

TCBA mission opportunities in 2018

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA



OMAHA, NEBRASKA



We'll help missionaries who are planting new churches! Depending on the need, we may be prayer walking, Backyard Bible Clubs, service projects and other activities.

Previous missions experience not necessary!

Join with fellow believers from other TCBA churches as we extend God's Kingdom!

INFORMATIONAL MEETING:

Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00 pm TCBA Ministry Center in Nixa
(part of TCBA's Executive Board meeting)

*It may be cold outside,
but summer's coming...
and TCBA is
helping churches
get ready for
VBS 2018!*



scan for VBS
news and ideas!

VBS Preview

for pastors and directors
Monday, February 19
7 pm at TCBA Ministry Center



ORDER EARLY through Tri County and Lifeway will send TCBA funds that we use to assist churches do VBS!

TCBA EXECUTIVE BOARD

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On the agenda: exciting new missions opportunities for our churches

connecting churches with each other and the Great Commission!

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Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Permit #33

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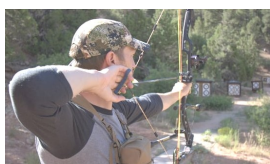


**Tri County Southern
Baptist Association**

NO CHURCH AN ISLAND: “What does being part of Tri-County do for our church?”

Recently I received an email from a Director of Missions in Missouri, asking for assistance in answering a question from one of his association's churches: “What does the association do for us?” The unspoken idea behind this question is “Why should our church support the association if we don't get anything out of it?” Both questions are valid and deserve honest, straightforward answers.

I believe that Baptist associations should have a positive impact on the work of their churches. If they don't, then the reasons WHY they're not having an impact on their churches need to be addressed.



The way I see it, the association's impact should be like two arrows, shot from two bows.

In one case, the “bow” is other churches in the association. These churches shoot the arrow, whose target is a particular local church. It may be your church. Or it may be another church in the next county over from you. These churches pool their resources and “let 'em fly” to your church, to assist your church to do the ministry God has given you.

In other cases, the “bow” is not other churches. **The “bow” is YOUR church.** And as your church supports the ministries of the Tri-County, your church “shoots the arrow” of Christian ministry to other churches in need of assistance to do what God has called THEM to do. Tri-County's job is to make sure the arrow hits the target.

In that sense, Tri-County is a kind of “mutual ministry aid society” formed by churches, to assist each other do the ministry God has called them to do.

So to the question, “What does Tri-County do for us?” the short answer is “Tri-County helps your church help other churches in

the communities around you.” **Tri-County connects your church with other churches here that are trying to do the same thing—make disciples for King Jesus.**

It's true—your church may or may not see any direct benefit from how your church helps other churches. Then again, that ministry your church helps out with in another town in your county, or that church your church helps through a tough time between pastors—all because your church participates in Tri-County—benefits the Kingdom of God in ways your church can't imagine.

Right now that song by Ray Boltz, “Thank You for Giving to the Lord,” is running through my mind: *Little things that you had done, sacrifices made Unnoticed on the earth, heaven now proclaims.*

That's what happens when you give to missions. Churches—communities—people—are changed.

Not a bad investment!

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Phillip Shuford
Director of Missions

Pray for our churches between pastors:

Chadwick FBC (interim pastor), Ozark Mountain Community, North Nixa (transitional pastor), Crane FBC (interim pastor), Morning Star (interim pastor), Shady Grove (interim pastor), FBC Branson, Ponce (interim pastor), Sparta FBC (interim pastor).

Pastors and Church Staff Breakfast & Prayer Fellowships (all at 8 am):

3rd Thursday—Village Inn (Ozark)
4th Thursday—Golden Corral, motor coach entrance (Branson)
3rd Saturday—Gateway Café (Spokane)

TCBA SUMMER CAMPS

LEGACY

June 4-7, 2018
grades 3-5 and 6-8
#baptisthill100

Missions in North America Week of Prayer: March 4—11

Travis Whittaker, church planter in Detroit:
“I never wanted to plant churches. Because of my stuttering problem, I wanted to sing for Jesus, not teach. But I heard the call of God challenge me to lead in a new way.”

**Learn the rest of the story at
anniearmstrong.com/resource**

Thank you for giving to local missions through TCBA!

January budget requirement: \$21,083.34
Received : \$32,087.69

*“They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.”
Philippians 4:18*