

September 2022

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2022 ANNUAL MEETING

& Church Family Worship

September 25

Hopedale Baptist Church
5370 State Hwy NN | Ozark, MO

with **Dr. Rick Melson**
President, Southwest Baptist University

4 PM	BUSINESS SESSION
5 PM	FELLOWSHIP MEAL
6 PM	WORSHIP

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ONE THING I DO

PHIL 3:13-14

I do not consider that I have made it my own. But 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.

Press On!

Phillip Shuford
Director of Missions



me with Wayne Ferry

Occasionally you meet some truly remarkable people. My friend Wayne Ferry is one of those people for me. This summer Wayne retired from

Mt. Zion Baptist Church (in Christian County) after 21 years of faithful ministry there.

Wayne's story is unique. In September of this year he'll turn 80 years old, but he still plays golf regularly. As a young man, he played minor league baseball (as a catcher—and these days, his big toe reminds him of all those years squatting behind the batter!) Later, Wayne felt God's call upon his life, and he prepared for the pastorate at Midwestern Seminary in Kansas City. And to make a long story short, he concluded his public ministry at Mt. Zion—a loving and historic church set among Ozarks hayfields.

I admire Wayne for many reasons—his gentle nature, his love of a good story, and his passion for sharing Christ with non-believers (there's a banner behind the pulpit at Mt. Zion that reads: "Lost People Matter Most.")

But mostly I admire Wayne because he is as I hope to be—a faithful servant of his Savior, who has finished his ministry race well.

Friends, if we're still on this earth, God's not done with us yet! Paul wrote to the Philippians: "*One thing I do...I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*" Let's press on!

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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!

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Tri County Southern Baptist Association

In Our Churches

Tri-County Summer Camps: Summer was church camp season, and Tri-County's camps at Baptist Hill were a tremendous



blessing! 200 children, youth and adult volunteers from TCBA churches descended on Baptist Hill Assembly for Spark Kids camp for grades 3-6 and Ignite Youth camp for grades 7-9. A great week that included worship, Bible study, night swims, a glow-party and s'mores, ga-ga ball and corn hole tournaments, laser tag and slip-and-slides, shooting rockets and crowdad hunting in the ice-cold spring! God truly blessed and we're so thankful for our camp directors and other adult volunteers who made it all happen.

If your church didn't (or did!) take your kids to camp this year, mark your calendars: **next year's camp dates are June 5-8, 2023.**

Ministry Scholarships: Congratulations to our Jim and Judy Wells Ministry Scholarship recipients for the 2022-2023 academic year: Luke Mendenhall, FBC Ozark; Rev. Michael O'Sullivan, Keystone Baptist Church; Isaac Qualls, New Beginnings Fellowship; Linda Smolen, FBC Kimberling City. More information on the scholarship at tcsba.com.

From Our Churches

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Thank you Meleta! Tri-County's Financial Secretary and Ministry Assistant Meleta Getman is leaving us after faithfully serving our churches for 13 years. She's been a great blessing and will be greatly missed!

Tri-County job posting: Resumes are being accepted for Tri-County's new Ministry Assistant through September 9. This is a part-time position. Visit tcsba.com for more information and how to apply.

Pray for our churches between pastors: Victory, Mt. Sinai, Beacon of Hope, Jamesville.

Staff changes: Terry Kendrick to Calvary Baptist (Ozark) as pastor; Joshua W. Hall to Mt. Zion (Ozark) as pastor; Brent Hockman to FBC Clever as Discipleship and Assimilation Pastor; Chad Watson to LifePoint Church (Ozark) as Associate Pastor of Worship Ministries; Joe Sisneros to Jamesville Baptist as Interim Pastor.



FBC Clever held an outdoor worship service on June 26 at their new building site on Highway 14 between Clever and Billings.

Mission trips: Jesus told us to "Go and make disciples"--and Tri-County churches are going, both to the USA and around the world! This year TCBA 12 churches are going (or have already gone) to 5 states and 9 countries: Montana, Minnesota, South Dakota, Kentucky and Pennsylvania; Greece, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Ecuador, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Vietnam and Africa.

Coming Up

let us know of your church event by emailing tricounty@tcsba.com or calling at (417) 725-8825

Tri-County Annual Meeting and Church Family Worship: September 25 at Hopedale Baptist in Ozark. Business and information session at 4:00 pm, Fellowship Dinner at 5:00 and Church Family Worship at 6:00. Worship led by Hopedale's worship ministry; our speaker is Dr. Rick Melson, President of Southwest Baptist University. Childcare available during the worship service babies through pre-K. More information at tcsba.com

Minister's Prayer Fellowship Breakfasts in September: 15th (Village Inn, Ozark) and 22nd (Bob Evans Restaurant, Branson).

Disaster Relief Ministry Training: October 7-8 at First Baptist Church, Marshfield. Bring help, hope and healing in Jesus's name! Information and register at modr.org.

Missouri Baptist Convention Annual Meeting, October 24-25, St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles. More information at mobaptist.org.

"Lift Him Up" Fall Adult Retreat, Baptist Hill Assembly, Mt. Vernon: October 31-November 3. Information and register at baptisthillassembly.com.

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

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

Budgeted thru July 2022: \$159,837.40

Received: \$ 179,651.77

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