



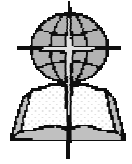
THE MESSENGER

August 19, 2010

4950 Old Collinsville Road, Swansea, IL 62226

www.meba.org

618-624-4444



MEBA ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, October 10, 2010

First Baptist Church, 320 Covington Drive, Waterloo 62298

TIMES FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Registration 3:15 p.m.

Business Session 4:00 p.m.

Fellowship Time 5:00 p.m.

Worship Session 5:45 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Dr. Chuck Lawless, Dean of Billy Graham School of Missions & Evangelism
The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY



Messengers, please bring your pink messenger card with you to the meeting. It must be signed by your church clerk or by your pastor.

CHURCH CLERK REMINDER

During your August or September business Meetings, don't forget to elect the Annual Meeting messengers and also your two Executive Board Members (does not include your pastor) for 2011.

We need those names along with your ACP by September 10.

NOTE: We still need a paper copy of ALL the ACP information in the MEBA office, even if you enter online.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 9 - 7:00 p.m.

Per MEBA's constitution, Article V-EXECUTIVE BOARD, Section 1: During its recess, the business of the Association shall be conducted by an Executive Board composed of the Officers of the Association, the members of the Coordinating Task Group, the pastors of affiliated churches and two members of each church affiliated with the Association as reported annually to the Association on the ACP. All Associational staff members shall be ex-officio (non-voting) members.

ALL BOARD MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

DATED MATERIAL PLEASE DO NOT HOLD

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RESOURCES AVAILABLE

The MEBA office has a resource room with items that can be used for special study at your church, Beth Moore studies, DVD's/videos of Church Communication Network telecasts that provide guidance/help for your church in many ways, resources for sharing your faith, and many more that can be checked out at no cost to your church. We have a list of the resources that are available. Also if your church is participating in some type of evangelistic event we have tracts available to you.

There is a popcorn and a sno-cone machine available for the churches to use for events. We also have the supplies for these machines. If you have an upcoming event would like to use the machines, give us a call.

In addition to the previously discussed items, we also have a sound system that your church may check out if you are having an outdoor event. There are several overhead projectors if your church would have need of those as well.

One of our churches has donated their library of sheet music to the Associational office, so that all of the churches will have access to it. In the next few weeks we will be compiling a list of those titles and then they will be available for your church choir to use.

Info: 618-624-4444

40 DAYS OF PRAYER

This movement of prayer is being sponsored by the National Religious Broadcasters association. During the month of August, pastors are asked to show a video (approximately 5 minutes) to their congregations about the prayer meeting revival that started in 1857 led by Jeremiah Lanphier. The video "*A Call to Prayer*" and other information can be found at www.ifmypeopleprayusa.org. The goal of this video is to encourage people to pray for revival in our nation in a manner laid out in 2 Chronicles 7:14.

During this time, pastors are also asked to challenge their churches with "*Meet Me at the Altar*." Everyone is encouraged to come forward and pray together for themselves, their families, their churches, and the nation. You can have a time of silent prayer or you can conduct this in another way, based on how you are led. Also we are hoping that pastors can enlist lay people to begin prayer groups that will meet once a week to pray for revival on a regular basis.

On August 29th pastors are encouraged to host a prayer rally. Open with music appropriate for prayer and revival, followed by Scripture that gives some history of revival. End the evening with a time of prayer. The focus of this prayer time is 2 Chronicles 7:14. The purpose of this prayer time is to call people to 40 days of concentrated prayer for personal revival, family revival, church revival, and national revival.

September 1st, pastors are asked to have their churches open every day for 40 days from 12-1 p.m. so that people can come to pray for revival. Whether it is for a few minutes or for the whole hour, we want people to have the opportunity to seek the Lord with others. If you need a master copy of the video "*A Call to Prayer*" to show on a big screen to your church, please contact us at info@ifmypeopleprayusa.org. Please help us spread the word by forwarding this message on to all the churches, pastors, and friends within your sphere of influence. Please feel free to duplicate the video and distribute it as widely as possible.

RESERVE THIS DATE

Saturday, September 11, 2010 - 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Churches of Strength - Super Saturday Seminar
First Baptist Church, 1111 E. Hwy 50, O'Fallon, IL 62269
Contact Dale Davenport at 217-391-3130 or
DaleDavenport@IBSA.org.

PASTORS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

REKINDLING THE CALL

October 1-2, 2010

6 p.m. Friday through 2 p.m. on Saturday
Camp Warren Retreat Center, Decatur

This pastoral retreat is designed for you. You will have the opportunity to worship, pray, and reflect on how God has uniquely crafted you. You will experience God's affirmation, calling, and crafting afresh. The retreat is designed for you to connect with your call, and to bring clarity to the future call of God on your life. Your spouse is welcome to attend, but there will be no child care provided.

This retreat is at no cost to you, it is provided to you through your Cooperative Program gifts and is a ministry of the Church Strengthening Team. Please let us know one week prior to the retreat if you are unable to attend.

Participants will receive a copy of John Ortberg's book "The Me I Want to Be". This book will give you a guide to complete the process that we will begin at the retreat.

Register online: www.ibsa.org, then go to Ministries, Church Strengthening Team, Church Health Development Ministries, then Rekindling the Call Retreat. Or call Debbie Muller at 217-391-3126.

NATIONAL BLACK SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE

October 22-23, 2010

LifeWay Christian Resources

One LifeWay Plaza, Nashville, TN 37234

This two-day conference provides opportunities to discover best practices and resources designed to change lives and impact your community for Christ through Sunday School. Bring all of your age-group leaders and learn through uplifting worship, dynamic general sessions, and elective seminars designed for specific ministry areas. Return attendees will participate in an alumni track to build on previous years. Your leaders will return home inspired, energized, and equipped.

Conference begins at 8:30 am on Friday, October 22.

Conference ends at 6:00 p.m. on Friday.

Conference begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 23.

Conference ends around 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.

CONFERENCE FEE:

\$99 before 10/8, \$129 after 10/8

Covers all workshop sessions, materials, and breaks. For more information and to register, visit www.lifeway.com/events or call 1-800-254-2022.

KAYE'S KRATE

A total of 630 boxes were shipped to West Africa. Thank you for your contributions!

ADULT SINGLES (Ages 25-55) MEETING

August 21 - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

4950 Old Collinsville Road, Swansea, 62226

All single adults are invited to join us to get acquainted and explore ideas for future planning. Please bring a dish to share, drinks provided. RSVP by phone to Mike & Jackie Mawhorrt at 618-407-1882 or e-mail: living4himsingles@yahoo.com.

FRED WINTERS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

(Proceeds will go to Mission Projects of Gateway Baptist Assoc.)

Stonebridge Golf Club, Maryville, IL

Sat., August 28 - 8:00 am & 1:30 pm Shotgun Starts
4-Man Scramble

\$60 per golfer (includes Golf/Cart/Prizes/Lunch)

For more information call Steve Rice, 618-466-2322 or John Heater at 618-346-8800. Registration forms available at the MEBA office.

CO-LABORING TOGETHER LEAVING A MISSIONS LEGACY

Wise use of resources for people who love missions, presented by David George, President, WMU Foundation

Wednesday, September 1 - Dinner at 5:00 p.m.
RSVP by calling 618-397-2010

Winstanley Baptist Church
9471 W. Hwy 161, Fairview Heights, IL 62208

FAMILIES ON MISSION

Families on Mission offers a unique, five day mission experience that allows children, youth and adults to build a legacy of missions by meeting the physical and spiritual needs of others through relevant servant hood and evangelism experiences.

Families have the privilege to be "hands on" as they experience devotions, ministry projects and worship together. Mission activities include prayer walking, light construction, painting, yard work, VBS, sports camps, block parties, acts of kindness and other evangelism events.

Each day starts with family devotions and evangelism training followed by ministry projects in which the entire family can participate. In the evening there is a large group gathering for praise and worship, teaching, and testimonies. The day ends with a family huddle to discuss the impact of the day on family members, both individually and as a family.

Registration for all 2011 projects begins September 1, 2010.

Dates and locations for 2011

June 5-10, 2011 Brunswick, GA

June 5-10, 2011 Corbin, KY

June 12-17, 2011 Blue Ridge, GA

July 19-24, 2011 Helen, GA

July 26-July 1, 2011 Big Stone Gap, VA

July 10-15, 2011 Hannibal, MO

July 10-15, 2011 Reno, NV

July 24-29, 2011 Shelby County, AL

To register, visit www.namb.net/fom or call 1-800-462-8657, ext 6451. Or contact Susan Peugh at 770-410-6456 or speugh@namb.net.

BCHFS FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 18, 2010

10:00 a.m. (Silent Auction begins at 9:00 a.m.)

949 County Rd. 1300 N., Carmi, IL 62821

Campus & Cottage Tours, Games, Booths, Entertainment
Volleyball Tournament, Chili Cook-Off
Complimentary Lunch!

Silent Auction: Quality handmade arts/crafts, theme baskets, men, women, children items of interest for silent auction (no used or yard sale items.) All silent auction entries should be at the BCHFS offices no later than noon on Friday, September 17.

Quilt auction: Antique or newly made king, queen, full, or twin can be entered in the quilt auction. All quilt entries should be at the BCHFS offices no later than noon on Friday, September 10.

For details or directions call
618-382-4164 or www.bchfs.com

SOUL-WINNING COMMITMENT DAY

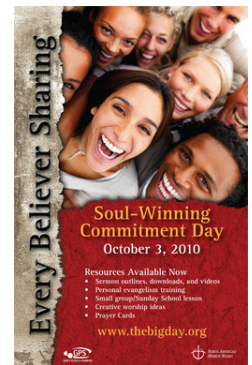
Pastors, now is a great time to begin planning your *Soul-Winning Commitment Day* emphasis for 2010, with a suggested date of Oct. 3. This year's theme is *Every Believer Sharing*. Resources available from the North American Mission Board include:

- Implementation Guide
- Posters
- Planning Calendar
- Sunday School/small group Bible studies
- 3-1-6 Prayer Cards
- Sermons
- Commitment Card ideas
- Dramas

And many more resources to assist you!
Available in English, Korean, Chinese and Spanish. Download materials at:

www.thebigday.org

For more information call (770) 410-6247



AVAILABLE TO SPEAK

Beverly and Ronny Carroll, overseas workers in East Asia, are currently living in Cahokia. They would like to have the opportunity to speak in the Association's churches while they are here. If you would like them to speak at your church please contact them by phone at 618-332-6654 or 618-946-7852 or by email: ronnycarroll@att.net

GET A HEADSTART ON PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

This fall during Pastor Appreciation, give your pastor the gift of prayer. "Pray for Your Pastor" is a 40-day prayer guide to help you pray specific and intentional biblical prayers for your pastor and church staff. Let the daily Scriptural prayer prompts lead you to a deeper understanding of all God has called your pastor to be. You may order "Pray for Your Pastor" by phone at 1-866-407-6262 or visit www.nambstore.com. The ISBN for the guide is #0840011962.

Calvary, Sparta - During their week of VBS, they had 143 enrolled, with an average attendance of 112, 64 workers. 13 children expressed interest in being saved. \$852.65 was collected during the week which was used to fill backpacks that were given out on August 14th.

Fairview Heights, First - Part-time custodial position available at the church. 30 hours/week. Applications can be picked up at the church office.

Faithful Deliverance - The church has a need for some wall banners. If your church might have some that are no longer in use, please contact Pastor Cole at: revgnmicole@sbcglobal.net or (618) 537-4181.

Garden Heights - Garden Heights Baptist is looking for a weekly pianist accompanist, primarily for one service on Sunday mornings. Please contact Pastor Jason Vinson at 618-234-7525 or email: pastorjav@gardenheightsbaptist.org
On the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9-11 a.m., Garden Heights will be collecting aluminum cans to help the King family, members of the church, with their mission trip to Ecuador..

Pleasant Valley - The church will have their Homecoming service on Sunday, September 26 during the 10:45 a.m. service. Guest Speaker will be Malcolm English. Potluck dinner will follow the service.

Spring Valley - The church has 2 doors sizes 36" to give away. The doors are all glass with the white panes in them. If your church could use these, please call Pastor Jerold Darnell at 618-632-6706.

Sterling - Ronny and Beverly Carroll, workers in Asia, will be speaking during the morning worship service on Sunday, August 29th at 10:45 a.m. All are invited to come hear them tell about their international work.

Sterling Baptist Church is in need of a pianist on Sunday morning and evening. This would be a paid position. Contact Ellen Melichar at 624-4444 or 277-9710 after 3:30 p.m.

Villa Hills - The church is looking for the 1991 edition of the Baptist Hymnal. If your church would have some they are not using, could you leave a message for Mike Stidham on the church phone at 538-5637.

Waterloo, First - The church is looking for prior editions (or extra copies) to the First Place Bible study series. Please contact Lisa Dean, 314-249-7742, if you have such materials.

NEW BOOK

Pastor Mike Lawrence has written a book titled "**Solomon's Guitar - The Legend of a Guitar Hero**". In ancient Israel, God granted one wish to Solomon and he became the richest and wisest of kings. What if God did it again, but this time it was for a teenager named Solomon Sanchez? Instead of choosing wisdom, what if he chose to be the greatest guitarist in the world?

Anyone who has ever fantasized about being rich and famous, anyone who has dreamed of being a rock star, or anyone who has played music video games will enjoy this story. It is a great way to reach out to anyone who plays Guitar Hero, Rock Band video games, or plays the guitar. Books may be purchased through [soloman's guitar.com](http://soloman's.guitar.com) or Amazon.com. There will be a book signing at Words of Wisdom, 4200 N. Illinois, Swansea on September 25th from 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Metro-East Baptist Association is seeking qualified persons for the positions of Interim Executive Director of Missions as well as Executive Director of Missions. Interested individuals are invited to send their resume to either the Interim DOM Search Committee or EDOM Search Committee at:

Metro-East Baptist Association
4950 Old Collinsville Road
Swansea, IL 62226

PRAY FOR THE EDOM SEARCH COMMITTEE

Greg Doussard, Chair
Darlene Leatherwood
Marty Schelling
Dennis Morgan
Susan Buchner (Alt)

Jerome Jackson
Ben Chapman
Dave Manley
Jason Vinson (Alt)

PLEASE PRAY FOR MEBA CHURCHES SEEKING PASTORS

Caseyville, First
Faith, Freeburg



Lighthouse Community

WEEKEND FOR SINGLE PARENTS

Friday, August 27 - 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 28 - 9:00 a.m.-noon

R.O.C. Ministries, 6010 Kerth Rd, St. Louis, MO
(just off I-55 at Meramac Bottom Road)

To register call 636-937-8608 or email: swood@baptistpark.org
Light dinner and breakfast provided. Childcare provided. There is no cost but pre-registration required.

CHURCH LIBRARY CONFERENCE

September 25, 2010

First Baptist Church of Maryville

7110 State Route 162, Maryville, Illinois 62062

Cost: \$20, lunch included

Call or email:

Debbie Muller at 217-391-3126 or debbiemuller@ibsa.org

2nd ANNUAL RUN 4 KIDS/WALK 4 KIDS

Saturday, November 13, 2010

Forest Park, St. Louis (Upper Muny)

The Run 4 Kids Relay/Walk 4 Kids event supports the Christian Activity Center.

Contact Russell Smith for more information:

Work: 618-874-5615 ext 200

Cell: 618-977-6650

Email: RMS23@hotmail.com

Or register online at:

WWW.ACTIVE.COM

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 - Calixto Ulloa

16 - Vincent Terrie

2 - Jon Wellman

18 - Jason Vinson

4 - Ron McGrew

21 - Ellen Melichar

9 - Jamie O'Dell

21 - Greg Prescott

14 - Ben Jarrett*



* - Retired