

THE MESSENGER

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THBA Executive Board

The executive board will feature a message from Omar Segovia, MBC ethnic church planting specialist on Thursday, April 26th at 6:30 PM at Rehoboth Baptist Church, 100 Pfeiffer Rd., Kirksville. Pastor Joel Kabamba will also speak about the FBC Francophone church plant. Refreshments follow the meeting.

Summer Camps at Grand Oaks!



One of the things a lot of children and teenagers love to do in the summer is go to a camp. THBA sponsors couple of camps and a retreat for children and teenagers at Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly which is located near Chillicothe, Missouri.

If a 1st - 3rd grader would like to try out camp for an overnight experience, there is an Intro to Camping retreat at Grand Oaks on June 22-23. Parents come along with their children. It is a brief introduction to the church camp experience. Cost is \$25. Register through your church. Information is available from Grand Oaks at www.grandoaks.camp.

Teenagers who are in grades 6 through 12 grade (6th graders may choose or go to both) have a camp on June 29-July 3. The theme is "Imago Dei: Shaped By Christ In Us." The camp has a lot of fun stuff for teenagers and they go swimming every day and have a lot of zany activities. There are great talks about God and they have a youth pastor speaking along with a worship band. Cost is \$110. Register through your church. Forms & promo have been e-mailed to every pastor.

For children in 3rd through 6th grade, there is the Children's camp at Grand Oaks July 9-13. At this camp kids get to swim, play ball, fish, ride on paddle boats and of course have Bible studies and chapel services in order to learn more about God. The theme is "God is" ... and you learn all the things that God "is." It costs \$105. Register through your church.



From the Director of Missions Bro. Richard Nations

It seems like every time I do a computer or phone update it causes me to then have to buy a new program or device or case, keyboard, etc. That happened a couple of times this week and I am sure that the tech companies intend this to be....”just a little tweak here and there and...oops oh now that part won’t work...send them to buy some more computer or phone stuff!” My response...”GRRR!”

The interconnectedness of every piece of computer hardware or software is evidence of the “network” (or the Internet) that most of the tech industry revolves around and is dependent upon. Have you observed people frantically trying to find WiFi when they enter a new building or place? Everyone wants to be connected. Some say that is a good thing...others are not so sure!

The association is a pretty good example of a network. 35 churches and 1 mission church work together in 5 counties to reach people for Jesus and to strengthen and encourage one another. Last month the THBA pastors got together for lunch and discussed a topic of interest to pastors. It turned out to be a very stimulating and helpful discussion time. Those kind of things don’t just happen, but are a result of a functioning network of leaders.

Our newly elected missions-evangelism coordinator, Pastor Chance Glenn, is going to be writing a series of articles in the June, July and August newsletters on missions and cooperation. I think you will like his perspectives.

Two association mission trips are being planned this summer. A group is heading to Wasilla, Alaska for the third summer now. That trip is in June. In late July and early August a group is being formed to go to Madison, Wisconsin to do VBS and help with church planting in a Hispanic and an Ethiopian/Eritrean church there. The Alaska group will be doing VBS in a small, rural Alaska church outside of Wasilla. These kind of connections are so much fun and benefit these smaller churches so much. Thanks for all who are helping with these trips.

We are so happy to report good things from the mission church called First Baptist Francophone in Kirksville. This church plant led by Pastor Joel Kabamba is doing well. Bro. Joel will give a report to our executive board meeting this month.

We also thank the Lord for our camp team and our VBS team. Both are working hard to provide for summer experiences for kids and teens. We are looking for a person to serve as the Church Development coordinator for the association. Let’s talk if you have interest?

News from the churches and ministry partners

The Chariton Ridge Baptist Church, on Hwy 3 west and south of Atlanta (or maybe you could say north of Callao) is having a gospel concert with the Matt Carroll Family, of Macon, Sunday April 29th at 1 PM. They invite folks from THBA churches to come and enjoy it with them.

Omaha Baptist will hold a men an boys. fish fry, trap shoot, pistol and pellet rifle shoot for the young boys May 5th at 4:00. It will be held at the church on Petty Mill Trail just west of Highway 149 just west of downtown Omaha in Putnam County. They have a speaker coming who is a renowned outdoorsman that gives his heart to the Lord. There will be food. Pastor Kevin Collins says “Don’t brag if you can’t bring it to the Lord’s house.”

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



Pinewood Derby winners are pictured left. The derby was held at Rehoboth Baptist Church, Kirksville on Saturday, April 7th. Pastor Andy Cordray coordinated the derby. He was assisted by Mark Taylor, Barbie Cordray, Mikel Cordray and Richard Nations.

The children who won awards were (shown left to right) Teagan Scheurer, The Crossing Church, Kirksville (Best Overall Design); Mikayla Cordray, Pure Air Baptist, Novinger (Most Imaginative Design); Yakira Smith (First Baptist, La Plata (Most Realistic Design); Layla Worthington, Fellowship Baptist, Kirksville (2nd Place); Emery Sawyer, First Baptist, La Plata (1st Place). An outlaw derby was also conducted for parents and siblings of the kids.

Kids competing in association Bible drills at Omaha Baptist Church this month were: (from left) Brock Munden and Elija Brown. They are standing with their Bible drills leader, Janet Polson. Elija Brown scored high enough to advance to the regional Bible drills conducted by the Missouri Baptist Convention.



Rehoboth Baptist Church, Kirksville, ordained their associate pastor, Ben Austic to the gospel ministry on Sunday, April 8th. He is pictured left with his wife Jessica.

Omaha Baptist Church, honored their pastor and wife, Kevin and Brenda Collins (pictured to the right) for 15 years of service in a Sunday evening worship time, April 8th. They played favorite Christian music videos throughout the service and a fellowship time was held.



May Events

- 8 Board mtg. of the BSU at TSU, 7 PM
- 10 Camp Team Mtg., Fellowship Baptist, 5:30 PM
- 11 Children's camp promo mailed to churches
- 15 Pastors lunch, King's Buffet, Kirksville, 11:30 AM
Pastor Dan Hits and Alan Caulkins, Mo. Baptist
Children's Home discussion
- 28 Memorial Day holiday, THBA office closed

June Events

- 7 Youth camp registration due, 4 PM
- 17 Father's Day
- 19-25 Alaska Mission Trip, Wasilla, AK
- 22 Children's camp registration due, 4 PM
- 28 Children's camp worker training-location TBA
- 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
- 9-13 Children's camp, Grand Oaks, Chillicothe
- 10 WMU south mtg, Location TBA
- 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

Van needed:

Mt. Salem Baptist Church, Jacksonville, is needing a 15 passenger van. If anyone or church would have one for sale they would be interested. They desire one that would be in good condition and reasonably priced. Contact Cora Sue Moore at 660-775-2449.

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.



