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lovinglocal MISSIONUPDATE

TCBA initiates SW MO Church Revitalizers Network

On February 7, 20 leaders from churches across SW MO gathered at TCBA's office in Nixa. We examined scripture, heard testimony of God at work and prayed for each other. Takeaways: God moves when His people seek Him and say "Lord we'll do whatever it takes to be the church you want us to be." Next gathering: May 9.



FBC Kimberling City is loving local!



"We take for granted going home, sleeping in our beds at night, and we just don't realize that there's kids, not any fault of their own, that have to sleep

on the floor or worse," says FBC Kimberling City's Pastor Jeff Hardy. Seeing the need, FBCKC builds beds for children in their southern Stone County community as part of "Sleep in Heavenly Peace", an organization that builds and delivers beds to children who do not have a bed. Their motto: "No child sleeps on the floor in our town!"

5 questions

every plateaued or declining church should honestly ask:

1. Where are we?
2. How did we get here?
3. What would God have us change in order to be the church He wants us to be?
4. How will we get there?
5. Are we willing to do whatever it takes to be the church God wants us to be?

Is your church plateaued or in decline? TCBA can help you assess where you are and how to get where God wants you to be. Contact Phillip for more information.

Connecting churches with churches and the Great Commission

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Tri-County Baptist Association is connecting churches with each other and with the Great Commission. Contact us about speaking in your church about what God is doing through local missions!

Being "importunate" and "pertinacious"

In Luke 11, Jesus teaches a parable to show us how He wants His followers to pray. A man had unexpected guests and didn't have food in the house, so he went next door and banged on the door. The parable's point can be summed up with Jesus's words: *"Though he will not rise and give him because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him"* (Luke 11:8). In other words, Jesus directs us to **pray with importunity**.

Now, that word **"importunity"** is not one I use every day, so I looked it up in the dictionary and here's what found: importunity means **"urgent request; troublesome pertinacity."**

When I saw that, I thought "perti-WHAT?" So I went back to the dictionary, and learned that **"pertinacity"** is sticking with something, no matter what. People with pertinacity won't give up, and they stick with things. Pertinacity is a mix of courage, conviction, and a little stubbornness. **"Importunity" and "pertinacity" are 50-cent words with million dollar meanings, because it's how Jesus wants us to pray to the Father.** With boldness. With persistence. With courage, conviction and stubbornness. God's churches today NEED that kind of praying. **Lord, teach us to pray!**



Phillip Shuford
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Missouri Baptist Foundation Luncheon

Learn how your church can plan for the future at the Missouri Baptist Foundation luncheon for TCBA pastors and church leaders: Thursday, March 14, 11:30 am - 1 pm, TCBA office. This meeting is combined with TCBA's March Executive Board meeting.

TCBA VBS Clinic

Training for your VBS Leaders

April 29, 2019 5:45 pm

FBC Sparta

330 Millbrooke Dr, Sparta

ZOOM IN! FOCUS ON JESUS!

But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:31

TCBA Summer Camps 2019

"Survivor"

June 3-6, 2019

Children's Camp: 3rd-5th (completed)

Youth Camp: Grades 6th-8th

For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

1 John 5:4-5

TCBA Mission Trips 2019

Omaha, NE

• June 22-29; Cost: \$125

Philadelphia, PA

• June 21-29; Cost: \$550

INFO:

tcsba.com/ministries/missions-mission-trips

Pray for our churches between pastors:

FBC Crane, Garrison, Hopedale,
Keystone, Mt Sinai, Rocky Ledge
FBC Sparta, Victory

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

Pray for our pastors with March Birthdays

Mearl Laswell, Union Ridge (7)

Monty Dunn, Friendly (17)

Randy Harwood, FBC Spokane (24)

Juston Gates, FBC Forsyth (26)

Featured TCBA Church



First Central Baptist Church (Highlandville)

Pastor:

Dr. Wade Bridges
(Ferrell)

Thank you for giving to local missions through TCBA!

Budgeted thru January 2019:

\$21,583.34

Received thru January 2019:

\$32,661.80

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