



News & Notes

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Tri County Baptist Association Annual Meeting

Date: September 15th, 2011

Time: 7:00pm

Place: First Baptist Church of Nixa

Speaker: Pastor Dennis Webb, New Beginnings Fellowship

Biblical Counselor Training Conference

Dr. Kerry Skinner

Date/Time: Friday Sept. 16th 7-9pm & Saturday, Sept. 17th 8:30 - Noon

Cost: \$25 per person

Location: First Baptist Branson - Branson, MO

All Senior Pastors will be scholarshiped by the Association

For more information & how to register please contact:

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September 13th, 2011 5:30pm

Ridgecrest Baptist Church

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October: Pastor/ Staff Appreciation Month

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It's on My Heart:**Annual Meeting:**

Please don't forget our Associational Annual Meeting that is coming up Thursday Evening September 15th, 7pm First Baptist Church of Nixa. We will hear ministry team reports, vote on a proposed 2012 budget and hear inspiring music and a powerful message from the Word of God by Dennis Webb, Pastor of New Beginnings Fellowship. **REMEMBER** there is no afternoon session this year. Please elect your messengers and plan to be a part of a great annual meeting and wonderful time of fellowship among our churches in the association.

Biblical Counselor Conference:

Have you registered for the Biblical Counselor Conference with Dr. Kerry Skinner, at the First Baptist Church in Branson September 16th, 7pm-9pm and September 17th 8:30am to noon? The cost is \$25.00 and all senior pastors will have their conference fee paid by the association. Anyone who wants to help themselves to learn how to take the Word of God and reveal the truth of God to the person they are trying to help will not want to miss this conference. Pastors, Church Staff, key leaders and lay members will experience powerful tools for biblical counseling. This conference is going to be great!!!!

October is Pastor Appreciation month:

I hope that your church is planning to do something special for your pastor and staff during Pastor Appreciation Month during October. God always blesses the church that honors it's leaders. You could do a card shower, a money tree, gift card or special service to honor them. Show your love and appreciation to your pastor and staff during Pastor Appreciation Month in October. You will be so glad that you did.

The Lord's Blessings:

The Lord continues to bless the churches of our association in many ways. In the midst of economic hard times and unprecedented challenges we are seeing the Lord at work in Tri County. Churches have been involved in reaching people with the Gospel thru Vacation Bible Schools, children and youth camps, jail ministry, block parties, back to school bashes, other evangelistic events, disaster relief, shared partnerships among churches, resort ministry, ministry on the C of O Campus, revivals, building programs of expansion, calling of new pastors and staff and a host of other things. I am convinced that what we are going to do for Jesus we must do it now. I am praying for God to touch our churches with old fashioned, earth shaking, heaven-sent revival, and Lord, let it begin in me!!!!!!

In His love,

Bro. Jim

Men at the Cross Conference

October 15th 8:00am-12:30pm

Cost: \$12 per person

First Baptist Church Branson

Pastors & Teen Free

Men in main auditorium from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - And a same time Teenage Boys event called: CrossBow in the Life Center

Father Son attendance is encouraged

Guests:

Andy Benes-former Major League right-handed pitcher, St. Louis Cardinals

Grant Williams- American Football Offensive Tackle, St Louis Rams

Joe White-President of Men at the Cross

Dana Thomas-Founding member of the Board of Directors for Men at the Cross

Clay Cooper-Country music singer

For more info on speakers: go to menatthecross.org

Church News**Bridge of Faith**

Move in date to new church
September 4th at 10:00am

FBC Branson

Passion & Purpose for Women
Author Elizabeth George
September 9th 6:00-8:30 pm

FBC Forsyth

Beth Moore Simulcast, Saturday
September 10th 9:00am-4:00pm

\$35 per person

Big Cedar Lodge
612 Devil's Pool Road, Branson

Missions & Ministries

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A Different Look at How a Mission Team Resourced a Local Church

Cedar Ridge Mission Team Report for August 2011

We are still praising the Lord, for sending our summer mission team that was led by Ryan Nutter from the New Hope Baptist Church of Manhattan, Kansas. Ryan brought 16 youth and 5 adults with him to serve the Lord in the Branson area. During the mornings, the team served in campground ministry, after lunch they traveled to our Church and we passed out VBS flyers and registration forms to over 200 families. They would arrive at our Church around 2:00 PM and left around 4:00 PM Monday - Wednesday. Even though they were only there for 2 hours a day, the Lord blessed us with over 100 hours of visitation during the 3 days they were with us.

Our association's secretary reproduced some very nice colored flyers for Beach Blast VBS. Church ordered some plastic bags with a pre cut hole in the top to hang on doorknobs in case no one was home. Our Women on Mission preassembled 250 packets with the flyer and a registration form in the plastic bags, which were passed out during the area blitz.

Cedar Ridge provided drivers for our 3 vans and a driver for Ryan's van, because those *flatlanders* had no idea where they were most of the time! All they really knew was that they loved Jesus and by the grace of God, they were going to serve Him! Their motto for the week was: "Preach, Pray, or Die!" (I loved it!). Each van had a driver, at least one adult and 4 youth. The driver kept the youth in sight at all times and the adult (s) prayed for the teams as they passed out the packets. When we got into the targeted neighborhoods, two youth walked down one side of the street to distribute the packets while the other two walked down the other side of the street. The whole two hours was covered in daily prayer not only by the adults in the vans but also by a minimum of 3 people who were not involved in the actual visitation.

The Lord blessed us with 3 salvations during VBS and 2 more as a result of our follow up efforts. Three of those who were saved at VBS have followed the Lord in baptism, one of the mothers was saved at the baptism service for her son, and she was baptized also. We have had two new families in regular attendance as a result of this outreach and two other families are sending their children on a regular basis. A need to follow up the many contacts that the mission team made has resulted in an organized visitation program which is being led by the men of our Church. Our Sunday School numbers have steadily increased since the blitz and Sunday we had the highest attendance in over two years. I could go on and on bragging on what the Lord has done but will stop here by just saying "To God be the Glory, Great Things He Hath Done".

In His strong love, and mine, Mike Keeter

Baptist Student Union

Greetings from the Baptist Student Union at College of the Ozarks!

Classes have just commenced for the Fall semester, and on campus you can sense the excitement about the journey ahead. Megan and I are anticipating another fruitful school year as we prepare with our leadership team for what God has in store for us.

This summer has been good. We've been studying the book of Ephesians on our Monday night worship and Bible study gatherings. God has been faithful to open up our hearts and minds to His Word, that we might be transformed. We've also had some fun activities this summer. Its been a great opportunity for us all to stay connected and moving forward in our walk with the Lord. We've met some new incoming students and have got a head start on getting them plugged into ministry and student life on campus.

This weekend is our Servant Leadership Team planning retreat where we will cast the vision for the semester, plan out most of the semester's activities, bond as a team and also explore the different roles that each of us will have as we serve the students on our campus. Please pray that our time together will be beneficial and productive; that we would gel as a team and develop our teamwork early. Our desire is to be Spirit-led as we focus on the mission and task that God has given us – *Making Disciples, Developing Leaders, and Missional Living*.

We are blessed to have so many partners in the ministry of the Baptist Student Union at College of the Ozarks. We want to thank you for your prayers and sharing the vision to see disciples of Jesus raised up through this ministry. We are also blessed to have Paul Baker, and Chris Borntrager, our two resident interns this semester. Please also pray for the internship, as we formalize their roles and make the most of their time in this season and place.

We love the local Church. We desire to raise up students who will one day be leading, shepherding, serving, and participating in our churches – and by God's design, making more disciples through Her. God bless you.

In Christ,

Jimmy & Megan Cummings

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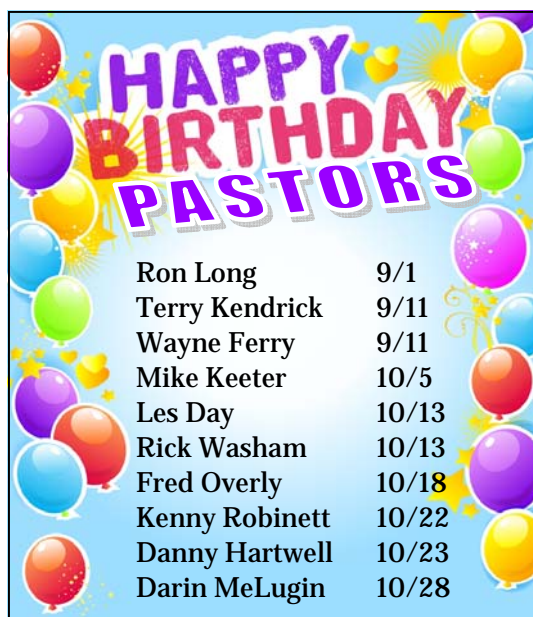
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Finance Report - August
Meleta Getman

General Checking	\$ 10,788.82
Designated Funds	16,030.03
Certificate	<u>5,894.33</u>
	\$ 32,713.18

Mission Center Debt \$ 108,631.64

Association Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Calendar



September

6	8:00a	Pastor's Breakfast, Shoney's, Ozark
13	5:30p	Glorieta in the Ozarks, Ridgecrest
15	7:00p	Annual Meeting, FBC Nixa
16	7-9p	Kerry Skinner, FBC Branson
17	8:30a-12p	Kerry Skinner, FBC Branson
20	8:00a	Pastor's Breakfast, Clocker's, Branson



October

Pastor/Staff Appreciation Month

15	Men at the Cross, FBC Branson
17-19	BSAM Conference, Bridgeton, MO
31-Nov.2	MBC Annual Meeting, Osage Beach