

THE MESSENGER

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The Thousand Hills Baptist Association is a network of 35 Baptist churches and church plants located in 5 counties in northeast Missouri.. THBA is funded through the contributions of member churches. To learn more about the ministries of the association take a look at the website:

www.1000hillsba.org

John Vernon to Preach At Annual Meeting Sept. 11



Kirksville—The THBA annual meeting will feature John Vernon, the director of missions for the Cape Girardeau Baptist Association. John has been working closely with the association in the past year as the Revitalization Team has used him as a consultant to lead the association through a process called ReFocus. He will preach on the theme “Assisting One Another To Health” based on Philippians 2:1-4.

The Revitalization Team will give it’s report to the association in the 3 PM afternoon session. Each THBA church should elect messengers to the meeting and plan to participate.

It will be held on Sunday afternoon and evening, September 11 at Fellowship Baptist Church, 1701 Jamison, Kirksville. The THBA block party trailer will be on display in the parking lot of the church during the afternoon session. Registration begins at 2:30 PM. Afternoon business session begins at 3 PM. The meal begins at 5:15 PM and the evening worship session begins at 6:30 PM. The meal reservations are asked to be made by Friday, September 2 at 3 PM. The cost of the meal is \$15 if the reservation is made by the deadline. After the deadline a limited number of meals will be available for \$20. Colton’s Steakhouse is the caterer. There will be an option of chicken breast or steak tips.

Come and celebrate with the leaders of the THBA. It promises to be a great afternoon of celebrating the ministries of the association as well as taking a good look at the future and what that will look like going forward.

To preview the meeting documents, the Revitalization Team report, the proposed 2023 budget and to download a meal reservation form, visit the THBA website:

www.1000hillsba.org and click on the Annual Meeting tab.

Annual Meeting Theme: “Assisting one another to health”

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From the Director of Missions Richard Nations

I received a phone call from a Kirksville community leader in late July saying they wondered if Southern Baptist Disaster Relief could lend a hand with feeding police officers who had staged at a command post nearby and were searching in the woods west of town for a murder suspect. It turns out there were 80 highway patrol, U.S. Marshalls and Adair County sheriff officers working in this command post. So I gathered volunteers locally and statewide and we began serving meals to these police officers. That went on for about two weeks. The murder suspect has not yet been caught but there is still a small force of officers looking for him. I am glad Missouri

Baptist disaster relief volunteers from Mt. Salem/Wyaconda Association and from the Warsaw area could join our local volunteers and community members in serving these officers. We received help from several churches, community service clubs, the Red Cross and the Salvation Army as well.

Good work on the camps this summer! THBA joined with Linn-Livingston Baptist Association, Meadville to staff the youth and children's camps at Grand Oaks. A total of 22 children and youth prayed to receive the Lord. Bob Crump leads our camp team. He worked with some others from Linn-Livingston to direct youth camp. David Cook directed the children's camp. They were joined by volunteers from many of our THBA churches.

I hope you had a good VBS this summer. Our VBS training certainly helps our churches as they reach out to children. The Yellow Creek Baptist Church in Green City was featured in The Pathway newspaper as they brought out a small piece of construction equipment to let the children help spread gravel during their "Concrete and Cranes" VBS in August. VBS can be a cool event with a little creativity. Way to go Yellow Creek. I am sure many kids in THBA churches got saved this summer as a result of your efforts.

The First Baptist Church of Clarence has decided to disband but they are not going away yet. They have merged in with First Baptist Church, Macon and hope to replant a new church with a new name in Clarence next year. Thanks for assisting your sister church FBC Macon.

The churches are keeping the block party trailer busy. It is booked several times in September and it was busy most of July and August. You can borrow it for a \$50 fee and a refundable deposit. There are games and a bounce house on it as well as a popcorn maker and a sno-cone machine.

Some people have told me recently they don't know what the association does in ministries in these five counties and 35 churches. Would you let me come to your church to talk about that to your congregation? I went recently to Omaha Baptist Church, Unionville and shared a few slides and gave a short talk in the worship time. I can do that for your church or you can invite me to preach. I'm glad to share the ministries of the THBA.

What we do best is connect churches and ministries together. We have chosen the theme "Assisting others to health" for our annual meeting. You will learn of the proposed THBA strategy plan as you attend that afternoon session. Please plan to come and hear the report and help make the decisions that will shape the future of the association.

Thanks for praying for us. We have some health concerns in our family and we need your prayers right now



THBA sent evangelism teams to the state fair in Sedalia in mid August. DOM Richard Nations coordinated the work of 6 association groups. Here he works with a group from Jefferson City. 78 people prayed to receive Christ at the fair.



Pastor Joe Curtis (left) was ordained to the ministry on August 14 by Primera Iglesia Bautista, Milan. He preaches through an interpreter to this Hispanic church. Bro. Joe lives near Trenton.



Above: Rehoboth Baptist volunteers Cinda Barrett (left) and Betty Clark help serve sandwiches at a neighborhood block party sponsored by Rehoboth Baptist Church in a park in their neighborhood in mid August.

Right: Garrett Trunk was the camp pastor for the THBA children's camp at Grand Oaks in late July. He is the associate pastor of Hamilton St. Baptist Church. 21 children prayed to receive the Lord at the camp.



Calendar of Events

September

- 2 Annual Meeting reservations due at THBA office
- 5 Labor Day (office closed)
- 11 THBA Annual Meeting, Fellowship Baptist, Kirksville 3 PM
- 15-16 DOM to Pathway journalists retreat
- 20 Ministers lunch, La Pa Restaurant, Kirksville 11:30 AM
- 27 Bott Radio pastor/leader appreciation dinner, Fellowship Baptist, Kirksville, 6:30 PM

October

- 7-8 NEMO Pastor/Wives Retreat, Calvary Baptist, Hannibal
- 9-12 Brad Bennet, Real Encounter Ministries to serve Unionville area churches
- 18 Ministers lunch, La Pa Restaurant, Kirksville, 11:30 AM
- 24-25 Missouri Baptist Convention, St. Charles
- 26 DOM Conference, St. Charles
- 30 Hymn Sing, Lancaster Baptist, Lancaster

November

- 1 BSU Board Meeting, BSU, Kirksville, 7 PM
- 2-3 Resound Network Transitional Pastor Training, Bridgeton
- 3 LifeLine Banquet, NEMO Fairgrounds, 6 PM
- 6 Daylight Savings Time ends
- 8 Election Day
- 11 Veterans Day
- 15 Ministers Lunch, La Pa Restaurant, Kirksville 11:30 AM
- 24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday (office closed)

December

- 1 Ministers/Wives Christmas Dinner, Location TBA

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