



The Current

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DONIPHAN | JUNE 2017

Cooperative Program

Let me begin by saying: WOW! It is Summer Time. It is hard to believe how quickly time passes. Scripture says, "For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes."

I thought I would take a few moments to talk about the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). We have recently experienced first hand the cooperation we have as Southern Baptists, with the Disaster Relief teams working in and through our church.

We had a Relief Kitchen from Cape Association, with workers from as far away as Kansas City. We had mud out teams from Texas and Michigan, and the Cooperative Program made this all possible. The North American Mission Board (NAMB) gave all the churches that were flooded a \$5,000 gift to help with their recovery and I have been working with LifeWay, who is going to assist some of the churches who lost everything with hymnals, Sunday school literature, etc.

We currently give 7% to the Cooperative Program. Our gifts go to the Missouri Baptist Convention (MBC), which in turn assist churches in missions and ministry, including Disaster Relief. The MBC in turn sends about 40% of the gifts they receive from churches across the state to the SBC. SBC in turn fund International Mission Board (IMB), which has 4,000 plus missionaries across the globe and NAMB, which has missionaries across the USA and Canada.

I am grateful for the Cooperative Program of the SBC and the missions it supports. My hope is to gradually raise our percentage of giving until we reach 10%. I am also grateful to be your pastor.

Bro Monty

June Church Events

- June 1** WOM feeding Summer School
"BEEP" Children at 4 pm
- June 3** VBS Clinic 8:30 am - Noon
- June 4** Deacon's Meeting at 4 pm
- June 4** Leadership Meeting at 5 pm
- June 5-8** Asylum Youth Revival
- June 6** CCSBA Executive Board Mtg at 7 pm
- June 7** Walnut Street Nursing Home
Ministry at 3:30 pm
- June 10** SBC Annual Meeting
- June 14** Colonial Home Ministry at 3:30 pm
- June 17** Bread Shed at 6:30 am
- June 18** Happy Father's Day!
- June 18** FBC Nursery Donuts with Dad
and Pawpaw at 8:30 am
- June 21** Current River Home Ministry at 4 pm
- June 24** YAH-hoo's at the Wiktorek's Farm
at 10:30 am
- June 24** Youth Lock-In Retreat at 7 pm
- June 25** Youth Leading Evening Service
- June 27** FBC Blood Drive 12:30 to 5:30 pm
- Date to be Announced...** Asylum Youth
Fellowship BBQ at Drew & Brittany's Home

Children's Ministry News

By Paula Bodkin

JAM'D * NURSERY * KIDZ CORNER

Upcoming Events

"Discovering the God of Our Universe"

Vacation Bible School

July 31, 2017 – August 3rd, 2017



JAM'D "Summer Fun Nights" begins May 31st



Children's Church News

Our volunteers were greatly blessed with the recent addition of Makayla Oldham. We are always looking for extra hands, so please contact me if you would like to contribute. We will happily assist those who are new to serving in this great ministry. Our new curriculum has been a blessing, as well, and each week we continue to build upon the previous lessons. Our student's recently completed Session One and performed the song 10,000 Reasons in "big church" to commemorate it. We will be practicing for our next performance as Session Two is quickly coming to a close. Please keep our children in your prayers! ~ Christin Ivy

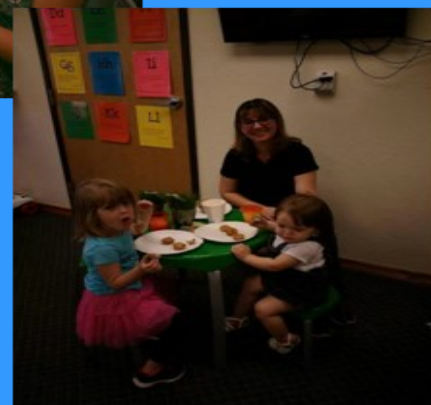
Nursery News

Thank you for joining us on Mother's Day!



*Mother's Day
Morning
in the
FBC Nursery*

*Muffins
with Mom
and
Mawmaws*



*Donuts with Dad
And Pawpaws*

**SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH
IN THE NURSERY AT FBC
8:30 AM
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**

**Donuts
with
DAD
AND PAWPAWS**

Youth Pastor's Pen

by Drew Simmons

Happy Summertime, Church family!

Baseball, freshly squeezed lemonade, sunsets at 9, no school, and some seriously HOT days are ahead of us. It must be summertime in Southeast Missouri! What a great time our Asylum Youth Group had on our St. Louis Retreat in May. We shared a lot of fun times and made some memories with each other at Six-Flags, Laser Tag, the Zoo, the Science Center, a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game, and of course my favorite part, the many good meals (including the always delicious Chick-fil-A).

For many of our students, this was their first time to experience these things, and God blessed us with a wonderful safe time. We give all the glory to Him for allowing us to do these things. Spending time together and doing trips like this is a HUGE part of having a healthy student ministry. The more time we spend together in our relationships, the stronger they grow, and the closer we grow together. In essence, the more opportunities we have to do life together, the more accountable we become to one another. When students become close enough to hold each other accountable, well then we've done what other youth groups and youth pastors call "hitting the jackpot"!

We have church camp coming up next month (July 5-8th) and that will be the ultimate summer experience for any teenager. I can't wait to see what God has in store for us this year. I believe this year's camp will be the best one yet! Please be in prayer for church camp, specifically that God would make it impossible for any of our students to miss out on this opportunity. I've said this before and I'm sure I'll say it every year, people just love taking summer vacations and I'm not talking about just vacations away from home, work, etc., I'm talking about vacations from Jesus. Church, I'm asking you to please pray that God would use this summer to do the exact opposite of the normal and instead of students taking summer off, pray they would take summer as a time to grow closer to God. As always, thanks everyone for all the love and prayers! I couldn't ask for a better church to call home or for better people to call family!

In Christ,

Drew Simmons

**Asylum
Youth
Ministry**

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**St Louis
Retreat
Memories**



WOMEN ON MISSION

WOW! The month of May was quite different than anticipated as we reflect on the writings in our last Newsletter-The Current. We did not foresee the devastation that would hit our community by such a historic and record breaking flood. Pastor Monty spoke on "when God brings the storm and the picture of being at your wits end." A powerful message, and I suggest if you were not there, get a CD and listen; you will find comfort. They cried out and God heard them and delivered them.

How fitting the National Day of Prayer scripture was for the church and for the prayer warriors. Taken from Daniel 9:19, which says, "O Lord, Listen! O Lord, Forgive! O Lord, Hear and Act! For Your Sake, O My God...". Scripture tells us again and again that our fervent prayer is effective, and that our loving God responds to His children's earnest pleas in mighty ways that avail much, and ultimately determine the course of history. Who but God's people have the ability to enter into the very throne room of Heaven with prayers and petitions! (Hebrews 4:16). It is very humbling to see how God used our church and His people to work in one body, in unity and in love to serve those in our community during this disaster. What a privilege He gave us to be a part of His plan. The work is not over, there are many hurting people, and they need to hear about Jesus. Let's remember this, as we start the month of June off with feeding the Doniphan After School "BEEP" children on June 1st at 4:00 pm at Doniphan School. We will need some help preparing Mac & Cheese and serving. Please let us know if you are able to serve!



VBS Clinic on June 3rd
9 am - Noon in our Family Life Center
Registration at 8:30 am
Food, Music, Ideas, Inspiration, Fellowship, Fun
All VBS Workers are Invited and Encouraged to Attend

Begin praying now for our VBS starting July 31st for God to work in the children and their parents. They will be given an opportunity not only to hear the gospel, but to respond. Also pray for God to provide all the resources which includes workers (listen for Him to call your name).

Thank you for serving along side of us.

Carol Wilhelmy, WOM Director