

# 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](http://www.1000hillsba.org)**

## VBS Training Dates Announced

Kirksville—The THBA Vacation Bible School training dates have been announced. Bobbie Bansal, VBS coordinator, has scheduled the team to provide conferences at:



\* **Sat. March 25** - Lancaster Baptist Church, Lancaster - 9 AM-Noon

\* **Sat. April 1** - FBC La Plata 9 AM-Noon.

This training is for all VBS volunteers and pastors. Bring VBS teams to either training session for a fun and informative time! Organizers hope to see many VBS volunteers there.

## Association office moved to Hamilton St. Baptist Church

Kirksville — The THBA office is now located at 802 W. Hamilton St., Kirksville. The Hamilton St. Baptist Church is hosting the THBA office. It is located on the north wing of their education building.

It is preferable for visitors to use the north entrance of the church when coming to the office. Mail should be directed to the new address. The phone number and e-mail address remain the same: Phone: 660-342-7658; E-mail: [1000hillsba@gmail.com](mailto:1000hillsba@gmail.com).



The association thanks the Fellowship Baptist Church, Kirksville for hosting the office for the past 7 years.

To receive *The Messenger* electronically in your inbox, send an e-mail to [1000hillsba@gmail.com](mailto:1000hillsba@gmail.com).



## **From the Director of Missions**

### **Richard Nations**

I am behind schedule on sending out the newsletter this winter. As you probably remember we are only mailing it out by e-mail attachment now so if you know of someone who does not receive things by e-mail it would a favor to them if you would print a copy off for them. If anyone wants to receive The Messenger by e-mail please have them send me their address and we will add them to the list.

Our office moved from Fellowship Baptist Church to Hamilton St. Baptist Church in early February. That move (which took two weeks of packing, moving and unpacking) set me behind.

I also took a week off in January to go to Phoenix to preach at my brother Don Nations' memorial service. Don was my second-oldest brother and he was a great brother to look up to. He had committed to the ministry when he was a student at Kirksville State Teacher's College in Kirksville (now Truman State University). He preached in some area churches, taught school in Palmyra and then got into administration of Christian schools for most of his adult life in Missouri and Indiana. He retired and moved with his wife, Sandra, to be near kids and grandkids in Phoenix. He struggled with cancer a few years and then passed away peacefully at his home. A lot of people sent warm encouragements to me and I thank you for that.

Rachel's folks have been struggling with health issues also over in Illinois. She's been making several trips there to be with her mom and dad who have both entered into care centers.

So life has been interesting this winter. But God is good and we are getting along ok. But the newsletter is still coming out late. So here you are.

Events coming up are featured in the pages of the newsletter. VBS training with Bobbie Bansal and her team of trainers will take place in late March and early April in the north and south parts of the association. Disaster Relief rally and training are scheduled for the first two weekends of March at Shelbina and Macon. Have you considered getting involved in disaster relief? It's a great opportunity to serve the Lord, helping people who are survivors of natural disasters. Then we have camps being planned at Grand Oaks and the dates for those are listed with the calendar.

I wrote the Missouri Mission Offering (MMO) materials for Missouri Baptists this winter. You will see those in September. Last year Missouri Baptist Convention sent our association just over \$2,600 to assist with our ministries from the MMO funds. So I am glad we have a strong partner helping us with our ministries here in Northeast Missouri.

Come by and visit with me at the new THBA office at Hamilton St. Baptist Church if you want. Use the north door to the building and my office is just to the left as you enter that wing of the church.

We did not have a centrally-located minister's lunch the last two months. Our new strategy for assisting churches is much more regionalized. So I have been spending some days just going to one of the counties and spending time with the pastors one-on-one. I'll be calling up your pastor and coming by to visit in the coming months. I will come to you. Give me a call and let's arrange a time.

## NEMO DR Rally - Mar 4

Disaster relief volunteers in northeast Missouri are having a rally at First Baptist Church of Shelbina on Saturday, March 4th. It begins with refreshments at 8:45 AM and will continue throughout the morning. Disaster relief units from several churches and associations will be on display there and there will be round-table discussions by association and state convention leadership.

Existing trained DR volunteers as well as prospective DR workers are encouraged to attend this rally.

The following weekend FBC Macon will host regional training for Missouri DR volunteers.



MISSOURI BAPTIST  
**DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING**

FIRST TIME: \$45 || RE-CERTIFYING/CROSS TRAINING: \$25

**TRAININGS WE OFFER:**

- MASS CARE/ FEEDING
- CHAINSAW
- FLOOD RECOVERY
- COMMUNICATIONS
- SHOWER/ LAUNDRY
- CHILDCARE
- INCIDENT MANAGEMENT
- ASSESSMENT \*\*
- CHAPLAINCY \*\*

**NEXT OPPORTUNITY:**  
First Baptist Church  
**Macon**  
March 10-11, 2023

[SCHEDULE ONLINE](#)

DINNER, BREAKFAST, & LUNCH INCLUDED. LODGING AVAILABLE

**Register online at: [modr.org/dr-training](http://modr.org/dr-training)**

**DISASTER RELIEF MISSOURI**

ADDITIONAL TRAINING INFORMATION AND ONLINE REGISTRATION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE. ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE CAN BE EMAILED TO [DISASTERRELIEF@MOBAPTIST.ORG](mailto:DISASTERRELIEF@MOBAPTIST.ORG) OR BY CALLING 1-800-736-6227 EXT. 317

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Rehoboth Baptist Church opened their facility to the Kirksville community on Feb. 11 for a community Hot Wheels race. They had 177 entries. They welcomed the kids and families and there have been two new families attending as a result of this friendly outreach event.

**Here is an opportunity to be trained in disaster relief ministry**



The Omaha Baptist Church held their annual "radio broadcast" at Christmastime. They do a comedy and country gospel music show going out on "KOBC, Radio Omaha!" airwaves. The community Christmas outreach is looked forward to by the Unionville community.



## Calendar of Events

### February

4 THBA office moving day - to Hamilton St. Baptist Church  
11 Rehoboth Baptist Hot Wheels Race, Noon-3 PM  
26 Chili Cook Off, BSU, Kirksville 4-6 PM

### March

4 NEMO Disaster Relief rally, FBC Shelbina, 8:45 AM-Noon  
6 Assoc VBS team training, FBC Chillicothe  
10-11 Mo. Baptist Disaster Relief training, FBC Macon  
21-22 DOM to MBC DOM Conference, Jefferson City  
25 VBS conference, Lancaster Baptist, Lancaster 9 AM-Noon

### April

1 VBS conference, FBC La Plata 9 AM-Noon  
7 Good Friday  
9 Easter  
10 THBA office closed (Easter)  
20-21 MBC New pastors retreat  
21 BSU Trivia night  
27 THBA Ministry Celebration, Rehoboth, Kirksville, 6:30 PM  
30 Hymn Sing, Lancaster Baptist Church, 7 PM

### May

9 BSU Board Mtg, BSU, Kirksville 7 PM  
14 Mother's Day  
29 Memorial Day

### Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly THBA Camp Dates:

July 10-14 - Youth Camp (6th to 12th grade students)  
August 7-11 - Children's Camp (3rd to 6th grade students)



Tom and Brenda Rowland are the new pastor and wife at Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Green City. He has been preaching there for about a year as a guest preacher. The Rowlands will continue to live on their farm in Hartford. They have been members at Hartford Baptist Church.

Tom leads the annual "Men's Initiative" in Putnam County and he led the NEMO Cowboy Church, Kirksville.