

loving local MISSION UPDATE

Tri-County Camps 2021: SOUL ON FIRE



After missing out on camp last year due to Covid-19, it was GREAT to get back to Baptist Hill in June for Tri-County's Summer Camp "SOUL ON FIRE." 138 children and youth learned to "Never let the fire in your heart go out. Keep it alive. Serve the Lord" (Romans 12:11) in our two camps that run at the same time—Sparks Kids (grades 3 through 6) led by Cindy Kinser (FBC Ozark) and Ignite Youth (grades 7 through 9) led by Bryan Ridenour (North Nixa). The 52 adult leader-volunteers who came are our camp's **real heroes** for investing in the spiritual lives of our churches' next generation.

It was four fun-filled, activity-packed days of worship, Bible study and learning about missions, games, crafts, recreation, swimming, and archery (with a little crawdad hunting thrown in!) **Real Encounter Ministries** amazed us with their extreme sports demonstration that ended with a very clear yet simple Gospel presentation. God's presence came upon Baptist Hill and **several made public professions of faith** during the week. Thanks to God—and thank you Tri-County churches!

Beyond Local—*en español!*

Tri-County is creating new pathways that allow our churches extend their Great Commission impact beyond our local communities. This summer we assisted church planters **Angel and Rachel Morales** as they plant **Camino a la Cruz (Way to the Cross) Church** among the more than 200,000 Hispanics that live in Omaha, Nebraska.

Tri-County churches **collected supplies and donated funds** so that Camino could have a back-to-school backpack outreach, and folks from Selmore Baptist took the collected supplies up to Omaha. Pastor Angel reports, "The Back to School Bash was a huge success. Camino handed out 75 backpacks and supplies to the kids who came. Thank you for your donations of supplies and backpacks! The kids and adults had a great time."

1 Corinthians 3:9 says "For we are God's co-workers." And so we are—from southwest Missouri to Omaha, Nebraska—*en español!*

BACKPACKS FOR CAMINO



Tri-County churches collected back to school supplies and donated \$1,327.50 for Camino a la Cruz Church's outreach to Hispanic families in Omaha.

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!

The Best Job in the World (Pt. 1)

I was raised going to church. In fact, I was born in a Baptist Hospital where I guess they put "Baptist" diapers on me—maybe that makes me a life-long Baptist!

And I've always had a great respect for pastors, even as a child. I remember being in church one Sunday, looking at my pastor (brother Ralph Cannon) and thinking "He's got the best job in the world because he works for God." Since those tender years, and after having served as a pastor myself, I've learned a lot about that "best job in the world."

Being a pastor IS the best job, because you work for God. But there's a lot about being a pastor that I dare say most folks don't know about or even stop to consider.

It's the BEST job in the world because you work for God. But it's also the HARDEST job in the world for the same reason—you work for God. The writer of Hebrews puts it into perspective when he writes *they keep watch over your souls, as those who will give an account.* (Hebrews 13:7) Anybody here willing to stand up before God and say, "Lord, make me accountable for ____'s soul"? That's what pastors have done and do. They are the ones who have stepped up and said, "Here am I, send me."

I'm thankful for my pastor. And I'm thankful for yours!



Phillip Shuford
Director of Missions

Coming Up

Tri-County Baptist Association's Annual Meeting and Church Family Worship

BEAUTIFUL FEET...GOOD NEWS!

*How beautiful upon the mountains are
the feet of him who brings good news !
Isaiah 52:7*



Sunday September 26 at
FBC Kimberling City

Business Session at 4,
Church Family Meal at 5,
and Worship at 6.

Preacher: Rev. Brian Jump
(FBC Clever)

Scholarship Awarded

The first scholarship from the Jim and Judy Wells Ministry Scholarship fund has been awarded to Jeffrey Wohlfert, student pastor at First Baptist Ozark. Jeffrey is pursuing a Master of Arts in Theological Studies from Midwestern Seminary in Kansas City. He and his wife Michelle have 6 children.



Scholarship recipients complete an application and write an essay on "My Call to Ministry." The Wells Scholarship committee reviews applications and makes the award annually.

The scholarship was begun in honor of Jim and Judy Wells—Jim served as Tri-County's Director of Missions for 12 years. Learn more about it at Tri-County's website www.tcsba.com.

News from our Churches



The Bridge in Nixa challenged their folks to collect clothes for their Back to School Bash—they brought in

462 pairs of underwear and socks to place under their Christmas-in-July-Tree.

FBC Kimberling City traveled to Minnesota to assist Grace Connection Church build their new worship center.

Pleasant View Baptist and Ponce Baptist in Stone County joined forces to do Vacation Bible School together.

FBC Hollister is re-planting and became **Real Life Church Hollister** in June. Jody Kilburn is Real Life's lead pastor.

PASSAGES: **David Berryhill** retired from Elsey Baptist Church in June. **Mark Zimmerman** retired from Ozark Highlands Church in July; **Jacob Finney** became the church's lead pastor. **Will Griswold** retired from FBC Hollister in June. **Mary Reynolds**, wife of Lampe FBC's Pastor Dennis Reynolds, went to be with the Lord in July. **Dennis Webb** is interim lead pastor at New Beginnings Fellowship.

Thank you for giving to local missions through TCBA!

Budgeted thru July 2021: \$155,460
Received: \$166,700

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