

THE MESSENGER

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Pastor Paul Martin Ordination

Mt. Tabor Baptist Church plans to ordain their pastor. See the announcement on page 5.

Pinewood Derby, CPR class, WMU Regional Meetings

See pages 4 & 5 for more information about several THBA events scheduled in the THBA.

Monthly minister lunches

The ministers and pastors are invited to have lunch together at Maxwell's in Kirksville on the 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Dates are: March 21 (Pastor Jay Scribner, guest speaker), April 18 and May 16. Meals are about \$10. Enjoy fellowship with other pastors.



Vacation Bible School Training Offered

March 11 - There will be an early bird VBS training at Fellowship Baptist Church, 1701 Jamison, Kirksville, on Saturday March 11 at 9:30 AM. This is for VBS directors and pastors to preview the VBS curriculum, make orders and receive guidance on scheduling and planning VBS. Paula Thompson, THBA VBS director will lead this workshop.

April 8 , 9:30 AM-Noon - Training for VBS Teams - FBC Queen City

April 29 - 9:30 AM - Noon - Training For VBS Teams - FBC La Plata

The training at both April 8 and 29 events will be identical. Choose one to attend.

Paula Thompson, Richard Nations, Leah Sayre, Denice Dalrymple, Martha Gehrke, Joy Bushnell, Rachel Nations, Billy Pippin, Sherry Pippin, Karen McClaskey and Cynthia Compton will lead these training clinics and they will include hands-on interaction with the LifeWay VBS curriculum and will have ideas for crafts, decorations, recreation, music, snacks as well as the Bible study options. You may order VBS curriculum at any of these training sessions or by contacting Bro. Richard at the THBA office. 660-342-7659 or 1000hillsba@gmail.com.



From the Director of Missions

Bro. Richard Nations

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The association is cooperating with Hartford Baptist Church, Unionville, to offer an opportunity to go on a mission trip to Wasilla, Alaska, again this summer. People have signed up from Broadlawn Baptist in Unionville and Rehoboth Baptist and First Baptist Churches of Kirksville. There is still room for a few more participants, but that opportunity will close soon. So if you are interested in helping Alaska Baptists with church planting projects in the Wasilla area, let us know. One of the things the group will do is to continue to work with the Cottonwood Creek Cowboy Church, Wasilla. Other church planting and church strengthening activities are being worked out. The cost of the trip is expected to be between \$1,200 and \$1,500. Financial assistance is available through the association. Dates are July 18-25. Contact Pastor Jeff Harlan at Hartford Baptist (660-626-4362) for more information.

This past month I went down to Springfield for the Missouri Baptist Great Commission Conference. The preaching and music was really outstanding this year. Ed Stetzer, Ed Litton, Alvin Reid and Michael Card were among the ones I heard. Wow! It was well worth the time and effort to attend. If you didn't get to go and want to read about it or hear the messages go to the MBC Pathway website or the Missouri Baptist Convention site. Pathway: www.mbcpathway.com. MBC: www.mobaptist.org. Search for Great Commission Conference in the search box to pull up articles or videos.

The Bible Training Centre class on Old Testament has wrapped up now. Taught by Pastor Matthew Tanner, this class has been meeting on Thursday nights at Fellowship Baptist Church since September. Next fall that class will continue with a survey of the New Testament and an introductory class *Bible Study Methods and Rules of Interpretation* will be offered. Class costs are \$20 plus purchase of a Holman Study Bible (approximately \$30). Contact Matthew Tanner if you are interested: 660-332-4552 or 573-429-2978. E-mail: mtanner322@gmail.com.

We welcome two new pastors—well one is new anyway.

Pastor Jerry Williams has been called to the Coatsville Baptist Church, Coatsville. He has been a member of Fellowship Baptist Church, Kirksville and has preached at Coatsville for about six months. Pastor Jerry also works at McDonalds in Kirksville

Pastor Sam Burkholder (not a stranger to Thousand Hills Baptist Association) is the pastor (for the second time) at Fairview Baptist Church, Pollock. Bro. Sam is also the THBA treasurer and he volunteers with prison ministry, an area addiction center, hospice chaplaincy and as director of Rays of Hope, an organization reaching out to the Amish and former Amish.

There are only a few churches without permanent pastors Chariton Ridge Baptist, Atlanta is seeking a pastor. Hamilton St. Baptist, Kirksville, is seeking a pastor and has an interim, Dr. Bill Victor. Mt. Salem Baptist, Jacksonville has an interim pastor, Bro. Rick Gill. Yellow Creek Baptist, Green City, has an interim pastor, Bro. Randy Quick. Please hold these churches up in prayer as they seek their future pastors.

Please pray for and plan to participate in our association's summer camps at Grand Oaks

Youth Camp, [May 30-June 3](#) - Cost: \$95. Register by May 15.

Children's Camp, [July 10-14](#) - Cost: \$100. Register by June 23.

CPR & AED Defibrillator Training

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Did you know that you do not need to do “mouth to mouth” contact if you do CPR on a victim of a cardiac arrest? Do you know how to operate an AED defibrillator?



These are topics that will be covered in the THBA CPR/AED workshop at First Baptist Church, La Plata on March 23rd. The workshop will be from 6:30 to 9 PM. The cost is \$10 and you will receive “Friends and Family” certification from the American Heart Association. Darrell Crooks will be the instructor. He is the pastor of Novinger Baptist Church and is a trainer for the Adair County Ambulance District. Register by March 16th. Call 660-342-7658 or E-mail 1000hillsba@gmail.com.

Ladies and Gentlemen...Start Your Engines!

The annual THBA Pinewood Derby will be held on Saturday, April 1 at 10 AM at Rehoboth Baptist Church, 100 Pfeiffer Rd., Kirksville.

This event is open for children in grades 1-6 and there will be “outlaw derby” race options for preschoolers as well as teens and adults. Hot dogs and soda are provided for lunch. Please bring a bag of chips or a package of cookies to share.



To participate, purchase a car from Rehoboth Baptist Church. They are open most weekday mornings or you can call them at 660-665-7577. Cars are also available at the association office. The car kits cost \$6.00. A car kit must be purchased through the association to be eligible to race in the derby. Specific instructions on building and racing the cars have been sent to all THBA churches. So call or stop by to order your car kits and plan to be at Rehoboth Baptist on Saturday, April 1st. For more information contact derby coordinator Andy Cordray at 660-342-6223 or andrew.cordray@gmail.com.

Pastor Paul Martin Ordination Set for March 26th



The Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Atlanta, is calling for an ordination council to convene on Saturday, March 11th at 3 PM at their church (located east of Atlanta on State Highway M). The council will interview Pastor Paul Martin who has served at Mt. Tabor for about a year and a half. Upon recommendation of the council, the church will host an ordination service on Sunday, March 26th at 3 PM. Everyone is welcome and ordained pastors and deacons are encouraged to assist with this celebration for Pastor Martin.

Woman’s Missionary Union Regional Meetings - Winigan and Atlanta

Winigan FBC will host Kim Kent, of the Food Bank of Central and Northeast Mo. at their meeting, Friday, April 7 at 7 PM. Note the meeting will be on Friday instead of Thursday as usually scheduled.

Atlanta FBC will host Allen Sipe, of the Missouri Baptist Children’s Home at their meeting, Tuesday, April 11 at 7 PM. Bro. Allen will sing and preach.

Ladies (and men) from area churches are invited to attend these quarterly WMU meetings. Learn about missions and pray for missionaries.

March Events

- 2 Bible Training Centre classes end
- 11 VBS Director & Pastor Workshop, Fellowship Baptist, Kirksville, 9:30 AM
- 21 Minister Lunch, Maxwell's, Kirksville 11:30 AM
- 23 CPR & AED training, FBC La Plata 6:30 PM
- 26 Paul Martin Ordination, Mt. Tabor, Atlanta, 3 PM
- 28-29 DOM conference, Jefferson City

April Events

- 1 Pinewood Derby, Rehoboth Baptist, 10 AM
- 6 Grand Oaks board mtg., Chillicothe, 1 PM
- 6 WMU West Mtg. FBC Winigan, 7 PM
- 8 VBS Training FBC Queen City, 9:30 AM
- 11 WMU South Mtg. FBC Atlanta, 7 PM
- 14 Good Friday
- 16 Easter (Office closed on April 17)
- 27 Executive Bd. mtg., Hamilton St. Baptist 6:30 PM
- 29 VBS Training FBC La Plata, 9:30 AM
- 30 Omaha Baptist Building Dedication, 2 PM
- 30 Hymn Sing, FBC Queen City, 7 PM
- 30 Gospel Concert, Open Arms, Macon, 6 PM

May Events

- 2 BSU Board Meeting, Kirksville, 7 PM
- 7 Summer Missionary Spaghetti Fundraiser, BSU, Kirksville, 5 PM
- 15 Youth Camp Registration Due at THBA office
- 18-21 DOM in revival, Luray Baptist Church, Luray
- 29 Memorial Day (office closed)
- 30-June 3 Youth Camp, Grand Oaks, Chillicothe



Speaker Caleb Gordon

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THBA Emerging Generations Coordinator - Jonathan Walker



Winter is almost over and March Madness is on us! Youth work is difficult but it can be very rewarding. I am working with Hamilton Street Baptist to plan a youth trip to Urban Plunge in Kansas City this year. I will need help if you are interested please call me or email. The youth of today don't resemble the youth of yesteryear, but we have to meet these kids where they are. We can't expect them to come running to us if we don't have open arms.

Remember Christ loved us First. There is nothing to be scared of. Youth have the same ideas you did when you were their age, (or maybe there is?) Some lack communication and soft skills We need to help them with those areas also! Get involved, check them out at their school activities, fair projects and band concerts! Take church to them!

“Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you” (I Samuel 12:24).

Youth work can be very rewarding. Sometimes it just requires starting a conversation. Telling them “you are glad to see them, have a good day, or even Jesus loves you,” can make a difference. We need to stand in the gap for many of our at-risk youth today, more than ever. Depression, drugs, family issues have made these children to seek their safety in the world more than ever!

“But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God’ (Mark 10:14).

Volunteer to help your youth group, share you experiences (they are watching and listening) or just start a conversation. Call me at 660-341-9407 or e-mail me your youth activities at jwalker@cablone.net. Remember other people may want to join in your fun and work for the Lord also! Have a blessed Day!



Decorations at 2016 VBS training.



Alaska Mission Trip, June 2016



February youth rally at Unionville



From Open Arms Baptist Church, Macon: 4

Every month that has a 5th Sunday, the Open Arms Baptist Church in Macon has a gospel music program at the church located at 201 Crescent Drive in Macon. The program starts at 6:00 pm. This year the programs are on April 30th, July 30th, and Oct. 30th. There is a 5th Sunday in December but there will be no program on that date..

Dave Snarr, Worship Leader

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**Woman's Missionary Union
Missions Celebration
and Annual Meeting**

April 7-8, 2017

First Baptist Church, Lebanon, Missouri

Registration cost is \$30 until March 24, then \$40 after. Student fee (Grades 7-Collegiate) is \$10.
Saturday box lunch is \$6 each.

mb MISSOURI BAPTISTS **MissouriWMU**

Register online at www.mobaptist.org/mc

The Omaha Baptist Church will have a building dedication service on Sunday afternoon, April 30th at 2 PM. Volunteers from the church as well as Missouri Baptist Builders have been constructing the new sanctuary, education space and gymnasium for about 3 years.

Omaha Baptist is located in the village of Omaha, on Petty Mill Road, just off of State Hwy. 149, north of Hwy. 136 in Putnam County. Bro. Kevin Collins is the pastor.



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