



Southern Illinois Bible Reading Marathon

Beginning at 6:00 PM on Thursday, September 30 thru Sunday, October 3, the Southern Illinois Bible Reading Marathon will take place on the front lawn of the Randolph County Courthouse, #1 Taylor Street in Chester, Illinois. Over the course of four days (rain or shine), hopefully hundreds of readers, will take turns reading the Bible aloud at the Randolph County Seat.



Randolph County Courthouse

Bible Reading Marathons have been held around the country for many years, but this event is the first one that is specifically targeted with Southern Illinois in mind. The Marathon's timing coincides with the Jewish Feast of Booths, which lasts for several days. The last day of this feast, called "Simchat Torah," Jews celebrate the giving of the Torah, the Law. This year, Simchat Torah begins at sunset on October 1, the second day of the Bible Reading Marathon. The prophet Isaiah wrote, ". . . my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55.11)." This event will have Believers reading aloud the Word of God on one of God's appointed times (feast of booths), from a government law building. "The symbolism and timing of the Southern Illinois Bible Reading Marathon are very important for the season we are in as a country," says event coordinator Dr. Mike Fogerson. He adds, "Many people in this region feel as if their state and nation has wandered aimlessly off course but feel helpless to do anything about it. I believe God's Word and prayer are the only answers for Illinois and America to get back on the right track."

The opening ceremony will begin at 6:00 PM on Thursday, September 30, 2010. Following the opening ceremony volunteer readers will take turns reading the Holy Bible aloud, continuously, and without commentary, beginning with Genesis 1.1 and conclude approximately 80 hours later on Sunday evening, October 3, with Revelation 22:21. The organizers of Southern Illinois Bible Reading Marathon are inviting all individuals, churches, youth groups, Sunday school classes, prayer groups, and civic leaders to take part in this special event. Two large print Bibles will be provided by The Gideon's International for readers to read aloud from. However, readers are welcome to bring and use their own treasured copy of God's Word. Following the Bible Reading Marathon, one of the large print Bibles used in this event will be presented to Governor Pat Quin and the other will be given to Randolph County Circuit Court Judge Richard A. Brown.

To reserve a reading time for you or your group or to ask any questions, please phone (618) 826.3918.

This event is sponsored by First Baptist Church of Chester. Dr. Mike Fogerson is the pastor.

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Real Christianity

Not long ago I finished reading a book entitled, Real Christianity by William Wilberforce. He wrote the book in 1797. The life of Wilberforce was propelled into the limelight by the movie, **Amazing Grace**. By the way, if you have never seen the movie I heartily recommend it. Wilberforce was influential in abolishing the slave trade. In 1787, when William was twenty-eight years old, he wrote in his diary, "God Almighty has set before me two great objectives, the suppression of the slave trade and the reformation of manners." Wilberforce committed himself completely to this end. For the rest of his life, these two issues shaped everything he did. Even though the one book that he wrote was written in 1797, his words are extremely relevant for today. It's almost as if he is reading the culture of Christianity in the 21st century. The discrepancy between the life of Christ and the life of a Christian is not unique to this century. Here is what Wilberforce said during his era:

Lately it seems to be the commonly held opinion that so long as a person acknowledges in general terms Christianity's particulars, and if she is not habitually guilty of any obvious vice against her fellow creatures, then we should all be satisfied with her claim to Christ's name. These days the word "Christian" seems to imply no more than a sort of formal general agreement with Christianity's basic tenets. People expect that this alone will be enough to earn them the benefits of Christ's life and death. When we look at their lives we see nothing that would distinguish their morality from that of a good Deist, Moslem, or Hindu. We see nothing of the unique character of Christ.

Without a doubt, this is characteristic of the church culture in which we are living. In case you are unaware, Wilberforce was a politician. He was a member of parliament during his day. Besides his involvement in the abolitionist movement, he was

engaged in many other social issues such as prison reform, education, and issues of public health. Oh that God would raise up politicians like him for our day!

For him there was no chasm of separation between being a politician and being a Christian. There cannot be a chasm between the two. One must be brought to bear on the other. It cannot be any other way. I will let Wilberforce speak for himself.

True practical Christianity, never forget, consists in devoting our hearts and lives to God. Real Christianity demands that we always be governed by the desire to know and do His will. Our greatest inspiration in life should be to "live to his glory." If we lack these essential prerequisites, then it matters little how likable we are, how creditable and respectable. If we lack the essence of Christianity, then we should not be complimented by being given its name.

May our lives and our assemblies be worthy to be complimented with the 'name' and connected with the movement of "Real Christianity."

For His Glory,

John

NOTICE!!!

A meeting of all churches of the Nine Mile Association will take place Monday Evening, October 25 at Steeleville Baptist Church. The evening will begin with a meal at 5:30pm followed by various presenters from 6:30pm until 7:30pm. At 7:30pm the evening will conclude with missionary speaker Scott Hancock who serves in Jordan and works among Muslim peoples.

A more detailed agenda will be published in the October newsletter.

NEED!!!

If you or your church is interested in supporting the Baptist International ministry director, please contact the Nine Mile office. Your support is needed!



Never before has Islam been so prominent in the United States. If you are interested in what Islam is and how it affects the lives of people who follow this theocracy, then be

sure to be present to hear the missionary speaker Monday night, October 25th, 7:30 P.M. at Steeleville Baptist Church.

All are invited and welcome to attend with family, friends and neighbors.

Welcome New Pastor



We would like to welcome Rev. Ansung Choe, the new pastor of Korean Vision Church of Carbondale to the Nine Mile Association. He began his responsibilities in July.

Wanted Youth Minister

Crain Baptist Church is looking for part-time youth minister. If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact Gilbert at 618-521-8623.



Farewell to Steeleville Pastor



After serving ten years at the Steeleville Baptist Church, pastor Greg Sutter has accepted a call to Westview Baptist Church in Swansea. His last Sunday was August 15th. We wish him well in his new ministry.

Appreciation Banquet for Pastors/Staff/Wives

All pastors, staff and their wives are invited to a banquet in their honor to be held at Lake Sallateeska Baptist Camp on Thursday evening, October 7 at 6:30 P.M. Please RSVP the associational office if you plan to attend. This will be an informal evening of fun and fellowship with other pastoral church leaders of the Nine Mile Baptist Association.



God's Provisions for Nine Mile Association	
Church	Amount
Ashley Baptist	8.82
Ava Missionary Baptist	664.11
Bara Baptist	0
Beaucoup Baptist	417.00
Chester First Baptist	744.06
Clarmin Baptist	39.00
Concord Baptist	274.45
Coulterville Baptist	30.15
Cutler First Baptist	415.39
DeSoto First Baptist	181.13
Dowell First Baptist	0
DuQuoin First Baptist	965.84
DuQuoin Second Baptist	200.00
Elkville First Baptist	200.00
Ellis Grove First Baptist	374.00
Elm Street First Baptist	730.14
Harrison Baptist	69.20
Korean Vision Baptist	0
Lakeland Baptist	0
Matthews Baptist	0
Murdale Baptist	310.00
Nashville First Baptist	125.00
New Heart Fellowship	85.00
Nine Mile Baptist	297.00
Oak Grove Baptist	304.00
Okawville First Baptist	0
Paradise Baptist	50.00
Pinckneyville First Baptist	623.78
Rock Hill Baptist	50.00
Roe's Dale Baptist	112.66
Sand Ridge Baptist	0
Sparta First Baptist	25.00
Steeleville Baptist	447.22
Sunfield Baptist	0
Tamaroa First Baptist	20.00
Tilden First Baptist	93.81
Unity Baptist	36.00
University Baptist	125.00
Walnut Street Baptist	0
Willisville Missionary Baptist	27.00
Winkle Baptist	496.99
Iglesia Hispanic	140.00
Total	8681.75

These amounts represent the month of July.

September

- 6—Labor Day
- 7— Administrative Team meeting
- 12-19 Illinois Mission Offering
- 13—Executive Board Meeting,
Roe's Dale Baptist, 7P.M.
- 22—See You at the Pole
- 25—Churches of Strength Conference, Pleasant Hill, Mt. Vernon



October

- 1-2 GA Day (Chatham Baptist, Chatham)
- 7 Pastor/Staff/Wives Appreciation Dinner (TBA)
- 10 World Hunger Sunday
- 25 Annual Meeting of the Association
(Steeleville Baptist Church)

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



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Birthdays
September

Robert Evaul 8th	
Peggy Robinson 11th	
Christine Berner 12th	Tom & Mary Spiller 4th
	Rob & Sherri Mathis 29th

Happy
Anniversary

WANTED!

IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS,
BAPTIST COLLEGIATE INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES
IN CARBONDALE COULD USE THEM.

**IN NEW OR LIKE NEW CONDITION,
PLEASE**

Twin/full/queen size sheets, blankets, spreads

Kitchen/Bath rugs, towels, accessories

**Dinnerware, silverware, kitchen utensils Kitchen
cookware with Food-Safe surface**

**Microwaves - Toaster Ovens - Toasters - Tea/
Coffee Pots - Can Openers - Appliances**

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