

THE MESSENGER

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THBA Calendar

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Bible Training Classes

on preaching and teaching begin on Nov. 15 at Fellowship Baptist, Kirksville. See page 2 for more info.

Yellow Creek Baptist Church Expands

Green City — The Yellow Creek Baptist Church expanded their sanctuary by building an extension on to the front of the building in August. The Missouri Campers on Missions group as well as volunteers from Omaha Baptist and the Yellow Creek church completed the construction project. The wives of the campers group sewed baby blankets to be contributed to the LifeLine Pregnancy Help Center.



Construction efforts were helped by the use of a lift truck provided by C.L. Vestal and some volunteers from Omaha Baptist Church, Unionville.

Roger Marshall (above) was one of the Campers on Mission volunteers. He was saved and baptized while at the Yellow Creek church when he was a boy and his daddy was the pastor in the late 1950's. Marshall is a retired pastor and lives in Lebanon, MO.

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From the Director of Missions Bro. Richard Nations

The association annual meeting was held with 81 participants. This is less than usual but more than we expected considering the pandemic. A few people responded to say they would not attend due to COVID-19 concerns and we certainly understand that.

We heard two messages from Willie McLaurin, Vice president for Great Commission Relations and Mobilization at the SBC Executive Committee in Nashville. He spoke from Acts 2 on the topic "We Are Better Together." We appreciate Bro. Willie sharing with our association on the need to support missions and do all we can to reach people for Jesus. He shared that despite the worldwide pandemic, the Cooperative Program receipts are staying on track. God is able to do so much and He wants us involved in the effort.

Well, let me encourage you to do something to recognize and honor your pastor this month. October is traditionally known as "Clergy Appreciation Month." How about doing something to bless him and his wife this month? I laughed as I read about Lancaster Baptist Church going to their pastors' home and planting little cardboard sheep signs all over his yard and then leaving a nice note on the door (see photo) letting him know his flock appreciates him. Mark Drummond is the pastor of Lancaster Baptist Church.



Starting in mid November Pastor Tom Rowland and I will be offering two Bible courses called "Preaching Biblical Messages and Pastoral Ministry" and "Teaching Methods and Principles." The courses will cost \$20. They will be on Tuesday nights at Fellowship Baptist Church, Kirksville starting on November 15 and continuing until mid May. Call or e-mail me to sign up.

Pastor Tom Rowland encourages people to invite friends to the NEMO Cowboy Church which meets on the first and third Thursday nights of the month at the Kirksville Livestock Market, Kirksville. They are in the process of enlisting a new worship leader and recently they held a concert with the group Mercy Bridge of Knox City and a great crowd of country western/gospel music fans attended. The association helped provide for this concert and also helped them purchase a new sound system which was much in need. Funds for this come from the THBA Boynton Church Planting Fund which has been provided to the association when churches have closed and given their assets to the association.

We also received news that the First Baptist Francophone church is baptizing some new Congolese believers. Pastor Joel Kabamba also said they are reaching new people and there will be a wedding of two believers in the near future. First Baptist Francophone is a French speaking congregation of Congolese immigrants and they meet at First Baptist Church, Kirksville.

So how are all of you doing in light of the COVID-19 pandemic? It's been a rough year but we are doing all we can to support the pastors and churches. Attendance and finances have been down in some churches but we are hearing that some are doing quite well with online giving and life-streaming of worship services. I guess it is all what you make of it. I hope you are doing ok and that your church is sharing the Gospel and discipling believers in the faith. Let mw know how the association or I can help you?



Wesley and Diane Hammond, of First Baptist Church, Paris, led northeast Missouri pastors and wives in a retreat in Hannibal the first weekend of October. Calvary Baptist Church offered the retreat location and meals. The six northeast Missouri area associations and the Missouri Baptist Convention provided lodging for the event. Two couples from Thousand Hills Association attended.

Musicians from Rehoboth Baptist Church provided worship at the Thousand Hills Baptist Association annual meeting, September 13th at Rehoboth. Willie McLaurin, vice president of the SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, was the preacher. Shown here are (left to right) Andy Kottwitz, David Cook and Sheri Feiser. The annual meeting was attended by 81 people.



John and Sharon Yeats (above) of the Missouri Baptist Convention welcomed Missouri directors of missions to Windermere Baptist Conference Center at their annual retreat in September. At the annual meeting of Pathway journalists, THBA director of missions, Richard Nations, was recognized by editor, Don Hinkle, as a freelance writer for 8 years contributing articles to the newspaper. The retreat featured George Schroeder, the editor of Baptist Press news service.

October

2-4 NEMO Pastor/Wives Retreat, Hannibal
13 CANCELED - WMU South Regional Meeting
20 Pastor Lunch, LaPa Restaurant, Kirksville, 11:30 AM
26-27 Missouri Baptist Pastors Conference and
Convention, St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles

November

1 Daylight Savings Time ends
3 US General Election
11 Veterans Day
17 Pastor Lunch, LaPa Restaurant, Kirksville, 11:30 AM
17 Tuesday evening THBA Bible Classes start
Fellowship Baptist, 6:30 PM (continue until mid May)
20 HLGU Booster Banquet, Hannibal, 6 PM
26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday (office closed)
29 Hymn Sing, FBC Queen City, 7 PM

December

10 Pastors/Wives Christmas Dinner-Fellowship Baptist,
Kirksville, 6 PM
25-31 Christmas Holiday (office closed)

**CANCELED - WMU Regional Meeting
scheduled for Tuesday, October 13 at FBC
Bevier has been canceled due to COVID-19
concerns. It will not be rescheduled.**



**The association will have a Christmas
dinner for pastors, church staff and
their families.**

**It will be held on Thursday, December
10th at Fellowship Baptist Church,
Kirksville. Pastor Mark Drummond will
bring a Christmas devotional message.**

**There will be a catered meal, gifts for all
and children are welcome to attend.**

**More details about reservations will be
mailed to each church.**

Please save the date.

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