

**Beyond Uganda Water Campaign February 14-March 22**

The purpose of this campaign is to raise funds for the digging of wells and for providing water filters for families in Uganda. You simply fill a water bottle with change or bills. If interested in participating, please email Amy Land, at landamy64@gmail.com, and she will provide the water bottles.

**This month’s featured church is:**

**Metropolis First Baptist Church**

 Metropolis First Baptist Church began with 7 charter members on November 13, 1841. Bro. Willis White was its first pastor. Metropolis First was one of thirteen churches that helped organize the Union Baptist Association back in October of 1867.

 The original location of 6th and Girard Streets in Metropolis has been there for over a century, beginning with an old stucco building. This building was replaced in 1952 with a new sanctuary and, in 1953, an educational building was added. The sanctuary was remodeled in 1965.

 After years of growth in membership and also aging of the building, there became a need for relocation and a new church building. Today, the new church building is located on fifty-two acres of land on Massac Creek Road in Metropolis. The church continues to grow in membership. It is in the top twenty-five in giving to the cooperative program and also is a great supporter of the UBA.

 The present pastor is Dr. Joe Buchanan and the ministry staff includes Cliff Easter, Youth and Family Minister; John Windings, Worship Minister; and Clarissa Fox, Children’s Leader.

 We are proud to have Metropolis First Baptist as part of the Union Baptist Association.

**PASTOR/WIFE/CHURCH STAFF BIRTHDAYS**

**March 4 – Cliff Easter, Metropolis 1st**

**March 5 – Grace Buchanan, Metropolis 1st**

**March 5 – Clay Blankenbaker, New Beginnings**

**March 17 – Dean West, Karnak First**

**March 25 – Jennifer Windings, Metropolis 1st**

**PASTOR & WIFE ANNIVERSARIES**

**March 19 – John & Jennifer Windings, Metropolis 1st**

**Pastor Church Anniversary**

**Glenn Coram, Immanuel, 2011**

**J.D. Greear on ‘harvesting’**

 People sometimes feel like this law of multiplication is unfair….They make a few bad decisions, and when life falls apart, they think, “Well, I know I haven’t always made the wisest decisions, but I don’t deserve all this.” But, what they are experiencing is probably not punishment; it is harvest…

 I can’t tell you how many Christian parents are surprised when their kids go off to college and walk away from the faith. “But we raised them in church,” they say. But were church and your walk with God really that important to you? You attended sporadically. You didn’t volunteer. You weren’t in a small group. You didn’t do missions or serve with your kids or read the Bible together or pray together. Your kids weren’t involved in the student ministry. You frequently missed church for sports events or dance or trips to the beach. You raised your kids around God, but he was only a second-tier priority.

 Is it any surprise, then, that this nonchalant attitude multiplied in your kids’ lives when they went to college? Your half-commitment wasn’t just replicated in your kids. It multiplied in them.

 Now, I want to be clear that this isn’t an ironclad rule. Kids leave the faith for a number of reasons. But I’m concerned that what many parents- Christian parents- are sowing in their kids is a little bit of Jesus and a whole lot of materialism.

**PRIORITY IBSA Annual Women’s Conference**

**April 27-28, 2018 at the Decatur Conference Ctr. and Hotel**

**The deadline to register and go with the UBA group is April 6th! For more information on the conference, please visit IBSA.org/Priority or call or email Barb Troeger at BarbTroeger@IBSA.org , 217-391-3138.**

**Pastor’s Breakfast**

**Monday, March 12th, 7:00-8:30 a.m.**

**At Yesterday’s in Metropolis**

**UBA Council & Executive Board Meeting**

Monday, March 5, 2018 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Buncombe

6:00pm – Council Mtg., 7:00pm – Executive Board Mtg.

**UBA Church Leadership Training**

Tuesday, March 27th, 6:00pm meal, 6:45pm Training

“Burnout Symptoms and Remedies”-Guest Speaker: Dax Hughes

Assoc. Pastor of Heartland Worship Ctr.

Please register for the meal by March 23rd

***Dates to remember...***

**March 11th – Daylight Saving time begins**

**March 30th – Good Friday**

**April 1 – Easter Sunday**

**Pastor of Metropolis First Baptist: Joe Buchanan**

**Brian Anderson and his wife, Robin**

***Church Contributions for Budget***

***(rec’d & deposited in Nov. & Dec. 2017 & Jan. 2018)***

Brookport First $ 624.72 478.68 676.84

County Line $ 0.00 200.00 200.00

Cypress First $ 0.00 0.00 121.00

Dixon Springs $ 234.10 176.00 255.00

Eastland Life Church $ 200.00 200.00 200.00

Hillerman Missionary $ 671.66 591.53 902.83

Immanuel $ 0.00 228.51 379.30

Joppa Missionary $ 1,055.97 913.44 1,079.36

Karnak First $ 0.00 706.23 846.23

Metropolis First $ 2,555.47 1,931.62 2,713.93

Mt. Zion $ 403.62 280.67 349.18

New Beginnings $ 237.85 0.00 391.50

New Hope $ 0.00 0.00 2,501.91

New Salem $ 0.00 50.00 50.00

Oak Grove $ 38.57 32.90 106.19

Revelation Road $ 30.00 23.00 24.00

Seven Mile $ 0.00 0.00 339.00

Simpson $ 100.00 100.00 100.00

Vienna First $ 433.33 433.33 0.00

Waldo $ 466.67 466.67 466.67

Weaver Creek $ 0.00 75.00 0.00