

# METRO PEORIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## THE HEART-BEAT

SEPTEMBER 2010

### SEPTEMBER

13 Pastor's Luncheon @ Association @ Noon

### OCTOBER

3 Annual Meeting & Roland Manor

Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Rally @ 6:30 p.m.

4 Pastor's Luncheon @ Association @ Noon

9 Sportsman Banquet

### NOVEMBER

1 Pastor's Luncheon @ Association @ Noon

9-10 IBSA Annual Meeting, Springfield

19-20 Building Powerful Ministry Teams @ Roland Manor 6:30-8:30p.m.(Fri.) and 9:00-Noon (Sat)

*Pastor Claude Craig was in the ministry almost 50 years of service as a bi-vocational Pastor in the association. He has been released from the hospital after 4 1/2 months. It is a blessing to see him come home even though he still has lots of hurdles to climb. Thanks for all the prayers, and don't quit now as he still needs them. He is very weak and cannot walk, but therapy is continuing.*

*Please remember Pastor Claude Craig in your prayers.*

Dayton Avenue

Sept. 26-29 Fall Bible Conference -Rev. Mike Taylor

Sunday 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. - Epistle of James

Monday-Wednesday

11:00-Great Prayers in the Bible

6:30-8:00—The Epistles of James

“The 7 Marks of a Complete Christian” starts Sept. 26

HARVEST FESTIVAL October 31, 2010

### Rome Baptist Church

50th Anniversary

Sunday, September 19

2:00-5:00 p.m.

Would like to invite former pastors, members, friends join us in celebration

For questions please call Wanda Maberry 685-8058

**ROME Baptist—Pastor Moss retired August 31 and they are now accepting resumes for new pastor. Send resumes to: Pastor Search Committee c/o Terry Gritton, 5315 Burns Ave., Bartonville, IL 61607**

Creve Coeur Baptist—Position Open

We are seeking a man or woman called by God to fill the role of music minister. They should be in agreement with the Baptist Faith & Message and would be able to lead the worship while playing the piano or guitar. The music minister will be responsible for working with the Pastor to lead the worship of Sunday morning and Sunday night services, as well as, working with the audio visual team to prepare for the services. They should be comfortable playing all music styles. Re-

### Annual Meeting at Roland Manor

SUNDAY October 3 at 1:30 p.m. (registration)

Evangelism Rally at 6:30 Speaker: Tim Saddler Soloist Jamee Bower

# Sportsman's Banquet

## Metro Peoria Baptist Association



### **PROFESSIONAL BASS FISHERMAN FOUNDER-SPORTSMEN'S OUTREACH**

**October 9th**

**Outdoor activities and Demonstrations start @ 4pm**

**Fish Fry Dinner & Speaker @ 6:30**

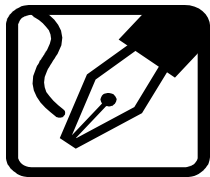
**Door Prizes**

**Outdoor Demonstrations  
Casting Contest**

***RSVP Woodland Church 309 691-2096***

**Tickets \$10 in advance**





## BRO. JOE'S JOURNAL

When I first became DOM, I began to receive calls from various organizations whose leaders were calling to set up meetings with me. One-by-one they would come to the office to introduce themselves and their organization. I quickly noticed a common theme. Without exception, let me repeat, **without exception**, the message was the same. “Invest your resources, people, time and energy to help us fulfill our mission.” Most were good organizations doing some good things, but I was struck with their concept of “Help us fulfill **our mission.**”

That is opposite of what the association is about. We don't say “help us fulfill our mission,” we ask “what is your mission and how can we help you fulfill that mission.”

The association's reason for existing is to support churches in fulfilling the Great Commission which, by the way, is your mission, or should be.

We are not a para-church organization, working independently of the local churches. We are local churches working together to take the Gospel to our area, country, and world. The association is the closest supporting body to the local church. You have a voice in the local association and the opportunity to participate in meaningful ways.

We provide training, fellowship, teaching, encouragement, prayer and opportunities to serve. Please pray for your association. These are challenging times for all of our churches. When you struggle, we struggle, when you hurt, we hurt. You are not alone, we are in this mission together. As Thomas Paine observed “if we do not hang together we shall surely hang separately.” So I ask, How can we help you fulfill your mission?



### WORLD CRAFT PARTY—WOMEN ON MISSION

OCTOBER 23

WorldCrafts is a group, working through WMU, that brings handmade art into the United States, pays the international artisans a livable wage that lifts them from poverty, gives them hope for a better life.

There will be items for purchase the day of the party. If there is an item in the catalog we do not have available, we will place orders online that day. This is an opportunity to buy a unique gift that you cannot find in local stores. This is a great opportunity for early Christmas shopping.

There will be displays from countries that the items are made with a food sample from that country

Roland Manor Church Doors open from 9:00-1:00

**Bring JOY to the world!**

**Christmas shop with a purpose!**



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# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01—Ron Stewart

04—Beth Rosenbush

10—Jeff Marquardt

10—Patricia Miller

24—Kathy Shaw

25—Dawn Najpaver

26—Diana Winkler

# SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

04—Tim & Dawn Najpaver

25—Don & Carole Machen

EVERY CHURCH ON MISSION—EVERY BELIEVER A MISSIONARY