

The Messenger

July 2026 Newsletter for Mt Salem-Wyaconda Baptist Association

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A Word from Director of Missions Barry

The brokenness of sin in our lives will always lead us down a path of destruction and separation. For some of us, we turn a blind eye and contribute it to our sinful nature, stating that it's just who we are! But as Christians, we are to live a life worthy of our calling. Paul wrote in Ephesians 4:1 (NIV) "I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received."

This means that when we are broken in sin, we are not following our Lord and must return to Him! Returning to God after being broken in sin begins with honest repentance and trust in God's mercy. You don't have to make yourself "whole enough" before coming back – God invites you to come to Him in your brokenness.

First: Confess those sins honestly. Tell God the truth about what happened, without excuses. Repentance means turning from sin and turning back toward Him.

Next, be open to receiving forgiveness by faith. In 1 John 1:9 we find that if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Forgiveness is not earned by shame or self-punishment. Scripture teaches that when we confess, God is faithful to forgive and cleanse us.

Confess those needs through prayer, even if you feel unworthy. A simple prayer might look like: "Lord, I have sinned. I need Your mercy. Restore my heart and help me walk with You again."

Let brokenness surrender our lives to Him! Let pride fall away, and dependence on God grow. Make things right where possible. If your sin harmed someone, seek reconciliation wisely and humbly. Find a pastor, or mature believer, or trusted Christian friend who can pray with you and help you stay accountable. Then take the next faithful step.

Return to Scripture, worship, repentance, and obedience – not all at once perfectly, but sincerely. The heart of returning to God is this: come honestly, repent sincerely, receive His mercy, and keep walking toward Him.

A helpful prayer could be: "God, I come to You broken by my sin. I confess that I have turned away from You, and I need Your mercy. Please forgive me, cleanse me, and restore my heart. Teach me to walk in obedience again. Help me believe that Your grace is greater than my failure. Amen."

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No Pastor Breakfast in July

Summer Bible Camp 2025 at Camp Inlow

by Jacob Morris, Camp Team Leader

Camp is coming together very nicely. It is July 20th through July 24th. We are still looking for a camp nurse at this point, so if there is anybody interested please reach out to Jacob Morris at 573-231-4266. As we are getting closer to everything beginning please pray for our campers and our staff that have volunteered to help us. If any more questions please contact me at the number above.

A Music Note

by Mike Kitch, Music Team Leader

Our June Hymn Sing was held at Redeemer Church in Canton. Redeemer has some great musical talent, and even the young children participated with a couple of adorable songs accompanied by artful dancing and movements. Made me a little envious of their energy! It's always encouraging to see our Christian children enjoying the praise and worship of God Almighty.

Our July 14 Hymn Sing will be at Hurdland. It's a bit of a drive for some of us, but it is always worth the trip. Come join the assembling!

Missions Together

Kimbire Thrower, Leader

We're looking forward to meeting July 5 at FBC Ewing at 4:30 pm to look at missions in South Asia. Don't forget the carry-in at 5:30 pm. And don't forget to bring preemie items for the ministry in Kampala, Uganda – this will be the last chance to meet up before our trip! They can use preemie onesies, preemie diapers, preemie socks/booties, preemie hats, crochet hooks size H, I, and J, and newborn receiving blankets. The Mama Tulia ministry can also use money that will be used for newborn vitamins, yarn, and meals. If you have questions, call Kimbire at 573-288-4759.

Hands In Service Sewing Group (because we are HIS)

Violet Brownell, Sewing Leader

We will be meeting for sewing at FBC Ewing on July 30. Come when you can between 1 pm and 5 pm to help make eyeglass cases for Vision 3:16!

250th Anniversary Celebration of the USA

Everyone is welcome to join FBC Ewing in honoring God and Country in a celebration of the Anniversary of our Country on July 18 from 4 pm to 10pm. There will be kids games, dinner, VBS program, music, and fireworks! Donations accepted. For more information about the event or to help or donate, please call Pastor Steven Dresen at 573-209-4022 or Laurie Start at 573-248-5713.

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JULY 2026

Check back to the mswsba.org website for latest updated information throughout the month

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>
Jul 4		Independence Day	Holiday
Jul 4 Sat	9:00 AM	Pastors Prayer Meeting and Breakfast Canceled	Canceled for July. Contact: Moderator Barry Pfister at 660-734-2080.
Jul 5 Sun	4:30 PM	Missions Together	Age-level missions classes for all ages from Missions Friends to Adults on Mission. July theme is South Asia. Meet at FBC Ewing. Contact: Kimbre Thrower 573-288-4759.
Jul 7 Tue	7:00 PM	Camp Meeting postponed	Final Camp Planning Meeting postponed until Saturday, July 11. Contact: Jacob Morris 573-231-4266.
Jul 10 Fri		Final Camp Registration Date	Last day to accept registrations for Camp! Contact: Jill Feldkamp 573-470-1132.
Jul 11 Sat	11:00 AM	Final Camp Planning Meeting	Final Camp Planning Meeting at FBC LaGrange. All camp staff invited to attend – lunch provided. Contact: Jacob Morris 573-231-4266.
Jul 14 Tue	7:00 PM	Hymn Sing	Meet at FBC Hurdland. Bring a friend! Contact: Mike Kitch 660-956-5591.
Jul 16 Thu	1:00 PM	WMU Meeting	Meet at Durham Baptist Church. Guest speaker will be Katherine Burt. Contact: Connie Handyside 660-342-0642.
Jul 16	6:00 PM	Council Meeting	Team leaders to meet at FBC Ewing to update calendar of events.
Jul 16	6:30 PM	Trustees Meeting	Meeting at FBC Ewing.
Jul 16	7:00 PM	Executive Board Meeting	Meet at FBC Ewing. All officers, team leaders, committee chairs, pastors, and church Executive Board members invited.
Jul 18 Sat	4:00 PM	250th Anniversary Celebration of the USA	Everyone welcome to join FBC Ewing in honoring God and Country in a celebration of the Anniversary of our Country on July 18 from 4 pm to 10pm. There will be kids games, dinner, VBS program, music, and fireworks! Donations accepted. For more information about the event or to help or donate, please call Pastor Steven Dresen at 573-209-4022 or Laurie Start at 573-248-5713.
Jul 20-24		Church Camp!	Church Camp at Camp Inlow in Philadelphia, MO from July 20-24. Registration starts at 12:30 pm Monday and dismissal is 12:30 pm on Friday. Contact: Jacob Morris 573-231-4266.
Jul 30 Thu	1:00 PM	Hands In Service Sewing Group	Meet at FBC Ewing from 1-5 pm. Come when you can. Focus on eyeglass cases. Contact: Violet Brownell 573-248-8870.