Churches in Christian, Stone and Taney Counties working together to extend the Kingdom of God

January 2018

# the power of "together" in 2017!



Together we hosted 300 children, young people and adults from our churches at Summer Camp at Baptist Hill



Together we provided fellowship and encouragement for our pastors



Together we prepared our leaders for Vacation Bible School



Together we prepared our local pastors for ministry through the Tri-County Bible Institute



Together we ministered to university students through the Baptist Student Union at the College of the Ozarks



Together we trained over 80 church leaders in church revitalization



Together doing Disaster Relief in Oklahoma and Texas

TOGETHER IN 2017... We hosted 21 minister's breakfast and prayer fellowships...hosted a Ministers and Wives Christmas Banquet...conducted VBS Preview and Training Clinic...held the TCBA Evangelism Conference...hosted "Perspectives on the World Christian Movement" course...trained local pastors for ministry through the Tri-County Bible Institute...hosted a church fraud conference...conducted training for church secretaries...held two Summer Camps with over 300 people...supported the Baptist Student Union at the College of the Ozarks...did Disaster Relief in Oklahoma and Texas...helped churches do outreach with the block party trailer and funding for outreach events...held DiscipleNow Saturday with over 80 young people and leaders...trained pastors in biblical preaching...THAT'S THE "POWER OF TOGETHER" FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

connecting churches with each other and the Great Commission!

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# **Keep moving forward!**

One thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.



**Phillip Shuford Director of Missions** 

Philippians 3:13-14 This time of year, I tend to think about

Looking back, I'm thankful for the many ways "God showed up" and showered His blessings. I'm even thankful for the "bad" times and experiences that God uses to mold me to be more like Jesus.

the past, and think about the future.

But I want to be like Paul, and look forward, and press on. And my commitment to the churches of Tri County Baptist Association is to follow God as He leads, because in 2018, by God's grace, we'll keep moving forward as a family of churches.

We'll continue to find ways to assist our fellow churches to support each other, and do outreach in our communities because we're stronger together than we are alone.

And we'll try some new things. We'll bring people together from our individual churches to form teams that will go out and assist new churches to extend God's Kingdom.

We'll press on together because it's biblical—and practical—to work that

We press on together because New Testament churches gave us the example of sharing the journey of our high calling together.

We press on together because it just makes sense to not fight the good fight alone (no "Lone Ranger Christians...no "Lone Ranger" churches!)

Brothers and sisters, the battle is hot but His promises are sure, His calling is high and the victory is not in doubt. Together, in 2018, let's keep moving forward!

## COMING IN 2018

subject to changes and additions

- Tri-County Bible Institute class (Genesis, Part 1) begins-January 8 (TCBA Ministry Center)
- Mission Trips Informational Meeting-February 13 (TCBA Ministry Center)
- VBS Preview for Pastors & VBS Directors-February 19 (TCBA Ministry Center)
- VBS Training Clinic-April 23 (FBC Nixa)
- TCBA Summer Camp-June 4-7 (Baptist Hill)

More information: www.tcsba.com

## TCBA Mission Trips informational meeting

Tuesday, February 13 7:00 pm at the TCBA office in Nixa

We'll be looking at opportunities to support new church starts in Philadelphia, Omaha, and Mexico.

#### Pray for our churches between pastors:

First Central, Ozark Mountain Community Interim Pastors: Chadwick FBC, Crane FBC,

Morning Star, Shady Grove, FBC Branson, Ponce, Sparta FBC Transitional pastor: North Nixa

## Staff changes:

Lee Walston as Interim Pastor, Ponce Baptist (Ponce de Leon)

David Church as Interim Pastor, Sparta FBC

Sean Gasper as Student Pastor, FBC Kimberling City

Michael Head as Pastor, Skyline Baptist (Branson)

Dale Sprague as Associate Pastor, Selmore Baptist (Ozark)

#### Pastors and Church Staff **Breakfast & Prayer Fellowships:**

Thursday in Ozark: Village Inn, 8 am 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in Branson: Golden Corral, (motor coach entrance), 8 am 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday: Gateway in Spokane 8 am

#### Lottie Moon said...

"Is not the festive season when families and friends exchange gifts in memory of The Gift laid on the altar of the world for the redemption of the human race, the most appropriate time to consecrate a portion from abounding riches and scant poverty to send forth the good tidings of great joy into all the earth?"

### Thank you for giving to local missions through TCBA!

Annual budget requirement: \$252,000 Expenses (as of 12/18): \$251,187.30 Received (as of 12/18): \$258,963.28

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