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**Celebrate Recovery**

**Celebrate Recovery offers hope to those with  
hurts, habits, hang-ups is offered at these  
locations and times:**

**Tuesday 6:00 pm at Forest Park Joplin**

**Friday 6:15 pm at First Baptist Carterville**

## The Dinner Table

While at the Southern Baptist Convention's Annual Meeting, I heard a remarkable statement concerning race relations. One guest speaker said, "If you want to change race relations in this country, it won't happen at a worship service; it will happen around the dinner table." It forced me to consider whom I have sitting around my dinner table. We often have family members around the table, but have we intentionally invited our neighbors to dine around the table?

Revelation 3:19-20 states, "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore, be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come into him and dine with him, and he with Me." This is often used in the context of opening the door of your heart, but this is opening the door to the church. This is a reference to a church that had grown lukewarm.

To dine with others was to be personal and open with them. One of the most intimate things one could do in the first century was to open the home for a meal. Great lessons are learned around the table. One learns to listen and share around the table. One learns to serve through the table experience. One learns to be complimentary around the table. Love grows for one other around the dinner table.

The table is an important place. Who do you need to invite to the table: your neighbor, your co-worker, your pastor or Sunday school teacher? Whoever it is, relationships are built and strengthened around the table.

So, who's coming to dinner?

Kirk



Our July Board Meeting date has been moved to **July 29**. The location and time are the same. We will see you at Empire Baptist Church 7:00 pm

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**July Calendar**

4 – Independence Day (office closed)

29 - Executive Board Meeting, Empire

**Upcoming**

**August**

**September**

All – MMO Emphasis (Rheubin L South)

2 – Labor Day (office closed)

21 – Horse Whisperer, First Baptist, Diamond

**October**

All – Cooperative Program Month

7 – Annual Meeting, First Baptist, Avilla

13 – Global Hunger Sunday

19 – Pastor, Staff and Wives Appreciation Dinner, TBA

20-26 – Baptist Association Emphasis Week

28-29 – Missouri Baptist Convention Annual Meeting,

Branson

**November**

4 – Baptist Women’s World Day of Prayer

28 – Thanksgiving (office closed)

**December**

1-8 – Week of Prayer International Missions

24-1 – Christmas Holiday (office closed)

**Prayer**

Here is a list of our prayer requests:



Churches without pastors-  
 First Baptist La Russell, and First

Baptist Purcell.

## DR Update:

Since our initial response to the flooding in Nebraska we have been in near constant response mode. Numbers for this year are posted below.

While we closed the Jefferson City Tornado operation there are still some jobs to be completed as survivors call in for assistance. Currently those needs are being met by local team(s).

During the tornado response in Jefferson City, our southwest region was responding to the tornado that hit Carls Junction, Webb City, and the surrounding area. There are a handful of jobs left which were being hampered by wet conditions.

While we were in tornado response we had a few calls for hot meals to feed sandbagging crews in mid and east Missouri. A big thanks to the feeding team for preparing meals in Jeff and then delivering and serving them in the respective areas. This proved to be a better solution than mobilizing a team to those locations on such short notice and small meal counts.

In addition to the Jeff City and southwest tornado response we had an Arkansas team help South Central Region with response to Pulaski County. It was affected by a tornado on the same night as the Jeff City event.

West Central Region responded to a tornado in Excelsior Springs a few days later and we are thankful for those that wrapped that event up in just a few days.

We are monitoring the flooding and in contact with local church, associational, and government leadership. It may take a few more weeks for the water to go down and for the local population to decide how they want to proceed. Some communities may just start over in a new place while others will cleanup and rebuild.

Thank you for your support of Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief by praying, giving, and going!

By the numbers:

23 salvations  
28,000 volunteer hours - 3,629 volunteer days  
45,000 hot meals  
155 mudouts  
125 chainsaw  
1,814 showers  
1,406 laundry loads  
56 childcare

