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BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**



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January-February '24
Newsletter

January

Pray for your association churches and camp!

- 2 Pastors Breakfast Fellowship, Granny's in Bland, 8:00 AM
- 2 – 6 Voice of the Martyrs Volunteer Mission Trip, Bartlesville, OK
- 9-11 Care for Pastors conference in Austin, TX
- 21 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 23-25 Midwest Leadership Summit in Springfield, IL
- 27 Trustees Meeting, Camp, 9:00 AM
- 30 Executive Board Meeting, Crossroads Baptist Church, 7:00 pm

February

- 6 Pastors Lunch Fellowship, River's Bend in Belle, 11:30 AM
- 12 – 18 Focus on WMU Week
- 14 Valentines Day! Love the people around you!
- 18 Prayer Rally, Faith Baptist (35865 Hwy 28, Belle), 3:00 PM
- 20 Pastors Roundtable, FBC Linn, 6:30 PM
- 24 Regional Operation Christmas Child Association Celebration, FBC Belle, 2:00 to 3:00 PM
- 25 Racial Reconciliation Sunday
- 25 Prayer and Praise, FBC Owensville, 6pm

Our '23-'24 Theme - Start with Prayer

So start each day in 2024 with prayer. Ask God what He wants you to do and who He wants you to talk with. Thank Him for all of His wonderful provisions!

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God has reminded us that we are to be seeking His will and not our own. We should take time to listen and hear from Him before making our own plans. So many times we just plan events and then ask God to bless our efforts. Instead we need to find out what God wants to happen. When we follow His will - we know it will be blessed and we will too as we join Him. So this year will be focused on prayer and finding out what God wants. Join us in praying. Pray that we would also have a "YES" for God when He shares His will.



**Merry Christmas from
Pastor Michal and wife Oksana**

from Warsaw Bible Church in
Warsaw, Poland

Pray for us as we put together details
to take a group in 2024

Healthy churches are on MISSION

Calling out the Called in GVBA

Has God laid a burden on your heart for some ministry? Have you felt that God is giving you a passion to serve in some way? Have you been praying for God to send workers into the harvest?

Say yes! We have some next steps for you!

Currently searching for Pastors

Union Hill Baptist Church

First Baptist of Bland

FBC Linn

Mt Pleasant Baptist

New Salem Baptist

First Baptist of Chamois

Please pray and send resumes to Trent Young



Ways to add to your camp

GVBA Camp Trustees are doing some dreaming and planning. So pray about being involved!

This Coming year

1. Install electric to west pavilion
2. Install Lighting for Basketball and Sand Volleyball
3. Prepare ground for concrete for new bathrooms
4. Clear and mark more trails around camp
5. Take down another old cabin to prepare for new
6. Do more landscaping and opening up more areas of the woods for use.

Will you pray about giving or helping?



needed: an AED for camp.

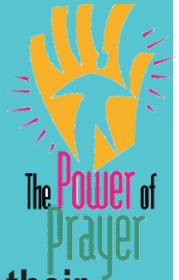
needed: Funds to build new bathrooms
and new cabins

needed: Swing set

needed: Ping Pong table

needed: Funds for bull dozer time to do

work around camp or someone to donate their
equipment for a day



**Campers on Mission here April 1-8
to build our new bathrooms for the
dining hall and do other projects
around the camp!**



Set an alarm to pray everyday

3:15 PM

Pray for God to provide pastors
for pastorless churches.

Jeremiah 3:15

2018 I decided to take my first trip to Ethiopia. With all the love, prayers and donations from the generous churches of the Gasconade Valley Baptist Association we were able to be the feet of Jesus to the people in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. We were able to purchase clothing, shoes, chickens and food. We were able to provide medical supplies for the Doula program. We were able to help put food together for the distribution for families in need.

I am taking another trip and would love to take a team with me in the spring 2024. If you are interested in more information whether it be in traveling with me, donations, or just prayers, please contact me.

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BY YOUR ENDURANCE, GAIN YOUR LIVES. - LUKE 21:19

Pray and Serve



The **Voice**
of the **Martyrs**



January 2-6, 2024, we will travel to Bartlesville, OK, to work in the Voice of the Martyrs processing center. Please pray for our GVBA team as we go and serve and learn about this wonderful ministry! Learn more at VOM.org



Is God calling you to service?

If you feel that God may be speaking to you about serving Him, don't ignore the call. Instead investigate and answer!



Here is a great book to help you find out if God is calling you to serve Him.

Is God Calling Me? by Jeff Iorg

Pastors, when is the last time you preached about God's call - or shared your testimony of God's call in your life?

Call Trent Young for a copy! 580-475-6267

Have you ever considered a second calling? Yes God has built into you so many skills and talents to be used for His glory. If you are moving toward retirement - or halftime - now is the time to move from success to SIGNIFICANCE in service to Jesus!

Start Bible Drill in your church!

Would your church like to join in?

First Owensville is doing Bible Drill and would love to work with sister churches in our association.

We hope to have an association event to qualify students for state. Let's all learn together!



MISSIONARY FOR A MONTH

Would you be willing to give a month to help encourage a small church in our area? Maybe serving in their church for 4 Sundays. Or maybe you could give Wednesday evenings or some Saturdays to help do an outreach effort. Could you paint on a Saturday or handout food or fliers? There are lots of possibilities and many of our churches could use the encouragement. Contact Trent Young today if you can serve! 580-475-6267 or 573-646-3454

Everyday Missionaries



GRIEF SHARE

Spring Semester Classes

Running February 1 through April 25, 2024

Thursdays, 6-8 pm, @ FBC Belle

Sign up at GriefShare.org

For more information call Kim Sparks (636) 295-3103

We also need people who want to be trained to lead a group.

Operation Christmas Child 2023



Plan to go next year!

**MIDWEST
LEADERSHIP
SUMMIT**
JANUARY 23-25-2024



Not just for Pastors! One of the best conferences you will attend! Held in Springfield, IL.

Will God open a door?

Will you join me in praying for an open door of some kind in towns like Westphalia, Freeburg, Rich Fountain, Argyle, and Morrison. These communities are in our association area but have no Baptist church. People in these areas need to hear the good news about salvation through Jesus. Pray for an open door!

**NO
FOOLIN'**
April 1st
we are building!



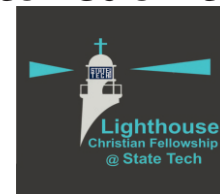
That's right! April 1st we will start building our new addition to the Dining hall. The Campers on mission group and our trustees will be working on the new bathroom and laundry addition.

Help Give Pray

We can certainly use your help! You can come to the camp and help or you can give to help make it a reality. Or you can pray for us! There is so much more that needs to happen at the camp! Let's work together!

We will also need churches to help feed 10-20 folks during the evenings while Campers on Mission are here at the camp.

**Are you praying for our BSU groups?
One of the best ways to reach the world.**



My word for 2024 is. . .

Pathway

Each year I pray for God to give me a word to focus my efforts for that year. This year God keeps giving me the word "Pathway". In several areas I have seen that there is no defined pathway for folks to know if they are growing and moving forward. Most churches don't have a defined pathway of discipleship or becoming involved in their church's ministries. Does your church have that?

I am working with folks in our association and across the state to develop pathways for folks to learn leadership skills and to learn if God may be calling them to ministry service.

People want to grow and serve - they just don't know the steps to get there. So this year I will be working to help you know the steps!

PRAYER RALLY

SUNDAY FEB. 18TH AT 3PM
AT FAITH BAPTIST IN BELLE

Don't sit the bench

**Get on the court and make
a difference!**

Prayer aligns our hearts with our Creator and Sustainer and can become a treasured time of personal worship. Do we long to know the mind and heart of God? The key is to be still before Him (Psalm 46:10) and to linger in His presence. The Bible teaches that we are to lay our anxiousness before Him in prayers and petitions (Philippians 4:6-7), and God's peace will sustain and guard our troubled spirits.

You can find out dates and resources at our
website. **gvbamo.com**

scan me!



The Cooperative Program

Did you know that SBC churches give to the Cooperative Program to provide for our amazing missionary force? Let's share the story again of how we all cooperate so that people around the world hear about Jesus! It's the financial fuel for reaching every person for Jesus Christ in every town, every city, every state and every nation!

GVBA leaders find
CP resources here

[https://www.sbc.net/missions
/the-cooperative-program/](https://www.sbc.net/missions/the-cooperative-program/)
or call Trent!



Find help at the Missouri Baptist Website
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Baptist Pastors & wives
by Missouri Baptists



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help you succeed**

