

# tri-county baptist association mission update

## For Our Churches...

### VBS Preview

**2022 Lifeway VBS Preview: Tuesday, February 8, 6:30 pm** Tri-County's office in Nixa, for pastors and VBS directors. Come catch the "spark" and get a jump start on this year's VBS from Lifeway--theme, music, and "what's different." It's always fun and informative, and networking with other VBS leaders is extremely helpful.

### Church Finance Q & A

**Tri-County Church Finances Update with Gene Foster, Missouri Baptist Convention. March 1, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, TCBA Ministry Center.**

For pastors, church treasurers, finance teams and administrators. Updates and best practices regarding church finances and tax issues. Bring your questions! Get answers!

### Jim and Judy Wells Ministry Scholarship

The Jim and Judy Wells Ministry Scholarship exists to extend God's Kingdom by providing tuition assistance for Tri-County Baptist Association church members who are pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in Christian ministry.

This scholarship is available to persons who:

- Are pursuing an undergraduate or graduate ministry degree;
- Are a member of a Tri-County Baptist Association church;
- Have not previously been a recipient of this scholarship more than two times. (Priority is given to first time recipients.)

**Applications for the 2022-2023 academic year are due March 31, 2022.** Go to [tcsba.com](http://tcsba.com) for more information and to apply.

### "Is My Church Healthy?"

**Ministry Conversations Series with Dr. Brandon Moore, Resound Network Director, MBC, February 10 from 11:30 am to 1 pm** at Tri-County's Ministry Center in Nixa.

Join us for lunch and conversation around the topics, "Is my church healthy?" and "Do we need to revitalize? and if so, how?" We'll explore what it means to be a healthy church--especially in the wake of the Covid pandemic.

The format isn't a conference, or a "presentation", but a conversation around the table about what "being healthy" looks like and how to come closer to God's best for our churches. We'll have additional resources to help you go deeper. Let Phillip know you're coming by emailing [phillip@tcsba.com](mailto:phillip@tcsba.com) or calling or texting (417) 597-0084.

### Mission 2022/July 23-30

**Tri-County's mission trip to support church planters Angel and Rachel Morales in Omaha, Nebraska.**

Following God's call, the Morales family left SW Missouri to share the Gospel with the over 200,000 Spanish-speaking people living in Omaha. They founded Camino a la Cruz ("Way to the Cross") Church, where Angel serves as bi-vocational pastor. See Camino's Facebook page "Iglesia Camino A la Cruz".

**In July Tri-County will lead a team of folks from our churches to assist Camino a la Cruz do VBS for kids in their community.**

This is a GREAT family trip or mission trip for "first timers" or for experienced short term missionaries, with the added bonus of a cross-cultural component. The cost is only \$125 per person. More information at [tcsba.com](http://tcsba.com). Jesus commanded "Go and make disciples of all nations." Let's go!

## Tri-County Disaster Relief Update



**TCBA assists our churches do ministry at home and beyond through our disaster relief ministry,** coordinated through Missouri Baptists. Our chain saw and flood recovery trailers make it possible for TCBA to minister to people in crisis due to floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, ice storms, wild fires and more. Most recently, volunteers from two Tri-County churches served in the aftermath of the December tornados in Kentucky.

Pictured above are **Tom and Peggy Anderson**, members of Union Ridge Baptist Church in Stone County. Tom was a prison guard before his retirement and Peggy worked as a stay-at-home mom. They became convinced that God was leading them to get involved in disaster relief ministry after seeing the devastation caused by the Joplin tornado in 2011. Tom and Peggy have served for several years as directors of Tri-County's disaster relief ministry, coordinating supplies and volunteers and personally going on call-outs. Health issues and family obligations have made it necessary for them to "hang up their yellow hats." **On behalf of all Tri-County churches, thank you, Tom and Peggy for your sacrificial service and representing us well, bringing "help, hope and healing in Jesus' name".** For more information on disaster relief ministry, visit [modr.org](http://modr.org).

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Tri County Southern Baptist Association

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!

## Follow (Pt. 2)

Phillip Shuford  
Director of Missions

Years ago I went backpacking with some friends on the Appalachian Trail—the longest hiking-only foot-path in the world. We hiked in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, along high ridges blanketed by beautiful, fragrant fir and spruce trees. It was an unforgettable experience.



There are (at least) two important rules in hiking. The first is, **don't get lost**. Which is why you find, painted on trees or rocks all along the length of the AT, regularly spaced vertical blazes of white paint. The whole idea is: if you don't want to get lost, follow the blazes.

But the most important rule in hiking is this: if you want to get somewhere, at some point **you've got to get up, pack up, and get moving**. You can't stay sitting where you are. You've got to MOVE.

In the Gospels we read how Jesus called three men—Levi, Simon and Andrew — to follow Him. Jesus simply said: Follow me. And that was all it took; they got up, left it all and followed Jesus. Seems pretty radical.

Here's the lesson: **following Jesus requires radical getting up, and radical going**. Following Jesus isn't a leisurely walk in the park—it's a long, sometimes arduous but always beautiful journey, where He leads, and we follow. And as long as we keep our eyes on Him—like following the blazes on the Appalachian Trail—we'll never get lost.

Radical getting up. Radical going. We're on the front end of a new year. Let's go!

## Coming Up

let us know of your church event by emailing [meleta@tcsba.com](mailto:meleta@tcsba.com) or calling at (417) 725-8825

**February 8:** Tri-County VBS Preview  
6:30 pm Tri-County office.

**February 10:** "Is My Church Healthy?" Ministry Conversations Series with Dr. Brandon Moore, Revitalization Network Specialist for MBC, 11:30 am - 1 pm TCBA office.

**February 22:** TCBA Executive Board  
11:00 am - 1:30 pm Tri-County office.

**March 1:** Church Finances Update with Gene Foster, MBC, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, TCBA. Updates and best practices regarding church finances and tax issues.

**March 3-5:** SWMO Pastors Retreat: The Revitalized Pastor (for senior and lead pastors) at Baptist Hill Assembly, Mt. Vernon. Information: tcsba.com.

**April 3-6:** Tri-County pre-Easter "Lift Him Up! Celebration": To prepare our hearts for Resurrection Sunday. 5 services. 5 churches. 5 different speakers. Contact Phillip at TCBA for information.

**May 16:** Tri-County VBS Clinic, Sparta First Baptist.

**May 21:** Worship Amphitheater Dedication Service at Baptist Hill Assembly.

**June 6-9:** Tri-County Summer Camps at Baptist Hill—Spark Kids (grades 3-6) and Ignite Youth (grades 7-9).

**July 23-30:** Tri-County Mission Trip to support Camino a la Cruz Church in Omaha.

**September 25:** Tri-County Annual Meeting and Church Family Worship, Hopedale Baptist Church, Ozark.

## From Our Churches

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**FBC Crane** is seeking a student minister. Information: [fbccrane.org](http://fbccrane.org)

**FBC Ozark:** All Tri-County churches are invited to learn the latest about the expanding ministries of The Baptist Homes and Healthcare Ministries at FBC Ozark, February 6 at 5:30 pm. Dr. Rodney Harrison, President and CEO will present.

**Pleasant View Baptist:** Pleasant View has learned that the Missouri Baptist Children's Home in Mt. Vernon is in urgent need of 30 new mattresses for their residential facility. They've found a supplier that can provide 30 mattresses and 12 box springs for around \$6,000. Pleasant View and Ponce Baptist have collected between the 2 churches \$2,600 to help meet the need. If you would like to help as well, you may send your donation marked "Children's Home mattresses" to Tri-County; or donate at [tcsba.com/give](http://tcsba.com/give). For more information contact Tri-County.

**Rocky Ledge** in Protem has called Tony Robbins as pastor.

**Selmore** in Ozark has called Aragon Wyatt as family pastor.

**Pray for our churches between pastors:** Calvary, Elsey, Victory

## Thank you for giving to local missions through Tri-County!

Our commitment is to use what the Lord send us to encourage, assist and resource our churches in Christian, Stone and Taney Counties to fulfill the Great Commission.

Budgeted thru January 2022: \$22,834  
Received: \$31,080.14

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