

# Mission Digest

January-February 2020



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## Why I'm Grateful for the Local Church

Why I'm Grateful:

### **The Church, through Jesus Christ, is the hope of the world.**

Jesus became my Savior when I was a young person. My life was changed and God re-charted the course of my life to give it meaning and purpose. My gratitude is great toward The Father who would give His Son that I, we — might have eternal life. The local church is God's chosen plan for redemption!

### **The Church has always demonstrated beautiful generosity.**

The local church is the only organization I know that will provide all that it offers, for free, for anyone, for as long as they want. You do not have to pay to receive what the church has to offer. That is amazing.

### **The Church serves as a moral compass in a time when many have lost their way.**

What is right and what is wrong is not as clear as it once was. I'm grateful that we have The Scriptures to point the way to what is right and help keep us on track. I'm thankful for all the hard working pastors and teachers and volunteers, who teach the Word, and speak this truth in love.

### **The Church makes a big difference in the lives of the next generation.**

Healthy churches love kids of all ages, and kids help make churches healthy. We learn better in community. The church does its best to teach parents about raising great kids to be mature adults. Churches work hard to invest in the kids and teens to help them grow up and live better lives; it's hard not to be thankful for that!

### **The Church reminds us of what is important and what really matters.**

I attended a memorial service recently at one of our churches. Though there was much human sorrow, there was also heavenly hope and joy. These moments always remind me of what really matters. The Church is flawed, but far more beautiful than broken, and I'm so very grateful.



## Did You Know?

- Over 8 million Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes will be delivered this year.
- June 1–5; Hannibal-LaGrange University Mission Trip—a construction project.

## Focus on WMU Week February 10–16

Focus on WMU Week provides the opportunity to raise the visibility and awareness of the role that WMU can play in missions education and involvement for all ages in helping churches to accomplish their mission goals.



For ideas on ways you can promote missions in your church, contact Women's Ministry Leader, Juliana Rhea—573.897.0652 or the mission center office—573.646.3454.



## News From Our Churches

### Belle Church

Christmas Program December 22. Hats and Gloves Give-Away December 21. Christmas Eve Service held.

### Beulah Church

Holiday Dinner December 8. Christmas Program December 22.

### Broadway Church

Christmas Dinner December 15. Christmas Eve Service held. Music Night on January 5 @ 5:00 p.m. and February 2 @ 5:00 p.m.

### Crossroads Church

Holiday Dinner November 23. Christmas Caroling December 12. Christmas Program December 22.

### Faith Church

Christmas Program December 22. Fish Fry/Music Night on January 14 and Music Night February 9.

### Gasconade Church

Community Thanksgiving Dinner served November 20.

### Hermann Church

Pastor Matthew Wheeler ordained December 8.

### High Gate Church

Christmas Eve Service held. Christmas Dinner served Christmas Day. Youth attending Winter Jam December 27–28.

### Liberty Road Church

Christmas Cantata December 22

### Little Flock Church

One new member by baptism. "Thankful for Our Church" Dinner provided by pastor and wife November 30.

### Mt. Pleasant Church

Christmas Eve Service held.

### Mt. Zion Church

Christmas Program December 15.

### New Salem Church

Holiday Dinner December 8. Fellowship and Movie Night on January 10 @ 7:00 p.m. and February 14 @ 7:00 p.m.

### Owensville Church

Christmas Music December 14 and 22. Upward Basketball begins in January.

### Pilot Knob Church

Doug Goodwin accept pastorate in Montgomery City. Perry Wolfe serving as interim pastor.

### Pin Oak Church

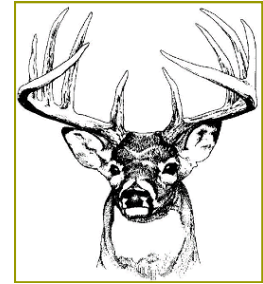
One new Member by baptism. Christmas Program December 7.

### Solid Rock Church

Christmas Program December 22.

### Vienna Church

Christmas Program December 15. Christmas Eve Service held.



### Owensville Winter Deer Classic

at First Baptist Church, Owensville on January 11. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Free Admission.  
Outdoor Craftsmen,  
Guest Speakers,  
Free Antler Scoring,  
Refreshments,  
Door Prizes.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

January 14—Daniel Kontz, Pastor's Son, Pin Oak Baptist Church.

January 24—Teresa Edwards, Pastor's Wife, First Baptist Church, Bland.

January 29—Terry Hogan, Pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

February 7—Debbie Bauder, Pastor's Wife, Solid Rock Baptist Church.

February 14—David Krueger, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Linn.

February 20—Promise Slocum, Pastor's Daughter, First Baptist Church, Vienna.

February 27—Sarah Leimkiller, Pastor's Wife, Union Hill Baptist Church.

### Wedding Anniversaries

January 11—Kyle and Anna Orick, Student Pastor, First Baptist Church, Owensville.

Remember your church leaders in prayer and some special way on their birthday or anniversary.

## Calendar of Events

- **January 2—Pastor’s Fellowship Breakfast, The Dinner Belle, 8:00 a.m.**
- **January 13—Friends of the BSU Meeting, BSU, Rolla, 6:00 p.m.**
- **January 19—Sanctity of Human Life Sunday.**
- **January 21-23—Midwest Leadership Advance, Springfield, Illinois.**
- **January 28—Trustee’s Meeting, Mission Center Office, 7:00 p.m.**
- **February 4—Executive Board Meeting, Crossroads Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.**
- **February 6—Pastor’s Fellowship Breakfast, The Dinner Belle, 8:00 a.m.**
- **February 10—16—Focus on WMU Week.**
- **February 18—Pastor’s Roundtable, First Baptist Church, Linn, 6:30 p.m.**
- **February 25—Prayer Journey, Liberty Baptist Church, 11:00 a.m.; First Baptist Church, Owensville, 1:00 p.m.; New Salem Baptist Church, 2:00 p.m.**

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## Area Ladies Serve at the OCC Processing Center



Ladies from First Baptist Church, Belle and First Baptist Church, Owensville recently helped pack shoeboxes at the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center in Chicago.

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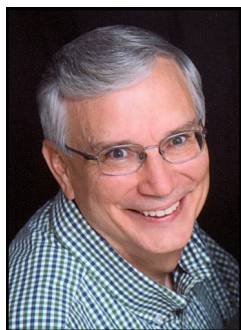
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*"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good  
works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."  
— Ephesians 2:10*