

# THE MESSENGER

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### WMU regional meeting

The THBA regional WMU meeting will feature MBC missionary Omar Segovia on April 14. Info on page 3.

**News about the THBA summer missionary is on page 4 of the newsletter.**

## Kids and Adults....

### Pinewood Derby - April 4, 10 AM

### Omaha Baptist Church

### Unionville



**Car kits are available now from the THBA office for \$6. Call 660-342-7658 to arrange a pick up time. Information on the derby, including regulations and directions to Omaha Baptist Church has been sent to all the churches. Check with the pastor or kids ministry director. Build a car and plan to come and compete for trophies and awards. A hot dog lunch will be served. Each church is asked to bring some cookies or a bag of chips.**

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## **From the Director of Missions**

### **Bro. Richard Nations**

There is a nice retired pastor and his wife who are members of the Rehoboth Baptist Church. I learned recently that the wife was in the hospital and I visited them. When I arrived this lady was trying to tell me something. She is unable to speak due to a stroke. So when she mouthed the word "home" I assumed it meant she was being dismissed to go back to their home. However she pointed upward and her husband said "She means, she is going to her Heavenly home." She has been told she will not

live too much longer and she was indicating that to me. I visited with them and prayed. But I remarked as I left that their acceptance of the diagnosis was remarkable and they were smiling and expressing joy as they told me about it.

I think the reason they can be so confident in their demeanor, after receiving this news of a terminal illness, is that they are committed servants of the Lord and their citizenship is really not in this world, but in Heaven. They are residents of this world, but their citizenship is in the Heavenly home that the Lord has prepared for those who have received Him.

Moses was tending sheep while in exile on the back side of the desert when the Lord called him to go back to Egypt and lead the Israelites out of slavery into the Promised land (Exodus 2-3). He could have ignored God's call and tended sheep with his father-in-law. But God had a better plan for his life. He was not just a citizen of Midian (or Egypt), but he was a citizen of Heaven.

When we follow the Lord, we don't know where the road will lead while we reside on earth. But if we know Jesus, we are citizens of Heaven and that is our true destiny.

I hope you are having a good week as you read our newsletter. Call me if you have any needs and I'll try to help you. My number is 660-342-7658. E-mail me at [rdnations@gmail.com](mailto:rdnations@gmail.com)

## **Grand Oaks Summer Camp Dates**

**Youth Camp Registration Due - May 15**

**Youth Camp is June 8-12 - Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly, Chillicothe**

**Childrens Camp Registration Due - May 29**

**Childrens Camp is June 22-26 - Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly,  
Chillicothe**

**Registration Fees: \$110. Scholarships are available for both camps if  
needed.**



## Vacation Bible School Training Options

- \* **Saturday, March 7 - VBS Directors & Pastors - An early peek at VBS - Fellowship Baptist, 1701 Jamison, Kirksville - 10 AM to Noon**
- \* **Saturday, April 18 - VBS Training For All VBS Workers - First Baptist Church, 220 N. Owensby St., La Plata- 9 AM to Noon**

\* **Saturday, April 25 - VBS Clinic For All VBS Workers - Lancaster Baptist Church, Monroe and Green St.,Lancaster - 9 AM to Noon**

**The VBS theme is “Concrete and Cranes” based on Phil. 1:6. The heartbeat of this VBS is Jesus is the foundation that lasts. Learn to build your faith on Jesus. Is your church planning to use VBS curriculum that isn’t from LifeWay? There will be some options for VBS training that are not specific to LifeWay curriculum.**

### **Specific Training Offered at the April 18 and 25 events:**

- Age Group Bible Study**
- Missions**
- Crafts**
- Music**
- Decorations**
- Snacks**
- Special Friends VBS**
- Adult VBS**
- Children and Salvation**
- Children Safety and Protection**
- Learning Styles**

### **News Notes:**

First Baptist Church, Bevier has called Rob Nessler as their pastor. Pastor Nessler is from Aurora, Colorado. He is married to Eleia and they have two teenage daughters, Kahlan and Arianna. Pastor Nessler begins his ministry in Bevier on March 22nd.

The regional association Woman’s Missionary Union meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14 at 7 PM. The meeting will be held at First Baptist Church, Bevier and Omar Segovia, multiethnic/anglo multiplying churches missionary for the Mo. Baptist Convention will be the speaker.

**March**

- 7 Pastors/Directors VBS Training, Fellowship Baptist, 10 AM
- 17 Pastors Lunch, La Pa Restaurant, Kirksville 11:30 AM
- 17-18 DOM Retreat, Jefferson City
- 22 Richard Marsh, Elder Ordination, FBC Atlanta, 2:30 PM
- 29 Hymn Sing, Worthington Baptist Church, 7 PM

**April**

- 2 Grand Oaks Board Mtg., Chillicothe, 12:30 PM
- 4 Pinewood Derby, Omaha Baptist, Unionville, 10 AM
- 10 Good Friday
- 12 Easter Sunday
- 13 Office closed (Easter holiday)
- 14 Regional WMU Mtg., FBC Bevier, 7 PM
- 18 VBS Training for all ages, FBC La Plata, 9 AM - Noon
- 23 Executive Board Meeting, Hamilton St. Baptist, 6:30 PM
- 21 Pastors Lunch, La Pa Restaurant, Kirksville, 11:30 AM
- 25 VBS Training for all ages, Lancaster Baptist, 9 AM - Noon

**May**

- 5 BSU Board Mtg., BSU, Kirksville, 7 PM
- 15 Youth Camp registration due
- 25 Office closed (Memorial Day holiday)
- 26-28 Summer Missionary Orientation, HLGU, Hannibal
- 29 Childrens Camp registration due
- 31 Hymn Sing, Lancaster Baptist Church, 7 PM

**Summer Missionary**

**Morgan Alexander, a student at Truman State University will serve as the summer missionary in the association this summer. She is graduating in May with a Masters degree and will be seeking a position as a teacher.**

**Morgan will be available to help with vacation Bible schools and camps in the association churches this summer.**

**Contact THBA director of missions Richard Nations to schedule Morgan to serve in your church. Call 660-342-7658 or email [rooohillsba@gmail.com](mailto:rooohillsba@gmail.com).**

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