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TO: *Church Family and Friends*



2011

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Pastor's Corner

Dear Ones,

Habits dictate our days and make up our lives, yet they are the robbers and thieves of God's best. I am not just talking about wicked habits. I am talking about our sinful little habits. Habits like prayerlessness and letting your mind wander during a worship time. Habits like being critical. Habits are hard to break. Habits are the things that make our lives what they are. If you put on your trousers left leg first and wanted to change to the right leg, studies indicate it would take 14-24 times consciously putting your right leg in first before you could do it. Sometimes we have little thought habits that actually lead us to defeat and despair. We even have the habit of excusing ourselves from responsibility. God wants to change us by changing our habits. While this might not sound very spiritual, it does have spiritual implications for us. We need to break the habit of coming to Church without praying for God to manifest Himself to us. We need to break the habit of thinking that we don't matter to God. Another habit in our thinking is that we just don't expect God to do something wonderful in our lives. Here is what I am asking you to do. Come to Church and on your way pray, "God, fill my life with Your Spirit today, whatever You ask of me I will do, where You lead me I will follow, I am Yours today. Fill our Church with Your presence and Your Spirit today. I know You are going to bless us today!"

Put Christ into your habits and your habits will allow Christ to impart new life into you. See you in Church Sunday both times.

I love you,
Bro. Allen

~Deadline for the
September Highlighter
will be September 23.





Awana Kick-off Time

6:00-7:00

The summer seems to fly by the older you get, and with the kids going back to school that means only one thing: IT'S TIME FOR AWANA!

We are so glad that God gives each of us different gifts and abilities to share with loved ones and those around us for the Glory of Christ. Our first night of Awana starts on September 18th. This will be our Awana Kick-off night with the Awana game square painted in the courtyard for the clubbers to have fun on. This is a time for our church and the clubbers and their families to come and enjoy some fun, food, & fellowship. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs to kick back and relax in. There will be hotdogs, nachos, popcorn, snow cones &/or popsicles, as well as, bottled water, pop & lemonade. Please pray for our Awana year, our leaders, the clubbers & their families, that God may use us and do a work in them this year. May we honor Jesus Our Lord in all that we do, think, & say. God Bless.



Steve Acklin, Awana Commander



Gaither Fest (Featuring the new all-star Gaither Vocal Band)



Friday, October 14 at 7:00 pm at the Independence Events Center (Leaving from church at 5:00)

ESBC would like to get a group of 15 together to go to the concert as a church in the van. The tickets are \$23. This would be a fun fellowship with great Christian music. Please call the church office if you are interested, or check the sign-up sheet on the office door.



Happy Birthday to:

- Starr Nicholson - Sept. 1
- Joann Waters - Sept. 4
- Priscilla Braun - Sept. 4
- Jeff Carver - Sept. 7
- Greg Franklin - Sept. 9
- Marcia Deuel - Sept. 9
- Gerry Sumners - Sept. 13
- Megan Carter - Sept. 14
- Caleb Deuel - Sept. 14
- Silas Braun - Sept. 16
- Alberta Young - Sept. 26
- Don Morton - Sept. 29
- Jessie Goist - Sept. 30

Happy Anniversary to:

- Bro. Allen & Alice Bartlett - Sept. 4
- Wiley & Elaine Galloway - Sept. 8

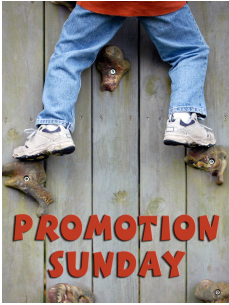
OPEN DOOR THRIFT SHOP AND FOOD PANTRY

Each month our church volunteers at the Open Door Thrift Shop & Food Pantry. If you are unable to volunteer at the location, one way you can help is by donating non-perishable food items. This month we will be collecting soda or sandwich crackers. There is a bin in the hall outside the office marked for Open Door. If you do not have crackers, then any non-perishable item would be fine.

ESBC volunteers every first Tuesday from 9am to 2pm. Our day this month is September 6.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Promotion Sunday will be on September 11th. Children will report to their regular classrooms at the 9:15 Sunday School time. Beginning at 9:30 am, the teachers will send the children who are promoting to their new classroom. A huge THANK YOU goes out to all our Sunday School teachers, from nursery age through adult classes. Remember, there's a class for YOU!

Also, please give a big welcome to Mike Cramer, our new Sunday School Director - Welcome, Mike!

Baptist Global Response

The Horn of Africa is experiencing its worst drought in 60 years. The current drought and growing famine is now affecting almost 11 million people in Somalia, Ethiopia, and Kenya.

Please pray for those in need. Pray that the rains will come on time this year. The typical rainy and growing season begins in September and October. The sad news is that even if the rains are good this year and start on time, there are still months of hunger until the next harvest.

For those interested in giving, donations may be made to the "Horn of Africa Drought Crisis" at www.gobgr.org.

Checks can be sent to:
Horn of Africa Drought Crisis
Baptist Global Response
402 BNA Drive Suite 411,
Nashville, TN 37217 USA.



Super Saturday for Ladies

Time marches on and you wonder, will I ever become the kind of godly woman I long to be? Am I closer to Jesus this year than last? Am I growing in my spiritual life or only standing still? East Sedalia's "Hope for your Heart" Conference will be a great time to hear women of God share their walk with Christ and the things He has taught them in their journey toward godliness.

Barbara Goodwin, a former Pastor's wife who is now a widow, will speak about "Hope in God's Promises." God has more than 7000 promises in His Word and her presentation will be about how to find and apply those promises for a victorious life.

Betty O'Laughlin, Alice's good friend of over 40 years, will speak on "Hope for your Family." Her presentation will be how the Lord is teaching her that Hope for her children and grandchildren comes from Him alone and not from her own parenting skills and worries.

Alice Bartlett will speak on "Hope for your Heart," sharing some trials and sorrows in her life when she has needed Hope for her heart and how the Lord has provided that in His perfect time and in His way.

Beth Irvin will lead us in music, singing some of the songs she and her husband have written. She will also give us some lighter moments as she presents a hilarious routine as "Lizzy Lou," a popular entertainment program she has given for various parties and Church events throughout the Midwest.

Amanda Sargent is a homemaker and she home schools her two children, and will share a testimony on "Hope When Things Look Hopeless." Coming from a troubled home life into a troubled marriage, she will share about God's faithfulness.

Reservations are coming in and if you are planning to come we hope you will get your name in soon. Don't forget to invite your family and friends also. See Priscilla Braun, Registration Chairman, or Alice.

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Deacon Schedule</p> <p>Sept 4 - David Bergman Sept 11 - Russ Dedrick Sept 18 - Leo Lewis Sept 25 - Don McMullin</p>		<p>Sunday Schedule</p> <p>9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 4:30 pm Youth/Adult Basketball 6:00 pm Sunday PM Bible Study 6:00 pm Time to Talk (Youth) 6:00 pm Awana (<i>Kick-Off on 18th</i>)</p>		<p>1</p> <p>HBA Adult VBS 9:00 - 11:30 am @ First Baptist</p> <p>Many Hands Quilt Ministry 5:30pm Women's Study 7p</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 N4 / CC3</p> <p>2:00 pm Deacon Mtg</p> <p>4:30p - Open Gym</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>LABOR DAY</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Open Door 9 am - 2 pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30p-Studio 3:16-Youth 6:30p-Business Mtg 6:30p-Godz Kids 7:30p-Choir</p>	<p>8</p> <p>HBA Adult VBS 9:00 - 11:30 am @ First Baptist</p> <p>Many Hands Quilt Ministry 5:30pm Women's Study 7p</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 N5 / CC4</p>  <p>Promotion Sunday</p> <p>4:30p - Open Gym</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Trustee & Bldg Mtg. @ 6:30 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Apples for Teachers 8-45am-2pm</p> <p>5:30p-Studio 3:16-Youth 6:30p-Prayer & Study 6:30p-Godz Kids 7:30p-Choir</p>	<p>15</p> <p>HBA Adult VBS 9:00 - 11:30 am @ First Baptist</p> <p>Many Hands Quilt Ministry 5:30pm Women's Study 7p</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 N6 / CC5</p> <p>Awana Offering</p>  <p>HBA Annual Meeting</p> <p>4:30p - Open Gym</p> <p>6:00 pm Awana Kick-Off</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5:30p-Studio 3:16-Youth 6:30p-Prayer & Study 6:30p-Godz Kids 7:30p-Choir</p>	<p>22</p> <p>HBA Adult VBS 9:00 - 11:30 am @ First Baptist</p> <p>Many Hands Quilt Ministry 5:30pm Women's Study 7p</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Newsletter DEADLINE</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 N1 / CC6</p> <p>4:30p - Open Gym</p> <p>6:00 pm Awana</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Outreach Committee 6:30 pm</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5:30p-Studio 3:16-Youth 6:30p-Prayer & Study 6:30p-Godz Kids 7:30p-Choir</p>	<p>29</p> <p>HBA Adult VBS 9:00 - 11:30 am @ First Baptist</p> <p>Many Hands Quilt Ministry 5:30pm Women's Study 7p</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:30pm Salt & Light</p>	



2011 Adult VBS September 1 - 8 - 15 - 22 - 29 from 9:00 - 11:30 am each Thursday at First Baptist Church, 200 East 6th (Use east door under canopy)

The Annual Meeting date has been changed to Sunday, September 18 at Olive Branch Baptist Church. This will be the 131st Annual Meeting of Harmony Baptist Association.

Sunday School Training will be held Sept. 27 from 6:30 - 9:00 pm at First Baptist Church. The cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per church, payable at the door. Registration begins at 6:00 pm.

MINUTES – AUGUST 2011

The regular monthly business meeting of East Sedalia Baptist Church was held Wednesday, August 10, 2011 in the church sanctuary. There were more than 20 members present. Moderator C. H. Williams presided.

MINUTES of July meeting were presented as printed. Church Clerk Don Morton made a motion to approve. 2d by Wiley Galloway. Add: Death: Goldie Blaylock, August 8, 2011. Motion carried.

In absence of Church Treasurer Wayne Stackhouse due to surgery, **FINANCIAL REPORT** given on printed pages. John Stowe made a motion to approve. 2d Bill Watson. Motion carried.

TRUSTEES – (1) Ted Williams reported the **Salvation Army** asked permission to use our kitchen/dining facilities the week of August 15-19 for summer meals. (Copy of request enclosed in Minutes). Approval had been made earlier by the church.

(2) **Soft Start** units on the air conditioning unit have been installed and are working.

(3) The **Security System** not completely installed; partially working. Funds to pay for the system provided as a memorial to **Jesse (Jake) Sumners**.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE report (copy enclosed in Minutes). Motion to approve made by Becky Carver. Motion carried.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Report will be given Sunday.

YOUTH – Scott Braun stated the youth had finished the Minniolia Day Nursery sign. 11 individuals went to Joplin, worked full day to help clean up after the tornado. There will be a Parent's meeting August 31 at 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – John Stowe reported an average attendance of 89 for July.

Church Clerk presented statistics for the year 2010-2011. Also stats for 10 years ago.

Motion to adjourn made by Bill Watson. 2d. Motion carried.

Arnold Bickle, father of former pastor Steve Bickle, deceased. Funeral service for Goldie Blaylock will be Monday morning.

Church Clerk
Don Morton



Deacons meet the first Sunday of each month. This month's meeting will be Sept. 4 at 2pm.

The **Business Meeting** for Sept. will be Wednesday the 7th at 6:30pm.

Trustee & Building Committees meet the first Tuesday after Business Mtg. This month's date is the 13th at 6:30pm.

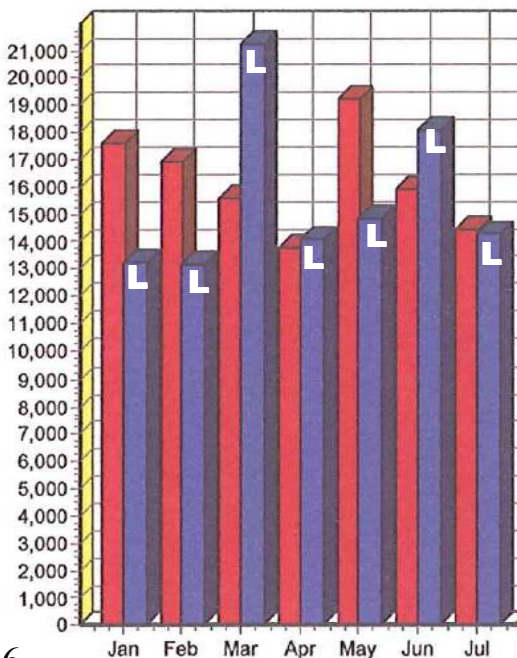
The **Outreach Committee** will meet this month on Monday, Sept. 26 at 6:30 m.



Finance Report for week of	July 31	Aug 7	Aug 14	Aug 21	Aug 28
Weekly budget required	\$4,190.00	\$4,190.00	\$4,190.00	\$4,190.00	\$4,190.00
Weekly budget received	\$4,488.03	\$3,684.00	\$3,323.00	\$3,315.00	\$4,038.00
Challenge to build received	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other offerings received	\$110.00	\$180.00	0.00	\$310.00	\$10.00
Total tithes and offerings	\$4,598.03	\$3,864.00	\$3,323.00	\$3,625.00	\$4,048.00
Weekly budget +/-	\$298.03	(\$506.00)	(\$867.00)	(\$875.00)	(\$152.00)

Accounts	(Through July)	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	Annual Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (Last Year)
Revenues					
Designated Receipts		\$142.00	\$22,503.87	\$0.00	\$9,977.63
Undesignated Receipts		\$14,486.83	\$113,523.85	\$0.00	\$108,922.58
Total Revenues		\$14,628.83	\$136,027.72	\$0.00	\$118,900.21
Expenses					
Designated Receipts Expenses		\$142.00	\$22,503.87	\$0.00	\$9,977.63
Mission Ministry		\$1,448.00	\$6,995.58	\$22,738.00	\$707.21
Multi-Ministry Bldg Percent		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pastoral Ministry		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,461.99
Minister Of Youth & Music		\$3,346.14	\$16,730.70	\$29,000.00	\$12,156.21
Christian Education Ministries		\$444.57	\$4,088.22	\$15,500.00	\$6,241.40
Music Ministry		\$180.16	\$1,581.72	\$5,487.00	\$3,297.61
Support Ministry		\$3,869.28	\$22,421.25	\$68,760.00	\$26,644.63
Building & Grounds		\$8,887.59	\$39,899.92	\$76,400.00	\$48,474.56
Interim Pastor		\$2,250.00	\$8,465.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses		\$20,567.74	\$122,686.26	\$217,885.00	\$136,961.24
	Net Total	(\$5,938.91)	\$13,341.46	(\$217,885.00)	(\$18,061.03)
Other Revenues					
Total Other Revenues		\$7.57	\$20,914.99	\$0.00	\$53,387.02
Other Expenses					
Total Other Expenses		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Net Operating Total	(\$5,931.34)	\$34,256.45	(\$217,885.00)	\$35,325.99

BAR GRAPH THRU JULY



ATTENDANCE

Attendance Numbers for July 31 Aug 7 Aug 14 Aug 21 Aug 28

Sunday School Enrollment	139	137	133	133	133
Sunday School Attendance	93	89	86	77	76
Morning Worship Attendance	88	97	86	80	83

BAR GRAPH THRU JULY
Undesignated Receipts
Current year compared to last

- Actual Bar
- Last Year Bar