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Tri county
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



tri-county baptist association mission update



Crushing Snakes!



Phillip Shuford
Director of Missions

Thank you for supporting Tri-County's Summer Camps!

God truly heard our prayers for camp this summer! During the first week of June, 167 children and students along with 84 adult volunteers from 13 churches ascended Baptist Hill in Mt. Vernon to learn that Satan is defeated and our God reigns! We worshiped, studied the Bible, made friends, played, ate very well... and planted many "Gospel seeds" in the kids' hearts.

One cabin leader reports: *I had one-on-one discussions with the guys in my cabin at camp, one of which has grown up in the church but has not given His life to Jesus. I didn't know that until camp. We were able to get lunch last week and had a great gospel conversation. He did not give his life to the Lord, but he is so close. We are getting together again soon. Please pray for him. I was so blessed to see God at work in many students' lives... I am excited to see what he does in and through them in the future.*

Tri-County churches, thank you for giving! And to our 84 adult volunteers--you are heroes! **Mark your calendar: Tri-County's Camps next year: June 3-6, 2024.**

Connecting churches with churches and the Great Commission

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OFFICE HOURS:

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Friday: Office Closed; Other Hours by Appointment

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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Around Tri-County

help us get your news out by emailing debbie@tcsba.com or calling at (417) 725-8825

Let's Throw a Party! Tri-County's Block Party Trailer is an amazing resource available to all Tri-County churches! Usage fee = \$50 to use a large bounce house, small bounce house, snow-cone machine, popcorn machine, carnival games, portable sound system, pop-up tents, tables, chairs and a portable generator. In **addition to the block party trailer**, these resources are available to Tri-County churches—free of charge—to use for church and outreach events: snow-cone machine, popcorn machine, cotton candy machine, bubble-making machine, and a giant inflatable movie screen. Call 417-725-8825 or email debbie@tcsba.com.

Holy Land 2024: In March 2024, pastors and church folks from Tri-County churches will walk where Jesus walked as part of "Holy Land 2024"—a tour of Biblical sites in Israel. We'll walk the streets of Jerusalem, visit the Jordan River, the Sea of Galilee, and many other places that figure prominently in the story of Jesus.

Trip dates: March 11-20, 2024

Cost: \$4,555 from Dallas (based on a minimum of 20 participants)

Call Phillip at Tri-County for more information (417) 725-8825.

[Click HERE for more information, trip brochure, and how to register.](#)

Pray for Tri-County churches between pastors: Beacon of Hope, FBC Chadwick, FBC Clever, Selmore.

Staff changes: Matthew May to Pleasant Grove Baptist (Highlandville) as pastor.

VBS Season's in Overdrive!

Tri-County is all about networking our churches together as they share the Gospel all across our 3 counties through Vacation Bible School. Your Association is blessed with an exceptional all-volunteer team of VBS leaders/trainers. From our leader training conferences in February and April, to decoration and resource-sharing, to consulting with churches regarding their specific needs, together we're raising up new leaders and helping churches connect with other churches and the Great Commission.



pictured above: PRAYER IS THE KEY! Cedar Ridge Baptist in Stone County decorated for VBS. Pastor Mike Keeter reports their church had an awesome week with 7 children receiving Christ and 2 more considering salvation. They had 12 people praying each night during VBS and he believes the prayer support before and during VBS made for a very successful week.

"Let Them Swim!" Baptist Hill Pool Project

Baptist Hill's pool is over 20 years old and needs renovating at a cost of \$650,000. Be a part of making disciples through church camp by donating to the Pool Project! Ways to give:

- ONLINE: go to tcsba.com and click on GIVE
- MAIL: TCBA, PO Box 370, Nixa MO 65714 (memo: POOL PROJECT);
- IN PERSON: drop your donation off at Tri-County's office during office hours.

COMING UP

Minister's Prayer Fellowship Breakfasts

Village Inn Ozark 8 am: 8/24

Bob Evans Branson 8 am: 8/31

TCBA Seminary Extension

The Tri-County Bible Institute partners with the SBC's Seminary Extension ministry to provide excellent and practical theological education and ministry training to church leaders and members in Christian, Stone, and Taney Counties.

Fall Course: I Corinthians—Study of Paul's 1st letter to the Church at Corinth
Monday evenings 6:30-8:00 p.m. beginning August 8, 2023

Place: Tri-County's office, 239 Downing St., Nixa

Instructor: Dr. Richard Eakins, D.Min.

Cost: \$154, includes book and course

Your gifts to Tri-County make possible a 50% scholarship for members of Tri-County churches. Scholarship applicants must be endorsed by their church's pastor. Download scholarship form [here](#).

More information: [Tri-County Bible Institute webpage](#)

TCBA Annual Meeting

October 1, Real Life Hollister Church, Hollister.

CHURCH CLERK: if you've not received your Annual Church Profile (they are being sent via email from Missouri Baptist Convention this year) would you please call or email Debbie at Tri-County and let us know? (417) 725-8825/ debbie@tcsba.com