

**The Messenger**  
*October 2024 Newsletter for*  
*Mt Salem-Wyaconda Baptist Association*

**A Word from Interim Director of Missions / Moderator Barry**

Spiritual testing! When we are tested spiritually, it may come in many forms and fashions. Often, we can see the most evident testing, but we miss the most subdued ones. It is in that subdued testing time that we fail to understand what God is trying to teach us. Too often we've become open to our self-taught teaching that is sometimes called the World Teaching. This type of world openness allows Satan to come in and start to take over. I'm reminded that Jesus once told His disciples about the yeast and bread. Using yeast as a symbol of sin, He said just a little bit in the bread, ruined the whole loaf. Just like that, a little bit of sin in your life can ruin your life, or at least put you off track for a while. I believe many of us are facing those minor trials of Spiritual Testing – those events in our life where we're not listening to what God is trying to say to us and teach us! Because of that, I believe many of us are off the spiritual track. Our spiritual walk is not as strong as it should be. Our faith is often tested and we are found to be weak.

And then there's those overwhelming times of spiritual testing. You know, the kind that just absolutely hits you in the face. A devastating event, where all of a sudden everything around you comes to a stop. Nothing else matters. It's in these times we often hear ourselves crying out and saying, "Why Lord? Why? Why now?" not understanding that there's something very important that God wants to teach us. This is when we need to truly let go of everything that is holding us back from trusting God, and cry out with a sincere heart, asking, "Teach me, Lord! Show me, even more hold me!" We must be ready to receive that teaching and whatever else He desires to show us. We must be ready to accept what God has for us, and to know that He has a much better outcome and desire for us. But, until we are ready, we will not fully understand all His Love and compassion.

Our week of revival meetings was an absolute blessing. We had a very good turnout at each church each night. And the messages were just what we all needed to hear. My heart's prayer is that we will take what was given to us through the Word and apply it to our hearts and lives, and allow revival to start afresh in each one of us. And then, let that fire of revival spread throughout our community always remembering that as an Association we are "Doing together what we cannot do alone for the glory of Jesus Christ."

Please add this to your list of prayer concerns. Our association is looking for some people that would be willing to help serve on a group to plan mission trips for our association. If you're interested, please contact me for more details – Bro Barry 660-734-2080.

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## **Summer Bible Camp 2024 at Camp Inlow**

by Barry Pfister, Camp Team Leader

Had a very good review of our camp for 2024 with a lot of positive input. We already have some fresh new ideas moving forward. The first thing we want to make you aware of is that one of the shortfalls we had was getting enough cabin leaders to come to camp. So what I'd like you to do is to tentatively mark your calendars for July 21-25, 2025. Tentatively, this is the week we're planning for camp and we are asking you to become a part of this. This will give you an opportunity to put in for vacation time if needed or schedule it on your calendar. We would really love to have you come and help. By doing so, I believe the camp will grow even greater, not only with the closer relationship to our Savior Jesus Christ, but by building relationships with all of our young people. One day the campers will start to have questions about the Lord, and I hope that when they do they will remember that you came to camp, that you loved them and had a great concern for them while at camp. At that point they may come to you and ask the ultimate question – Can you help me understand what it means to surrender my life to Christ?

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at FBC Ewing. This is not a closed event or closed committee, but is open for anyone and everyone that is has an interest in camp and would like to come to be a part of it. Currently we have a great group that is working diligently on plans for next year, but new ideas, new hearts, new minds, new eyes, new thoughts are always welcome. Come join us if you can.

### **A Music Note**

by Mike Kitch, Music Team Leader

Greetings everyone! Dover Church hosted our Hymn Sing on a beautiful summer evening earlier this month. We had a large congregation from various churches and many participated in the special music, enough so that we sang praises and worshiped our Heavenly Father until 8:30 that night! Hallelujah! Most still stayed for the food and fellowship afterwards, which I consider Christian icing for our spiritual cake!

Our last hymn sings of 2024 will be:

Durham – October 8

Lewistown – November 12

La Grange – December 10 \*\* 6:30 start time \*\*

Come join the assembling!

### **Missions Together**

Kimbre Thrower and Ashley Ulrich, Co-Leaders

We had a great time of learning and fellowship at the initial Missions Together night! Our next meeting will be Sunday, October 6 beginning at 4:30 at FBC Ewing. Missions Together is a once a month missions night with groups for all ages through the cooperation of our Association SBC churches. All are invited to come. Teaching time ends at 5:30, then a themed carry-in fellowship. The theme for October is Motorcycle Ministry. If you are not able to think of something that fits the theme, bring a dish of whatever you would like. The carry-in is completely optional but is a great time of fellowship. Looking forward to seeing you there!!

## **ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2024**

*Check back to the [mswsba.org](http://mswsba.org) website for latest updated information throughout the month*

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>DETAILS</u></b>
OCT 01 TUE	7:00 PM	Camp Meeting	Camp Planning Meeting at FBC Ewing. Contact: Barry Pfister 660-734-2080.
OCT 03 THU	10:00 AM	Ladies Bible Study	FBC Ewing invites the ladies of the Association to a Bible Study focusing on Ruth. Meeting at 10 am on Thursdays. Contact: Ashley Ulrich 573-288-4734.
OCT 4-5		DR Training	DR Training at FBC Ozark. Go to <a href="http://modo.org/dr-training">modo.org/dr-training</a> for more information.
OCT 4-5		Pastors and Wives Conference	Pastors and Wives Conference in Hannibal at Calvary Baptist Church. Contact Barry Pfister to register – 660-734-2080.
OCT 05 SAT	9:00 AM	Pastors and Wives Prayer Meeting canceled	Prayer breakfast canceled due to regional pastors and wives conference in Hannibal.
OCT 06 SUN	4:30 PM	Missions Together	Age-level missions classes for all ages from Missions Friends to Adults on Mission at 4:30 PM, followed by October carry-in of Biker theme. Meet at FBC Ewing. Contacts: Kimbre Thrower 573-288-4759 and Ashley Ulrich 573-288-4734.
OCT 07 MON	9:00 AM	WMU trip to Salvation Army Store	WMU mission trip workday at the Quincy Salvation Army Store. Contact: Mary Ann Lillard 573-853-4507.
OCT 08 TUE	7:00 PM	Hymn Sing	Meet at Durham Baptist Church. All are welcome – bring a friend! Contact: Mike Kitch 660-956-5591.
OCT 10 THU	10:00 AM	Ladies Bible Study	Ladies of the Association invited to a Bible Study focusing on Ruth. Meet at FBC Ewing at 10 am on Thursdays. Contact: Ashley Ulrich 573-288-4734.
OCT 13 SUN		GEM Final Registration Deadline	Girls Experiencing Missions (GEM) is a 2 day event for girls grades 1-6. T-shirt order deadline Sept 15; registration deadline Oct 13. Go to <a href="http://mowmu.org/gem">mowmu.org/gem</a> for more information.
OCT 14 MON	6:30 PM	Budget Com Meeting	Meet at FBC Ewing. Contact: Mike Sliger 217-242-7510.
OCT 15 TUE	7:00 PM	Missions Meeting	Meet at FBC Ewing. Contact: Barry Pfister 660-734-2080.

OCT 17 THU	10:00 AM	Ladies Bible Study	Ladies of the Association invited to a Bible Study focusing on Ruth. Meet at FBC Ewing at 10 am on Thursdays. Contact: Ashley Ulrich 573-288-4734.
OCT 17 THU	6:00 PM	Council Meeting	Team leaders to meet at FBC Ewing to update calendar of events.
OCT 17	6:30 PM	Trustees Meeting	Meeting at FBC Ewing.
OCT 17 THU	7:00 PM	Executive Board Meeting	Meet at FBC Ewing. All officers, team leaders, committee chairs, pastors, and church Executive Board members invited.
OCT 18-19		Girls Experiencing Missions	GEM is a 2 day event for girls grades 1-6. T-shirt order deadline had been Sept 15; registration deadline Oct 13. Go to <a href="http://mowmu.org/gem">mowmu.org/gem</a> for more information.
OCT 20 SUN	4:00 PM	Missions Report from the Congo	All are invited to Ten Mile Baptist Church to hear Bro James and Rhonda Renot of FBC La Belle share more of their recent mission trip to the Congo. Come and hear what God is doing – and hear of ways you can help! Contacts: Violet Brownell 573-248-8870; Bro James Renot 573-822-0476.
OCT 21 MON	1:00 PM	Hands In Service Sewing Group	Hands In Service – because we are HIS Sewing Group meeting at Durham Baptist Church from 1-5 pm. Come when you can. Focus on eyeglass cases. Contact: Violet Brownell 573-248-8870.
OCT 24 THU	9:30 AM	WMU Meeting	Meet at FBC LaGrange. Speaker Dr Char Newbold, the Resource Specialist for Domestic Violence and Healthy Relationships for the MBC. Ends with carry-in lunch. Contact: Connie Handyside 660-342-0642.
OCT 24 THU	10:00 AM	Ladies Bible Study canceled	Bible Study canceled this week so you can attend the WMU Quarterly Meeting.
OCT 28-29		MBC Annual Meeting	Meet at St Charles Convention Center, St Louis.
OCT 31 THU	10:00 AM	Ladies Bible Study	Ladies of the Association invited to a Bible Study focusing on Ruth. Meet at FBC Ewing at 10 am on Thursdays. Contact: Ashley Ulrich 573-288-4734.

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