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Missionary Moments

My article for the December newsletter is being written as an update regarding the IBA camp.

First is a description of recent history. A specially appointed camp study team was appointed in April 2019 to study the history, current status and future of the camp with recommendations to be brought to the August 2019 meeting of the Executive Board of the Association. In summary, the results of their work led to the following recommendations: 1) The Association to divest our interest in the camp. 2) Proceeds from the divestment of the property be placed in an interest-bearing account to fund future student and family ministry within the Association. 3) Make every effort to see that the property remains in Kingdom work.

Second a special called Executive Board meeting was held 10 September 2019 for a vote to approve the recommendation. The motion for the association to divest our interest in the camp passed by 89% approval. This was followed by a motion for the Association Leadership Team to appoint a Divestment Team with authority to act on behalf of the Association to work through the process. The original Camp Study Team was asked to continue in this role. Four of the five agreed. When the fifth person felt unable to serve, the Association Moderator and Chairperson of the Association Leadership Team was asked and agreed to serve.

The Camp Divestment Team consists of Jerry Henderson, Newark, Greg Hodge, Emmanuel, Vicki Fitterling, Fellowship, Mike Fowler, Floral, Jeff Childers, Cord (Association Leadership Team, Chair), Aaron Leggett, (Association Moderator). This team has met twice over the past few weeks.

Finally, this team has agreed on the following:

1. The camp will be listed with an agent for sale. The agent will determine a value as a listing price.
2. Every effort will be made to honor the ministry history of the camp in the future. Thus, the property

will have a deed restriction that states the property will be sold to a Christian ministry.

3. After ninety days, the team will evaluate activity of interest to determine if the deed restriction should be lifted.
4. Any proceeds from the sale of the camp will be placed in an interest-bearing account that protects the principal. Interest earned will be used to fund student and family ministry of the association.
5. Once a buyer is found, current occupants of the camp home will be given thirty days to find other accommodations.

While the work of the Camp Divestment Team is not complete, this team has worked prayerfully and thoughtfully in their assignment. This is not a task anyone is taking lightly, and each member recognizes the burden of responsibility placed in their care. They have sought to be sensitive in every way and honor the mandate of the original Camp Study Team.

We owe them a debt of gratitude and prayerful support as they continue in their work.

Ronnie Toon
25 November 2019

*Merry
Christmas*

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Association Events

December 2019

3rd Association Leadership Team meeting will begin at 10am at the association office

3rd Minister's & Wives Christmas Fellowship at 6:30pm at FBC, Batesville - Invitations were mailed in November

5th Pastor's Wives Fellowship will be at 6pm at the Highland House on the Lyon College campus (see flyer in this publication for more details)

9th Winter Bible Study & Minister's Fellowship begins at 10am at the IBA office and will conclude at 2pm. The Winter Bible Study is on the book of Jeremiah and will be facilitated by Dr. Robert Foster. Lunch will be provided and the cost is \$10

23rd - 31st The IBA office will be closed for Christmas & New Years



January 2020

1st Office Closed for New Years Day

6th Minister's Fellowship will begin at 10:30am. The

location will be determined and announced in the January newsletter.

Pastor's Wives Event



IBA Pastors' Wives Fellowship
December 5
6:00 PM
Highland House
Light Dinner
Christmas Mug of Goodies Exchange

Bring a mug you would love to keep!

The Highland House is located on the Lyon College Campus

The Association 2020 Calendar has been emailed to the pastors, secretaries and ministry leaders of our partnering churches. They are available to anyone that would like a copy and can be mailed or sent electronically by email. If you would like a copy you may contact the office by calling 870-793-7162 or send an email to independence613@gmail.com.



It is also available on our website at: www.independencebaptistassociation.org

First Baptist Church of Batesville will present their Christmas Musical on Saturday, December 14th at 6pm and again on Sunday, December 15th at 10:45am.

Have any church news??

Please submit it to the Association office no later than the 15th of the month to make the next month's Independence Baptist Association Servant Heart Newsletter. You can submit an article, a weekly bulletin or the event details by emailing it to Kathy at: independence613@gmail.com

The current IBA *Pastorless Churches* are Newark and Rehobeth. Please be in prayer for these churches as they seek God's guidance in searching for a pastor for their congregations.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering & ABSC January 2020 Events



*Week of Prayer for International Missions
& the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*

January 2020

Women's Ministry Roundtables

January 16th - 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

ECON 2020

January 27 at 12:00 pm to
January 28 at 3:00 pm
Geyer Springs FBC
12400 I-30
Little Rock, AR



To contact ABSC for more information about event details or questions, you may call their office at 1-800-838-2272 or go to their website at www.absc.org

PraizFest 2020

January 24, 2020 at 6:15 pm to January 25, 2020 at 4:00 pm

Location
First Baptist Church of Benton
211 S Market St.
Benton, AR 72015



January 26, 2020
at 6:00 pm to
January 28, 2020
at 12:00 pm

Two ways to connect:

1) **At the State Evangelism Conference held at Geyer Springs FBC, Monday/Tuesday, January 27-28, 2020.** Planters will be at the Missions Team booth.

2) **Do you live locally or are you coming in early for the Evangelism Conference? You and your spouse are invited to attend the "Mission Connection Meet and Greet Dinner", Sunday night, January 26, 6:00pm-7:30pm at the Baptist Building.** All of our planters will be on hand.

Register online at www.absc.org



January 27, 2020 at 9:30 am
Geyer Springs FBC

The 2020 Prayer Leaders Workshop will be held as a part of the State Conference on Evangelism + Church Health.

This workshop is for those who lead out in prayer in their family, church, and community. Register online at www.absc.org





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Birthdays

6th Betty Gail Jones, Compass

8th Judy Allen, Sulphur Rock

11th Bill Allen, Sulphur Rock

12th Tommy Medley, Foothills

24th Talissa Smith, Ruddell Hill

29th Nikki Penn, IBA Counselor



Anniversaries

6th Jonathan & Catherine Baxter, Pilgrims Rest

16th Jason & Adrienne Ingram, FBC Mountain View

19th Richard & Neela Nuckolls, Fellowship

27th Tommy & Tracy Medley, Foothills



