

VISION

Webster County Baptist Association

“Think on these things”

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

Greetings once again from The Mission Center and I hope this newsletter finds you doing well and staying healthy. As I write this note the weather once again looks like winter...not the sunshine lighting up a fresh coat of snow winter, but the gray sky – kind of rainy – temperatures dropping winter. Personally, I don't mind the cold or the snow but I have to admit I am ready for the sunshine. The passage listed above is always a good reminder for me when I seem to be focusing on the wrong things. I love this verse for a couple reasons. First, Paul wrote this note when he had every opportunity to focus on the negative. He was a prisoner. Second this note was written to people who were in the midst of life in a challenging culture. It is just a great reminder that the Bible is always relevant and applicable. The Bible is timeless...Its' message is always current.

In no particular order let me share a few of the things I would rather focus on besides the gray sky.

- The children in my circle of family and friends that show me how genuine laughter looks.
- Family and Friends
- The home I go to every evening that is safe and encouraging.
- The people I work with that lift me to levels I would never reach alone.
- The pastors and staff in our association that inspire me with their level of dedication to their church and our God.
- The churches that I have the privilege to serve...It is a true joy.
- The opportunity to fish once in a while...reminding me of how patience pays off and how humility is learned through the many casts that net zero fish.
- The hope our Savior gives His church in a world that seems to be spinning out of control.
- The Grace Jesus extended this person so many years ago, allowing me to become His child.

Truly the list could go on and on, but I hope my message is clear. We choose what we set our minds on and my hope is that you choose things that are true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, of good repute and excellent.

I thank God for you all and look forward to a warm day with a fly rod in my hand and a nice fish keeping the line tight. Keep up the great work out there!

Mitch

If your church would be interested in having the Association bus, please let us know by March 1st. The Executive Board has voted to find a new owner for the bus. The Trustees voted to offer it free of charge to our churches for 30 days, and then seek an outside buyer after that time, if no church is interested. Please submit your interest in writing, by emailing cheryl@webcobaptist.org.

Past Events:

The Executive Board met on January 17th.

The Board approved recommendations from the Executive Council to find a new owner for the Association Bus and approved procedures for the use of benevolence funds. Ministry reports were shared, along with lots of exciting things ahead for 2019.

Copies of the 2018 Annual report are now available. If you would like one, you may request an electronic copy, or a paper copy and we will be happy to get one to you.

The first planning meeting for the Outdoor Sportsman Event 2019 was held. Ideas are requested for more ways to share the Word of God with the shooters while they are on the ranges.

Evangelism Training was held on January 24th. Thanks to Jeff Mann for sharing and for all who came out to participate!

The Women on Mission spent a day in the kitchen preparing meals for our freezer. These meals benefit foster families and families in crisis.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Camp 2019 held their first planning meeting of the year on Sunday the 27th at 2pm. Anyone interested in helping, is welcome to attend their next meeting.

The VBS ordering program through our local Lifeway store has changed. If you would like to order your VBS materials through the association, please give me a call and we can discuss the changes/benefits. We will still need to place the orders in the month of February.

LADIES NIGHT OUT is February 23rd at 6:30 at Henderson. This is a free event open to all ladies, We hope to see you there! Be watching for further details.

Our Annual BIBLE TRIVIA CHALLENGE will be held on March 21st at 6:30. It's never too early to get your team together and ready to compete in this fun night!

NEW TO THE CALENDAR!!!

The Pastor/Deacon Ministries will present an evening on Church Health and Outreach. All church leadership is welcomed to attend. Details to follow.

This summer the Association will offer TWO mission Trip Opportunities!

June 16-22 there will be an Association wide trip to Charleston Missouri to work alongside Shining Light Outreach. There will be varied ministry opportunities including VBS, Evangelism, Feeding programs and Outreach to adults. This is an area widely affected by violence and poverty. The cost of the trip will be 100.00 which includes all expenses, we will be staying on a campground along with those we will minister to. We need a commitment of at least 25 in order to go, and the deadline to register is May 1st. Contact our office or Josh Laudig at 619-5108 for more details.

On August 31-September 6 we will partner with Marshfield First on a Hurricane relief trip to PUERTO RICO. The cost for the trip will be 220.,00 plus airfare and will include heavy physical labor as the team helps however they can with ongoing hurricane relief efforts. Contact Stephen Nutt at 468-2330 or our office form more info on this trip.

2019 CALENDAR

*Unless noted, all events are held at the
Mission Center*

JANUARY

27 Camp Planning - 2:00 pm

FEBRUARY

4-15 VBS Materials Ordering

23 Ladies Night Out – TBA - 6:30 pm

24 Camp Planning - 2pm

MARCH

5 Outdoor Sportsman Event Planning

20 Newsletter Deadline

21 Bible Trivia Contest

24 Camp Planning -2pm

28 Church Leadership Renewal

APRIL

1 CSIT Applications Due

2 Exec Council Meeting – 6:30pm

11 Executive Board Meeting – 6:30

13 CSIT Interviews

14-18 Revival

27 Blessing of the Bikes

28 Camp Planning Meeting –2pm

MAY

1 Camp Staff Forms Due

7 Outdoor Sportsman Event Planning

19 Camp Planning – 2pm

22 Newsletter Deadline

JUNE

1 Kids Fishing Day –10-2

3 Early Camp Registration Deadline

16-22 Mission Trip Charleston, MO

23 Camp Staff Training –2pm

28 Late Camp registration Deadline

JULY

4-7 Marshfield Parade/ Fair

11 Executive Board Meeting - 6:30 pm

14-17 Children's Camp

17-20 Middle School Camp

24 Newsletter Deadline

28 Camp Follow-Up Meeting

CHURCH NEWS:

Mission Chapel News. December was a busy month, as I am sure it is for everyone. We began the start of our Christmas season on December 5th, by meeting at Colonial Springs Care Center in Buffalo, for Christmas caroling. We had around 40 people, young and young at heart attending. I believe this is the largest turnout that we have ever had. It was an uplifting time for the residents, as well as for ourselves. Seeing the residents smiling and singing along sure made it fulfilling. That following Sunday evening, after service, we gathered and assembled goodie plates for those 70 or older around our community. These plates were well received.

We had 19 children participate in our musical Christmas program about the birth of Christ. For a small rural church, this is astounding! The kids did a great job and we are all so very proud of them! We are blessed to say the least.

January is sanctity of human life month. We had a dvd from Choices Pregnancy Center to watch. Due to technical difficulties we were only able to have the sound. I think this worked out much better because we were more focused on what was being said instead of watching the interviews. Jeremiah 1:5 says, "Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee."

Psalms 127:3 says, "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward."

Doesn't get anymore clear than that. Abortion is wrong, abortion is murder! I urge you to support Choices even if all you do is pray.

Our upcoming events include: January birthday and anniversary fellowship where we are changing it up a bit and watching an inspirational movie instead of the usual evening service. A sweetheart banquet is also planned again this year.

NORTHVIEW: It's been quiet at church for a while. We had our children's program at Christmas and the kids did awesome.

The kids Sunday school class is having a Valentine's dinner for the congregation on February 10 after morning service. March 9 at 6 we are having our first singing of the year. We would like to see you all there. There's nothing better than good fellowship, food and music.

We hope everyone is doing good and having a blessed year so far.

NEW BEGINNING: Not too much to report happening at New Beginning Church. Cold weather has been keeping people home, it will be nice to see warm, sunny days soon. Mrs Jenny Johnson put together this years Christmas program with both children and adults participating. Lottie Moon offering was taken up after the program. New Beginning lost a precious member of our congregation, Frank Long passed on to be with Jesus on December 15th. He was a wonderful man that will be missed by all that knew him. We invite you to come and visit our little church, I guarantee you a friendly handshake and the Word God preached in truth.

Cheryl's Thoughts:

On Jan 2 I had some major abdominal surgery. I've had lots of surgery and assumed like the others, I would suffer through the healing process and get back to life. This was somewhere around my 20th surgery, so I knew what to expect. I was taken by surprise however one week later, when I knew something wasn't right. A stay in the emergency room revealed several small blood clots in my right lung. I went from a confident patient to a TERRIFIED child. Every twinge sent me into a fear of another clot, and each sneeze, cough or trip to the bathroom, filled me with fear that I would bleed out from the thinners they gave me. There was no place of peace to be found. And no reassurance from hospital staff, made an impact. I'm glad 95% of people have no trouble with blood thinners....but 95% of people don't get blood clots after surgery either you know!

So, where does a terrified child go to find some peace???? First of all, my private surgery went public. I needed people to pray and offer me some support and assurance.....and I read the comments over and over. I looked back to find times when I had been in crisis before, and God had seen me through. I needed to remind myself of His loving care and ability to protect. And I held on. I was scared, but I held on. I knew His faithfulness, I knew His ability to care for me (and my family), I rested in the prayers of others, when I couldn't muster the ability to pray on my own.

Are you overwhelmed today? Are you terrified of an uncertain future? Are you full of doubts and worries? Welcome to the club, we all are sometimes! My advice.....Share it! Let others pray and lift you up, they can pray even when you have run out of words. Look back...when has God delivered you before? If He did it once, He will do it again...and HANG ON! Find some tiny piece of His loving nature and hang onto that! He Loves you, and so do I, I'd be honored to share your burden, and lift you up!

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