

THE MESSENGER

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Mission Trips

There are many opportunities to serve this summer and year-round in mission trips. The association is sending a team to Wisconsin to work with a Hispanic church and an Arabic church doing kid's ministry and light construction. There are other opportunities at the state fair and in disaster relief. Check it out on page 4.

CHILDREN'S CAMP - JULY 18-22

KIDS WHO HAVE COMPLETED GRADES 3-6 WILL EXPERIENCE A GREAT INVESTIGATIVE MYSTERY AT THE GRAND OAKS CHILDREN'S CAMP. DAVID COOK WILL LEAD THE CAMP AND THERE WILL BE MESSAGES FROM GARRETT TRUNK AND MUSIC FROM CALEB PERKINS.

THE COST IS \$130. REGISTER BY JUNE 27TH. DETAILS AT:

WWW.1000HILLSBA.ORG/CAMPS



1000 Hills & Linn-Livingston Baptist Associations' Children's Camp

CSI

Christ Scene Investigation
July 18-22, 2022
Grand Oaks Assembly at Chillicothe

Camp is for children who have completed 3rd-6th grade - come join us as we search for the answers, as well as a fun filled time with games, swimming, crafts & much more!

Cost: \$130
Scholarships available.
Forms due at the THBA office by June 27th.

To receive *The Messenger* electronically in your inbox, send an e-mail to 1000hillsba@gmail.org.



From The Director of Missions

Richard Nations

The Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Green City, dedicated their new and remodeled facilities on Sunday, May 15th. They hosted many of the Campers on Mission and area volunteer carpenters who helped them build their enlarged sanctuary and fellowship hall. This is a strong country church that is doing very well reaching their community for Christ. They are without a pastor currently, but Tom Rowland, of Hartford has been the guest preacher there for several months. I was asked to share a little history with the church and pray for the dedication.

Youth camp starts the day after Memorial Day at Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly in Chillicothe. The children's camp is held on July 18-22 also at Grand Oaks. This year both the youth and children's camps will be conducted jointly with the Linn-Livingston Baptist Association. This is a partnership effort and strengthens our camps and also helps them as they are without a director of missions and are having trouble getting leadership enlisted. We welcome them into our children's camp. We've been partnering with them for several years for youth camp. Bob Crump leads a team of volunteers who plan and coordinate our camp ministry every year. It is probably the association's strongest ministry.

I hope you have a great vacation Bible school or backyard kid's club this summer. Plan to have something for the kids. They will come if you promote it and lead the kids to study the Bible, have some fun crafts, recreation and a few snacks. Even if you meet in your town's park or someone's back yard, you can gather up some kids and have a good outreach and discipleship event. Let Bobbie Bansal, our VBS coordinator know if you need any help. She has curriculum and decorations you can borrow. Reach her at: (314) 399-0226 or bobbie.bansal@gmail.com.

The association's block party trailer is now outfitted with a bounce house and several yard games. There is a popcorn maker and a snow cone machine. Several other items make it a useful tool to have at a neighborhood block party, a town festival, VBS or camp. Contact me if you would like to use it. There is a \$50 charge and a \$50 refundable deposit. Call me at 660-342-7658 for more information.

The next executive board meeting of the association is July 28th at First Baptist Church, Kirksville at 6:30 PM. The annual meeting will be held at Fellowship Baptist Church, Kirksville on September 9th. Dr. John Vernon, the director of missions of the Cape Girardeau Baptist Association will preach. Dr. Vernon has also been leading our association revitalization team in taking a look at our ministries and our future directions.

This past spring we've had some significant donations made to the association for our block party trailer and for camp ministry. We have appreciated God's people and churches giving generously to help the association have tools and resources for ministry. Thank you THBA churches for your regular support of the association's ministries. With the inflation and rising gas costs it has been challenging to pay the bills (for all of us). If you have the opportunity to influence your church to increase support to the THBA next year, that would be very helpful.

Finally, please be in prayer for our Southern Baptist Convention. There are many things that are troubling us right now. Call me if you would like more information and details on the issues. Please pray for the messengers of churches who will go to Anaheim, California this June 14-15. You can find a link to watch the convention online at: <https://sbcannualmeeting.net>. Times are offset by a couple of hours due to time zone.



Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Green City hosted the carpenters and wives who helped remodel and add on to their building in a recent dedication service. They were assisted by several from the Campers on Mission group as well as local volunteers in the area. They are pictured here at the dedication service on May 15th.



(Above) The new THBA block party trailer is being outfitted. All States Equipment of Memphis has donated a wagon and a bracket to use to move around the bounce house. Equipment and supplies are are being purchased and the trailer should be ready to be used June 1st.



(Left) The Bray family of FBC Macon had four graduates in May. From left: Seth (HLGU), Genesis (Macon High School), Ethan (HLGU) and Stephanie (HLGU). Pastor Phil Bray was quick to acknowledge that his wife, Stephanie had worked many years as he has earned college, seminary and advanced degrees and it was her turn. The Bray family has four more children and it won't be surprising if several more of them become HLGU Trojans. Dr. Bray is an adjunct instructor at the university.

Calendar of Events

June

May 31-June 4 Youth Camp, Grand Oaks, Chillicothe
12-13 SBC Pastors Conference, Anaheim, California
14-15 Southern Baptist Convention, Anaheim, California
19 Father's Day
21 Minister's Lunch, La Pa Restaurant, Kirksville 11:30 AM
27 Children's Camp registrations due THBA office, 3 PM

July

4 Independence Day (office closed)
12 Minister's Lunch, La Pa Restaurant, Kirksville, 11:30 AM
15-16 DOM to DR "Blue Hat" training, Jefferson City
18-22 Children's Camp, Grand Oaks, Chillicothe
20-25 Milwaukee Wisconsin Mission Trip
28 Executive Board Mtg, FBC Kirksville, 6:30 PM
31 Hymn Sing, Worthington Baptist, 7 PM

August

1 Annual Church Profile reports due
9 BSU Board Mtg, BSU, Kirksville, 7 PM
16 Minister's Lunch, La Pa Restaurant, Kirksville, 11:30 AM
17-18 DOM to Baptist Tent, Sedalia
18 THBA to staff Baptist Tent, Sedalia, 10 AM - 2PM

September

2 Annual Mtg. Meal Reservations Due to THBA, 1 PM
9 Annual Mtg., Fellowship Baptist Church, Kirksville 3 PM
15-16 DOM to Pathway Journalists Retreat, Jefferson City
20 Minister's Lunch, La Pa Restaurant, Kirksville, 11:30 AM

Mission Trip Opportunities

Mission Milwaukee — a mission trip to Wisconsin to assist Hispanic and Arabic churches is planned for July 20-25. People who can do backyard kid's clubs and light construction are needed.

State Fair Baptist Tent — a one-day trip to Sedalia to work in the Baptist Tent at the Missouri State Fair is planned for Thursday, August 18th.

Disaster Relief — are you trained in disaster relief ministry? There is always a need for more volunteers. Find out more at www.modr.org.

Contact THBA missions/evangelism coordinator **B.J. McAlpin at 660-855-1163 or bjmcalpin@me.com to learn more about these opportunities.**

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