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Elm Street
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Harrison
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Murdale
Nashville First
New Heart
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

2010 Campers on Mission National Rally

Theme: "Lincoln Up With Jesus"

Dates: June 9-11, 2010 (7 & 8 pre-rally seminars, events and tours)

Location: DuQuoin State Fairgrounds
655 Executive Drive
DuQuoin, Illinois 62832



The program includes outstanding music, entertainment, speakers, and seminars.
June 9-11, 2010 (Pre-rally events June 7-8)

For complete info online: [here](#)

Training Dates

October 8-9

Southern Illinois Region Training
DR 101 - Introduction
Child Care, DR Chaplaincy, Mass Feeding
Shower Unit, Chain Saw, Mudout, Communications,



To pre-register for any of these training sessions, please contact Linda Darden at IBSA:

lindadarden@ibsa.org , or 217-391-3137

SBC Convention 2010 Annual Meeting June 15-16 Orlando, Florida



This year's convention is expected to draw an above average crowd of messengers especially in light of the Great Commission Resurgence document and recommendations. For more info online go [here](#). Pray for messengers and all denominational workers to lay aside their personal agendas and put forth what is best for the kingdom of God. May His Will be DONE.



The significance of insignificance

He didn't have a great following. He didn't have a normal diet. He didn't wear normal clothes. He didn't have a great ministry. He was anything but conventional. Yet before he was even born, an angel of God announced to his parents that he would be great but NOT in the eyes of men, rather in the eyes of the Lord. Who is it? John the Baptist!

During the life of John the Baptist, two questions were asked of him. In answering these questions our God is relating to us 'the significance of insignificance'. The first question was asked just after his birth - What will this child turn out to be? (Luke 1:66). Since we are able to look back in history at the life of John the Baptist, we can easily answer this question. Unusual circumstances surrounded his birth. His Mother was aged and barren. She had prayed for a child. God had intervened and granted her request. John the Baptist is the only person recorded in scripture to have been filled with the Holy Spirit even before his birth. Is it any wonder that the hand of God was upon his life? In the same way that special circumstances surrounded his birth, special circumstances also surrounded his death even though he was martyred.

How long was the public ministry of John the Baptist? Perhaps 6 months. What was Jesus estimate of his life, "there is none greater" (Luke 7:28). Six months wholly yielded to God and God put that mark of excellence upon his life. What did the world think of John? He is so out of touch with culture. He doesn't eat normal, he doesn't dress normal, he doesn't have a seminary education, he doesn't fit the status quo, how can he amount to anything?

Why did God give John that mark of excellence? Because of his great numbers or because of his great success? Not at all, he chased people away with words like, "you brood of vipers." That's not exactly the way to win friends and influence people. Greatness in the world is always relational. It's always in comparison to something else. But when God puts His mark of greatness upon you, it's not in comparison to anything or anyone, except your relationship to him. What can we learn from this? *Significance is always to be found in the eyes of the Lord.*

There is a second question that comes out of this text: 'who are you?' (John 1:19). John was asked, "Who are you?" Then he was given multiple choice answers. **A.** Are you Elijah or **B.** Are you a prophet? John chose **C.** He was not conventional. He claimed to be a voice in the wilderness crying out, 'prepare ye the way of the Lord'. John was what every Christian ought to be - a voice, a pointer. The last thing he wanted men to do was to look at him, he wanted them to forget him and see the king! Who was John? He was a humble child of God called to serve.

Who are you? I'm _____. No, that's your name. Who are you? I'm an American. No, that's your nationality. Who are you? I'm a Baptist. No, that your denominational preference. Who are you? I'm a student. No, that your vocation. Who you are goes deeper than any of these things. It involves your relationship with God who gives you your identity.

For John, knowing who he was helped him to do what he had to do. It wasn't his doing that determined who he was. It's not what I do that determines who I am, but who I am that determines what I do. He knew who he was when they came for him in prison to behead him. He knew who he was when he spoke sternly to the Pharisees. His mind was not on climbing any ministerial ladders but only on his calling as a humble child of God prepared to serve.

No one is willing to take a back seat in ministry unless they have first settled the issue of "Who they are?" When that question has been answered honestly, we will be willing to do any task that God sets before us. When you settle the issue of who you are in an honest and sincere way, then you will be willing to go to the far ends of the earth in an unknown place and be an unknown for God in order that He might become known. That's what Christianity is all about. Making Him known! He must increase, I must decrease.

John never said anything about himself. He never responded with a list of his great achievements. John was never caught arguing with the disciples as to who is the greatest or comparing attendance or baptism stats. It's only what you say about Christ that will count for eternity. What you say about yourself will mean nothing on judgment day! What was important was not what others said about him, not what he said about himself, but what God says about him!!

Jesus' appraisal of his life was, "There is none greater than John the Baptist." What a testimony to his life! What's the second lesson that shines forth from John the Baptist's life? *When you've worked out who you are, it doesn't matter where you are or what task you are doing.*

On January 29, 1948, Jim Elliott wrote these words in his diary: *God, light these idle sticks of my life and may I burn up for thee. Consume my life, my God for it is Thine. I seek not a long life but a full one like yours, Lord Jesus. Make my way prosperous, not that I may achieve high status but that my life might be an exhibit to the value of knowing God.*

Not long after he penned these words, he died a martyr's death. May we strive to follow in the footsteps of John the Baptist and find our significance in the eyes of the Lord wherever we are no matter what task we are called to do!

For His Glory,

John

Baptist Student Center

The Baptist Student Center at SIU-Carbondale has openings for up to two male student resident custodians beginning Summer '10 or Fall '10. Residents pay \$150 for shared room or \$180 for private room and are responsible for the general cleaning and maintenance of the property. Kitchen access, parking, internet and television are included. Preference given to members of IBSA churches. If interested, please email Chase Abner at

chaseabner@ibsa.org or call (618) 534-7654

Church College Age Classes

The IBSA is seeking to better serve college students in our association by encouraging and equipping leaders in our local churches. If you teach a college Sunday School class or lead a home bible study for college students or are interested in starting, please contact Chase Abner, the regional collegiate specialist for Southern Illinois. He can be reached by email at chaseabner@ibsa.org or by phone at (618) 534-7654

Urgent Housing Need!



Urgent need for housing! Missionary couple is returning to the United Kingdom and have two grown daughters remaining in Pinckneyville to continue school at Rend Lake. If there is anyone who is interested in a boarding situation or has accommodations available, please contact Brian and Paula Brewer at 357-8240.

God's Provisions for Nine Mile Association

Church	Amount
Ashley Baptist	54.18
Ava Missionary Baptist	0
Bara Baptist	0
Beaucoup Baptist	954.00
Chester First Baptist	1207.95
Clarmin Baptist	55.92
Concord Baptist	477.97
Coulterville Baptist	85.22
Cutler First Baptist	666.09
DeSoto First Baptist	323.14
Dowell First Baptist	0
DuQuoin First Baptist	2388.55
DuQuoin Second Baptist	300.00
Elkville First Baptist	625.00
Ellis Grove First Baptist	745.00
Elm Street First Baptist	1166.13
Harrison Baptist	71.70
Korean Vision Baptist	140.00
Lakeland Baptist	0
Matthews Baptist	0
Murdale Baptist	468.00
Nashville First Baptist	250.00
New Heart Fellowship	70.00
Nine Mile Baptist	524.00
Oak Grove Baptist	909.00
Okawville First Baptist	34.77
Paradise Baptist	150.00
Pinckneyville First Baptist	883.46
Rock Hill Baptist	75.00
Roe's Dale Baptist	236.46
Sand Ridge Baptist	0
Sparta First Baptist	50.00
Steeleville Baptist	1063.94
Sunfield Baptist	0
Tamaroa First Baptist	30.00
Tilden First Baptist	126.12
Unity Baptist	28.00
University Baptist	250.00
Walnut Street Baptist	0
Willisville Missionary Baptist	55.00
Winkle Baptist	798.28
Iglesia Hispanic	140.00
Total	15,402.88

The above reflects the months of March and April combined

June

5 Missions Spectacular, Metro East

6-11 Campers on Mission, DuQuoin
State Fair grounds

18-19 Father/Son Missions Camp, Lake
Sallateeska

15-16 SBC Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL

18 Children's Mission Day Camp, Lake Sallateeska

20 Father's Day

21-24 Guy's Mission Camp, Lake Sallateeska

21-24 Southern Illinois Boy's Missions Camp, LS

24 Nine Mile Pastors' Luncheon (TBA)

25-26 Mother/Daughter Camp, Lake Sallateeska

25-26 Girl's Mission Camp, Lake Sallateeska

25-26 Big MAC (Missions Apprentice Camp)

26 Girl's Missions Day Camp –
Lake Sallateeska



27- 1 Nine Mile Association

Children's Camp — Lake Sallateeska

Pastor/Wife/Staff Birthdays



June & July Birthdays:

June 2 – Pastor Charles Allen

June 2 – Mrs. Debbie Henson

June 18 – Mrs. Judd Wright

June 21 – Mrs. Judy Wright

July 2 – Pastor Greg Sutter

June & July Anniversaries:

Rev. Gary & Linda Pate – June 5h

Rev. Paul & Donna Hicks – June 7th

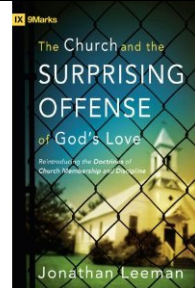
Rev. Bob & Carol Evaul – June 15th

Rev. Kevin & Judd Wright – June 21st

Rev. Greg & Carolyn Sutter – June 21st

Mission to Haiti

If you are interested in a mission trip to Haiti from October 9-16 doing clean up and evangelism, contact Bro. John at the associational office no later than this week (May 27) for additional details.



“Insofar as the gospel presents the world with the most vivid picture of God’s love, and insofar as church membership and discipline are an implication of the gospel, local church

membership and discipline in fact define God’s love for the world. That, in one sentence, is the argument of this book.”

Passage above taken from the book. Some copies available at the associational office.



In the last 20 years the number of career missionaries sent out by U.S. mission agencies has declined by over 45%.

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