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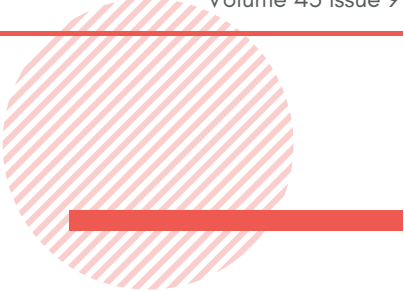
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## Briefs from Brent

In Philippians 3:20 Paul reminds us that "our citizenship is in heaven". From a missional standpoint this reminds me that no matter which country I am a citizen of on earth, or how proud I am of that country, my focus should not be nationalistic. I have had the opportunity to travel in 9 nations besides my own. I enjoyed all of those experiences but I was always glad to get home. I am a proud citizen of the United States. I was born here, raised here, and have always been proud to claim my citizenship in the USA. I would rather live here than anywhere else on earth.

But I am not going to live here forever. That is true on one level because physically no one lives forever. Seventy, eighty, or ninety years and most of us are done for. Our bodies give out and we stop breathing and we are no more. But spiritually, life continues. For the believer in Christ life will continue in the place called heaven. But notice that Paul does not say that we as believers in Christ will one day have citizenship in heaven but that our citizenship is in heaven now. I was fortunate enough to become a citizen of the USA simply because of the citizenship of my parents and the place of my birth. I became a citizen of heaven through a process of rebirth when by faith I received Christ's offer of forgiveness. My citizenship is not by merit or from my efforts, rather it is a free gift of God, offered by God's grace and transacted in mercy. I don't have citizenship in heaven because I am a good person. I have heavenly citizenship because I have a Savior who loves me. While I am traveling the highways of this earth and visiting the places of this earth, I am awaiting this Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. The earthly body that I move around in now, with all of its frailties, shortcomings, and deformities will one day be transformed into a new body fit for the portals of heaven. The body I live in now is a lowly vessel made with clay and shaped by the potter's wheel of humanity. But the body I receive in heaven will not be a mass marbled by human DNA, but will be designed to reflect the glorious body of the Lord Jesus Christ. In heaven I will have a body that is filled with the righteousness of Christ, thus fit for the presence of Christ and able to live and thrive for all eternity.



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# Information and Celebration

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## GWBA Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Greater Wabash Baptist Association is Sunday September 18 at First Baptist Church, Mt. Carmel. The first session begins at 3:30 PM. We encourage everyone to come early and enjoy and glean information from the various booths that will be set up by 3:00 PM. We will break for a meal at 5:00 PM and will regather for a time of worship at 5:45 PM. Dr. Bob Dickerson, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Marion will be our speaker.

## GWBA Equip Training

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We had a fantastic Equip Training meeting at Wayne City Baptist Church on August 23. Eighty-three people from twelve of our churches attended. Many thanks to Wayne City for hosting the event. We are also grateful for the many teachers who led us in the event. The meeting concluded with a meaningful time of prayer for our pastors. We're looking forward to doing this kind of training again.

## Disaster Relief

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There are always disasters waiting to happen. When it happens our Disaster Relief Team is ready and waiting to respond with working hands and the love of Christ. This last month they were on the ground in East St. Louis helping families and homeowners recover from the damage caused by a flash flood when 10 inches of rain fell in just a few hours time.

<-- Harold Howell presenting a Bible to the homeowner of a house that our Disaster Relief Team cleaned out after the flood in East St Louis.



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If you have used literature, please make arrangements to bring it to the office or contact Brent at 618-599-5059.

He will be taking a load to Love Packages soon where it will be packaged and shipped to other nations that can use it.

# Illinois Baptist Evangelism Conference



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Marion • Sept. 11-12

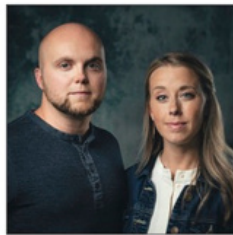
### Featured speakers



Jeff Crook



Nik Ripkin



Jonathan & Emily Martin

### Worship led by

A regional two-day event to help encourage, inspire, and instruct you to effectively share your faith. Help your church reach lost friends, family members, and people in your community for Christ.

***Each attendee will receive free resources!***

Register at  
[IBSA.org/evangelism](https://www.ibsa.org/evangelism)

Sunday Sept. 11 • 6-8 p.m.

**Ignite conference  
worship and featured speakers**

Monday Sept. 12

**Ignite conference**

- 7 a.m. Light breakfast available
- 8 **Session 1**
- 9 **Session 2**
- 10 **Session 3**
- 11 **Session 4**
- 12 p.m. Box lunch  
(stay and eat or grab and go)

***Ignite is a free event***

thanks to the generous giving of Illinois Baptists to the Cooperative Program and Mission Illinois Offering.

## MONDAY SESSIONS • September 12



Scott Harris  
Domino strategy of church evangelism



Jack Lucas  
The Four student evangelism training



Jon Reed  
Conducting a soul winning event in your church

\*Jeff Crook Reaching men with the gospel

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## GWBA - September Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 **Jay Loucks** (celebrating two years at Wayne City)
- 1 **Carissa** (Dennis) **Seidel**
- 1 **Andi Kiser**
- 12 **Dennis Southerd** (celebrating one year at Pleasant Hill)
- 13 **David & Stevi Smith**
- 15 **Emily** (Trevor) **Pasley**
- 15 **David Woodruff** (celebrating twelve years at Mill Shoals)
- 17 **Addison Seidel**
- 21 **Nichole Smith**
- 27 **Sally Barner**
- 23 **Andy Hannaford** (celebrating three years at Carmi FBC)

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## Baptist Hour

WFIW 1390

Sunday 7:30 - 7:59 a.m. Monday - Friday 10:06 - 10:20 a.m.

September 2022	Speaker	Sponsored By
Friday 2	Don Wood	Arrington Prairie
Sunday 4	Brent Cloyd	Sims
5 - 8	Brent Cloyd	Friends of the Baptist Hour
Friday 9	Don Wood	Ten Post Oak
Sunday 11	Dennis Southerd	Pleasant Hill
12 - 15	Bill McKiddy	Friends of the Baptist Hour
Friday 16	Don Wood	Friends of the Baptist Hour
Sunday 18	Troy Shook	Mt. Zion
19 - 22	Nathaniel Trowbridge	Samaria
Friday 23	Don Wood	Olive Branch
Sunday 25	Garrett Biggerstaff	Pleasant Grove
26 - 29	Brent Cloyd	Friends of the Baptist Hour
Friday 30	Don Wood	Friends of the Baptist Hour

## Did You Know?

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

**[greaterwabash.org](http://greaterwabash.org)**

We're also on Facebook.



**Treasurer's Report**

**July 2022**

<b><u>General Fund Income</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Arrington Prairie Baptist Church	\$25.00	<b><i>AMS Salary &amp; Benefits</i></b>	
Crossville Missionary Baptist Church	\$175.00	AMS Health, Life & Retirement	\$1,807.59
Ellis Mound Missionary Baptist Church		AMS Salary	\$2,985.85
Elm River Baptist Church		<b><i>Associational Expense</i></b>	
First Baptist Church, Albion	\$620.41	Benevolence	
First Baptist Church, Carmi		Meeting Expense	
First Baptist Church, Fairfield	\$450.00	<b><i>Missions &amp; Ministry</i></b>	
First Baptist Church, Grayville	\$100.00	Leadership Development	
First Baptist Church, Mt. Carmel	\$250.00	Mission Development	
Jasper Baptist Church	\$120.15	Senior Adults	
Keenes Missionary Baptist Church	\$195.00	Student Ministry/Camp	
Liberty Missionary Baptist Church	\$211.00	WMU - Women's Ministry	
Mill Shoals Missionary Baptist Church	\$202.00	<b><i>Office Expense</i></b>	
Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church		Office Supplies	\$577.07
North Side Baptist Church, Fairfield	\$255.34	Postage	
Northside Missionary Baptist Church, Grayville	\$150.00	Telephone	\$105.59
Olive Branch Missionary Baptist	\$262.22	Utilities	\$186.37
Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist	\$275.00	<b><i>Personnel Expense</i></b>	
Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church	\$150.00	Administrative Assistant Salary	\$450.00
Samaria Missionary Baptist Church	\$769.00	AMS Hospitality	\$21.71
Sims Missionary Baptist Church	\$139.72	Associational Clerk Salary	
Stewart Street Baptist Church	\$183.68	Christmas Bonus	
Temple Baptist Church, McLeansboro		Convention Expense	\$189.00
Ten Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church		Payroll Taxes	\$65.03
Wayne City Baptist Church	\$359.88	Staff Mileage	\$156.25
Miscellaneous		Treasurer	\$400.00
<b>Total Income - General Fund</b>	<b>\$4,893.40</b>	<b><i>Property &amp; Insurance</i></b>	
		Improvements, Repair, New Equip.	
<b><u>Special Gifts Income</u></b>		Insurance	\$330.03
Baptist Hour	\$270.00	<b>Total General Fund Expense</b>	<b>\$7,274.49</b>
Camp	\$310.00		
Disaster Relief	\$130.00	<b><i>Special Gifts Expense</i></b>	
Mission Fund		Baptist Hour	\$256.00
New Equipment		Camp	\$1,793.50
Miscellaneous	\$2.97	Disaster Relief	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$712.97</b>	Mission Fund	
		New Equipment	
<b><u>Associational Missions</u></b>		Miscellaneous	
General Fund Balance - Checking	\$2,596.68	<b>Total Special Gifts Expense</b>	<b>\$2,049.50</b>
Special Gifts - Designated Savings	\$72,890.43		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$75,487.11</b>	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$9,323.99</b>