

THE MESSENGER

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The pastor of Elmer Baptist Church, Danny Welte passed away July 5. Story on page 2

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6 Children and Teens Saved At THBA Camps

Chillicothe – Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly was the location of the two THBA youth and children’s camps. This summer a total of 6 children and teenagers made professions of faith in Christ at the two camps.

It was a hot week in both the youth and children’s camps and the swimming pool was a popular spot to cool off in the afternoons and sometimes in the evenings too.

The Grand Oaks camp is gearing up for a fundraising effort called “Strong Roots/New Branches” to raise funds to replace Parker Hall in the center of the campus with a more modern multi-purpose building for use as a storm shelter, gymnasium, meeting rooms and camp office.

The kick-off is Sat., October 13th at the camp at 10:30 AM.

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From the Director of Missions Bro. Richard Nations

Hey there! How has your summer been so far? it's been a busy time for me and for the association and I'm a little tired but, as they say, "It's a good tired." Rachel and I started the month off with preparations for camps at Grand Oaks. We then headed to Tennessee to help our daughter and son-in-law move to St. Louis. On the way there we learned of the tragic death of Pastor Danny Welte, of Elmer Baptist Church. His wife, Donna, was seriously injured in a car accident, July 5th.

Then we came back to northeast Missouri and jumped in to children's camp at Grand Oaks. That was a good week. As I write this, I am getting ready to head out on the Wisconsin mission trip to Madison, WI with a group of teens and adults to do some daycamp activities and help with two ethnic church plants there. I am looking forward to it as well.

Soon it will be time for our annual meeting and I am sure you are going to enjoy hearing Pastor Jonathan Hayashi, worship and discipleship pastor at First Baptist Church, Troy. That meeting is Sunday, September 9th from 3 PM to 8 PM at Hamilton St. Baptist Church, Kirksville.

I hope all is well for you and your church. I love coming to see you and if you need me to fill a pulpit, preach a revival or just come and sit with you over a cup of coffee, I'm glad to get those kind of invitations. God bless you and have a great rest of the summer. An old boy called me the other day and asked if I would go fishing with him when I get back from Wisconsin. I think I am going to take him up on that. I'll see you later.



Pastor Danny and Donna Welte were involved in an auto accident July 5th. Pastor Danny passed away and Donna was seriously injured in the accident which occurred in Macon County. She was airlifted to Columbia and was in intensive care and later had surgery there. She has now moved to a rehabilitation center in Springfield, near where two of her sons live. Funeral services for Pastor Danny were conducted at Lancaster Baptist Church, Lancaster on Saturday, July 14th. The association contributed to the Welte Memorial Fund. Our sincere condolences to Donna and the Welte family as well as to

the Elmer Baptist Church, where he was the pastor. The address for Donna Welte is: Cox Meyer Orthopedic Rehabilitation Center, 3535 South National Ave. Room 103, Springfield, MO 65807.

Mission Trip Updates: The THBA Alaska mission team spent 6 days in Palmer, AK, in late June leading VBS and doing light construction for the Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church. 9 team members from Broadlawn and Pure Air Baptist Churches participated.

The Wisconsin mission team is scheduled to depart for Madison, WI on Saturday morning, July 28th and spend a week doing day camp activities with children at Midvale Baptist Church. Some of the team will be assisting with two ethnic church plants (an Ethiopian/Eritrean church and a Hispanic church). The teams want to thank THBA for their support throughout the association missions fund.



Critical Issues Facing Global Missions

Guest column by Pastor Chance Glenn, THBA Missions-Evangelism Coordinator and he is the pastor of FBC Atlanta.

We have been discussing critical issues facing Global Missions. Here are a few more for your church to think about as you consider your involvement in the Great Commission.

Content of the Gospel: We must regularly remind our members of what the Bible teaches about the character of God, the sinfulness of man, the necessity of repentance and faith in Christ alone, the atoning work of Christ, the work of the Holy Spirit to make men born-again, the reality of a literal hell for those who don't trust in Christ, and the promise of eternal life with God for all those who do trust in Christ. Our confidence in the fulfilling the Great Commission does not lie in the cleverness of our strategies but in the content of the gospel.

Necessity of Evangelism: David Platt defines evangelism as "proclaiming the gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit with the intent to call people to repentance and faith." Jesus commanded us to "teach" everything He commanded (Matt. 28:20) and witness in the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8). Remember that God has ordained speaking in the power of the Holy Spirit as the means to which He calls all men to repentance and faith in Christ.

Identity of a Missionary: Is every Christian a missionary? According to Platt a "missionary is a person set apart by the Holy Spirit and sent out by their local church to go where the gospel has not yet gone." Your answer to this question will affect how your church approaches global missions.

Role of the Local Church: According to Platt, it is the *responsibility and privilege* of every local church to send missionaries and plant churches. Each church, regardless of size, can participate in sending and planting. Through giving, praying, and going your church can do this.

Mobilization of Global Church: Each local church should do all they can to send missionaries and plant churches. One way to increase our reach is by partnering with churches from other parts of the world as they fulfill the Great Commission.

Beloved of THBA, there are over 3 billion people who have not yet heard about Jesus Christ. How will your church get involved in taking the gospel to them?



The Missouri Baptist Foundation awarded their Junior Achievement Fellowship Award to Kevin Tingley, age 14, in a service at Hamilton St. Baptist Church, Kirksville on June 24th. Kevin has worked with his parents and church to start a ministry called "Kavin's Heart" which supports parents who are staying at the Ronald McDonald House near the hospitals in Kansas City. Kevin has a heart condition called "Timothy's Syndrome" and he wanted to do something to give back to those who have helped him during his illness. Nick Davis, MBF vice president presented the award to Kevin. Shown here (from

left) are: Pastor Steven Nelson, Nick Davis, Kevin Tingley, along with Tammy and Charles Porter (Kavin's parents).

Calendar of Events

August

July 28-Aug. 3 Wisconsin Mission Trip, Madison
8 Pray for Kirksville Schools event, 6 PM
10 State Fair Baptist Tent Ministry, Sedalia 10AM
14-15 DOM at State Fair Baptist Tent Ministry
15 ACP and Annual Mtg. Reports Due at THBA

September

3 Labor Day (office closed)
9 THBA Annual Mtg., Hamilton St. Baptist, 3 PM
13-14 DOM to Pathway Retreat, Jefferson City
30 Hymn Sing, FBC Downing, 7 PM

October

5 Walk for Human Trafficking Awareness, BSU at Truman State University, 9:30 AM
5-6 NEMO Pastor/Wife Retreat, Calvary Baptist, Hannibal, 6:30 PM - Noon (Saturday)
13 Strong Roots/New Branches campaign kick-off event, Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly, 10:30 AM
14 Pure Air Baptist Church, Novinger, 65th Anniv.
22-24 Missouri Baptist Convention, Crossway Baptist, Springfield

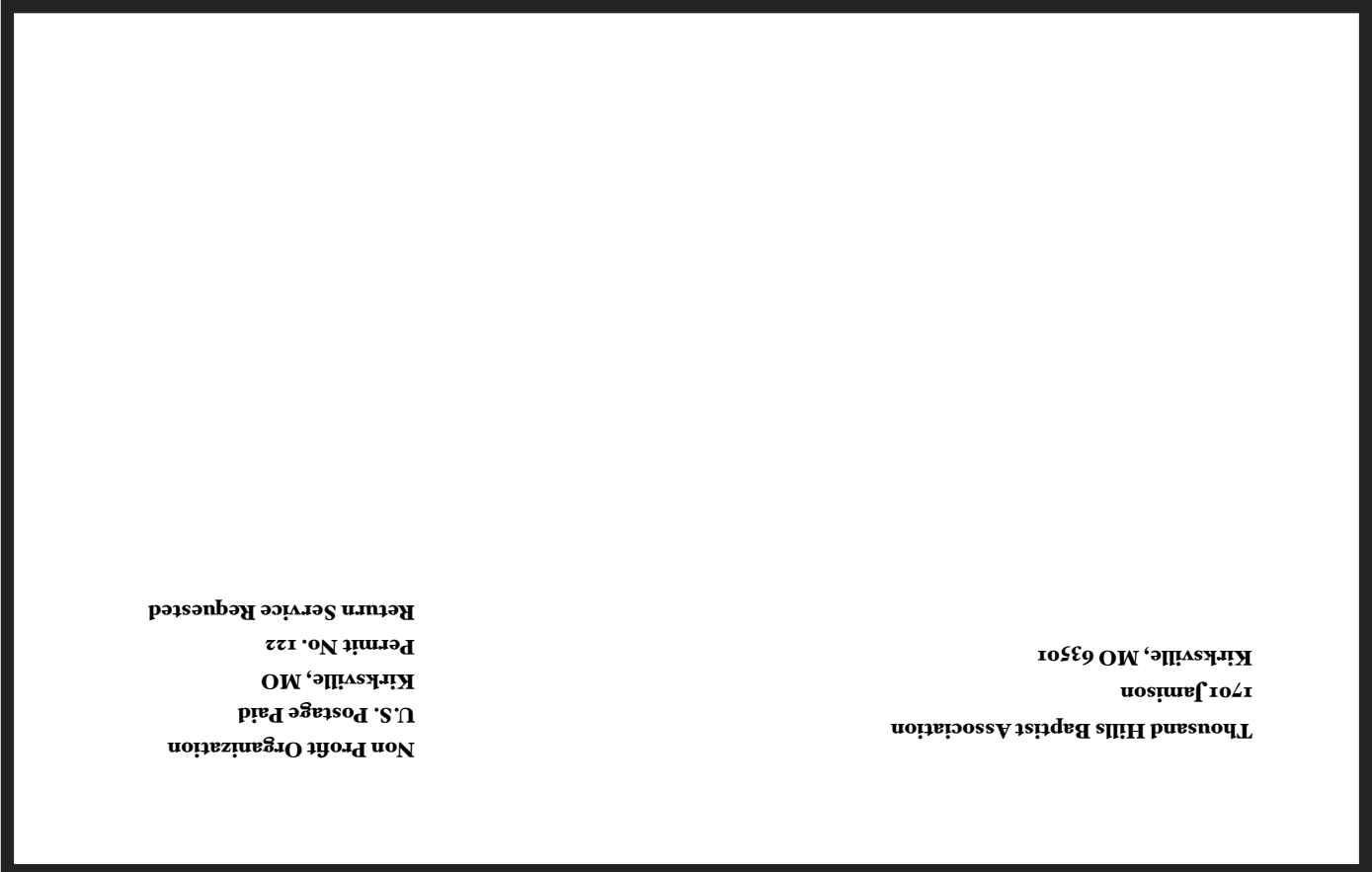


Hear Pastor Jonathan Hayashi, of FBC Troy, preach at the THBA Annual Meeting, Sunday, September 9. Business session at 3 PM and worship session at 6:30 PM. Registration info is being mailed to all THBA churches.

The Nelson family from Macon will be at the Chariton Ridge Baptist Church for a concert, July 29, at 1 PM. The concert is free.

Kay Shelby has retired as administrative assistant at Hamilton St. Baptist Church, Kirksville. A reception was held for her Sunday, May 20th.

Randy Quick was ordained to the ministry at Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Green City along with two deacons, Denny Fude and Robert Williams. Bro. Quick is now the pastor of the Yellow Creek Church.



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