

# Messenger

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## **Schedule of Events**

JANUARY:

15 Executive Board Meeting 6:30 PCBA Office

FEBRUARY:

21-23 GCC Conference

#### WELCOME!

We welcome Matthew Peery and his family to Spring Creek Baptist Church and to PCBA. Please be in prayer for them as they begin their ministry with us. You will be hearing more from Brother Peery in the coming months.

## **Great Commission Conference 2019**

Thursday, Feb 21, 2019 - Sunday, Feb 24, 2019

#### **Great Commission Conference**

This multi-generational event Feb. 21-23 Location: Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Theme: *Multiply, Making Leadership* 



The objective of this Association shall be to glorify God: through inter-church fellowship, through being assisted by and assisting churches in realizing their purpose, and through fostering a unity in faith and practice; by extending the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in carrying out the Great Commission; by providing a channel for the cooperation of the churches in the work of the association and in the work of the Missouri Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

# **Mustard Seeds**

...Let us watch out for one another to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together

as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching. Hebrews 10:24,25

Is it really wintertime? The weather has been unusually warm for this season, which we should receive as a blessing, but also with a warning. Just because the weather is cozy now does not mean it won't be hellacious with wintry breath and frozen precipitation a little later in the winter. Unfortunately, the onslaught of icy conditions does not necessarily take a break on Sundays. We know the great value of fellowship with other disciples of the Lord, especially as we gather together on a Sunday to worship Him. But what should we do, and what should our mindset be, on those occasions when weather conditions absolutely prevent us from gathering? Here are a few ideas that you and your church may want to consider even before a blast of winter hits.

- If you can attend, do attend. Nothing can take the place of the fellowship of believers gathered in the name of the Lord.
- If you are prevented from attending due to weather/travel conditions, consider some alternatives for worship at home with your family:
  - -Read Scripture together, sing hymns, give testimony to God's goodness, pray, give glory to God in all appropriate ways.
  - -Listen to a message from a reputable preacher via live video or television.
    - -Discuss the Sunday School lesson for that Sunday.
- Remember to give tithes and offerings. The ministries and needs
  of the church continue on, even if the church is not able to meet that
  particular Sunday, and we need to give as a part of our worship of the
  Lord. Here are some suggestions for giving:
  - -Some churches make available on their web site a way to give online. This is both convenient and allows the giver to give in a very timely manner.
    - -Mail your tithe/offerings check to the church treasurer.
  - -Set aside a check or cash to bring with you the next time you are able to attend worship services.
- Attend worship services again as soon as possible. Don't allow yourself to slip into the habit of missing when the church meets. If you do you will miss out on the blessings both received from, and given to, your brothers and sisters in Christ.

So, while the weather is still good I'll just say "See you on Sunday!".

#### **PHILADELPHIA**

- **12-2** David Arikian sang "Oh Holy Night". Beautiful song and very well done. Thank you We had a reading titled, "Happy Again" Very interesting. Judges13:1-25 The birth of Samson. Angels said he was never to cut his hair and never to have a string drink.
- 12-9 Malorie Gibbs sang, "Amazing Grace". Diane and Bob Brown accompanied by Bob on guitar sang, "There's A New Kid In Town". Thank you for those specials so beautifully done. Daisy Patterson sang ":Jesus Loves Me'.. Matthew 1:8-25 The birth of Jesus Christ. Jesus came not as a Prince but King of Kings. His name Emmanuel means, God with Us. Psalms 45:1-7 The people had not heard for God in hundreds of years until the angel spoke to Mary and Joseph. Zechariah told of births to come of 1st Jesus and 2nd John, later known as John the Baptist.
- **12-16** We had our Christmas Program. Was a wonderful enactment. Thank you to everyone who participated and those behind the scenes. We had our annual Thanksgiving Christmas dinner. Thank you everyone who helped make this possible. Food galore and so delicious. Thank you again.
- **12-23** Heather Schadt and her mother Trish Gorman sang the lovely song, "Come On Ring Those Bells". Pastor Mike had us turn to page 220 in hymnals and we sang, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus". John 1:1-12 Luke 2: 1-20 Truly lovely service and sermon.
- **12-30** Scripture reading, James 5:13-6 Prayer and business meeting. Jeremiah 6:16, 2:13 God said, my people have committed two sins. They have forsaken me, the spring of living water and have drug broken cisterns that cannot hold water. Stand up and see what is going on. Look where you are. Are you walking with the Lord? Ask for the old paths, the way to God and walk with God. We need God to help us with problems of our lives and the world. Forsake the things which are behind us.

Read your bibles daily and have the talk with Jesus. He wants to hear from you. Hare God's love with others. Make 2019 the best year ever by being more committed to God and our church families.

Til next time, Goldie

#### **MACEDONIA**

Please be in prayer for our Pastor Dave and wife Gini in the loss of Dave's brother Jack.

We continue to look forward to our church service with a time of getting into God's word and a time of Fellowship with the church family. Then of course we continue to enjoy our coffee and donuts on Sunday morning.

Angie Winfrey

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The BSU STUDENTS AND LEADERS ARE NOW GONE ON THE **JANU-ARY DISASTER RELIEF TRIP** TO NORTH CAROLINA.

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR ALL THOSE INVOLVED FOR A SAFE TRIP AND MANY BLESSINGS GIVEN AND RECEIVED.

ALSO PLEASE KEEP PRAYING FOR JAGAT LAMSAL AND FAMILY AS THEY NAVIAGTE THRU JAGAT'S ILLNESS, TREATMENT AND RECOVERY.

Plans for the joint BSU and **Phelps County Baptist Association** mission trip to **Honduras** move along. We have three from PCBA going, plus nine from the BSU. It's a joy to work with Ken and other folks from PCBA to prepare for what the Lord has in store to use us to touch lives. We'll be doing some fund-raising for this one, including a **Trivia Night** (watch for info on that one).

**Dr. Jagat Lamsal** continues to seek to win internationals, on campus and in town, through **International Connection Point**. Pray with us that God will reveal Himself to our international friends and bring local Christians to support the effort with involvement and, quite frankly, money. The group is also seeking a larger home where they can meet. You can contact Jagat at: jnlamsal03@gmail.com or 573-639-0254. **You can help** ensure students at Missouri S&T continue to have **experiences like this and like you enjoyed** here at the Baptist Student Union. Please, pray about giving.

Please, <u>continue to tithe through your local church and support our associations</u>. Missouri S&T (MSM & UMR) graduates, more than many, are **blessed with jobs that pay well**. We would love for all alumni to participate as blessed by the Lord and led by the Holy Spirit.

If you would like to help, there are a number of ways to do so. Checks should be made out to the **Friends of the Baptist Student Union at Missouri S&T, Inc.** All donations should be mailed directly to Legends Bank at the following address:

Legends Bank P.O. Box 1517 Rolla, MO 65402-1517

The *PayPal* option, is available on our website: **rollabsu.com**. Remember that *PayPal* charges just over 3% per transaction. You may want to set up an **Authorization for Direct Payment**. The form is on our website. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support. The Lord is using us to impact students' lives for the Kingdom. May the Lord bless you!

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#### SPRING CREEK

December was a month of much blessing, celebration, and bitter-sweet fare-wells. First and foremost, during this Christmas season we focused our thanksgiving to God for the free gift of Salvation through our King and Savior Jesus, the Messiah.

On December 2nd, as reported in last-month's Messenger, Pastor Matt Peery preached and met with us as the candidate for our permanent full-time pastor, and that evening God led us to a unanimous confirmation from the membership of Pastor Matt.

On December 9th we were blessed to participate in our annual Christmas program, including presentations from Pastor Don with a lighting of the advent candles in a series commemorating the 400 years between the prophets and the birth of Jesus. Remembering the history has been helpful in understanding the world into which Jesus was born. Each week leading up to Christmas, Pastor Don spent time helping us understand the characters and their parts in the Christmas story.

On December 16th we were led in worship by the Spring Creek Crabgrass Band - a gathering of members who put together a program of worship music. What a blessing it is to sing praises to God for sending to us His Son, fully human, yet fully God!

On December 23d, Pastor Don led us in a sermon from Luke 2:6-20 to understand the importance for us to RESPOND to the coming of Jesus, looking at those who responded at the time of His advent. There were both earthly and heavenly responses for us to consider.

On December 24th, we came together for a Christmas Eve service, enjoying a time of worship and Lord's Supper service, helping us focus on the work of salvation God did for our benefit through the first advent of Jesus.

On December 30th, we spent a bitter-sweet last Sunday with Pastor Don and Sister Becki. Pastor Don preached from Luke 24:36-53 about Jesus' closing words to his disciples, and encouraged us to take those closing words to heart, moving forward in our new era of opportunity at Spring Creek with Pastor Matt, each of us doing our part to be witnesses of the Gospel Message to those around us. We are excited about the future, and are thankful for the work God did for Spring Creek through the transitional ministry to which He has called Don and Becki. At the same time, it was difficult to say our farewells to them.

We ask you for your prayers for Don and Becki Kelley as they seek God's direction to their next assignment in transitional ministry. We also ask for your prayers for God's direction for Pastor Matt Peery, Sister Laura, and their children, as they transition to a new phase of their life serving with us here at Spring Creek, and in the Rolla area. Please also pray for all of us here at Spring Creek that God will open our minds and hearts to His direction for us as he allows us to be a part of advancing His Kingdom.

Your brother in Jesus,

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NEWBURG

December is the month for our Lottie Moon Christmas Missions Offering. Spreading Christ globally.

The Bible study normally scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month was moved up to Wednesday the 5th.

On Friday the 7th was our Ladies' Christmas Party, The Magi's Gifts. There was singing and an examination of each of the gifts that the Magi brought to Jesus at his birth. Not just a scholarly examination, Frankincense that a Priest would use at the time and the burial oil, Myrrh were brought for everyone to see and smell. Thank you to the lovely ladies that participated and coordinated the program. Our Women's Mission Study was held on the evening of the 9th.

Each Sunday during regular services we recognized the Advent of Christ's arrival, noting the Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy he brought. Abundant Blessings Food Distribution was on December 22nd. Evening Services were canceled on December 30th.

We wish everyone in the association a Merry Christmas and the best wishes for New Year 2019. May it be a very blessed year of our Lord.

Colleen

# **WMU**



# 2019 Missions Celebration and Annual Meeting First Baptist Church, Kearney, MO

April 5-6, 2019

For questions or registration about Missions Celebration – mobaptist.org

Early Bird Registration: \$35 (Before March 19, 2019)

Registration Fee: \$45

Jayne

#### INTERNATIONAL CONNECTION CHURCH

International Connection Point (ICP) is the name for the ministry at Rolla among international students, visiting scholars and their families at Missouri S&T. It also includes non-student internationals. In our Saturday night Bible study, we often have over 30 people attend, and Sunday night fellowship has an attendance approaching 50. We had one baptism last year, one more so far this year, and several others who are currently considering this life-changing decision in Christ followed by baptism.

God has brought over 50 nations to our doorstep and has given us a huge opportunity to minister to internationals, draw them to Christ, and disciple them. As they return to their home countries, they can evangelize their family, communities, and entire country. In this way, we can accomplish the God-given Great Commission to share the good news of Jesus around the world as these new disciples come to faith in Christ.

We are in a very foundational level of ministry and there are many needs. Currently we need a large space that can hold up to 100 people for our fellowship group. Because this group is comprised of people who are coming from many different faiths, including Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and others, it requires a neutral environment, so doing the fellowships in church facilities is not an option. Any amount of monthly or one-time financial support from a church, individual, or entity would greatly help the continued ministry of *International Connection Point*. We truly appreciate your prayerful support of this ministry as we

partner in God's Global Kingdom Growth. Jagat Lamsal

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International Connection Point

#### TREASURER'S REPORT DECEMBER, 2018

#### PHELPS COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		DISBURSEMENTS	
Edgar Springs	340.48	Pastoral Ministries	225.00
Ft. Wyman		WMU	
Jerome	137.00	Missions Team	500.00
Kentuck		Baptist Student Union	500.00
Mt. Zion		Annual Meeting	
Macedonia	140.01	Office Equipment	109.03
Mt. Olive	131.25	Office Utilities	198.66
Newburg	673.74	Office supplies	58.88
New Home	133.00	Office Phone/Internet	60.77
Philadelphia	386.13	DOM Travel Exp.	136.25
Rolla First		DOM	1,988.75
Salem Avenue	1,461.58	Secretary	1,105.00
New Life Fellowship	239.04	Camp Caretaker	58.16
Spring Creek	558.15	Social Security Taxes	88.98
WMU Day of Prayer		Insurance/Workman's Comp	1,506.29
St. James First	416.08	Camp Utilities	96.22
Winkler		Friends of BSU	
International Church		Camp Maintenance	41.64
Camp Income	80.00	Camp Development	
Total Church Income	4,807.51	Camp Program	
Misc. Income	111.05	Misc Items	350.00
Block Party		Block Party Exp	
		Honorariums	
TOTAL DEPOSIT	4,807.51	TOTAL EXPENSES	7,823.63
Initial Year Balance	19,942.91	Old Balance	22,487.06
Total Income	17,926.85	Current Income	4,807.51
Initial Bal+ Income	37,869.76	Balance Plus receipts	27,294.57
Total Term Disbur	18,398.82	Current Month Disbursements	7,823.63
Current Year Bal	19,470.94	Current Month Balance	19,470.94
Initial Certificate	,	Current Certificate value	0.00

TREASURER .. Howard D. Pyron 12-31-2018

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matt 28:19-20 (NKJV)