



November

- 6..... Time Change—Set Clocks Back One Hour
- 6-7..... Building Kingdom Churches Conference, Union, FBC
- 7..... Ministers' Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Ministry Center
- 7..... WOM Meeting & World Day Prayer Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Gray Summit, FBC
- 8..... Youth Leaders Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Ministry Center
- 12..... Sew Easy, 9:00 a.m., Ministry Center
- 14-20..... Operation Christmas Child, Union FBC, Temple (Sullivan) and Gray Summit FBC
- 24..... Thanksgiving Day
- 24-25..... Thanksgiving Day Observance—Office Closed



December

- 4-11..... Week of Prayer and Lottie Moon Emphasis
- 5..... Ministers and Wives Christmas Dinner, 6:00, p.m., Ministry Center
- 13..... Youth Leaders Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Ministry Center
- 22-26..... Office Closed for Christmas holiday

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS EMPHASIS

Week of Prayer - December 4-11

- ◆ During December please remember to pray for and give a generous offering for our International Missions Work. 100% of this offering goes directly to support over 5,000 International Missionaries.
- ◆ Please pray for all our IMB Missionaries serving in foreign fields.
- ◆ Please pray for more people to respond to God's call to serve as International Missionaries.

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NOVEMBER 6 & 7
BUILDING KINGDOM CHURCHES
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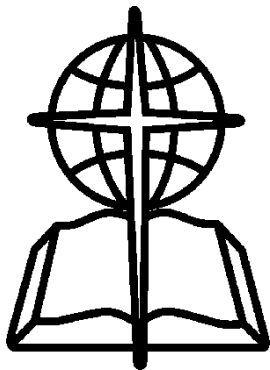
ISRAEL TOUR GROUP

If you or someone you know would be interested in joining a local group for a tour of Israel next April or November, please contact Jim at jamesply@aol.com or 314-540-2570.

NOTE: Calendar, Updates, additions and other announcements may be heard on KLPW radio (1220 AM and 92.7 FM) on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. Weather related cancellations and closings will be available on our office phone answering system, ext. 411.

Dated Material
 Request in home service by October 30

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CHURCHES & MISSIONS

ALLENTON HEIGHTS, FBC
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GRACE
GRAY SUMMIT, FBC
GREAT COMMISSION*
GREEN MOUND
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MEMORIAL
MT. CALVARY
NEW BEGINNINGS**
NEW CHAPEL HILL
NEW FRIENDSHIP
NEW HOPE
OAK GROVE
OUTREACH FELLOWSHIP
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PROSPECT
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UNION, FBC
VILLA RIDGE, FBC
VIRGINIA MINES
WASHINGTON, FBC

* Mission Church

** Under Watch-care

“Building Kingdom Churches”

- Conference and Training for Leaders -

Theme: “Church Strengthening & Revitalization”

November 6-7

Sunday—6:30 - 8:00 p.m.—Worship

Message by Gary Mathes
MBC Church Revitalization Consultant

Monday—10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Pastors & Staff Seminar and Luncheon
Led by—Mark Clifton
NAMB Consultant for Church Revitalization

Monday—6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Conferences Led by
Mark Clifton & Gary Mathes

Held at

First Baptist Church, Union, MO

(801 E. Hwy 50, Union, MO 63084)

**Preschool child care will be available.*

For information: 636-583-2639, fcbamo@aol.com or
www.franklinbaptistassociation.org

From the Director of Missions...

The leaves are quickly turning to a beautiful array of colors. This is my favorite time of the year. As we turn our attention to November we annually focus upon thanksgiving. The Bible teaches it is good for us to give thanks to the Lord. We know all of our blessings come from God, and to Him we should be thankful and give praise. A thankful person glorifies God and is a blessing to others. I trust God's grace will enable you and I to be thankful in our heart and mind and show it outwardly in our life this month, and all year long.

In keeping with the thanksgiving theme, I want to thank God for your ministry in your church, your community and for your support of our work together as brothers and sisters in Christ as we jointly strive to spread the gospel of Christ to our Franklin Baptist Association area. It is richly rewarding to work with one another and lift up one another in our worldwide task of making disciples.

I want to again remind and encourage you and as many as can from your church to make it a priority to attend our "Building Kingdom Churches Conference" on November 6-7. This is a high quality conference that will help strengthen churches for Christ's Kingdom work. You can read more details in this newsletter.

I strongly urge all of our churches to make a major effort to get all their members to vote in this important election in November. This is needed as statistics show that only about 25% of evangelical Christians voted in the last general election. That is SHAMEFUL! It is not just our right to vote, it is our Christian responsibility and duty to vote and I believe we Christians will be held accountable by God for how we discharge this great duty. We must decide if we want Christians to decide the future of our nation, or those that oppose what we value most. I personally think, as do many other Christian leaders around the country, that this is perhaps the most important election of our lifetime! Please check this newsletter for info on attaining helpful voter guides for researching the values and stands of each major candidate. Do the research, pray and vote as God leads you!

In closing, I invite and challenge you to continue to join hands and hearts with me and millions of other Christians as we continue to pray for this very important upcoming election and ultimately for spiritual awakening and revival in our churches and nation.

Trusting Him,

Brother Jim

FINANCIAL UPDATE

We want to thank you for your regular financial support for our association missions.

Monthly Budget Requirement:	\$14,539	
Monthly Building Debt payment:	3,350	
Total Monthly Requirements:		\$17,889

ATTENTION TREASURERS AND PASTORS

Please notify our office if your church votes to make a significant increase or decrease in its financial support to the association budget or building fund. This is vital information for planning and sustaining our present payments and ministries.

Building Kingdom Churches Conference November 6-7, Union FBC

Please make it a priority for as many as possible from your church to participate fully in our eighth annual "Building Kingdom Churches Conference" on November 6-7. We have had some great conferences in the past, and we expect more of same quality this year. We have Mark Clifton and Gary Mathes as our primary speakers and conference presenters. Mark is a nationally known speaker and NAMB consultant for church revitalization and Gary Mathes is the MBC Consultant for church health and revitalization. Gary will preach at the association-wide joint worship services held on Sunday evening. Mark will be leading seminar sessions on church revitalization on Monday morning and evening. Check the schedule in this newsletter for more details.

W.O.M. MEETING & WORLD DAY OF PRAYER MEETING

November 7 – 10:00 a.m.

Gray Summit, FBC

2705 Hwy 100, Gray Summit, MO 63039

Homemade Soups, Hot Bread, Drinks and Dessert
will be provided for lunch.

Election Day – November 8

Every church member is urged to exercise their privilege and Christian responsibility of voting in this election. Pray for God's direction, research the platform positions, and vote according to God's guidance. Also, encourage all your family and friends to do the same. Voter guides may be downloaded or ordered at www.cc.org/voterguides.

Camp News/Needs

Also, we are still in need of volunteers to help with general cleaning over the fall and winter, painting and small repair projects. Contact FBA office.

HELP WANTED IN OUR CHURCHES

Gray Summit — Is seeking a part-time church janitor. 15-18 hours a week, flexible schedule. Must be 18 or over. Send resume to FBC, Gray Summit, PO Box 68, Gray Summit, MO 63039 or email gsfbc@att.net.

Green Mound — Is seeking a pianist for their morning service, 10:45 am. The position pays \$25 a week. Please call Lindell at 573-205-5148 or 573-484-3675 if you are interested or for more information.

New Hope — Is seeking a Worship Leader, this is currently a volunteer position but are open to paying a part-time salary, if needed. Might also consider someone who could do both music and youth ministry. Call or text John Pursley if you know of anyone who might be a possibility, 314-630-9325.

CHURCH INFORMATION

We want to help you promote your church activities. Please submit your activity to the association office by the **15th of the month** of the month before your event to be included in our newsletter. You may call (636-583-2639) or e-mail your information to fcbamoo@aol.com.

AGAPE HOUSE



Your help would be greatly appreciated. They would like new unwrapped toys for ages 1 – 13, especially 9-13, or cash for toys. They are expecting as many as 1,000 children. Wrapping paper and food items for food baskets are also needed. Please contact Brother Jim Armistead at 636-629-0053 or call cell 314-630-6788. Items will need to be received by December 7th.

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebbox Collection Week, Nov. 14-20

Collected at FBC of Union, Temple (Sullivan) and FBC of Gray Summit

FBC of Union, Temple Baptist (Sullivan) and FBC Gray Summit will be the local collection sites for Christmas Shoeboxes for Franklin County. Volunteers from our association churches are asked to help receive, pack, and transport shoe boxes.

For more information contact Chris Fusco, FBC Union, 636-583-2386 or www.fbcunion.org. Contact Ted & Sonja Moore, Temple, 573-732-5797 or www.tbcsullivan.com. Contact Dean or Betty Rutherford, FBC Gray Summit, 636-742-2474 or www.fbcgraysummit.org.

Church News

PASTORLESS CHURCHES: Crossroads and Virginia Mines. Please remember these churches in your special prayer as they seek pastors.

Calvary — Will Celebrate 80 Years. "Great is Thy Faithfulness" on November 19 at 1 p.m. with a carry in dinner followed by celebration.

HEALING GRACE MEDICAL CLINIC VOLUNTEERS HELP NEEDED

Kind, compassionate front desk, nurse and doctor volunteers needed weekdays Wed-Thurs and quarterly Saturdays for the Healing Grace Medical Clinic for the low income uninsured. Located next to Central Baptist in Eureka. Medical knowledge not necessary for front desk volunteers. Please contact Cindy at cindyaranda613@gmail.com.

TABLECLOTH RENTALS

The Association Hospitality Committee has purchased tablecloths and overlays for church and rental use. Please contact our association office for more information.

JULY through SEPTEMBER 2016 FBA BUDGET & BUILDING RECEIPTS

Allenton Heights, FBC	954.00	New Beginnings	0
Anaconda	322.19	New Chapel Hill	174.17
Calvary	2538.46	New Friendship	51.47
Calvey	339.54	New Hope	2092.39
Central	733.54	Oak Grove	926.84
Charrette	370.56	Outreach Fellowship	403.61
Compass Ministries, The	1268.55	Pacific	402.00
Crossroads	0	Prospect	1416.00
Duly	100.00	Rose Hill	150.00
Evergreen	310.65	Shiloh	519.78
Faith	1960.77	Spring Bluff	899.73
Friendship Southern	170.00	St. Clair Southern	2029.01
Gerald	309.72	St. Clair, FBC	5357.34
Grace	2065.28	Temple	768.00
Gray Summit, FBC	2242.97	True Vine	265.68
Great Commission	515.13	Union, FBC	2950.95
Green Mound	240.00	Villa Ridge, FBC	5570.00
Lighthouse	221.00	Virginia Mines	450.00
Memorial	1793.95	Washington, FBC	232.63
Mt. Calvary	200.00	TOTAL	41315.91