

Mission Digest

May—June 2018



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Mid-Year Meeting Planned for May 1 at First Baptist Church, Bland

The Gasconade Valley Baptist Association Mid-Year Meeting will be held on May 1. Activities will begin at 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Bland.

The evening will feature a brief time of business which will give updates on mission trip opportunities, camp remodeling projects, and summer camp information.

A time of worship will follow. Tim Edwards, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Bland is scheduled to bring the evening message.

Following the business session and worship, a time of fellowship will be provided.



MID-YEAR MEETING

Did You Know?

- Opportunities to participate in a mission trip this summer: *HLG Mission Trip* (construction) June 4—8.
- Mission Trip to Durfield, Virginia July 15—20.
- Mission 1:8 in Osage County July 18—21.

Join us for the National Day of Prayer in Owensville

You are invited to participate in the . . .

National Day of Prayer Service

that will be held on . . .

Thursday, May 3
First Baptist Church, Owensville

The program begins at 6:45 a.m. with breakfast following the program.

Theme:

"Pray for America—UNITY"



Calendar of Events

- **May 1—Mid-Year Meeting, Bland Church, 7:00 p.m.**
- **May 3—National Day of Prayer Service, Owensville Church, 6:45 a.m.**
- **May 8—Prayer Journey, High Gate area.**
- **May 8—Strategy Planning Meeting, Owensville Church, 7:00 p.m.**
- **May 10—Pastor’s Fellowship Breakfast, The Dinner Belle, 8:00 a.m.**
- **May 13—Mothers Day.**
- **May 15—Pastor’s Roundtable, Linn Church, 6:30 p.m.**
- **May 20—27—Baptist Association Emphasis Week.**
- **May 28—Memorial Day Observed, (Mission Center Office Closed).**
- **June 4—8—Hannibal-LaGrange University Mission Trip.**
- **June 12—Prayer Journey, Bland area.**
- **June 12—13—Southern Baptist Convention, Dallas.**
- **June 17—Fathers Day.**
- **June 24—28—Children’s Camp.**

MAY 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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JUNE 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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17	28	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

May 15—Floyd Leimkiller, Pastor, Union Hill Church.

May 25—Savannah Williams, Pastor’s Daughter, High Gate Church.

May 27—Bobby Crabb, Pastor, Beulah and Liberty Church.

June 6—Jessica Kellogg, Pastor’s Daughter, Chamois Church.

June 8—Hope Sullivan, Pastor’s Daughter, Owensville Church.

June 19—Carolyn Roberson, Pastor’s Wife, Maranatha Church.

June 30—Jason Gentry, Pastor, Hermann Church.

Wedding Anniversaries

May 20—Tim and Linda Redmond, Pastor, Faith Baptist Church.

May 26—Chris and Bethany Slocam, Pastor, Vienna Church.

May 29—Scott and Bonnie John, Pastor, Broadway Church.

May 29—Phil and Gail Rector, Director of Missions, Gasconade Valley Association.

May 30—Glen and Joyce Duncan, Pastor, Pin Oak Church.

May 31—Dennis and Donna Spurgeon, Pastor, Mt. Pleasant Church.

June 3—Bobby and Cary Crabb, Pastor, Beulah and Liberty Church.

June 8—Doug and Rachel Williams, Pastor, High Gate Church.

June 16—Danny and Denise Jarvis, Pastor, Crossroads Church.

Church Anniversaries

May 2006—Duane Berry, Associate Pastor, Owensville Church.

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

News From Our Churches

Belle Church

Journey Back to Babylon: Belle VBS scheduled for June 1-3 at Faith Church.

Beulah Church

Participating in Belle VBS scheduled for June 1-3 at Faith Church.

College Hill Church

Participating in Belle VBS scheduled for June 1-3 at Faith Church.

Faith Church

Journey Back to Babylon: Belle VBS scheduled for June 1-3 at Faith Church.

Gasconade Church

Jerry Field serving as interim pastor. Nursing home ministry on April 22. Glory Bound Concert April 28, 5:00 p.m.

High Gate Church

Mother's Day Celebration on May 13. 135th Church Homecoming on May 20.

Linn Church

Youth trip to Creation Museum and Ark on May 22-24. Mission 1:8 Project on July 18-21. Call 897.3862 for information.

Maranatha Church

Church 35th Homecoming held on April 29. Jim Arnold guest speaker.

Mt. Pleasant Church

Church Sing featuring Norman Willhite from Oklahoma held on April 28, 7:00 p.m. Mother's Day Celebration and Meal on May 12. VBS scheduled for June 6-10.

Mt. Zion Church

Church to take trip to Branson to see Samson on April 28. VBS scheduled on May 27-31.

Owensville Church

SonPower youth choir trip scheduled for June 18-24. VBS scheduled for July 9-13.

Pin Oak Church

Mission Trip to Durfield, Virginia on July 15-20. Call 437-3024 for information.

Pilot Knob Church

Two new members by baptism. Covenant Quartet April 29, 5:30. Participating in Belle VBS scheduled for June 1-3 at Faith Church.

Gasconade Valley Association HLG Sponsored Mission Trip

June 4-8 are the dates of our Twenty-third Annual Mission Trip to Hannibal-LaGrange University, Hannibal, Missouri.

The college provides for us: (1) lunch plus morning and afternoon snacks Monday through Friday. (2) RV parking with water and electric hook-ups, and a dump station. Gray water may be run on the ground. (3) Those who do not have RVs will be housed in Memorial Hall which has private rooms with private bath and individual room controlled air conditioners. It has a small kitchen available (equipped with ref/freezer, microwaves, stoves, coffee maker, toaster, and limited cooking and eating utensils) where you may prepare the meals not provided. Paper goods and plastic ware, along with the coffee, etc. will be provided. If you want to eat some meals out, places are available nearby. (4) The dorm is complete with linens. Dorm rooms will not be available until Saturday afternoon.

The only cost will be your travel to and from Hannibal and your food for breakfast and the evening meals. Most everyone arrives on Sunday or Monday.

You will recall this is basically an adult mission trip that includes couples, singles and families. Children and youth are only included when they come with a parent.

Anticipated Projects

- #1. Repair projects around campus.
- #2. Painting projects around campus.
- #3. Sewing room projects.

Registration Form

Mail to: Delmar and Belinda Branson, P.O. Box 1037, Belle, Missouri 65013 Phone: 573-612-8557.

Respond by May 21st to insure lodging and meal arrangements.

Name (s) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

_____ I will need an RV space. Type & size of unit _____

_____ I will need a dorm room. Arrival time _____

Summer Camp Schedules are on the Calendar

Children's Camp
Completed 3rd–6th
Grades
June 24–28



Youth Camp
Completed 6th–12th
Grades
July 8–13

Children's Camp Meal Schedules June 24–28

Sunday Supper
Little Flock Church
Vienna Church

Monday Breakfast
Belle Church
Broadway Church

Monday Lunch
Mt. Zion Church
Owensville Church

Monday Supper
College Hill Church
Pilot Knob Church

Tuesday Breakfast
High Gate Church
Pin Oak Church

Tuesday Lunch
Hermann Church
Liberty Church

Tuesday Supper
Liberty Road Church
Solid Rock Church

Wednesday Breakfast
Faith Church
New Salem Church
Union Hill Church

Wednesday Lunch
Chamois Church
Linn Church

Wednesday Supper
Crossroads Church
Mt. Pleasant Church

Thursday Breakfast
Beulah Church
Bland Church

Thursday Lunch
Gasconade Church
Maranatha Church

Pastor's Roundtable: Sharpening Our Skills



Pastors mark your calendar. Our next Pastors Roundtable will be held May 15. Our meeting will be held at First Baptist Church, Linn. We will begin with a meal at 6:30 p.m.

Our Pastor's Roundtables are times to discuss theological and doctrinal issues facing the church today. During this session, we will explore the Biblical teaching on Sanctification. We encourage our pastors to take part in this peer learning experience.

Outreach to families during Vacation Bible School

It is the time of year that churches begin to make their plan for Vacation Bible School. It is easy for churches to focus on planning for this wonderful summer event, and at the same time miss out on their best evangelistic opportunity of the year.

The true focus of Vacation Bible School isn't just teaching children about God; it's leading families to Christ.

Vacation Bible School is the only time during the year when a large number of unchurched parents bring their children to church, and the way you plan your VBS should utilize that evangelistic opportunity.

One key to the plan can be a one-on-one presentation of the gospel in follow-up visits to children's homes. There parents also have an opportunity to hear about Christ.

Praying as a group in an open assembly without follow-up can lead to someone not really understanding or experiencing salvation and thinking they're saved when they are not.

Instead of asking children to walk the aisle to receive Christ, the pastor could have an assembled group bow their heads and encourage individuals to raise their hands if they are ready to make a decision. Teachers then take the names of those who raise their hands and later counsel with them on a one-on-one basis.

Other Vacation Bible School evangelism strategies include:

Encouraging teachers to share the plan of salvation every day in class. Some children may only come to VBS for one day. Give them opportunities to participate and respond. Follow up with them individually.

Avoiding church language and making sure you are speaking in words children can understand. Be more concerned with a child's understanding than his age.

Enlisting people of different ages to give short testimonies of their salvation experiences during VBS classes and worship times. Include opportunities for the listeners to receive Christ.

Conducting evangelism training for VBS and Sunday school workers. Teach them how to share their faith geared toward children. One resource is the booklet, "God's Special Plan for Children."

Consider one of these ideas in your Vacation Bible School:

- making sure recreation and refreshments workers are trained in evangelism and are willing to share their faith with the students.
- recruiting a follow-through team trained in family visitation.
- enlisting a VBS intercessory prayer team. Pray specifically for people and needs, using daily updates.
- encouraging pastors to be present during VBS. The pastor's presence is an evangelistic tool in itself.
- building relationships with parents as they arrive and depart with their children. Provide a waiting area with refreshments for the parents and interact with them.

Join Us on a Church Prayer Journey

Our association will host Church Prayer Journeys during the next few weeks to six churches within our association on May 8 and June 12. We will visit three churches each day and spend time in prayer for their ministries. We will spend thirty minutes with each church.

The purpose of these prayer times is to offer spiritual support to the ministries of these churches. You are invited to join us at each of these locations.

Church Prayer Journey Schedule

May 8

11:00 a.m.—Broadway Baptist Church
1:00 p.m.—High Gate Baptist Church
2:00 p.m.—Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church

June 12

11:00 a.m.—Mt. Zion Baptist Church
1:00 p.m.—First Baptist Church, Bland
2:00 p.m.—Pin Oak Baptist Church

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Association Emphasis Week May 20—27, 2018

The Churches of the Southern Baptist Convention will be celebrating Associational Emphasis Week on May 20—27.

churches with 4,128 members. The boundaries have changed, but the goal of the association remains the same.

The Gasconade Valley Baptist Association exists to encourage, equip, and assist churches to carry out the Great Commission.

Local churches and the association have formed a partnership in sharing the gospel within the United States and around the world. The association provides leadership training, pastoral support, church fellowship, mission opportunities, and communication.

Gasconade Valley Association was organized as a “missionary association” in 1875. In 1879 there were thirteen churches with 429 members. Today there are twenty-five



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www.gasconadevalleybaptist.org