

**MISSION DIGEST**

January-February 2019

**PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE:  
SHARPENING OUR SKILLS**



Pastors mark your calendar. Our next Pastor's Roundtable will be held February 19. 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. We will explore the topic of prayer during this meeting.

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**MINISTERIAL EDUCATION DAY PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHURCH AND STUDENTS**

Our association enjoys a partnership with Southwest Baptist University in hosting Ministerial Education Day. It is a highly successful event both for our association and for the students who participate in the event. We're doing it again!

ME Day benefits both SBU and our local churches. The event allows the university to introduce their school to our association and gives ministerial students experience in preaching. It benefits the local church by supporting a young person who feels called to ministry and learn more about one of our Baptist colleges. We have two dates for our Ministerial Education Day: Sunday, April 7, 2019 and Sunday, April 14, 2019.

To participate in Ministerial Education Day your church needs to:

1. Vote to participate.
2. Choose one of the two dates to host an SBU ministerial student.
3. Take up a love offering the Sunday the student preaches.
4. Lodge and feed the student while they are in your community. They generally arrive on the Saturday evening and leave for Bolivar by 2:00 PM on Sunday.

Please let David Krueger or Phil Rector know by March 1 if you would like to participate.

**Ukraine Mission Update**

- Phillip Rector will lead a team of Missouri pastors to Ukraine to teach seminary students this next March.
- Pray for the team as they take part on this mission.
- If you would like to help Phillip financially with his expenses, you can send funds to GVBA Treasurer Alma Moman.

## NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

### Belle Church

Christmas plates taken to shut-ins.  
Christmas program on December 16. Service on Christmas Eve.

### Beulah Church

Christmas program on December 23.

### Bland Church

Christmas service on December 23.  
New Years Eve service @ 9:00 p.m.

### College Hill Church

Pray for the church as they are searching for a pastor.

### Crossroads Church

Christmas program on December 23.

### Faith Church

Christmas program and dinner on December 9. Fish fry on January 6 @ 5:00 p.m. Gospel Music on January 13 @ 6:00 p.m.

### Gasconade Church

Community Thanksgiving dinner on November 14. Christmas program and dinner on December 23.

### Hermann Church

Pray for the church as they are searching for a pastor.

### High Gate Church

Holiday dinner on December 10.  
Service on Christmas Eve. Valentine Banquet on February 16 @ 6:00 p.m.

### Liberty Church

Pray for the church as they are searching for a pastor.

### Liberty Road Church

Service and cantata on Christmas Eve.

### Linn Church

Community Christmas cantata on December 1. Service on Christmas Eve.

### Maranatha Church

Holiday dinner on December 16.  
New Years Eve service @ 6:00 p.m.

### Mt. Pleasant Church

Holiday dinner on November 10.  
Service on Christmas Eve. Valentine Banquet on February 9 @ 6:00 p.m.

### Mt. Zion Church

Christmas dinner on December 9.  
Christmas program on December 16.

### New Salem Church

Holiday dinner on December 30.

### Owensville Church

Dinner served to community on Thanksgiving Day. Living Christmas Tree on December 8—9. The Walk to the Manger on December 16. Upward Basketball begins in January.

### Pilot Knob Church

Christmas musical and program on December 23.

### Pin Oak Church

Christmas program on December 15. New Years Eve Fellowship on December 31.

### Solid Rock Church

Christmas program on December 22.

### Vienna Church

Christmas dinner on December 15.  
Christmas program on December 23.

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

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

January 16—Doug Goodwin,  
Pastor, Pilot Knob 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.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## January

- January 1—New Year’s Day (Mission Center Office Closed).
- January 3—Pastor’s Breakfast Fellowship, The Dinner Belle, 8:00 a.m.
- January 15—Friends of the BSU Board Meeting, BSU, Rolla, 6:30 p.m.
- January 29—Trustee’s Meeting, Mission Center Office, 7:00 p.m.

## February

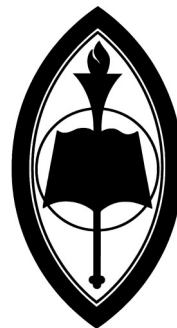
- February 5—Executive Board Meeting, Faith Church, 7:00 p.m.
- February 7—Pastor’s Breakfast Fellowship, The Dinner Belle, 8:00 a.m.
- February 11—17—Focus on WMU.
- February 19—Prayer Journey, Liberty Church, 11:00 a.m.; Owensville Church, 1:00 p.m.; New Salem Church, 2:00 p.m.
- February 19—Pastor’s Roundtable, Linn Church, 6:30 p.m.



## FOCUS ON WMU WEEK COMING FEBRUARY 11—17

The Woman’s Missionary Union was formed in 1888. Since that time it has become the largest Protestant missions organization for women in the world, with a membership of approximately 1 million.

The purpose of the Woman’s Missionary Union is to educate and involve women, girls, and preschoolers in Christian missions.



Focus on WMU Week is a time that Southern Baptists salute this group in all that they do to promote missions.

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.

## OUR STEWARDSHIP OCTOBER—NOVEMBER

Belle	\$ 1,120.20	Gasconade	\$642.10	Mt. Pleasant	\$274.05
Beulah	\$90.49	Hermann	\$ 1,571.00	Mt. Zion	\$0.00
Bland	\$0.00	High Gate	\$447.19	New Salem	\$469.43
Broadway	\$ 1,114.44	Liberty	\$262.47	Owensville	\$8,053.83
Chamois	\$222.97	Liberty Road	\$0.00	Pilot Knob	\$897.00
College Hill	\$ 152.29	Linn	\$ 1,047.84	Pin Oak	\$541.19
Crossroads	\$573.29	Little Flock	\$ 180.27	Solid Rock	\$289.00
Faith	\$684.99	Maranatha	\$72.82	Union Hill	\$289.00
				Vienna	\$ 1,683.00

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## **MEET NEW PASTOR: JACK KURRELMEYER**



Jack Kurrelmeyer is the new pastor of New Salem Baptist Church. Jack and his wife, Anna, are moving to the Owensville community from Belleville, Illinois. He is planning on building a home on the family farm near Mt. Sterling.

Jack worked for 30 years as a heavy equipment mechanic. He has also served as pastor of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Belleville and First Baptist Church, Prairie du Rocher. Jack enjoys music. He sings country gospel music, plays the guitar, and has been a part of several musical groups over the years. Jack has served as hospital chaplain and enjoys nursing home ministry.

The couple has a son, Paul, and a daughter, Beth, as well as four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. They are blessed to be a part of New Salem Baptist Church and are excited to see what God has planned for their lives.