

THE MESSENGER

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From the DOM

Bro. Richard Nations gives a rundown of things going on in his life and in the association in his column on page 2.

A lot of association activities have been canceled.

A list of THBA events that were planned but canceled due to COVID. See page 4 for the list.

Summer Missionary Update

The THBA summer missions intern, Morgan Alexander gives an update on her summer on page 2.

THBA to share Christ at the state fair

The association is sending a team of people to share Christ at the Missouri State Fair on August 20 in Sedalia. Details on page 3.



THBA Annual Meeting to be held at Rehoboth Baptist

Sunday, September 13th.

3 PM to 8 PM

Kirksville — Bro. Willie McLaurin, Vice President for Convention Relations of

the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee will be the keynote speaker. Bro. Willie ministers across the nation telling the story of the SBC Cooperative Program ministries and promoting missions work. He formerly was a leadership specialist and assistant to the executive director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. He will be spending the weekend with the association and encouraging the messengers and guests of the association to be more involved in missions work.



Fresh food available

The Missouri Baptist disaster relief ministry has been providing fresh produce to associations this summer. 25 pound boxes of fruit and vegetables are available for churches and food pantries throughout the months of June, July and

August. Churches may receive a full pallet

of the food (40 boxes) or just a few boxes to distribute.

To arrange to receive some of this food, contact the director of missions, Richard Nations, at 660-342-7658.

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From the Director of Missions Bro. Richard Nations

This has been a stressful year hasn't it? We had all kinds of plans made at the beginning of the year. But most of them changed. Many of our events this spring and summer had to be canceled. Our camps, VBS training, summer missionary plans, and many other matters have been modified or postponed until next year. These were troubling decisions to make.

I was reflecting a few days ago about one of the worst years of my life. Up until now it was 2011-12 when Rachel was being treated for cancer, my job changed significantly in Des Moines, we moved here which caused us to sell a house and then buy a house. On top of that there was a major heat wave and drought.

Ok that was a rough one, but then 2020 has been tough too. I preached online for two different churches (FBC Green City and Elmer Baptist) for about 8 weeks. I worked from home for about six weeks. We all became familiar with Zoom calls and online meetings.

My brother, Gary Nations, caught the COVID-19 virus and passed away. His wife, Shirley, was testing positive for the virus and could not attend his funeral. It was a terrible time for us. I was concerned about having been exposed to the virus so I was tested, but was negative. But thanks for praying for my family.

All this to say, we will get through this. I pray for all of you. We are doing the best we can to help each other get through this. Take care. Wash your hands.

Summer Missionary Activities, Morgan Alexander

Hello, everyone! It's been quite the summer so far! While many VBS's were not able to happen in person, I am excited for the opportunities that have risen up in their place. I have been able to help at many local food pantries. I was also able to aid my church, Rehoboth Baptist Church, with completing their renovation project.



As we head into the remaining weeks of summer, I still have many things to look forward to. I will be putting on a Backyard Bible Club. I've heard many things about them and I am excited to bring one to life. I will have a chance to aid Lifeline Pregnancy Center with their newsletter dispersal. To cap off my summer, I will get the chance to work within a few VBS's. I will be given the opportunity to help in many areas, including music, lessons, and missions.

If your church sadly had to cancel VBS, don't fear! I have been creating videos that follow along with the Concrete and Cranes curriculum. Those can be found on a Facebook page entitled, 'VBS with Morgan.' Please help us to get this into the hands of the kids in your churches and communities. Feel free to share this resource with parents and guardians!

Thanks so much for a great summer so far!



The association will send a team of people to the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia on Thursday, August 20th from 2 - 6 PM. These volunteers will work in the Baptist Tent, inviting people to come inside and register for a gift card in exchange for 3 minutes of their time where volunteers will share their story of how they came to know Jesus. Many times there is an opportunity to lead fair attenders to Christ during this encounter.

A church van will leave from Fellowship Baptist Church, Kirksville on the morning of August 20th to drive the 3 hours to Sedalia. After some time at the fairgrounds the group will return that evening and be home about 10 PM. Contact Pastor Larry Gibson at 660-665-0633 or DOM Richard Nations at 660-342-7658 for more information or to sign up to be on the team.



July

3 Office closed, Independence Day holiday
21 Pastor Lunch, LaPa Restaurant, Kirksville, 11:30 AM
23 THBA Leadership Council, Fellowship Baptist, 5 PM
23 THBA Exec. Bd. Mtg., Fellowship Baptist, 6:30 PM

August

18 Pastor Lunch, LaPa Restaurant, Kirksville, 11:30 AM
20 State Fair Evangelism, Sedalia, 2-6 PM
30 Hymn Sing, Coatsville Baptist Church, 7 PM

September

7 Office closed, Labor Day holiday
13 THBA Annual Meeting, Rehoboth Baptist, 3-8 PM

Pastors: Plans are being arranged for Bro. McLaurin to stay over for a pastor's breakfast in Kirksville on Monday, September 14th at 8 AM.

Hymn Sing in Coatsville
Come to Coatsville Baptist at 7 PM, August 30 to sing hymns and enjoy fellowship with churches in the northern part of the association.

Canceled Events Due to COVID-19

3/29 - Hymn Sing - Worthington Baptist

4/4 - Pinewood Derby, Omaha Baptist

**4/18, 4/25 & 6/6 - VBS Clinics, LaPlata FBC
Lancaster Baptist & Fellowship Baptist**

6/8-12 - Youth Camp, Grand Oaks, Chillicothe

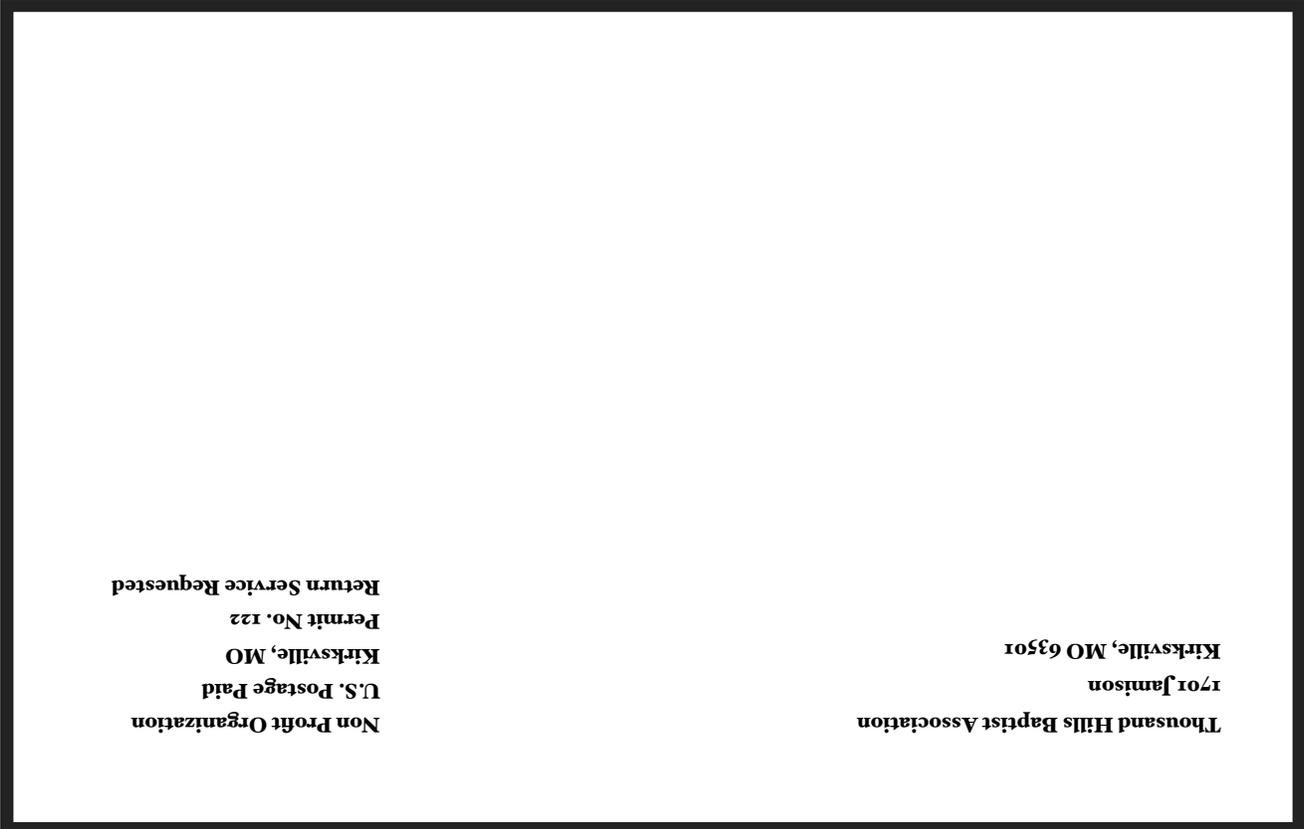
6/9-10 - Southern Baptist Ann. Mtg., Orlando

6/22-26 - Children's Camp, Grand Oaks

7/20-24 Rescheduled Children's Camp, Grand Oaks (canceled)

8/3-6 - Rescheduled Youth Camp, Grand Oaks (canceled)

Several church vacation Bible schools have been canceled. This has been a very difficult year. But with all these cancellations, the Lord has still shown that He will still get glory for the way churches and associations have responded to emergency situations such as the COVID-19 virus.



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