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# VISION

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Webster County Baptist Association

***“I thank my God in my remembrance of you,”***

**Phil. 1:3**

Greetings again from the WCBA Mission Center, and I hope you have had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and are gearing up for Christmas and New Years. To say the obvious, the days ahead are filled with so many opportunities and activities. In the midst of everything that is happening let me say a few words on the passage from Philippians. When Paul was writing this letter to the church in Philippi, I imagine he had time to reflect on his history with this young church, and how they have blessed him with prayers and support. Given the nature of this relationship, it is no surprise that Paul first wanted to thank them. In his travels and during his ministry he understood the importance and necessity of the community of believers we call the church. What a blessing it must have been to be on the receiving end of this letter, as it was read to this church fresh from Paul's hand! What a joy it surely was to know they have been a blessing to his ministry.

In the same light, as we have just passed Thanksgiving, and are heading into Christmas and New Years, let me say I feel completely the same as Paul. When I think of you...all of you...and the churches represented in the Webster County Baptist Association, I thank my God! I thank you for your commitment to telling this community and this world the good news of The Gospel. I thank God for your creativity in how you reach your community. I thank God for each teacher and leader, who faithfully opens the Bible each week to teach its' truth. I thank God for each pastor, faithfully serving his congregation through the many seasons of life and culture. I thank God for your generosity in helping those who need a hand up. I thank God that you love the children, knowing they are the future of our churches, as well as the seniors, knowing they are the shoulders on which we all stand. I thank God that you pray for and encourage one another.

Simply put, I thank God for you!

As I close this short note, let me again state how grateful I am to serve as the director of WCBA, and for the many ways you show your love and support! I hope you have a blessed Christmas and New Years, and that you never doubt how thankful I am for you.

God bless and may His mercy and grace fill you and your home.

**Mitch**



## **Hooray !! Rogersville First Baptist Church**

now has a New Pastor. His name is Aaron Ipock seen here with his lovely wife Julie. Please keep them both in your prayers. I know I'm praying for a great growth in attendance for this Sweet Church. And a Strong bond among all who attend services there.

You could also join them in prayer for or in person as they have a Drive - Thru Live Nativity Scene on Dec. 8th-10th @ 6pm to 8pm.

WE are called to pray for one another so please be in special prayer for both Mission Home and Prospect as they are still seeking new Pastors.

If you wish to have your church featured, please send me a picture along with any news, Praises or Prayer Request you wish to share.

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## January

- 11 Executive Board Meeting
- 16 Newsletter Deadline

## February

- 1 Church Development
- 6 Outdoor Sportsman Planning @ noon

## March

- 5 Bible Trivia Night
- 20 Newsletter deadline
- ? Youth (worship & Laser Tag)  
Date not yet determined

## April

- 11 Executive Board Meeting
- 14-17 Revival
- 20 Ladies Night Out @ Henderson Church \* **new date**\*

## May

- 7 Outdoor Sportsman Planning @ noon
- 15 Camp Registration opens
- 20 Newsletter Deadline
- 27-31 Mission Trip (In State)  
Location is being decided
- ? Youth (Mission Experience @ School to the Nations)  
Date yet to be determined

## June

- 1 Kids Fishing Day
- 21 Camp Registration Closes

## July

- 3 Outdoor Sportsman Planning @ noon
- 7-13 Camp Week
- 18 Executive Board Meeting
- 23 Newsletter Deadline
- 29- Aug 2 Mission Trip (Out of State)  
Location is being decided

## August

- 13 Outdoor Sportsman Event Training
- 24 Outdoor Sportsman Event @ Camp Arrowhead  
Starting @ 7am
- ? Youth (Renting the pool)  
Date yet to be determined

## September

- 12-14 Seymour Apple Festival
- 18 Newsletter Deadline
- 24 Church Development

## October

- 10 Annual Meeting

## November

- 2 Ladies Night Out
- 14 Thankful For You Banquet
- 18 Newsletter Deadline

# News From Our Churches

**Born Again Baptist** has adopted a new constitution and bylaws. We have also approved the replacement of our roof with a metal roof. God is alive and well in our church.

Once again, **Conway First Baptist** is grateful for how the Lord is leading our church. What a blessing it was to receive two new members by baptism on Oct 15th. This couple realizes how wonderful it is to have the Lord in their lives. Our church was pleased to help Grace Baptist Church by allowing them to baptize three people in our baptistery Oct 19th. We reached out to the Conway community on Halloween by handing out hot dogs and chips along with the candy at our Trunk of Treat. We were pleased to have a large number of happy young people and parents. We appreciate Brother Mitch for filling in on Nov 5th while Pastor Kyle had to be out of town. He presented a wonderful service and a great sermon. The Lord continues to supply our Food Pantry in a special way.

**Friendship Church:** Hosted The Family Night of Illusions @ the Junior high school with 12 decisions to follow christ made.

**Marshfield First** is excited to be a part of Operation Christmas Child this year! In November, shoeboxes were collected during national collection week from local churches. What a privilege and joy it is to greet so many people from other churches and to pray with them as we ask God's blessing on each box recipient. On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, our OCC team heads to Dallas, to lend a helping hand at the processing center. It's amazing to see how a small shoebox can bring so much joy and spread the great news of Jesus to children around the world. Marshfield First will also be having a Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship and Lord's Supper starting at 4:30pm. Feel free to join us if you are looking for a place to worship this Christmas eve.

**New Beginning** Is proud to announce that they have Lance & Amy Scott as their interim since Pastor Tim Johnson Retired.

**Northview** has a new pastor John Livingston. His wife is Elaine. Proud to have them, please keep them in prayer.

### Remember:

Event dates are tentative however changes will be posted as they become available.

# WCBA NEWS

**At the annual Meeting** it was decided to change the annual meeting to Thursday Night from Sunday afternoon in hopes of a better turn out because it wouldn't interfere with Sunday night services.

**Ladies Night Out was a blast .** We eat ,laughed, shared a devotional, made a craft and enjoyed sweet fellowship. So if you missed this one the new date for the next one is now APRIL 20th so mark your calendars.

**At the Choices Pregnancy Banquet ,** It was pointed out By the Keynote Speaker Cassidy Bowen Anderson that in March 2023 initiative petitions(IPS) were filed with the Missouri Secretary of state's office that seek to enshrine a right to abortion in our Missouri Constitution. The IP is the process by which individuals can seek to put language on the ballot for voters to amend(change) our states Constitution . They then need to collect enough signatures in support of their petition. SO please be CAREFUL of what you sign . Language can be deceiving and we know who the author of deception is... the proposed amendment would...forbid fathers of unborn children to have the right of advanced notice or the right to have any legal standing to prevent it. We serve a heavenly FATHER and know how important fathers are.Under some versions it would allow abortions until the moment of birth. Some initiatives are so broadly worded thats courts might force Pregnancy Centers to be licensed by the authorities and to refer for abortions.

**STAND WITH US TO KEEP MISSOURI PRO\_LIFE! DECLINE TO SIGN** Felt this needed to be repeated.

**I would like to thank everyone and tell you that I appreciate you all for this opportunity to serve with you. I truly feel blessed to be able to help in any way that I can.**

**MY OUR LORD BLESS AND KEEP US ,THROUGH OUT THIS COMING YEAR!**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

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