for the Missouri Baptist Convention and he was the immediate past registration secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention. He lived in Ozark MO. He was truly a good friend to all the Missouri Baptist directors of missions as he related to us on behalf of MBC. He died after a 5 year battle with cancer.

One of the reasons I am going to miss him is his love for all the people he worked with. He just tried to bring out the positive in every situation. He helped our association as we reorganized our teams and then adjusted our budget and sold our office building a few years back. He would always conclude a phone call by saying "Well I love you brother."

You know, I wasn't brought up in a home where that was said much and I was just a little uncomfortable with that kind of language (among guys anyway). One day Jim and I were talking on the phone in a barbershop I go to. I could sense that fellows were listening to my conversation and knew I was talking business. He concluded with his usual expression of love for me. I swallowed hard and said "And the same thing goes for you too Jim." Ha ha. Well I realized then, I needed to learn to say back to Jim, "I love you brother". I started saying it and you know, it isn't as awkward as I thought it was.

So learn to say "I love you" to your family, friends and work associates. Read I Corinthians 13 and get a real understanding of love. "Now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love."

Some Upcoming Events

Woman's Missionary Union Meetings - West Meeting, Omaha Baptist Church, July 6, 7 PM
Speakers: Roger and Dee Marshall, retired international pastor and wife, who served in Saudi Arabia.

- South Meeting, Open Arms Baptist Church, July 11, 7 PM
Speaker: Matthew Tanner, pastor FBC La Plata, speaking about international mission trips to El Salvador.

State Fair Baptist Tent, Sedalia - August 11, 2-6 PM. Join the team of people from Thousand Hills who will staff the Baptist tent at the state fair. They will help those who come into the tent to register for a free give-away and share their 3-minute testimony of faith in Christ. Last year about 35 people accepted Christ during the fair and several of those were during the Thousand Hills shift. Contact Pastor Larry Gibson at Fellowship Baptist Church, Kirksville if interested. Phone: 660-665-0633.



The First Baptist Church of Clarence is scheduling a roofing project for their church building, September 8 & 9. They need to tear off old shingles and install metal roof panels. They have needs for roofers as well as ground crew and cooks for the crew. They have some roofers already lined up but need some ground crew members. Please contact Pastor Jerry Lillard if you can help or help connect volunteers. call 660-651-7056.

THBA Annual Meeting Plans

The Annual Meeting of the Thousand Hills Baptist Association will be held at 3 PM at First Baptist Church of Kirksville, Sunday, September 10th.



Rob Phillips

The guest preacher will be Rob Phillips, of the Missouri Baptist Convention. Bro. Phillips will be speaking on the subject of “apologetics” or “defending the faith.”

The theme is “Contending For The Faith” from Jude 3.

The worship will be led by the praise team of Kaseyville Baptist Church, Callao.

More information will be coming.



The First Baptist Church of La Plata held VBS June 12-16 and the children are shown here performing songs from Galactic Starveyers music.



The Thousand Hills Association kitchen crew at Grand Oaks youth camp took a break for a photo on June 2nd. From left: Jayne Cook, Johnny Moore, Paula Thompson, Glenda Bailey and Jane Cook. Not pictured: Sharon Wheeler. There were 140 campers in the youth camp.



First Baptist Church of Clarence, baptized six new believers on Sunday, June the 11th. From left: Jamie Lillard, Linda Jenkins, Lillie Kitchin, Wendy Timbrook, Kenny Truett and Haven Lillard. David Lillard was not available for the photo. The Clarence church is growing and they are responding well to the leadership of the pastor, Bro. Jerry Lillard.

Calendar

July

- 1 Children's Camp Worker Training. FBC Kirksville, 10 AM
- 4 Independence Day - Office Closed
- 6 WMU-West meeting - Omaha Baptist 7 PM
- 6 THBA Leadership Council Mtg., Fellowship Baptist, 7 PM
- 10-14 Children's Camp, Grand Oaks, Chillicothe
- 11 WMU South Meeting - Open Arms Baptist, Macon, 7 PM
- 18-26 Alaska Mission Trip, Wasilla and Palmer, AK
- 27 Executive Board Mtg., Rehoboth Baptist, Kirksville 6:30 PM
- 30 Hymn Sings- Open Arms Baptist Church, Macon & First Baptist, Downing, 7 PM

August

- 1 BSU Board, BSU, Kirksville, 7 PM
- 11 State Fair Baptist Tent, Sedalia, 2-6 PM

September

- 4 Labor Day (office closed)
- 8-9 FBC Clarence roofing project (help needed)
- 10 THBA Annual Meeting, First Baptist Church, Kirksville, 3 PM
- 30 Associational Picnic, FBC Winigan

The THBA Leadership Council is developing the 2018 budget and they would ask church treasurers and church finance committee chairpersons to carefully consider requesting additional support for the ministry of Thousand Hills Baptist Association.

Thank you for the generous gifts that make this ministry possible.

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