

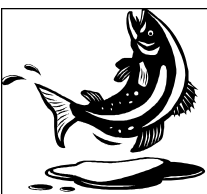
First Baptist Church-Washington

From June 20-26th a 45 person team from First Baptist Church of Washington consisting of 26 youth, 13 adults, and 6 children went on a mission trip to Amherst, WI. While in Amherst, the students ministered to over 100 children at the Riverside Bible Camp through a morning VBS and an afternoon day camp. During the events, the students participated in worship and were challenged in areas of discipleship and sharing their faith with others. On Friday, the students set up and helped operate carnival games at the Amherst Family Fun Night, sponsored by the Amherst Bible Church and Riverside Bible Camp. Over 400 people attended this event. The impact on the community for Christ was immeasurable.

ANNUITY BOARD MEETING

The association is hosting the Annuity Board meeting on August 26, with personal meetings from 10:00-5:00. Please call the association for your best appointment time.

The evening of August 26 there will be a group meeting at 7:00 p.m. This is open to all church staff, treasurers, deacons, and others who have an interest. Discussed will be how small churches can be involved with the annuity board for their pastors, a question/answer time, "Planning Financial Support" and "How much is enough when planning for retirement?"



OCTOBER 9

KEEP THE DATE

Sportsman Banquet

Professional Fisherman Glenn Chappellear

Fish Fry

Door Prizes

Demonstrations!



ANNUAL MEETING

3:00 p.m. Sunday, October 3

Roland Manor Baptist Church

Speaker: Tim Sadler, IBSA

Evangelism Rally 6:30 p.m.

PRAYER WALKING

July 31, 2010

Prayer walking for Hope Builders

Meet at the South Side Mission back parking lot at 9:45 a.m.

Walking the areas that Hope Builders will be serving

HOPE BUILDERS

August 2-6

Mission Opportunity right in our backyard

This is the week we all join together to serve on various projects on the South Side of Peoria. All volunteers are needed. You can volunteer for the entire week, work a day, work in the morning, afternoon or evening.

The project with kick off at 8:00 a.m. at the South Side Mission back parking lot. Projects include roof repairs, painting (interior and exterior), miscellaneous carpentry repairs, kitchen renovation and siding. There will be something for everyone. Youth and adults welcome.

Lunch will be provided at Laramie Street Baptist Church.

Call or email Harold Booze at 256-0925

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BRO. JOE'S JOURNAL

We need revival! We must have renewal! Without a spiritual awakening our nation is lost! These are just a few comments I have heard in our association that describe the spiritual condition of our area. I concur. We need revival. Without a significant movement of God, I'm not sure where our churches, communities, and our nation will be spiritually in a few years.

Virtually everyone will agree with that belief. But what are we willing to do about it? Would you be willing to join with other churches in our association next September, 2011, to have an area-wide crusade? A crusade featuring a nationally recognized speaker, inspiring worship, and fervent prayer? Or shall we just talk about revival while our churches decline and the lost in our communities increase?

Last week a meeting was held to discuss the possibility of an area-wide crusade. Seven churches were represented. Seven churches out of thirty-six. That makes it hard to believe when people talk about wanting revival.

I am sure some will say revivals don't work anymore. I am talking about an area-wide crusade with more exposure, funding, support and prayer than a local church revival. Some may say "I don't like that plan." Great, what's your plan? If you don't have one, or if it's not working, why not try something different?

Someone may ask, "What if it doesn't work?" Then the worst thing that happens is hundreds of our folks gather to hear the gospel, pray for and invite the lost, worship God, and seek his movement in our lives, families, and churches. Is that really a bad thing?

Maybe I am way off base here, but I'm excited to imagine hundreds of believers praying for 8 months for revival and for the lost to be saved. I am excited to think about our churches talking about revival and outreach for eight months to focus outwardly, instead of inwardly for 8 months. I just think God will bless that.

If you are interested in information about participating in the area crusade, contact me. If you would like to attend an information meeting, the next one is Wednesday, August 4, at 12:00 noon at Laramie Street Baptist Church. Please tell me if you plan to attend by Monday, August 2nd, so lunch can be provided. I am praying at least 15 of our churches will step forward and say we want to be part of a revival effort here in Central Illinois.



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