

THE MESSENGER

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From the DOM

Richard Nations says it is not easy being a believer in Jesus in this culture. He talks about the storms we will endure through the faithful love of God in his column on page 2.

WMU meetings and camp dates slated

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Calendar of Events

Page 4 has a listing of upcoming dates in the THBA along with photos of a recent mission project.

VBS training offered

The association has a long standing tradition of having a pinewood derby race for boys and girls in the spring. See the information on page 1 for this year's race (kids as well as teens and adults may race).



Pinewood Derby is rolling in - April 7

Kids around the association are getting their pinewood derby cars ready to race at the annual Pinewood Derby to be held at Rehoboth Baptist Church, 100 Pfeiffer Rd., Kirksville on Saturday morning, April 7th. The event starts with registration at 10 AM and the races begin at 11 AM. Lunch will be available. Each church is asked to bring a bag of chips or a package of cookies to share.

Pastor Andy Cordray is coordinating the Pinewood derby team this year and he is excited about the kids and their families who will come and race the cars.

Car kits are available from the THBA office, 1701 Jamison, Kirksville (It is best to call the DOM at 660-342-7658 for an appointment to stop by and pick up car kits. They cost \$6 each.

We hope many THBA churches will send the kids in with their cars that they build (parents may help the kids build the cars). The derby is for children in grades 1-6. For younger kids, teenagers and adults there will be an "outlaw derby" run as well. During the intermission there will be promotion of VBS training as well as camp opportunities for kids and teens.

For more information check the THBA website at www.1000hillsba.org and click on the CHILDREN tab where rules and promotional flyers may be found.

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From the Director of Missions Bro. Richard Nations

It's not easy being a believer in Jesus in an unbelieving world. I found that out on a recent day where it seemed everywhere I turned people were mocking Godly values, opposing wise counsel and opposing the work of the Lord and His church. I know you have experienced those kind of days also.

Where do you turn when the storms of life seem to overwhelm you?

Recently I was studying a Sunday school lesson and I read the verse Psalms 42:6 (HCSB) "I am deeply depressed; therefore I remember You from the land of Jordan and the peaks of Hermon, from Mount Mizar." Mt. Mizar is in the upper Jordan River valley in Israel and it is the source of the headwaters of the river that sustains the country of Israel. It is viewed as a good place for the Hebrew people. The psalmist remembered worshipping God in those beautiful mountains. But now he is in a depressed place. Things are not going so well for Israel.

I could identify with the Psalm writer's feelings. He went on to say " Deep calls to deep in the roar of Your waterfalls; all Your breakers and Your billows have swept over me" (Psalms 42:7). Have you ever been in a "storm of life?" Waves are crashing around you and you don't know how you are going to survive. It's tough to stay focused on the goodness of God isn't it?

The psalm goes on to promise "The LORD will send His faithful love by day;* His song will be with me in the night —a prayer to the God of my life." God is faithful and He will be with us in the dark times of our lives.

Health problems, marriage problems, church problems, interpersonal conflicts--these things all trouble us. But there is hope in "The Lord." He loves us with "faithful love" The Hebrew word "hesed" means "God's loving kindness." And everywhere I look, I see and feel a need for a touch of "hesed." Don't let life's storms overwhelm you. Our unbelieving culture will someday see the need for Jesus. Look up brothers and sisters! God loves us and cares for us with faithful love

News from the churches and ministry partners



Regional WMU Meetings:

West - Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Green City - Thurs., April 5th, 7 PM
John Marshall, FBC Kirksville, speaking on India mission trip

South - FBC Bevier, Tues., April 10, 7 PM - Matt & Kim Clark from St. Louis sharing about *All Nations Refugees and Immigrant Services*.

Rob Phillips, from the Missouri Baptist Apologetics Ministry Team, will be speaking at Omaha Baptist Church, March 16-18 on the subject of "Understanding and Defending the Christian Faith." Friday and Saturday, meal at 5 PM, conference from 6-8 PM. Sunday, 9:30 and 10:30 AM. For more information contact Pastor Kevin Collins 660-216-3465.

THBA Camp Dates:

[Youth Camp at Grand Oaks - June 29 - July 3 \(a slight date change from earlier announcement\)](#)
[Children's Camp at Grand Oaks - July 9 - 13 \(Registration info. coming soon\)](#)

RODEO BIBLE CAMP - Bloomfield, Iowa - June 13-16 - www.charitonhillsrbc.com



VBS TRAINING

For All VBS Teachers and Volunteers

Saturday, April 28th, 9 AM to 12 Noon

**First Baptist Church, 207 E. Washington St.
Kirksville, MO**

**This will be our only training.
It is highly encouraged that you attend.**

March Events

- 3 Early VBS Preview for Pastors/Directors, Kirksville
- 11 Daylight Savings Time ends
- 20 Pastor Lunch, King's Buffet, Kirksville, 11:30 AM
- 20-21 DOM Spring Retreat, Jefferson City
- 24 Ordination Council-Ben Austic, Rehoboth Baptist
2 PM
- 25 Palm Sunday
- 29 Bible Training Centre classes end
- 30 Good Friday

April Events

- 1 Easter
- 2 Office closed, Easter holiday
- 5 Grand Oaks Board Mtg., Chillicothe, Noon-2 PM
- 5 WMU West Mtg., Yellow Creek, Green City, 7 PM
- 7 Pinewood Derby, Rehoboth Baptist, 10 AM
- 8 Ordination-Ben Austic, Rehoboth Baptist, 2 PM
- 10 WMU South Mtg., FBC Bevier, 7 PM
- 17 Pastors lunch, King's Buffet, Kirksville, 11:30 AM
- 26 Exec. Bd. Mtg., Rehoboth Baptist, 6:30 PM
- 28 VBS Training, FBC Kirksville, 9 AM to Noon
- 28 Hymn Sing, Coatsville Baptist, 7 PM

May Events

- 11 Children's Camp Promo mailed to churches
- 15 Pastors lunch, King's Buffet, Kirksville, 11:30 AM



Mica and Karen Matthias, brother and sister from Munich, Germany, were guests in AWANA clubs, kid's ministries and worship services at Green City FBC, Fellowship Baptist, Atlanta FBC and FBC Francophone, Kirksville recently. They are Christian university students and were doing some mission work in the Midwest while on a family vacation. They shared their testimonies about testimonies and answered questions about Germany and their mission work in South Africa and France. They were guests of Pastor Chance and Cindi Glenn of FBC Atlanta for the week of Feb. 25-Mar. 4.

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