

WMU Council, Mar. 13, 10:30, Association Office.

Save the date. April 9. 6:30 pm, MISSIONS NIGHT with our resident IMB Missionaries FBC Fair Play. This is the last opportunity to hear our Polk County native and her family, before they return to their people group.

Don't forget Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Our NAMB missionaries depend on it.

Jill McCracken, WMU Director



100%
of your gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering* supports North American missionaries.

NATIONAL GOAL: \$70 Million



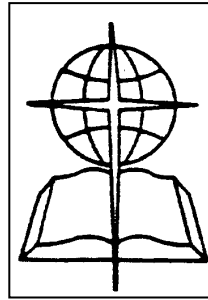
Community Outreach Ministries
Salvation Army, Food Pantry, & Thrift store
Needs Volunteers
If interested or more information
Call Kim Wilson 417-327-469

NEWSLETTER

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March

2018

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

APRIL 10, 2018

7:00 PM

at



First Baptist Church
705 N. Main
Pleasant Hope, MO

(This is very important meeting as we discuss the future of the Association and receive reports from officers)

MARCH

- 4-10 Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer
- 2 Wood Car Races, Bolivar 1st
- 6 VBS Workers Meeting, Springfield
- 11 Daylight Savings Time (Begins)
- 20-21 DOM Winter Retreat, TBA
- 25 Palm Sunday
- 30 Good Friday

APRIL

- 1 **Easter**
- 6-7 M-Counter WMU/Women's Ministries Annual Meeting,
- 8 **Cooperative Program Day**
- 10 Executive Board, 7 pm, Pleasant Hope FBC

MAY

- 3 National Day of Prayer
- 13 Mother's Day
- 10-13 Angola Prison Ministry, Angola, LA
- 19 National Armed Forces Day
- 20-27 **ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS WEEK**
- 28 Memorial Day, **OFFICE CLOSED**

"But who do YOU say I am?" Mat 16:13

Praying For the Association

Month of March 2018

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

- >Praise for the pastors of MLBA churches
- >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.
- >Pray for the Missions Committee
- >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 Joe and Judy Coppedge (Peace)
- >Pray for the New Year 2018
- >Pray for Wisdom as we face major decisions

Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief

First time: \$40
Recertify: \$20

March 16-17, 2018

Riverview Baptist Church

Osage Beach, MO

Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief

800-736-6227x317 disasterrelief@mobaptist.org



MISSOURI BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

PRESENTS:

**AFTERNOON
WITH THE STARS**

**CLAY COOPER THEATER,
BRANSON MISSOURI**

APRIL 14TH, 2018 1:00 - 4:00 P.M.

April 14, 2018

\$40.00 (Ticket and riding in shuttle)

1:00 PM — 4:00 PM

Clay Cooper Theater-Branson

This Year is Different!

Returning Hearts Celebration

Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola, LA

May 18 - 20, 2018.

The cost is \$100

sign up at MBLA Office

This trip is for Saturday only

We will travel down on Friday, Serve on Saturday
and drive home Sunday

We must have at least 20 people going for the trip.

For info please contact

Jamie 417-327-3652 or Joe 417-770-4667



This would be a four day and three night trip.

April 3-6, 2018

Give office a call for more info 326-4667

The estimated cost would be

\$250 per person (Private rooms Extra)

This would include transportation, (shuttle)

Tickets

3-Nights Lodging, and Breakfast

We would spend first day driving

2nd day Museum,

3rd day Ark

4th day would be trip home

Deposit \$50 Due March 10th (non-refundable)

(We will reschedule next week if weather is bad)



Director's Note

The *Mission Trip to Rockport, Texas* was a new experience for many that went. We worked in homes and cleaned up tree debris and carried out to the street. The biggest project was demolishing a 14' by 80' mobile home. YES, we tore it apart with a track loader and carried piece by piece to the curb. We had the joy of teaming up with College Students from Nebraska and they were a lot help. It was a blessing to see them enjoy our home cooked meals and talking with the senior adults. It always blesses me when I see young people light up with a smile and gleam in their eyes as they listen the stories of the older people. There is no generation gap when it comes to sharing Jesus and life's journey!

We are off and running with Spring on its way and Summer approaching around the corner. It is exciting to work with the *Camp Committee* and see them brainstorm and come up with new and different things for our kids this summer with camp.

The *VBS planning meeting* was poorly attended but it was raining and storming and several were battling the flu. But all have called in or brought in their order forms and we are excited about the theme, "GAME ON". The churches work together and share decorations and materials which hold down cost. If you need to order VBS material we have until March 10th to place an order for a 15% discount to our association. Just give me a call and we will connect.

I am sad to say that many of you are finding the office locked up when you stop by. The office hours are Monday thru Wednesday from 9 to 5 pm. But if I have to leave I have to lock it up. I am sorry for that, but on the bright side if you have mail or something that can be put in our drop box by the front door it goes into a shoot and falls in a secured box inside. If too big for the drop-box place it on the back porch and when I return will put it inside. Also remember the cell #417-770-4667 and leave a message and will get back ASAP.

I had the joy of preaching at Brighton and Pomme de Terre recently and am scheduled to fill in for Pastor Gary at Heritage on March 18th. I love filling in but sometimes can't; but remember I have a list of retired pastors who want to fill in when they are called on.

On personal note Judy and I are planning a trip in our motor home during Spring Break. Not sure but probably will end up in Branson. We have found out if we don't block out some time it never happens. My prayer is that God will bless you in your church and the Association as we work together.