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Just a thought....



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This has been a productive month. We have had a wonderful VBS training with 72 persons participating. Eight of our churches were represented and received instruction to help get ready for their VBS this summer. We also had a wonderful Executive Board Meeting held at First, Huntingdon. Mr. Brian Holt who works with the WMU shared information related to RAs and the importance of them. There were several items of business that had to be taken care of during the meeting as well. Reports were given from the various teams. Recommendations were made related to the support for Jacob Ketchens, church planter in Belleville, Illinois; election of Dennis Trull as the Evangelism Team leader; and recommendations related to our truck stop ministry. A very good financial report was given that enables us to partner with other ministries in several ways. As Director of Mission I must give thanks to the churches and the leaders who promote the work of the association through participation and giving. Everything is gearing up for the activities of the summer. The Nominating Team, Budget/ Finance Team and Program Team will be meeting in the near future to begin planning for the annual meeting and the year 2014.

Keep in prayer the following churches looking for pastors: Holladay, Eagle Creek, Camden FBC and Eastwood. Each of these has someone filling the pulpit but are in need of the pastor who will lead the church into further effective ministry for the cause of the Lord.

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be close to the "Harvest Plant" evangelism rally on Sunday night April 28th. Dr. Bobby Welch will share with our pastors at a meal prior to the meeting with our churches. It is being held at First Baptist, Bruceton. Each church has been encouraged to move their services to Bruceton on this night to hear a message of challenge and encouragement. Information will be shared about the church getting outside the walls of the building to reach those who are un-churched. We recognize that the lost and un-churched are all around us. As I travel from church to church on Sunday mornings, I see all kinds of people doing all kinds of things on the Lord's Day. If we could reach half of these for the cause of Christ, what a difference it would make in the counties and eventually the world.

Pray for the harvest. Pray for the laborers. Pray for our country. Pray for our leaders from the president of the United States to the officials in our local communities. Pray for God's will be done and for us to accept it even when it does not go according to how we think it should.

Doing Together What We Cannot Do Alone.

**National Day
Of Prayer**

*Will you commit to pray?
It begins with you!!*

Thursday, May 2, 2013
First Baptist Church
Huntingdon, TN

11:30 Lunch at the
Family Life Center

12:00 Prayer Service
Worship Center

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Please join us for lunch and
a time of prayer as we pray
for our nation.

“In His name the nations
will put their hope”
Matthew 12:21



Report from Jacob Ketchens

Last year, the CBBA voted to support Jacob Ketchens and his family financially, prayerfully and physically. He is a church planter in Belleville, Illinois and has started the Sojourn Church. The CBBA sent a team there last summer and plan another mission trip there this summer. If you are interested in going on this trip, please call the Mission Center or Bro. Shawn Allred at Bruceton FBC. Below are a few of the accomplishments over the past year.

- Started meeting for Bible Study every Thursday night on April 5h
- Started men’s Bible Study in April that meets on Saturday morning.
- Held three VBS’s.
- Had work projects, prayer walks, and care visits.
- Mission team help from Michigan, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Southern Illinois
- Youth Bible Study started on Thursday night with follow-up from VBS rallies.
- Monday night College Campus Bible Study.
- Two persons have made decisions to follow Christ.
- Trying to convert newsletter to email format.
- The Ketchens family is expecting a new addition to their family in August.

PTL for the good things going on. The CBBA voted at the Executive Board meeting to increase help for Jacob and his family to \$250 a month through 2014.

Baptist Association Emphasis Week

May 19 - May 25

Doing Together What We Cannot Do Alone



Exciting Mission Opportunity!!

Greetings fellow CBBA Baptists,

I want to tell you about an exciting opportunity for you to be on mission this coming summer, July 7-13th in Belleville, IL (Just East of St. Louis, MO). But before I do that let me tell you what God is doing in this city in great need of God's Grace and the Good News about His Son Jesus. Your brother in Christ and his family: Jacob, Rebekah, and their children Nathan, Alethia, and Ezekiel (who's on the way) Ketchens are church planters in this city just 4 hours north west of here.

They are doing a fantastic work of planting *Sojourn Church* for the Glory of God. Since moving to Belleville in October 2011 they have started 5 bible studies (two of which have been turned over to others teachers they have trained), had 8 block parties, 4 Vacation Bible Schools, and have visited many thousands of homes introducing them to the Lord and to *Sojourn Church*. By late fall of this year they plan to have a public launch of *Sojourn Church* and to be meeting regularly on the Lord's Day. You personally can be involved in seeing Sojourn Church become a light house that is penetrating the darkness of sin in St. Clair County, IL where Belleville is located. This is how you can be involved. First, **PRAY** for Jacob and his family as they serve diligently on the mission field, secondly you can **GIVE** financial support their ministry, and lastly you can **GO** to Belleville this summer, July 7-13 as we conduct VBS, help with construction on a mission house, share our faith with those who need to hear, and as we have a great time fulfilling the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus. If you want to be involved in any of these ways please call me at 731-415-2472 or Bro. Jimmy Furr and let us know how you want to get involved. **There will also be an informational/planning meeting on May 7th at FBC Bruceton at 6:30 pm.** I pray you will get involved and hope to see you on May 7th.

In His Service,
Bro. Shawn Allred

FBC Huntingdon
Golf Tournament

Four-Person Scramble

Date: Saturday, May 11th

Time: Lunch provided @ 11:00 am
Shotgun start @ Noon

Location: Carroll Lake Golf Course

Cost: \$200 per team or
\$50 per person

Contact: Cliff Kelley (415-2814)
Marcus Beal (358-3291)

Purpose: Proceeds go toward FBC
Huntingdon Mission Trip to Guatemala June 15th-22nd



**May,
2013**

May 4, State Youth Bible Drill

May 6, CBBA Pastors Conference,
10:30 am, Mission Center

May 14-15, Office Ministry Updates,
Dresden FBC

May 20, CBBA Pastors Conference,
10:30 am, Mission Center

May 27, Office Closed for Memorial Day

May 19-25, Baptist Association
Emphasis Week



**Approaching Dates and
Events of Interest**

June 11-12, Southern Baptist Convention
Annual Meeting,
Houston, TX

June 23, Mission Dignity Sunday

July 4, Office Closed for the Holiday

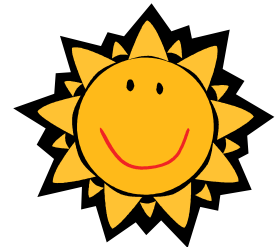
July 6, CBBA WMU Summer Meeting

July 7-13, CBBA Mission Trip to Illinois



VBS Directors:

**Please
Call The
Mission Center
With the
Dates and Times
Of
Your
Church's
VBS**



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*The mission of the Carroll-Benton
Baptist Association is to encourage
fellowship & equip churches to
carry out the Great Commission*

Please pray for the Vacation Bible School

Directors, Teachers and Students.

Pray for Open Hearts and Ready Minds to

Learn about Christ and His Love for Them.

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