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- 1-30.....Rheubin L. South Missouri Missions Month
- 5..... Labor Day—Office Closed
- 9..... Youth Event, Swing Around Fun Town
- 9-10..... MBC Disaster Relief Training, Union Hills Baptist Church, Holts Summit
- 12..... Ministers' Mtg. and Tim Eckhoff ordination questioning, 10:30 a.m., Ministry Center
- 13..... Small Town Pastor's Conference, 9:00-1:00, Washington, FBC
- 13..... Youth Leaders Mtg., 7:00 p.m., Ministry Center
- 24..... Association Men's Outdoor Adventure, 9:00-3:00, Spring Bluff Retreat Center, RSVP by Sept. 12
- 25..... Associational Annual Meeting, 3-8 p.m., Washington, FBC
- 26..... Pastors Seminar/Luncheon with Dr. Brandon Moore, 10:30 a.m., Ministry Center
- 28..... See You At The Pole and Youth Rally, 6:30 pm, Ministry Center

October

- 1-31..... October is Pastor Appreciation Month
- 1-31..... Cooperative Program Emphasis Month
- 1..... WMU East Central Regional Equip Meeting, St. Clair FBC
- 2..... Soul-Winning Commitment Sunday
- 2..... Youth Event, Pro-life Chain, 2:30-3:30
- 9..... World Hunger Day
- 10..... Ministers' Meeting, 10:30 am, Ministry Center
- 11..... Youth Leaders Meeting, 7:00 pm, Ministry Center
- 22..... Youth Event, Pin Oak Farms, Hayride and Bonfire
- 24..... Missouri Baptist Pastors' Conference, St. Charles
- 24-25..... Missouri Baptist Convention, St. Charles

*Please check our association website and Facebook page for any updates.

WEEKLY CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS

As we continue our prayer emphasis for our associational churches, our associational staff invites you to join in prayer each week to pray for the listed churches. Please pray for the following churches each week of September.



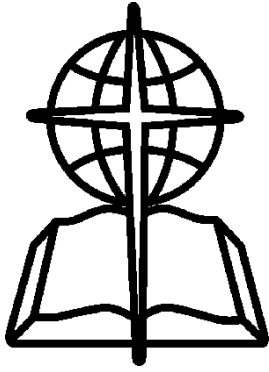
- Sept. 4: New Friendship, New Hope and Oak Grove
- Sept. 11: Outreach, Pacific and Prospect
- Sept. 18: Ridge at Gerald, Ridge at Leslie, Ridge at Sullivan and Ridge at Villa Ridge
- Sept. 25: Rose Hill, St. Clair FBC and St. Clair Southern

STATE MISSIONS OFFERING
Emphasis Week: September 11-18
These funds are used for many special missions and benevolent causes in Missouri. 10% of state missions offering is returned to the association for local mission projects.

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CHURCHES & MISSIONS

ALLENTON HEIGHTS, FBC
ANACONDA
CALVARY
CALVEY
CENTRAL
CHARRETTE
COMPASS MINISTRIES
DULY (Closed)
EVERGREEN
FAITH
GRACE
GRAY SUMMIT, FBC
GREEN MOUND
LIGHTHOUSE
MEMORIAL at NEW HAVEN
MEMORIAL at VIRGINIA MINES
MT. CALVARY
NEW BEGINNINGS
NEW CHAPEL HILL
NEW FRIENDSHIP
NEW HOPE
OAK GROVE
OUTREACH FELLOWSHIP
PACIFIC
PROSPECT
RIDGE CHURCH at GERALD
RIDGE CHURCH at LESLIE
RIDGE CHURCH at SULLIVAN
RIDGE CHURCH at VILLA RIDGE
ROSE HILL MISSIONARY
STANTON, FBC*
ST. CLAIR, FBC
ST. CLAIR SOUTHERN
SHILOH
SPRING BLUFF
TEMPLE
UNION, FBC
WASHINGTON, FBC
* Watch-Care Church

Annual Meeting

September 25, 2022

Washington, FBC

111 E. 14th St., Washington, MO 63090

Theme:

“Extreme Makeover — Church Edition”

Afternoon Session..... 3:00 p.m.

Worship and Message by: **Dr. Brandon Moore,**
MBC Director of Church Revitalization

Organization and Committee Reports

Catered Dinner*..... 5:00 p.m.

Evening Session 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Mission Presentation

Worship Service

Closing Message: Dr. Brandon Moore

*Please call the association office by September 19
to make reservations. A \$6 donation is suggested for the meal.

“Annual Meeting Messengers” - This association shall be composed of
the: Director of Missions, pastors and messengers elected by the churches.
Each church shall be allowed four messengers and churches with more
than one hundred members, one additional messenger for each additional
hundred members or major fraction thereof, not to exceed 10 messengers.
(Messengers are in addition to pastors.)

From the Director of Missions...

This month (Aug) our association again sponsored a ministry booth at the Washington Fair. Even though a storm knocked out the first day of the fair, the gospel was presented to groups of 10-30 people over 35 times during the fair. That is a lot of folks hearing the gospel! Thanks to all who helped sponsor and conduct this ministry, especially the churches that co-sponsored the booths – Memorial, Ridge, Union FBC, and Washington FBC. Only in heaven will we know the total impact of this ministry.

As school resumes, so does a new church and associational year. This is a time of renewed focus and opportunities for ministry and growth in our lives and churches. It is also a good time for training our church and associational leaders. This fall we will be offering some training opportunities in Discipleship, Church Growth and Leadership, so please watch for these and take advantage of them.

We will be having our association Annual Meeting on September 25. This is one of the most important events of the year for our association as we come together for worship, fellowship, inspiration and to conduct important business matters. I hope you will plan to attend as much of it as possible, whether or not you are an elected messenger from your church. It will be held at Washington FBC. In the afternoon session we will have most of our association reports and business and a message by Dr. Brandon Moore. Dr. Moore is the Director of Church Revitalization for the Missouri Baptist Convention. Church Revitalization and strengthening will be the theme focus for our Annual Meeting. In the evening session we will have our Missions and Evangelism report and a time for Association worship. Brother Moore will also bring the closing message/challenge. You will want to make every effort to attend! If you normally have evening services, I encourage you consider moving them to Washington FBC for that night!

Please remember to promote, pray for and give generously this month to the Rheubin South State Missions offering. Sometimes this offering is neglected or not emphasized well. Reaching our state is as important as reaching our nation and the "ends of the earth". Beyond our immediate area, our state is our closest mission field that WE are responsible to reach. As many as 3 out of 4 Missouri residents do not know Christ as their Savior and Lord. Much of the church planting being done in Missouri, the summer missionary program, disaster relief, Children and family ministries and other benevolent ministries and other special missions projects are funded through this offering. Also, ten percent of the total amount given by our churches for the state missions offering will be returned to our association to be used for local missions activities such as fair ministry, community outreach and church assistance projects.

Yours for His Kingdom, Brother Jim

FBA FINANCIAL UPDATE

We want to thank you for your continued generous financial support for our joint association missions work. Your giving helps strengthen and assist our churches' joint efforts in reaching our area with the gospel. If your church changes current giving levels, please share that with our office so we can make plans accordingly. Please note — Donations to "Debt Reduction" will be applied to outstanding lot debt.

JULY FINANCE REPORT

Monthly Budget Requirement:	\$14,697
July Budget Contributions:	\$ 7,256
July Building Fund Receipts/Payment:	\$ 150
Total Budget & Building Receipts for July:	\$ 7,406
Budget and Building Receipts—YTD:	\$ 81,110
Ending Checking Balance, 07/31/22:	\$174,984
Money Market Balance:	\$150,692
Outstanding Lot Debt:	\$ 26,747

Christian Sympathy -

We would like to express our sympathy to Jeff and Kristi Scott, in the recent death of Kristi's mother. Jeff is the pastor at Oak Grove Baptist Church.



We would like to express our sympathy to Janie Perdew, family and church in the recent death of Bro. Jim Perdew. Bro. Jim was a longtime pastor at Gray Summit First.

We would like to express our sympathy to Jason and Joycelyn McIntosh, in the recent death of Joycelyn's son. Jason is the pastor at Rose Hill Missionary.

"ISRAEL TOUR"

***December 27-January 4; \$3,449**

***Registration deadline extended to Sept. 15.**

March 20-29; \$3,359

Price is all-inclusive; departing from St. Louis

For information, please call Bro. Jim at 314-540-2570.

PASTORS' LUNCHEON

September 26, 10:30 a.m.

MINISTRY CENTER

**Guest Speaker:
DR. BRANDON MOORE**

Camp News/Needs

CAMP RESERVATIONS – Churches please call the association office as soon as possible if you would like to schedule a date(s) to use our Retreat Center this year.

YOUTH EVENT

SEE YOU AT THE POLE

September 28, 6:30-8:00

Ministry Center Gym

We will worship, have devotion, games and food.

DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING

Sept. 9, 7:00 pm & Sept. 10, 12:00 pm

**Union Hills Baptist Church
Holts Summit, MO**

Additional training information and online registration can be found by visiting mobaptist.org/dr-training, by email disasterrelief@mobaptist.org or call 800-736-6227, ext. 317.

“BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP AND CHURCH ADMINISTRATION CLASS”

**Monday at 6:30 p.m.
September 19 – October 31**

Ministry Center

This class will be led by Chuck Tedrow. It will help participants learn Biblical leadership and effective church administration. Please contact Chuck, 636-358-3732, or the association office to register for this class.

Missouri Missions Emphasis and Offering Month

Please promote and pray for our Missouri Missions during September. Also, consider promoting and receiving a special offering for our state mission emphasis. 100% of this offering will be used to help fund church planting in Missouri, summer missionary program, Disaster Relief, children and family ministries and other mission projects. 10% of this offering is returned to our association to be used for local missions projects.

Church News

PASTORLESS CHURCH: None.

Central — Will be hosting the “Going Beyond” simulcast with speaker Priscilla Shirer on September 24th. To register go to cbcserves.org. Call 636-938-5577 for more info.

Union, FBC — Please On September 11 at 6:00 p.m., will host Creation Ministries International. Joel Tay will be the speaker. Call 636-583-2386 for more info.

Washington, FBC— Will host a Trivia Night Fundraiser for the Missouri Baptist Children's Home on September 17. Call 636-432-6652 for more info.

Franklin Baptist Association

“MEN’S OUTDOOR ADVENTURE”

September 24, 9-3 pm.

Spring Bluff Retreat Center

Hosted by The Ridge and Central Baptist

Register by September 12.

To register call 636/583-2639
or email fcbamo@aol.com

SOFTBALL LEAGUE WINNERS

Congratulations to Friendship for winning 1st place in the Coed Softball League and Ridge at Sullivan for finishing 2nd.

"SEW EASY" Classes

Held at the Ministry Center

September 1 Project will be a “Bench Pillow”.

Call Jill, 314-540-0080, for more details and reservations.

CHURCH CLERKS

ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILES NEEDED

The 2021-2022 ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILES (ACP'S) were mailed out in June. They will need to be completed and a printed copy returned to the association by August 31. Or if you would like us to file it for you, please submit your church info to the office by August 31. Please call the association office if you have questions concerning the ACP.

Also, names and pictures of church members who died during the current association year need to be submitted to our office so they can be included in our memorial listing at the Annual Meeting.