



**“I thank my God...”**

**<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all,**

**<sup>5</sup>in view of your <sup>[a]</sup> participation in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>For I am confident of this very thing,**

**That He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.**

**Phil. 1:3-6**

Greetings once again from the Mission Center of Webster County Baptist Association. As I think about the last three months and all that God has done in our area this passage was the first one that came to mind. In this passage, I imagine Paul thinking about how God is working in and through the churches he was acquainted with. I imagine him hearing of the baptisms, the church growth, the lives changed, and yes, even the struggles. Life for the early church was not entirely different than it is for the church today. This church in Phillippi was in an area full of people who need a personal relationship with Jesus. This church was in a city that needed the healing power of The Holy Spirit. This church in Phillippi was placed and planted so that the message of salvation would be and could be heard for all who dared to listen. And in this letter, we see Paul start off with a statement of thanksgiving, acknowledging their commitment to the gospel, as well as their need to work together.

Paul wanted this church to understand that while they have a unique place to proclaim the gospel, it will take every church, working together, to reach their lost world.

As we look at WCBA, and the area we serve, I confirm wholeheartedly with Paul when I say: **I Thank God For All Of You !** I thank God when I see the pictures of people being baptized. I thank God when I see the reports of the special events that disciple people to a deeper relationship with Jesus. I thank God when I see youth trips, children’s activities and trips for the older members that build community and relationships. I thank God when I get to visit the churches and hear our great preachers proclaim The Word of God with Boldness. I thank God when I see you all come together, as we did at the revival, to worship, and learn how to better reach this area.

I guess what I am saying , as I have said many times before ...THANK YOU!  
I am honored to serve as your director and look forward to seeing what great things God has ahead for WCBA.

Thank you and may God Richly bless you.

**Mitch**

## A Letter of Thanks from Campamento Wixarika 2026

I just received notice from Barbie, the NVBC church secretary, that your very generous check for **\$9,800** arrived in the post office box today. Thank you, and to the entire team of encouragers who participated, for this sacrificial love offering for the Huichol Camp, *Clay in Your Hands*.

This year, Huichol campers, pastors, leaders, and even the faithful ladies who came along to prepare thousands of delicious tortillas were blessed beyond measure. Together, we studied, meditated on, and witnessed firsthand the Potter's perfect design as He shapes and transforms the lives of those lumps of clay He has chosen.

It is truly breathtaking to see Mexican brothers and sisters, along with friends, some, like you whom we have not even met, working together to love, serve, and share with our Huichol brothers and sisters. As I mentioned earlier, the "scholarship fund" helps reduce or underwrite the already subsidized cost of camp. The Huichol believers themselves have emphasized the importance of each participant contributing what they can; however, not all are able to find work or afford the fee. We never want finances to prevent anyone from attending, so sponsors like you step in to help. While no one can do everything, everyone can participate.

Since my husband and I left for Mexico fifty years ago, we have held to a simple policy: we do not ask for financial assistance. From the beginning, we have trusted that God opens doors, knows every need, and provides in His perfect way. That remains true today. There has never been a single project He has failed to supply, completely. It is always a joy to see how He chooses to do so, and this year, He has used your extraordinary generosity to confirm the value of this open door. Thank you

I send out a bi-monthly prayer update highlighting current activities here in Tepic, to friends of this ministry who have asked to receive it. I will attach the latest edition, sent out yesterday, which features the Huichol (Wixárika) youth camp you have invested in and includes links to photos from each day.

As always, the final stages of logistics bring their share of challenges, something the enemy never fails to exploit. Your investment has greatly eased the burden of provisions this year. The Potter has indeed chosen willing and useful vessels to accomplish His purposes.

Thank you again for your prayers for the camp, for caring, and sharing.

With gratitude,

**Debbie Mellberg**

<https://mexicoministry.blogspot.com/>

**pictures and videos from this year's Huichol youth camp, Clay in Your Hands**

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/debbiemellberg/collections/72157724836178501/>

## CHURCH NEWS

**Diggins Baptist Church ...** Is now in their new construction. Also started an outreach bus ministry on Wednesday nights going into Sparta to pick up youth. They are very busy with many activities. Their very own Mrs. Twila Dedmon branched out and was a guest speaker at this year's woman conference held at mission home. She gave an extraordinary delivery even thru the nervousness she was feeling.

### **Mission Chapel ...**

What a wonderful spring season! Our Valentine's Day Banquet was well attended with a wonderful meal, fellowship, and the Newlywed game played by not so new Newlyweds. lol. The returning champs from last year won the game again. We celebrated the birth of a little boy in March and another new baby is expected in July. What a blessing! Our Easter service was a blessing to all who attended with an early service followed by breakfast and our regular services. We observed the Lord's Supper which was a blessing all on its own. We are thankful for the opportunity to give to missions and met our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal. During our evening service on April 26th, 2 young men will participate in Bible Drills. They have worked very hard to learn the verses, key passages, and books of the Bible. We have 1 Senior graduating high school this year. She plans to attend college in Florida, and we will celebrate her achievement in May. **Congratulations!** Save the dates for our upcoming events: May 30th 10 am to 2 pm Elkland Community Days at the park with free food, petting zoo, bounce houses, cake walk, crafts, pig races, games, bible stories, and more! May 31st after our evening service will be a community Fish Fry at the church with all the sides as well. June 8th-12th is VBS with the theme True North and everyone planning to prepare for the kid's God is going to send our way

We have been busy and blessed at **Mission Home**. We had a special observance of the Lord's Supper on Good Friday. We celebrated Easter/Resurrection Sunday with breakfast at 9 and worship service at 10.

The women kicked into high gear and held our 5th annual Women's Conference on April 18th. The 'Blooming For Jesus' Conference was attended by over 80 ladies. We all had a wonderful time. All praise and honor to God! The speakers did an awesome job of letting God lead them.

The men had a fish fry on April 24. They always have a great time and probably eat too much.

Our revival starts Sunday night, April 26, at 6 p.m. Monday through Friday it starts at 7 p.m. The revival is April 26 - May 1.

We will be having Vacation Bible School June 16 - 19. Supper at 5:30 and VBS will start at 6 p.m. We now have Sunday evening service at 6 p.m. We have a great time of fellowship, singing, and Pastor Donnie Greenwood gives a message. **Everyone is welcome.**

# Upcoming Events

## **2026 Missourians on Mission trip opportunities.**

Our in-state trip will be May 25th-29th, 2026 which does include Memorial Day. We will be at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church: 19683 Highway, Bucklin, MO 64631. The main project will be to replace the front steps with a porch and ramp and repair some electrical issues.

The out-of-state trip will be in Floyd, Arkansas population 377! We will meet July 27th-31st, 2026 at the First Baptist Church of Floyd: [1198 AR-31, 72136](#). It is a very nice rural building with a relatively new addition. They run between 50-70 on Sundays and have a vital children's ministry. Our project will be to erect a red iron frame for a new building in preparation for a big team coming later in the summer to finish the inside. We do have a gentleman coming who has quite a bit of experience with this type of construction, and he will be overseeing it. The building is approximately 50' x 70' with 10' walls, so it is a manageable size for us. We will also put metal on the outside. You do not need construction skills to attend these trips, and they are very family friendly! We also have our own cooking crew and sewing team who make quilts and other items to donate so several opportunities here. Please contact the **Association office 417-859-5346 or Cassie Stephans 417-872-6759 for more information and/or an interest form.**

**Free Kid's Fishing Day Is June 6th 2026. Same pond as the past years. 260 Twin Oaks Lane in Marshfield Mo.**

**From 10am-2pm.**

**Free fishing poles & worms for kids! Complimentary fish fry, with fellowship for everyone at noon.**

**We are planning Big photo opportunities for the kids this year.**

**Weather permitting. Call Webster County Baptist Association @ 417-859-5346 with any questions.**

Camp registration starts May 1st. We are doing it a little different this year. You will register on Webster County Baptist Association website, and pay through PayPal. You could also drop off a check or cash at the office we will provide you with a receipt. Cost this year will be \$140.00 but check with your church, some churches are covering at least some of the expense. Camp registration closes June 21st. After this date your child will be put on a waiting list. **Camp week this year is July 5-11.** Kids camp is from July 5th - 8th & Youth camp will be July 9th- 11th. Please feel free to call the association office @ 417-859-5346 with any questions.

We have The **Family Swim Party** August 15th, 2026 from 9:30-11:30 am

This year is the **20th Anniversary of the OUTDOOR SPORTSMAN EVENT!!!**  
We are still in the Prayerful planning stage but be expecting **BIG THINGS** to happen ! Please join us in prayer over this and all upcoming events!

## PRAYER REQUEST



**CAMP!**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**

Webster County Baptist Association Kids Camp  
**July 5-8, 2026**  
For kids who will have just completed grades 3-5

Registration opens May 1, 2026  
Watch for more information or call 417.859.5346



Webster County Baptist Association

**SAVE THE DATE**

July 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>



**SUMMER YOUTH CAMP**

All youth finishing grades 6-12 welcome!  
Contact information:  
Grant Dedmon (417) 531-1575 WCBA (417) 859-5346

## They are our Future

National Day of Prayer is **Thursday May 7, 2026**

You can join **Rogersville 1st Baptist Church** located at 101 W. Center St.

Time is 10:30 am in their worship hall. With a light lunch to follow. Also prayer services will be held at the **Webster County Courthouse**. Location is 101 S. Crittenden Time is 5:30pm. Please join the NATIONAL DAY IN PRAYER by lifting your voice up with the nations.

The Annual Walk For Life is Saturday, May 9th, 2026. It will be held at Marshfield First in the parking lot. Register online at [walk4life.choicespc.org](http://walk4life.choicespc.org) to be a walker. Walk starts at 9:00 am With sign in starting at 8:30am.

## WCBA NEWS

We are proud to say that every event this year has been very well attended. The Bible trivia night had 51 players with this year's winner being Good Spring Church. 20 were present for each of the Executive Board Meetings. The WCBA revival was so well attended that our lowest attended night still had 100 worshipper present. WOW Even though we had to cancel the Mission Trip to Mexico due to the unrest over there , we still were able to raise \$9800 in donations to sent to the children's camp.

Thank You All of WCBA !!!!

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[We are trying to be good stewards however prices keep going up.](#)

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