

THE MESSENGER

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Wisconsin and Alaska Mission Trips Planned



Madison, WI – The Midvale Baptist Church is asking for the THBA's help as they offer a day camp to children in their area of Madison, Wisconsin, July 28 to August 3.

The association has agreed to send a van with about 8 workers to assist with the church's "Kid's Best" summer day camp activities. There will also be some activities throughout that week with two mission churches (Hispanic and an African-Eritrean and Ethiopian), both of which are sponsored by the Midvale Baptist Church.

The costs will be for food – about \$100 per person. Transportation is being provided by the association. Lodging will be in the church building on cots or air mattresses.

Contact DOM Richard Nations if interested in being part of the team: rdnations@gmail.com or 660-342-7658.

The Alaska Mission Team is heading to Wasilla, AK for the third summer, led by Andy Cordray, of Pure Air Baptist, Novinger. They will be helping in VBS at Bodenburg-Butte Baptist Church, Palmer. Nine people are on the team from Pure Air and Broadlawn Baptist Churches.



From the Director of Missions

Bro. Richard Nations

It has been a rough couple of months for Southern Baptists. I don't know if you keep up with SBC news but there have been some high profile leaders in SBC entities and seminaries who have stepped down from leadership or have been removed from such over questionable counsel offered, loose sloppy speech and moral matters. This has been very disappointing and has caused some embarrassment among Baptists. One leader blogged recently that the SBC now has it's own

#MeToo movement. He also said that most did not see this coming. We can do better than this. Please pray.

The Southern Baptist Convention meetings this month in Dallas will be very interesting. There is a hotly contested presidential race and there is tension over who will speak and what motions and resolutions will be offered. I won't be going but will watch on the live stream broadcast. www.sbcannualmeeting.net.

I would encourage you to pray for the SBC. We need to elect good leaders and we need to keep a high bar of accountability in place. Let's all try to behave ourselves and make sure our actions and our words are above reproach. A friend in Iowa Tweeted this morning "You are only one bad decision away from being the person you look down on. Stay humble." That seems like good advice to me.

Chance Glenn, our THBA missions-evangelism coordinator is writing a guest column on missions the next three issues of The Messenger. Check page 3 for his summation of a message by IMB President David Platt at a conference Pastor Chance attended recently.

In our family, we have some news. Our son, Philip, is engaged to Violet Foster and we will welcome her to our family. Our daughter and son-in-law Beth and Josh Rymysza are moving from Nashville to St. Louis this summer and we like that. We recently said goodbye to our family dog and have a new dog named Hettie.

Camps and Vacation Bible Schools are upon us. We need camp workers, campers and on-time camp registrations. See the note on page 4. You are welcome to order VBS materials through the association and this is beneficial to the association if you will do that. Contact Bobbie Bansal at bobbie.bansal@gmail.com or 314-399-0226 for information on that. Thanks.



Dr. Richard Todd retires after 42 years of service at HLGU

Hannibal – Dr. Richard Todd, pastor of Union Grove Baptist Church has retired from teaching at Hannibal-LaGrange University. He was a professor of physics there for 42 years. He continues to serve as the pastor of Union Baptist Church south of Clarence. He has served there for more than 25 years, preaching on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. On the first and third Sundays, Dr. Todd can be found preaching at Barnes Chapel, south of Columbia, MO, where he has served for more than 10 years. His wife is Jeanne. They live in Hannibal.



The regional Woman's Missionary Union meetings in July will be:

West - July 7, 7 PM , Omaha Baptist, Unionville, Speaker Joel Kabamba, First Baptist Francophone, Kirksville

South - July 10, 7 PM, First Baptist, Kirksville, Speaker retired missionary Hattie Kneeland of First Baptist Church, Kirksville.



How Our View Of Bible Authority Impacts Missions

Guest column by Pastor Chance Glenn, THBA Missions-Evangelism Coordinator

Recently, I was able to attend the Together for the Gospel Conference in Louisville, KY. While there, I heard David Platt challenge every pastor and church to be aware of the issues facing global missions stating, “Global missions is a non-negotiable for local churches and local church pastors.” He presented 12 issues that I will share with you in several parts.

The Authority of the Bible: Platt shared staggering statistics about the Bible reading habits of Americans. According to the research Platt shared, only 49% of Elders (65 and older) and 24% of Millennials (21-36) read their Bibles weekly. As alarming as this is, he also stated that only 64% of pastors polled believe that Bible study is essential for spiritual formation! Really?

How is this affecting missions? Platt listed two examples. 1) Churches and missionaries are trusting in clever growth strategies instead of relying on the Holy Spirit working through faithful expositional preaching of God’s word. 2) Missionaries are coming home to find that their sending churches no longer trust the Bible they way the once did. This causes churches to decrease their support for missionaries because they no longer think they are obligated to fulfill the Great Commission through global missions.

Beloved of THBA, the advancement of the gospel depends upon a high view of the authority of the Bible. If we want to create a hunger for global missions in our churches, we must preach, teach, study, and obey God’s Word—the Bible. (Continued next two months).

Chance Glenn is the pastor of First Baptist Church, Atlanta



Students led in worship at the Fuel worship session on a recent Thursday night at the Baptist Student Union at Truman State University. Greg Xander, campus missionary at the TSU BSU, said they had a good year with three current and former students asking Christ to be their Savior and Lord this year.

The group also participated in several discussion forums among various groups on campus this year, representing evangelical Christianity and speaking up for the Gospel. This year they held several outreach events on the campus quad where they interviewed students and opened up Gospel conversations.

They ask for prayer for continued expansion on the TSU campus. More info: <https://bsu.truman.edu>.

The Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly is reactivating their Strong Roots New Branches campaign to raise funds for the construction of a storm shelter and multi-purpose building to replace the outdated Parker Hall (pictured right). Grand Oaks is located near Chillicothe. Pastor Rodney Dorr and Pastor Randy Quick are representing THBA on the fund raising committee that has been reactivated by the camp board. They hope to raise \$675,000 in order to put a concrete storm shelter in place and later build a gymnasium and meeting space on top of the shelter.

For more information on Grand Oaks and the campaign go to www.grandoaks.camp



June Events

- 7 Youth camp registration due, 4 PM
- 17 Father's Day
- 18 Intro. to Camp registration due at Grand Oaks
- 19-25 Alaska Mission Trip, Wasilla, AK
- 22 Children's camp registration due, 4 PM
- 22-33 Intro. to Camp, Grand Oaks, Chillicothe
- 28 Children's camp worker training-FBC Macon, 6:30 PM
- 29 Youth camp worker training, FBC Chillicothe AM
- 29-July 3 Youth camp, Grand Oaks, Chillicothe

July Events

- 1-3 Youth camp, Grand Oaks, Chillicothe
- 4 Independence Day holiday, THBA office closed
- 5 WMU west mtg, Omaha Baptist, Unionville, 7 PM
- 7 Children's camp worker training-Fellowship Baptist, 10 AM
- 9-13 Children's camp, Grand Oaks, Chillicothe
- 10 WMU south mtg, FBC Kirksville, 7 PM
- 26 THBA Exec. board mtg, FBC Kirksville, 6:30 PM
- 28-Aug. 3 Wisconsin Mission Trip, Madison, WI
- 29 Hymn Sing, FBC Queen City, 7 PM

August Events 2

- July 28-Aug. 3 Wisconsin Mission Trip
- 10 State Fair Baptist Tent Ministry, Sedalia

Grand Oaks Camp Dates

Intro to Camp (Gr. 1-3) June 22-23. Register by June 18. Cost: \$25. Info: www.grandoaks.camp/introduction-to-camp

Youth camp (Gr. 6-12) June 29-July 3. Register by June 7. Cost: \$110. Info: www.1000hillsba.org/camps

Children's Camp Gr. 3-6) July 9-13. Register by June 22. Cost: \$105. Info: www.1000hillsba.org/camps

Roofing project to resume at Clarence FBC

Pastor Jerry Lillard is recruiting volunteers to help put metal roofing materials on their church on Fridays or Saturdays during the following dates:

- June 15-16
- June 22-23
- June 29-30.

Ground crews or roofers able to get on a boom lift are needed. It is a steep roof, but safety practices, including roof harnesses and roof jacks will be used. Meals provided. Contact Pastor Jerry Lillard at 660-651-7056. for more information.



