



July/August 2009



Beth Moore *Living Proof Live* Simulcast:

August 28-29 (7:00 p.m. Friday-noon Saturday),
Second Baptist Church, 308 S. Russell, Marion.

Cost: \$25.

For tickets and details call the church at (618) 993-2338.

Affiliated Churches

Ashley
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DeSoto First
Dowell First
DuQuoin First
DuQuoin Second
Elkville First
Ellis Grove
Elm Street
Fairview
Harrison
Korean Vision
Lakeland
Matthews
Murdale
Nashville First
Nine Mile
Oak Grove
Okawville First
Paradise
Pinckneyville First
Rock Hill
Roe's Dale
Sand Ridge
Sparta First
Steeleville
Sunfield
Tamaroa First
Tilden First
Unity
University
Walnut Street
Willisville
Winkle

Churches of Strength Two Regional Conferences

August 22, 2009 ————— Second Baptist Church

308 S. Russell Street
Marion, IL

August 29, 2009 ————— Logan Street Baptist Church

601 S. 21st Street
Mt. Vernon, IL

Continental Breakfast 8:30 am

This free conference held at these two locations begins with a continental breakfast at 8:30 am followed by three hours of conference time which includes training in the following areas:

Music and Worship
Leadership
Missions for Women
Sunday School

Evangelism and Discipleship
Church Health
Student and Family Ministry

From the Associational Missionary....



For this newsletter I would like to share with you three very important things to pray about and stay current on.

IMB and Lottie Moon Offering

In case you are not aware of how our nations economy has affected the IMB's current financial situation then read on.

The 2008 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal was \$170 million. The total receipts fell approximately \$29 million short of that goal... the single biggest drop from one year to the next in the history of the offering. When just looking at those numbers it's pretty overwhelming. As a result, our missionary force is having to be reduced by almost 700 personnel.

The Southern Baptist Convention was born out of a passion for the nations to hear the Gospel. Of the \$12 billion received in SB offerings last year 2.5 % made it overseas: meaning 97.5% of Southern Baptist offerings was spent in-house. These are difficult economic times for everyone, and no one is more grateful and appreciative for the funding missionaries receive than the missionaries themselves. However, God has not called any Christian to wait on the sidelines until the economy recovers. Please pray about the more than 11,000 people groups worldwide, of which more than 6,000 are unreached and more than 3,000 have not yet been seriously engaged. More than 2,500 people GROUPS have no known evangelical witness. In one area of the world only about 4 out of every 10,000 persons is a follower of Christ. They simply need to hear the gospel. Let's pray, go, give, and send!!

Great Commission Resurgence

You may have heard some talk or read in a Baptist Paper about the Great Commission Resurgence document. It is a document that was largely spearheaded by Daniel Akins of SEBTS and Johnny Hunt, the current SBC president. It calls for a greater commitment to the Great Commission in our denomination while taking a serious look at our resources and our current structure. It is available online for anyone to [read](#). At the Southern Baptist Convention a motion was made and a call issued to study the document and bring a proposal back to the convention. President Johnny Hunt appointed

18 people to the "Great Commission Resurgence Task Force" June 24 during the morning session of the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Louisville, Ky. Here is one little snippet from the document that I appreciate greatly.

We believe the local church must be "ground zero" in a Great Commission Resurgence, and that our associations, state conventions and national agencies exist to serve and assist the churches in their divine assignment. We are convinced that as our people see our entities in this light, they will respond in even greater support of the Cooperative Program.

My making you aware of this is neither to support what may be proposed nor to reject it but simply for us all to ask God to truly bring about necessary changes that may be needed in order for our convention to remain focused on God and consequently on missions as our highest endeavor in making HIS name known among the nations.

Assistance Recommendation Form

At our April Executive Board meeting the Missions Ministry Team of the association agreed that we should send out a form to all churches annually. This form would allow us to gather and glean information for the ministry team to make plans and budget concerning our associational ministry activities and events for the following year. The form has been completed and has been mailed out to all the churches. For more information or to request a form, please contact the associational office. The form is also available on the associational website for anyone to complete it instantly. If you hold some leadership position at your church, you are encouraged to fill one out. The information gathered for this year will guide the planning for 2010.

For His Glory,

John

Where passion for God is weak, zeal for missions will be weak. Churches that are not centered on the exaltation of the majesty and beauty of God will scarcely kindle a fervent desire to "declare his glory among the nations" (Ps. 96:3). Even outsiders feel the disparity between the boldness of our claim upon the nations and the blandness of our engagement with God.

Let the Nations be Glad by John Piper, p. 18

Staff Changes

FBC Ellis Grove

Roger Reid, pastor of FBC Ellis Grove was recently called to FBC Dupo, IL. Roger and his wife Beth have been serving at Ellis Grove for the past 17 years. Beth has been the Associational Children's Camp Director for the past three years. We wish them well in their new ministry.



FBC Pinckneyville

Matt Trelow was called May 24 to serve as youth minister. Matt was previously serving as a full-time youth intern at FBC Maryville.



Willisville Missionary Baptist

On May 20th the church called Cliff Lingle as their pastor. Cliff had previously served as pastor of FBC Tilden.



Ashley Baptist Church

Ken Jayne has resigned as pastor of Ashley Baptist effective June 28th.



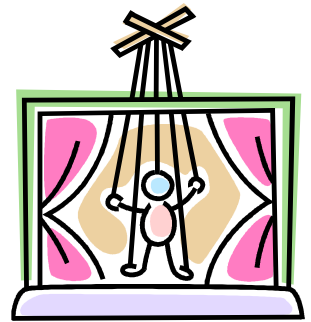
Pastorless Churches

As of the printing of this newsletter, the following seven churches are without pastors. Please pray for these churches as they seek a new pastor.

- Ashley Baptist — Ashley
- Concord Baptist—Pinckneyville
- First Baptist —Ellis Grove
- First Baptist—Tilden
- Harrison Baptist—Murphysboro
- Nine Mile Baptist—Tamaroa
- University Baptist-Carbondale

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Dowell First Baptist Church is excited to announce a new puppet ministry getting under way this summer. The puppet team consists of 6 youth (and growing) and is headed by Lisa VanZandt. In April the puppet team ministered to the residents of Fair Acres Nursing Home in DuQuoin where there were 68 people in attendance. The puppets minister through the use of skits and songs which brings hope and God's love in the midst of today's trying times. God has many seeds to plant through the puppet team and they are looking forward to planting them as the Lord leads. For more information contact lisav632000@yahoo.com.



Thoughts and Prayers

Our sympathy is extended to Pastor Ray Baggott on the loss of his father. Ray is pastor of FBC Tamaroa.



Calling ALL MEN—Mark the date!! On Saturday, September 12, men from all over our association are requested to assist in reroofing Dowell Baptist Church building. Please mark your calendar and plan to be there as men come together from

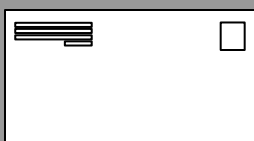


many churches to assist one of our own in need. Lunch will be served on the grounds for all. Any questions, please call the associational office.

Free Materials Available to Churches

If your church could use some metal folding chairs or tables, 8' step ladder, metal 4 drawer filing cabinet, then contact the associational office.

The 2009 ACP's (Annual Church Profiles) will be sent out to all churches soon. The ACP's can be filled out online or by hard copy.





ENCOURAGED TO ENDURE 2009 CONFERENCE

Second Baptist Church • West Frankfort, Illinois

SUFFER HARDSHIP WITH ME, AS A
GOOD SOLDIER OF CHRIST JESUS.
—2 TIMOTHY 2:3

Dates: August 20-22 for more information or a schedule, phone the church or contact through their website

Secondbaptistwf.org

Annual Meeting of the Nine Mile Baptist Association

Mark your calendar!!!!
Come together for a evening of fellowship all church members from all associational churches are invited. More details and information will be in the next newsletter.

Tuesday evening,
October 27th
Beaucoup Baptist
Pinckneyville, IL

Calendar

July

- 22-24 Boys Missions Camp
Lake Sallateeska
- 24-25 Father/Son Weekend
Lake Sallateeska

August

- 15 SIHOP Board Meeting, Kaskaskia
- 20 Nine Mile Pastors' Luncheon (TBA)
- 22 Regional Sunday School Conference

Pastors/Wives/Staff Birthdays and Anniversaries

July Birthdays:

2nd – Rev. Gregg Sutter

August Birthdays:

2nd – Rev. Chris Hottensen

8th – Rev. Charles Smith

11th – Mrs. Nancy Capps

30th – Rev. Wes Henson

31st – Rev. Mike Fogerson

August Anniversaries:

10th – Rev. Kent & Bibi Eaton

16th – Rev. Kenneth & Peggy Robinson

14th – Rev. Darryl & Donna Williams

24th – Rev. Sidney & Hope Logwood

If you would like to be added or dropped from this newsletter list either email or phone with your request.



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