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From our Interim Director of Missions, Jody Kilburn:

Greetings Tri-County! Spring will soon be here along with warmer weather and I wanted to keep you updated on recent and upcoming events.

First, our **VBS Preview** was a big success. Thank you to everyone who came--11 churches from our Association were represented. We have 23 people from 9 Tri-County churches registered to attend the state training to be held at Ozark FBC on Saturday, March 7. Feel free to contact sister churches to share in creating decorations for your VBS and sharing supplies and decorations. If your church needs assistance during your VBS, reach out to others to see if they have youth and adults who could help.

Second, our **Winter Ministry Friends** get-together was also a huge success. There were 18 churches represented and 90 total in attendance. Thank you to everyone who came--we appreciate you!

Third, recently our Executive Board approved our **DOM Search Committee**. Organization and training are under way and we are already receiving resumes from potential candidates. Listed below are the individuals serving on the Search Committee. Please keep them in your prayers.

Christian County:

Jim Cross (Chair), FBC Ozark
Danny Hartwell, Selmore Baptist
Terry Kendrick, Calvary Baptist
Cindy Kinser, FBC Ozark

Stone County:

Jason Moore, Ozark Mountain Community Church
Jeff Hardy, FBC Kimberling City
Rich Bitterman, Cedar Ridge Baptist

Taney County:


Phil Morgan, Real Life Hollister Church
Monty Dunn, Friendly Baptist

Alternates:

Dennis Reynolds, FBC Lampe
Jonathan McGuire, Bridge of Faith Community Church

If you would not mind, please click on this [LINK](#) OR go to our website and click on "**TAKE OUR SURVEY**" and complete the brief survey. The information provided will be used to aid the Search Committee in building a DOM profile.

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SEARCH COMMITTEE PERSONNEL
Approved: 2/23/26

PRIMARY PERSONNEL

CHRISTIAN

1. Jim Cross
2. Terry Kindrick
3. Danny Hartwell
4. Cindy Kinser

TANEY

1. Phil Morgan
2. Monty Dunn

STONE

1. Jason Moore
2. Jeff Hardy
3. Rich Bitterman

ALTERNATES

1. Dennis Reynolds
2. Jonathan McGuire

[TAKE OUR SURVEY](#)

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF OUR SEARCH COMMITTEE?

A search committee is responsible for identifying and selecting a new Director of Missions for the association, guiding the process from resume collection to presenting a candidate to the Executive Board. They play a crucial role in ensuring the new DOM aligns with the association's mission and vision.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS? (Red lettered area identifies where we are in the process)

Overview of Search Committee
Search committees play a crucial role in helping associations find and select their next Director of Missions. They are responsible for managing the entire search process, ensuring that the association's needs and values are reflected in the selection of a new leader.

Key Responsibilities

Formation of the Committee

Selection of Members: The committee is typically elected by the Executive Board and should consist of respected members who understand the church's mission and culture.

MINISTRY GRANT REQUEST

If your church is submitting a **Ministry Grant Request**, please be aware of the following deadlines. Click this [LINK](#) to go to the request form on our website.

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

For Ministries/Activities/Events/Resources to be held during

The submission deadline is

- January-March December 1
- April-June March 1
- July-September June 1
- October-December September 1

OUTREACH MINISTRY RESOURCES



TCBA's Evangelistic Block Party Trailer is an amazing resource available to all Tri-County churches! For a modest usage fee of \$50, TCBA churches have use of a large bounce house, small bounce house, snow-cone machine, popcorn machine, carnival games, corn hole, 9-square in the air, portable sound system, pop-up tents, tables, chairs and a portable generator.

In addition to the Block Party Trailer, these resources are available to TCBA churches—free of charge—to use for church and outreach events: snow-cone machine, popcorn machine, cotton candy machine, bubble-making machine, giant Connect game, inflatable Gaga ball pit, and a giant inflatable movie screen.

Contact the Tri-County office to check availability and reserve. Call 417-725-8825 or email tricity@tcsba.com

Update on Baptist Collegiate Ministry

from Nathan Sharon, BCM Director



The Baptist Collegiate Ministry at College of the Ozarks is in full swing! We are meeting at 8:30 in the chapel basement on Monday nights and seem to have a good core group of students showing up for these weekly gatherings. We have been studying the book of Esther together and have had some very encouraging conversations!

We are also continuing to develop the student leadership team, through one-on-one discipleship conversations, and an occasional group meeting. We have enjoyed building up this team and anticipate the Lord working through this smaller group of students.

We recently attended the annual MBCollegiate conference in Columbia, the theme being *Arise and Build*, with preaching through Nehemiah. We had a great time and were able to bring one of our students with us who publicly surrendered to a call to ministry that weekend. We are super excited to begin walking alongside him as he grows and prepares for pastoral ministry.

We thank you for any and all support! If you want to be part of this ministry, we can always use snacks and drinks, so please reach out if you want to help in this way! Also, as always, please support us in laying a foundation of prayer as we seek to build the BCM for the sake of God's kingdom. Please pray that God would help us make connections and grant discipleship opportunities on campus. We desire to build relationships with students that can open the door to speaking into their lives to walk alongside them as they seek to mature and grow in Christ.

Overall, we are so excited to be here serving in this way and to be part of what the Lord is doing at College of the Ozarks.

Churches with new pastors - Welcome!

Pleasant View (Highlandville) - Zack Wakefield and wife Jessica (effective 3/8/26)

Fairview Baptist (Sparta) - Charles Jackson and wife Jane (effective 3/8/26)

McCord Bend Baptist (Galena) - Roger Goetz, Jr. (effective 1/22/26)

Pray for churches between pastors:

Ponce de Leon (Galena), Smyrna Baptist (Rogersville)

The Last Word

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth; it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:10-11 NIV

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