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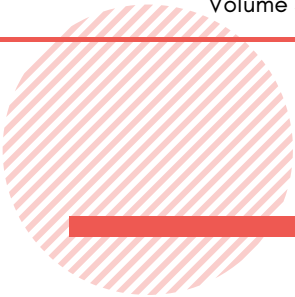
Briefs from Brent

Making a trip to Jerusalem at the festive time of the Passover would have been a trip to look forward to. If Jesus had said "he must go to Jerusalem" the disciples would have said "let's go." But what Jesus said was "I must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised" (Matthew 16:21 ESV). Jesus knew why he had been sent to earth and he knew that the time for fulfilling that purpose was at hand. He was going to suffer because of the accusations of vile leaders and he was going to die at the hands of brutal men. Even though there was going to be a resurrection the process was going to be painful. If you understood this it would take all the fun out of going to Jerusalem. Peter did not grasp nearly all the meaning of what Jesus said but he understood enough of it that he rebuked Jesus for saying it. Jesus said "he must" and Peter argued "you don't have to." Peter took Jesus aside and mildly rebuked him "this is not going to happen to you. You are going to scare the guys with this kind of talk" (paraphrase mine). Jesus turned to Peter with a harsh rebuke "Get behind me Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God but on the things of man" (Matthew 16:23 ESV).

I think we should periodically ask ourselves "am I being a hindrance to Jesus?" Then we should listen for the Lord's answer. If we are not careful, even with our good intentions, we can be a hindrance to Jesus.

We become a hindrance to Jesus when our pre-conceived notions blind us to the plans of God. Peter was excited and serious about following Jesus. Peter believed that Jesus was the answer but Peter did not know what the answer was. His nationalistic ideas regarding the faith did not allow him to understand the real purpose for which Jesus had come.

Peter was a strategic thinker. But his strategy was not informed by spiritual directions. Eventually, Peter's strategic mind would be molded by spiritual renewal and understanding and he would become a valuable missionary for the church. But at this moment he was being a hindrance to Jesus and Jesus let him know it. We need pragmatic thinking in order to do the work of the church. But if our pragmatism overrules the spiritual mandates from the Lord, we are being a hindrance to Jesus.



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Baptisms and Prayer Walking

Baptisms in GWBA Churches

If you need to borrow a baptistry Wayne City Baptist will loan you theirs! On this occasion it was loaned to Pastor Doug Haile and the Ten Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church so Pastor Doug could baptize Evan Keen.



The waters of baptism have been stirred again at Sims Missionary Baptist Church. On August 6 Pastor Daniel Bradley baptized Victor Butts.

Northside Missionary Baptist Church in Grayville has had great season of seeing people come to the Lord and being baptized into Christ and the fellowship of the church.

On July 23 Pastor Dennis Seidel baptized Harlan Rose. Harlan decided to follow Christ during VBS.

On August 6 David Brinkman was baptized. David came to faith in Christ during our GWBA camp.

The church is awaiting the baptism of two more who came to faith during our GWBA camp.



Prayerwalking Ministry

There are over 20,000 Bosnians who live in the college town of Bowling Green, KY. Most of them are lost and entrenched in the Muslim religion. Pastor Steve Freels and First Baptist Church of Mt. Carmel have a missional burden for Bosnian people. On Saturday August 26 a group from their church went to Bowling Green, KY and prayer walked areas of the city praying that the gospel would have an influence on Bosnian people who live there.

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

History from One of Our Churches

Those Who Have Gone Before Us

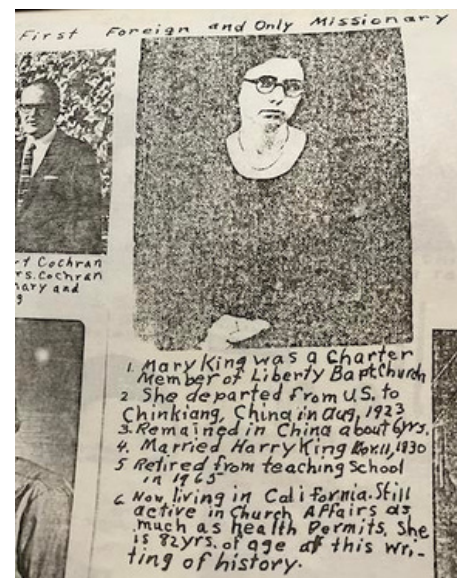
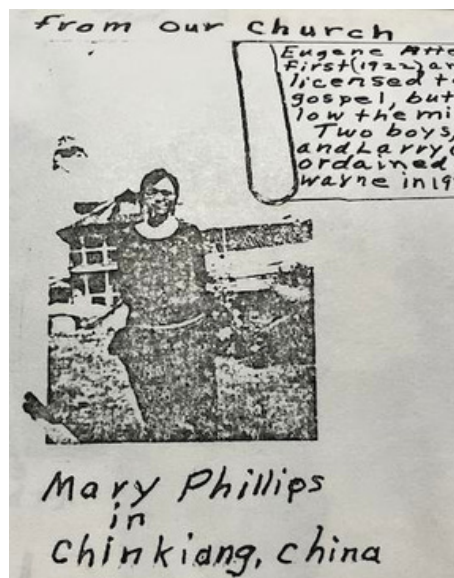
written by Brent Cloyd

A few months ago, I was in the "old" fellowship hall in the basement of Liberty Baptist Church and discovered a piece of information about a Mary Phillips who had served as a missionary to China. Thanks to the help of Nola Jones and Debbie Collins I have been able to secure more information about Mary. Mary was a charter member of Liberty Baptist Church in Burnt Prairie. She became a school teacher and had taken a job teaching in Aurora, Illinois. While there, Brother R.C. Daily pointed out to her that places like Aurora find it easy to get teachers but that it was much more difficult for the Lord to get workers to teach His word and propagate His ways. Through Brother Daily's encouragement and through the prayers of her church Mary made the decision to dedicate her services to the Lord.



Mary was granted a scholarship to the W.M.U. Training School in Louisville, KY to prepare herself for missionary work. She studied there for three years.

In August of 1923, one-hundred years ago last month, she set sail from Seattle, Washington on the President McKinley for the land of China. The field was wide open for missionary work in China at that time. In fact, that year marked the largest number of missionaries being sent out to China. Mary served a great deal of her time in Chinkiang, China. Mary served in China for something over six years when she returned to the United States and married Harry King in November of 1930 in San Francisco. In California Mary remained active in church work, resumed her teaching career, and retired from teaching in 1965. Mary and her husband had one daughter. Mary Phillips went before us and was found faithful. May we who come behind her be found faithful.



GWBA Information and Praise

Update on GWBA Annual Meeting

The time of the Annual Meeting of the Greater Wabash Baptist Association is at hand. Northside Missionary Baptist will be hosting us. Northside recently completed a large multi-purpose building. We are grateful for Pastor Dennis Seidel and the congregation who have been working hard to get ready for this meeting. The church is located at 805 N. State Road, Grayville, Illinois. This will be the 141st annual gathering of the churches of our association. The meeting begins at 3:30 PM on September 10, 2023. Our report and business session will be from 3:30 until 5:00 PM. We will then break for a meal that the church has provided for us. We will conclude with a worship time that begins at 6:00 PM. During our worship time Scott Foshie from IBSA will be preaching.

Disaster Relief Callout

Our Disaster Relief Team has been busy! They did a one-day project in Mounds, IL. Then following a storm in Carmi, they spent three days helping 3 families clean up. It was a blessing to be able to help people within the boundaries of our own association. While we do not serve in order to receive words of appreciation it is still good to hear those words. Rissa Howell wrote that she wanted to personally thank our guys for the great job they did removing a tree branch off her mom's house. She is beyond thankful. Francis Whitaker wrote "thank you all for helping clean my tree limbs up".



The Equip Training was a Success

What a great night of training we had at Equip Night on August 22. At least Seventy-seven people were in attendance. Many thanks to all the leaders who came to teach, helping us to be better able to serve. We are grateful to the Wayne City Baptist Church for hosting us. They always do a great job of helping us have great meetings.

VBS and Missions Trip

VBS at Ellis Mound

We have had some great Vacation Bible Schools this summer. One of the last schools of the summer was at Ellis Mound July 31-August 3. It is always good to watch this congregation work together to do the Lord's work. It is encouraging to watch Pastor Trevor engage in teaching and having fun with the kids.



Two from FBC Fairfield Serve on Mission Team

Pat Scarbrough and Tammy Estes of First Baptist Fairfield served on the mission field in Araraquara, Sao Paulo, Brazil from July 21-30th with the Joni and Friends Wheels for the World. The mission was to distribute wheelchairs and mobility aids for those who needed them. Each person that attended the distribution outreach heard the Gospel and each family received a Bible in Portuguese as well as a book on the life of Joni Erikson Tada. The outreach distributed 128 wheelchairs and another 16 walkers, canes, and crutches. A total of 351 people heard the Gospel and 93 responded in faith and repentance. The mission team was made of 10 volunteers from the United States along with a Brazilian team leader that worked alongside 47 volunteers from the local church in Araraquara.

Pat and Tammy are thankful for the support of GWBA through the daily prayer updates as well as the mission scholarship fund that helped financially support the trip.



IBSA Buckets of Blessings

IBSA is encouraging messengers to bring items to bless several Illinois ministries to the 2023 IBSA Annual Meeting. Messengers are encouraged to fill buckets with several items that have been requested. This will help these ministries bless those they serve.

Request lists has been received from Angels' Cove, Pathways Counseling, the Baptist Children's Home Pantry, GraceHaven, and the Christian Activities Center.

More information can be found --> [HERE](#).

BUCKETS OF BLESSINGS

ITEMS NEEDED

- Toilet Paper
- 13 Gallon Trash Bags
- 39 Gallon Trash Bags
- Paper Towels
- Vinegar
- 7th Generation Cleaner
- Borax
- Detergent
- Copy Paper
- Postage Stamps
- Band-Aids
- Dishwashing Soap
- 10oz Paper Cups

Christian Activity Center

The Christian Activity Center exists to prepare youth in East St. Louis for successful futures: spiritually, academically, and physically.

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To request a bucket please contact
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ITEMS NEEDED

- Canola/Vegetable/Olive Oils
- Kellogg's Pop Tarts
- Muffin/Cookie/Cake Mix
- Microwave Popcorn
- Sugar
- Brown Sugar/Powdered Sugar
- Apple Juice/Sunny D
- V8 Berry Blast/Pineapple Orange
- Toilet Paper/Paper Towels/Napkins
- Kleenex
- Ziplock Freezer Bags
- Dawn Dish Soap
- Pine Sol Lemons/Bleach
- Dishwasher Detergent
- Hand Soap and Soap Refills
- Febreze
- Tub/Shower/Toilet Cleaner
- Free & Clear Laundry Soap
- Dryer Sheets
- Disinfecting Wipes
- 13 gal/33gal Trash Bags

Baptist Children's Home Pantry

Baptist Children's Home in Carmi, IL, offers residential care and treatment to youths with behavioral challenges.

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ITEMS NEEDED

- Baby Wipes
- Diapers/Pull Ups
 - Diaper Size 4, 5, 6
- Breast Pads
- Baby/Memory Books
- Small Picture Frames
- Milestone Baby Markers
- Soft Slipper Socks
- Tucks Pads
- Deodorant
- Body Wash
- Detergent
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Jergens Ultra Healing Body Lotion

GraceHaven

GraceHaven Pregnancy Resource Clinic offers free services to clients seeking support with an unplanned pregnancy. GraceHaven's purpose is to provide compassionate and comprehensive support and information about pregnancy, sexual health and life.

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ITEMS NEEDED

- Soap/Shampoo
- Washcloth
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Comb/Brush
- Shaving Razors
- Hand Sanitizer
- Band-aids
- Clorox Wipes
- Packaged Underwear All Sizes
 - Men, Women, Boy, Girl
- Packaged T-shirts All Sizes
 - Adult - Children
- Packaged Socks All Sizes
 - Men, Women, Boy, Girl

Immigrant Care Packets

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ITEMS NEEDED

- Flour/Sugar
- Popcorn
- Coffee/Coffee Pods
- Aluminum Foil/Saran Wrap
- Paper Towels/Toilet Paper/Napkins
- Paper Plates, Cups, etc.
- Cooking Oil
- Juice Boxes/Juice
- Fruit Snacks
- Cookie/Cake Mixes/Icing
- Tie-dye Kits
- Foam Bathroom Cleaner
- New Baby Clothes/Items
- Craft Supplies
- Adult White T-shirts (assorted sizes)
- New Towels/Washcloths
- New Shower Curtains
- No-Show Socks
- Winter Gloves
- Febreze/Room Deodorizers
- Detergent
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Insulated Water Bottles

Angels' Cove

Angels' Cove provides resources for pregnant women and their children. Services include residential housing, prenatal care, parenting education, counseling, family care, aftercare, and spiritual opportunities.

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- Therapeutic Games
- Temper Tamer Cards in a Jar
- Copy Paper
- Construction Paper
- 8.5 x 11 Legal Pads
- 8.5 x 11 Manila File Folders
- 8.5 x 11 Hanging File Folders
- Paper Clips
- Christian Daily Devotional
- Books to Gift Clients
 - Adult - Children

Pathways Counseling

Pathways Counseling offers licensed clinical services to children, individuals, couples and families throughout Illinois.

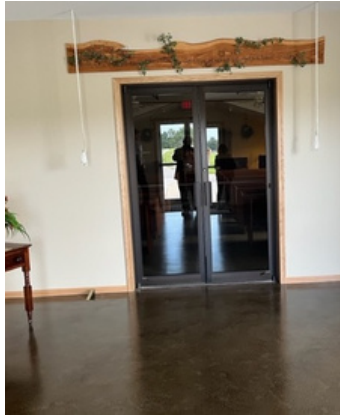
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Olive Branch Renovations

Olive Branch Missionary Baptist Church added a new addition to the front of their building. The addition includes bathrooms and a large vestibule area that provides easy access to the rest of the property.



GWBA - September Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 1 **Jay Loucks** (celebrating 3 years at Wayne City)
- 1 **Carissa** (Dennis) **Seidel**
- 1 **Andi Kiser**
- 12 **Dennis Southerd** (celebrating 2 years at Pleasant Hill)
- 13 **David & Stevi Smith**
- 14 **Theresa** (Daniel) **Bradley**
- 15 **Emily** (Trevor) **Pasley**
- 15 **David Woodruff** (celebrating 13 years at Mill Shoals)
- 17 **Addison Seidel**
- 21 **Nichole Smith**
- 27 **Sally Barner**
- 28 **Braytan Trowbridge**

Did You Know?

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

Among other things, there is a 2023 GWBA Calendar on the website.

We're also on Facebook.

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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.