

**PASTOR & FAMILY PICNIC!**

**Saturday, September 27th, 5:00 p.m.**

**Fort Massac State Park**

All UBA pastors, along with their families, are invited for a time of fellowship. Hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert. Please call the UBA Office by September 25th to let us know you are coming.

**Please pray for the following:**

**Haiti – August 29-September 4 – An Evangelistic Team from Metropolis 1st will be sharing the gospel and informing people of the coming Medical Team Visit.**

**Haiti – September 4-7 – Medical Team, led by Dr. Oliver, will be ministering to those in need.**

**Honduras – August 30-September 6 – Kevin Miller will be traveling as a translator for a medical mission team.**

**Detroit – September 14-21 – Nelda Smothers will be going as a Disaster Relief Chaplain.**

BAPTIST CHILDREN’S HOME

FALL FESTIVAL

September 20, 2014

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Our Association’s September Mission Action is collecting items for the Silent Auction. Please bring items to the UBA Office by Wednesday, September 17th.

The festival is free and open to the public. A complimentary lunch is also offered. If you have never been, we encourage you to get a group from your church together and go see the wonderful work and ministry of the Children’s Home.



Lodema - Her warm smile and sweet laughter welcomed us. Since dementia has robbed her of memories, it may appear that she is alone. Deep in her heart is the joy of the Lord that was evidenced as she joined in singing great hymns of faith. She read the song titles as we turned the pages in the hymnal. God guided her fingers as she worshipped. – Nelda Smothers

**Standing: Jane McGinnis, New Hope**

**Seated: Lodema Luporini, Mt. Zion**

**DISASTER RELIEF**

Disaster Relief of Illinois has been called out to the Detroit Metro Area. On August 11th, some 50,000 homes were affected by flooding. Rex Alexander is organizing several trips during the month of September. At the time of this newsletter, one team is forming in Marion. They will go August 31 – September 7. There will be crews forming later. If interested, please contact the UBA Office and we will get you connected with a team.

**Cobden Migrant Camp News**

From Nelda Smothers: Snow cones, popcorn, people, and of course, the gospel – the ingredients of a Bible club. The Bibles given and the gospel shared will not return void. Spanish speakers Bro. Manuel Orosco and his wife, Stella, from Life Church Eastland shared the gospel. Also sharing was Kevin Miller of Joppa Missionary. Metropolis 1st served refreshments.

From Terry Mathis: This past month was a great blessing at the Hispanic Ministry in Cobden, as 4 received Jesus as their Savior! Thanks to all who went and served!

***Due to a lack of venue, the annual fish fry has been cancelled.***

**“Churches of Strength” Conference**

**Saturday, September 27, 8:00 a.m.-noon**

**2nd Baptist Church in Marion, Illinois**

Leaders from the IBSA will be offering free training in the areas of preschool, student and adult Bible study techniques. Sessions will be offered on church safety and mission preparation. There will also be sessions for Women on Mission. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with a continental breakfast. The conference begins at 8:30. Register online at IBSA.org/cst

***A WORD OF THANKS!***

The UBA’s annual benefit singing for the Baptist Children’s Home was a great success! We had a great turnout and the singing was wonderful! $2,850.00 was raised and given to Doug Devore, the Executive Director of the children’s home.

**See You at the Pole**

**Wednesday, September 24th**

**To be held at all schools**

**Please pray for our students, as well as their leaders, as they gather around their school flagpoles for prayer.**

**Men’s Ministry Conference**

**“Prime: A Conference on Biblical Manhood”**

**Thursday, September 25th, 6:00 p.m.**

**First Baptist in Herrin, IL**

God’s calling for every man is to let his life, his marriage, and his relationships be a picture of the Gospel. “Prime” calls men to the first importance of his personal walk and his role in his home. Bring the men of your church for a powerful night of worship and challenging messages on God’s design for men.

**UBA’s 147th Annual Meeting**

**Monday, October 20th**

**Hillerman Missionary Baptist**

**9:00 a.m. – Session 1**

**12:00 p.m. – Lunch**

**6:00 p.m. – Session 2**

**All Executive Board Members, Pastors, Associational Council Members, along with your three elected messengers, are encouraged to attend.**

**Annual Church Profiles**

**The ACP’s were mailed to each church. If you did not receive one, please contact our office. Please fill out and return to our office by October 6th. This information is valuable to our association, the IBSA, as well as the SBC.**

**If you would like to order one of Duane McGinnis’s CD’s, please give him a call at 618-771-2993.**

**Any profit from the sales of the CD will be used to further the Jamaica Mission work on the churches and schools there.**

**SEPTEMBER MISSION ACTION:**

**Baptist Children’s Home Fall Festival – Silent Auction items.**

**Leadership: Mike & Georgia Casper**

**OCTOBER MISSION ACTIONS:**

***Collection for At the River Ministries, Metropolis* – Leadership: Terry Mathis**

**At the River Ministries is a faith based non-profit organization, spreading the good news of Jesus Christ by blessing the homeless, the hungry, the needy, the sick, and the incarcerated.**

**ATR provides a hot meal on the 4th Monday of each month for anyone who has a need. They also give away bags of needed items. Our association will be collecting the following:**

**Toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, body wash, deodorant and baby wipes.**

**Please bring items to the UBA Office by Tuesday, November 4th.**

***Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes*. Leadership: Immanuel. We have ordered the preprinted shoe boxes and they will be available at the UBA Office in a couple of weeks. The cost will be 40 cents/box.**

**Drop off times will be in our next newsletter.**

***One-day Mission Trip to Eagles Nest*. Thursday, October 9th. We will leave the UBA at 6:00 a.m. Those going will be sorting literature. Please call the UBA Office to reserve a seat on the bus. Seating is limited! Leadership: Terry Mathis**

**Please continue to pray for the following churches as they search for a pastor:**

**Dixon Springs (Interim, Matt Snell) and Seven Mile**

**Cobden Migrant Camp –**

**Jane Gentry and friends**

**The IBSA recognizes the top 100 churches in Cooperative Program giving as well as per-capita giving. Four churches from our association were recognized for their giving during the 2nd quarter of 2014.**

**Cooperative Program Giving:**

**#12 Metropolis First**

**#83 Hillerman Missionary**

**#100 New Hope Baptist**

**Cooperative Program Per-capita Giving:**

**#11 Hillerman Missionary**

**#68 Mt. Zion**

**#93 Metropolis First**