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November-December '23 Newsletter

November

Pray for your association churches and camp!

- 4 - All Church Trivia Night @ GVBA Camp, 6:00 PM, Bring snacks and friends!
- 5 - Daylight Savings Time Ends (fall back one hour)
- 7 - Pastors Lunch Fellowship, River's Bend in Belle, 11:30 AM
- 7 - Election Day
- 11 - Trustees Meeting (winterize camp) & Volunteer Day, Camp, 9AM to Noon
- 11 - Veteran's Day
- 13 - 20 Operation Christmas Child Collection Week
- 18 - GriefShare Surviving the Holidays FBC Belle 2-4pm
- 19 - Operation Christmas Child Dedication Service, FBC Belle, 2:00 PM
- 21 - Pastors Roundtable, FBC Linn, 6:30 PM
- 22 - 26 Mission Center Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- 29-2 Trip to OCC processing center in Aurora IL

December

- 5 - Pastors Breakfast Fellowship, Granny's in Bland, 8:00 AM
- 3 - 10 - Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Offering
- 12 - Pastors and Wives Christmas Dinner, Rustic Garden, Bland, 6:00 PM
- 20 - 27 - Mission Center Office Closed for Christmas

*Jesus is the reason for every season
not just the Christmas season!*

Our '23-'24 Theme - Start with Prayer

Our theme and emphasis for the '23-'24 year will be "Start with Prayer". 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. If 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.



Pray for Pastor Michal and wife Oksana

from Warsaw Bible Church in Warsaw, Poland as they travel to meet with GVBA leaders about a new ministry relationship. They will be in our area November 11-14. Pray for wisdom in this new endeavor! This is an exciting time as we consider giving AND going.

There is the possibility of taking a group to Warsaw next spring with larger groups going later in the year.

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

Please pray and send resumes to Trent Young



Real★Encounter



The Real Encounter experience was so much fun! God moved in so many hearts on Wednesday! Almost 100 decisions were made - those have been distributed among the churches that were involved. Now it's time to follow up and disciple those souls! Thanks to so many who helped in many ways!



**Encouragers from many churches
praying before the event!**

Some amazing unexpected blessings were that over 150 people were trained to share their faith on the Sunday night. Thank you to First Baptist Owensville for hosting the training time. Also all of the encouragers from different churches were so excited to see churches working together! It was a blessing all the way around. May our communities see us working together unified for the glory of Jesus!

Pucker up buttercup!



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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**Taking Jesus to
the world!**



**Do you want to go
to Aurora with us?**
Nov. 29 - Dec. 2

We will be going back to the Aurora, IL location this year. We have a few spots left for this trip. **The cost is \$141 per person for hotel plus meals and shirt if desired.**

contact Becca Allen at FBC Owensville to sign up.
It's a great trip so come join us!

For help on many topics
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or wherever you listen to podcasts
over 250 episodes available now!

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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. All of our team spots are full. Please pray for our GVBA team as we go and serve and learn about this wonderful ministry!



**PRAY
FOR
ISRAEL**

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 starting up 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!



Congratulations to Pastor Doug Lane & Donna James

on their upcoming wedding

Saturday November 11th

2:30pm @ FBC in St. James

The couple has requested NO Gifts please



"Love doesn't
make the world
go 'round. Love is
what makes the
ride worthwhile."

— FRANKLIN P. JONES

Camp Volunteer Day

Many hands make light work

Saturday November 11

9am to Noon

Help us winterize the camp!



Surviving the Holidays class
Saturday November 18th 2-4pm

@ FBC Belle

Sign up at GriefShare.org

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

*Join us for an evening of
warm fellowship, yummy food
and worship!*

Pastor & Wife Christmas Dinner

**December 12
@ 6pm
Rustic Garden
in Bland**

Please contact David Krueger for more info

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!

Shoe Box Collection at FBC Belle

Monday, Nov. 13, 4-7pm
Tuesday, Nov. 14, 4-6pm
Wednesday, Nov. 15, 5-7pm
Thursday, Nov. 16, 5-8pm
Friday, Nov. 17, 5-7pm
Saturday, Nov. 18, 9-11am
Monday, Nov. 20, 7-9am



Sunday, Nov. 19, 1-3pm Dedication Service at 2pm

Dealing with drought

sent to us by Duane Berry, Worship Pastor at FBC Owensville. Have you ever lived through a drought? If so, you know the progression: not only do the plants begin to wither from lack of rain, but the sun beats hotter, the ground cracks open, the birds and the animals begin to abandon the area, and people become very discouraged. Those who are most dependent on the water supply become desperate, even frantic, as their investments, their livelihood, and then their survival is threatened. The same is true when there is a spiritual drought. When a community of believers forgets its life source, there is a progression of the death of spirit. First, the seeds that have been planted die; there are few new believers. The hardships of life begin to get harder to endure, the foundation upon which the community stands begins to crack. Those who need the Spirit to sustain them go elsewhere, those who remain become discouraged until the survival of the community is in danger. That's why we must continually pray for the Holy Spirit to be poured down upon us. He is our life source. Without Him, our plans and our programs will crumble like the dusty ground. We must bathe our lives in the Spirit – as individuals and as a community of believers. And it is the worshipers who must step out to lead the prayer, "Holy Spirit, Come." Come and pour out your Spirit upon our church. Nothing delights God more than to soak us, to pour out His Spirit. If you want your church, your Bible Study group, your choir to grow, nothing is more effective than praying for God to come and pour out His Spirit. This material came from a devotional from More Songs of Praise and worship

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



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

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?  **serve**
Being God's hands and feet

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!

Missouri Baptists enjoy a wonderful and peaceful state gathering!



GVBA Ministry wives enjoy great fellowship at convention

Welcome to our new Executive Director Dr. Wes Fowler!

Missouri Baptists had a great turnout for the State gathering in Springfield. Crossway Baptist was packed out and folks even spilled over into overflow rooms to watch the proceedings. All of the speakers were challenging and inspiring including our new Executive Director Dr. Wes Fowler.

Those gathered prayed over both Dr. John Yeats and his wife Sharon. As Dr Yeats handed off the baton of leadership to Dr. Fowler - the assembly prayed for Dr. Fowler and the future of Missouri Baptists.

Missouri Baptist reaffirmed their desire to protect life and to protect every person in our churches. Plans were also shared to begin a month emphasis on calling out the called in August of '24.

