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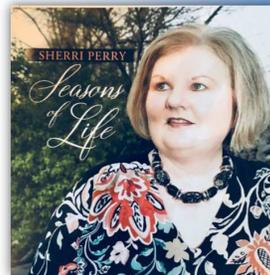
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1st Sunday Singing

Featuring

DUKE MASON BAND...

SHERRI PERRY ...



Host

MIKE GREENSTREET

FREE ADMISSION
Love Offering Received

SUNDAY JUNE 2 AT 5PM

FOREST PARK CHURCH JOPLIN 7TH & RANGELINE

Five Benefits of a Short-Term Mission Trip

Summer is here! This means golf, baseball, swimming, cycling, hiking and other fun outdoor activities contend for our time. It is also a great time to go on a short-term mission trip. Remember, one of the purposes of the Spring River Association is to help churches engage in the mission of Christ. Allow me to give five benefits of a short-term trip.

1. The recipients (individuals, church or community) benefit from the mission team's presence. The Bible says in Acts 1:8, "You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and to the ends of the earth." We go on trips to serve those in need through physical effort and spiritual support.

2. Teamwork is learned on short-term trips. Some plant, some water, some harvest, but all parts are important in kingdom work. Teammates must trust teammates when away from home, away from the comfort of our individual domain.

3. Flexibility is stressed on such trips. Fluidity is a great term. Many learn to be flexible when working with recipients who have a goal and a path in mind. Their pathway to success may look radically different than the team's. We go and impact lives for a short time, but the recipients stay and continue the work of ministry.

4. Eyes are opened to needs as we go and experience a different culture. Even if the team goes to a similar community, there are nuances that are unique to each place. John 4:35 states, "Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!" The Lord uses mission trips to open our eyes to the harvest. We can also pray that our eyes would be opened to the needs in our home communities as well.

5. Courage can be gained on short-term trips. It may be easier for some team members to go and serve in a community where they are not known. The ideal is to bring that courage back home and continue in new-found courage for Christ. Paul states a prayer for himself in Ephesians 6:19: "Praying always...for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel."

Many of our churches have trips already planned this summer. There may still be an opportunity to join another church and participate in a life-changing event. I would be honored to help participants partner with other churches, as logistics and preparation make it difficult for each individual church to plan its own trip. Ask God if He might want you to go on a short-term trip.

WE are in this together!

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June Calendar

11-12 – Southern Baptist Convention, Birmingham, AL

16 – Baptist Men’s Day

24-28 – Youth and Children’s Camp

Upcoming

July

4 – Independence Day (office closed)

29 - Executive Board Meeting, Empire

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.

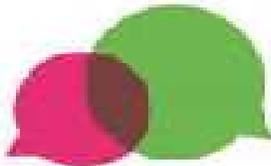


Our July Board Meeting date has been moved to **July 29**. The location and time are the same. We will see you at Empire Baptist Church 7:00 pm

Children's Camp

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SUMMER CAMP 2019



Pray for our youth and children attending camp June 24-28



Youth Camp
SUMMER CAMP 2019

Pastor's Dinner Fellowship

June 18th 6:00 pm

at Spring River Baptist Association

RSVP to alesha@springriverbaptist.com or call 417-782-3770



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