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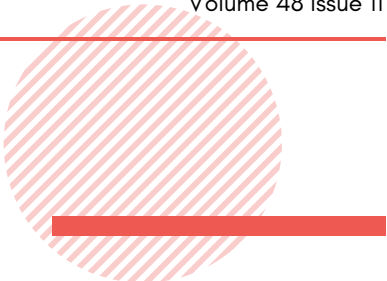
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Briefs from Brent

In John 7 we find Jesus at the Feast of Booths. During this festival the people would temporarily live in temporary shelters and they would remember God's faithfulness during Israel's wilderness wanderings. There were two very important symbols that were prominent during this time of feasting. One of those symbols was water. On each of the seven days prior to the final day of the feast, the priests drew water from the Pool of Siloam and then carried a golden pitcher full of water to the Temple and then around the altar. When the priests neared the water gate a horn was blown and the people began to sing psalms of praise to God for the blessing of the harvest. The people understood that rain was important if they were to have a good harvest and they were aware that they needed full cisterns after the dryness of summer.

Perhaps the people remembered the Exodus story when Moses struck the rock and water flowed from the rock. God had saved them from dying in the desert from dehydration. On the last day of the feast which was known as the greatest day, there was not a water ceremony reminding them of God's provision. But this year Jesus came to that place on the last day of the festival. It was customary for teachers to sit and teach but Jesus stood up and with a loud voice cried out "if anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. The one who believes in me, as the scripture has said, will have streams of living water flow from deep within him." (John 7:37b-38 ESV). Perhaps, over time, the last day of the festival had lost some of its spiritual focus and luster and it had become just a festival whose purpose had been replaced with just fun. If so, Jesus, single handedly broke that tradition and pointed the people once again to the need for water and their need for the God who provided water. Water to drink was available at the festival and probably was not in short supply. But Jesus was approaching thirst from a spiritual view point and he knew that the crowd was spiritually thirsty. He points to himself declaring that he could quench that thirst if they would have faith in him. If our point of reference is the Exodus text Jesus was saying "I am that rock from which waters flow. Your situation may look desperate but if you put your faith in me you benefit from the streams of living water that flow from deep within me." Furthermore, Jesus was promising them that by faith, streams of refreshing, living water could flow from deep within their souls. Jesus was talking about the Spirit that all who believed in Him were going to receive. When we believe in Jesus, spiritually we will never thirst again. When streams of living water flow from deep with us, we can share a cup of water with someone else.



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Baptisms

It is wonderful to see how the Lord continues to work in our churches.

FBC Mt. Carmel

First Baptist Church of Mt. Carmel began having Bible Study with young men who were students, most of them athletes, at Wabash Valley College. Many of those students began attending worship at First Baptist Mt. Carmel. Four of those young men have come to faith in Christ and on a recent Sunday they were baptized by preaching elder Steve Freels. They are pictured here Brendan from Cincinnati, J.T. from Indianapolis, Bobby from Chicago, and Dean from Milwaukee.



Wayne City

Pastor Jay Loucks of Wayne City Baptist Church reports the baptism of a young lady named Rosemary Pitts (unpictured). The church rejoices in her salvation and prays with her for a future serving the Lord.

FBC Carmi

The First Baptist Church of Carmi celebrated the baptism of one of their youth, Demetri Carter, this month. Pictured With Demetri is Pastor Drake Caudill and Youth Director Cooper Thompson.



If your church has baptism pictures to share,
please send them to us so we can rejoice with you.

Operation Christmas Child



North Side Baptist Church in Fairfield is a collection site for Operation Christmas Child again this year. The dates/times they will be open to receive your packed shoeboxes are listed to the right. -->

These shoeboxes will then be on their way where they will eventually land in the hands of children all around the world. For many of these children this will be the first gift they've ever received. In addition to the box, each child will hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Two things we can do:

1. Participate (pack a box and deliver it to the collection site)
2. Pray for the recipients of the boxes

Fairfield, IL - North Side Baptist Church

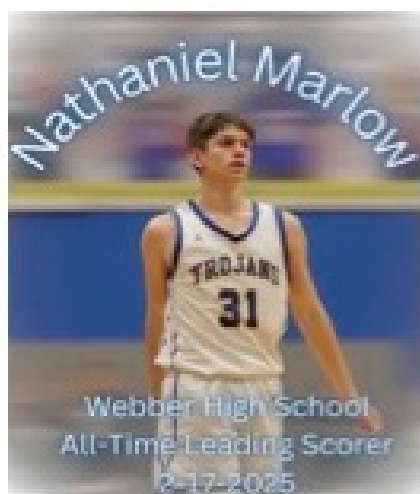
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Mon, Nov. 17: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Tue, Nov. 18: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Wed, Nov. 19: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Thu, Nov. 20: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Fri, Nov. 21: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Sat, Nov. 22: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Sun, Nov. 23: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Mon, Nov. 24: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM



Olive Branch Hosting Youth Rally

The Basketball season is upon us and Nathaniel Marlow is ready to play. Nathaniel is a senior at Webber High School in Bluford and is an outstanding Basketball player. He has broken many records during his career and is likely to set more records this year. More importantly he is a believer in Christ and is a member of the Summersville Baptist Church. On Saturday November 1 at 6:00 PM Nathaniel will be the speaker at a Youth Rally at the Olive Branch Baptist Church. Olive Branch Baptist is located about 5 miles south of Wayne City. About ½ mile north of Interstate 64 you will see the sign directing you to turn east toward the church. This will be a great evening of Christian testimony and encouragement.



GWBA - November Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 **Ron & Renee Fellows**
- 2 **Stephen Freels** (celebrating 11 years at FBC Mt. Carmel)
- 2 **Darla Windes**
- 3 **Christian Cullison**
- 6 **Abraham Barner**
- 11 **Bennie Tomberlin** (celebrating 18 years at FBC Fairfield)
- 16 **Genesis Caudill**
- 23 **Joann Loucks**
- 29 **Troy & Kim Shook**

Did You Know?

Greater Wabash Baptist Association has a website. Have you checked it out?

greaterwabash.org

We're also on Facebook.

Treasurer's Report September			
General Fund Income	Amount	General Fund Expenses	Amount
Crossville Missionary Baptist Church	\$ 600.00	AMS Health Life Retirement	\$ 2,007.83
Ellis Mound Missionary Baptist Church	\$ 623.42	AMS Salary	\$ 2,885.61
Elm River Baptist Church	\$ -	Meeting Expense	\$ 297.78
First Baptist Church, Albion	\$ 1,363.10	Office Expense	\$ 109.02
First Baptist Church, Carmi	\$ 575.00	Telephone	\$ 104.79
First Baptist Church, Fairfield	\$ 100.00	Utilities	\$ 235.06
First Baptist Church, Grayville	\$ 167.00	Administrative Assistant Salary	\$ 450.00
First Baptist Church, Mt. Carmel	\$ 250.00	AMS Hospitality	\$ 41.88
Jasper Baptist Church	\$ -	Christmas Bonus	\$ -
Keenes Missionary Baptist Church	\$ 334.00	Convention Expense	\$ -
Liberty Missionary Baptist Church	\$ 364.00	Payroll Taxes	\$ 53.56
Mill Shoals Missionary Baptist Church	\$ 335.00	Staff Mileage	\$ 204.40
Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church	\$ -	Treasurer Salary	\$ 250.00
North Side Baptist Church, Fairfield	\$ -	Improvements Repair New Equipment	\$ 40.00
Northside Missionary Baptist Church, Gray	\$ 250.00	Benevolence	\$ -
Olive Branch Missionary Baptist	\$ 747.00	Leadership Development	\$ -
Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church	\$ 400.00	Mission Development	\$ -
Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church	\$ 150.00	Payroll Liabilities	\$ 28.67
Samaria Missionary Baptist Church	\$ -	Student Ministry/Camp	\$ 1,000.00
Sims Missionary Baptist Church	\$ 416.48	WMU	\$ -
Stewart Street Baptist Church	\$ 206.68	Postage	\$ -
Ten Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church	\$ 320.00	Associational Clerk Salary	\$ 500.00
Wayne City Baptist Church	\$ 341.47	Insurance	\$ 713.96
Miscellaneous	\$ 668.93	Total General Fund Expenses	\$ 8,922.56
Transfer from Savings	\$ -		
Investment Income	\$ -	Associational Missions Bank Balances	
Total - General Fund	\$ 8,212.08	General Fund Balance - Checking	\$ 1,806.08
		Special Gifts - Designated Savings	\$ 50,453.51
Monthly Income & Transfers	\$ 8,212.08	Total	\$ 52,259.59
Previous Balance	\$ 2,516.56		
Expenses	\$ 8,922.56	Investments	
General Fund Balance	\$ 1,806.08	Baptist Foundation of IL	\$ 60,000.00
		BFI Cash Management	\$ 2,445.87
		Peoples National Bank	\$ 65,877.77
		Total	\$128,323.64
Special Gifts Income		Special Gifts Expense	
Camp	\$ 1,190.00	Camp	\$ -
Disaster Relief	\$ -	Disaster Relief	\$ -
Mission Fund	\$ -	Mission Fund	\$ -
New Equipment	\$ -	New Equipment	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 2.16	Miscellaneous Transfer	\$ -
Total	\$ 1,192.16	Total Special Gifts Expense	\$ -

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He periodically takes a load of these used materials to Love Packages where the items will be packaged and shipped to other nations that can use them.