

NEWSLETTER

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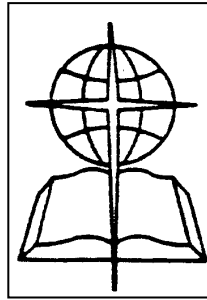
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Romans 8:1 Love over condemnation: Throw down that stone! Wow! At the writing of this, I sit in the middle of Warsaw kid's camp. Why would someone like me, without children living anywhere nearby, be interested in kids camp? Kids camp is a mission field. Camp is important and I am happy to invest time in the future of our church. Camp is where I found Jesus!

Condemnation is: judging and separation of others. This message is stomping on my toes! Making me realize how I condemn others without thinking about it. We all fall in to that trap. Turning this to a positive, Jesus was condemned to die. Therefore, those of us who are truly Christ followers, are set apart for condemnation. Can you face judgment and separation from the rest of the world? Are you ready to stand the test?

As far as condemning, why did churches not send the kitchen crew help? Only 2 churches sent kitchen teams. Shout out to those who showed up to help. It was greatly appreciated. Hope you gained a blessing, as we were thankful for the help. In closing: read Mark 16:16. Powerful message on condemnation.

Upcoming event: August 20, 2016 WMU Regional Training Event at South Gate Baptist, Springfield, MO 9:30-3:30 \$15.00 per person, which includes registration fees and lunch.

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Who: All Women and Men
What: Southwest Regional WMU training event
Where: Southgate Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo.
When: **August 20, 2016 9:30-3:30**
Why: Hear Mission Update Get training for the new year Receive new ideas for your own church programs
Registration Fee \$15.00/person
Registration deadline August 14,2016
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AUGUST

- 1 Annual Church Profile Surveys distribution
- 5 Joe Coppedge, Knee replacement surgery
- 11-21 Missouri State Fair, Sedalia

SEPTEMBER

- 1-30 Missouri Missions Offering Emphasis
- 5 Labor Day Holiday, OFFICE CLOSED
- 7 Annual Church Profile Survey Due date
- 17-18 Worship Leadership Conference

OCTOBER

- 1-31 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM MONTH
Pastor / Staff Appreciation Month
- 1-2 RA Congress: Sedalia
- 3-4 MID-LAKES ANNUAL MEETING, Bethel,
Pittsburg, MO
- 15-16 GA Retreat, Warsaw
- 24-26 Missouri Baptist Convention: St. Charles, MO

NOVEMBER

- 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 15-16 DOM Fall Conference, St. Charles, MO
- 24 Thanksgiving Day

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" Rom 8:1

Praying For the Association

Month of August 2016

We are asking you to remember the Association in prayer and lift up the following needs:

- >Pray for Knee surgery for Joe August 5th
- >Pray for the Disaster Relief Ministry
 - *Wisdom
 - *More Trained Volunteers
 - *Finances to fund the ministry
- >Pray for the Shuttle Ministry
- >Pray for the churches and leaders.
- >Layton Avenue Baptist Church their New Building
- >Pray for the needs of those struggling with Cancer
- >Pray that we will see more people saved.
- >Pray that our Sunday Schools will experience growth.
- >Pray for the finances of the churches
- >Pray for the work of MLBA
- >Pray for Camp Committee
- >Pray for VBS plans
- >Unspoken

August

2016

On Mission

To

Sedalia State Fair

August 16th

WANTED: 8-10 Adults

Who are willing to share their personal testimony in three minutes to help with:

Evangelistic Outreach.

You will be sharing your testimony in three minutes to those who are willing to listen. The team will direct them to you in the tent and you will share with them.

This is an all day event. We will be leaving the Associational office as a group.

We will pay your general admission:

(You will need meal money)

Please call Pastor Gary Urich for more information 326-7015

Please pray about taking up an offering for MMO.
All the dollars raised will go to support Missouri
Mission projects and your association.



A Big **THANK YOU!!!!** to Tim Cossins and Ezra and Breanna Piper for Directing both Camps. What an awesome job they did along with numerous other volunteers. Camp will not happen without those willing to give of their time and talents. *Thanks to all who helped!!!*

THANK YOU!



BAPTIST RIDGE CAMP BENEFIT AUCTION OCTOBER 22, 2016 THE BENSON CENTER, CLINTON, MO



Fellowship Baptist Association/Baptist Ridge Camp needs your help. October 22, 2016 we will be holding our first ever Benefit Dinner and Auction for Baptist Ridge Camp.

Here's how you/your church can help with this effort: You may want to go together as a church, Sunday School class, WMU group, or even an individual to provide an item or a collection of items to be auctioned off the night of the event. Please put this date on your calendar now....and don't let anything "bump" it off! That way you can be present...get a great meal (tickets can be purchased as we get closer to the event)...and – bring your checkbook! Bid early and bid often!! For more information or to make donations, please contact Annie Green, chairperson of the donation team, at

greenandgrowing2012@gmail.com.

We say We Love the Camp!

Here is a chance to show that love!

DIRECTOR'S NOTES:

The day I thought would never come is here. Yes it is hard to believe I will be admitted to the hospital on August 5th for complete knee replacement surgery. I have passed all the pre-op tests and have a green light for going forward. Please pray for Dr. Smith, his assistant Stephanie, his surgical team and the CMH staff that God's hand will guide theirs. Please pray with me that I will be a good patient and obey the doctor's orders and have a speedy and successful recovery. My hope is by getting this done early in August would give me time to be on my feet for the Annual Meeting in October. Please don't feel you have to come visit me. I am a little concerned about getting my rest those first 2-3 days. You can help best by praying and lifting me up, and assisting my family where I can't. Pray that I will have a very successful surgery and recover quickly so I can get back to doing what I love!! That is being your Director of Missions.

The *Mission Trip to Layton Avenue Baptist Church* was a huge success. We were able to help them along on getting the outside and inside ready for finishing. Some of us helped with their VBS. This was a different trip because we were just part of 133 volunteers that week and didn't have the personal touch that we have in working with smaller churches. The church was very thankful for the work we were able to do and you would not believe the talk about homemade cookies!

VBS is in the history book for most of our churches. I believe Heritage will be last church and their dates are August 1-5, 2016. The reports that are coming in are looking good as well. I have heard pastors talked about good numbers and several receiving Jesus as Savior and that is always a great praise.

Camp 2016 was the best ever!! Every year I say it can't get any better but it does. The theme of "*Love Over Condemnation*" was very challenging to our young people and I believe we will see the fruit in the lives of these young people in the future. Thank you to our Camp Pastors this week; Robert McGinnis (children) and Dave Steinmuller (youth) for an outstanding job! Thanks to all who worked so hard to make camp a huge success. The numbers aren't in but from what I was able to experience looked like camp will be up in several areas.

Outreach to the *Sedalia State Fair, Tuesday, August 16*. Pastor Gary Urich is coordinating this for us. I pray that you will prayerfully consider this one day mission project and go help. Please read the information on front of the newsletter and give Pastor Gary a call at 326-7015.