

**The following is part of the Resolution Committee Report from the Annual Meeting held at Joppa Missionary Baptist on Oct. 21, 2013. It was adopted by our Messengers, Executive Board Members and Council Members.**

**Resolution on Defense of Biblical Marriage**

**WHEREAS, the Bible clearly establishes marriage as the foundation of the family, which is the first institution God ordained for mankind (Gen. 2:18-25, Matt. 19:4-6), and**

**WHEREAS, the only form of marriage prescribed in the Bible is between one man and one woman (Gen. 2:34, Heb. 13:4), and**

**WHEREAS, this traditional family provides the biblical environment for raising of each new generation, and**

**WHEREAS, the traditional family and marriage between one man and one woman is continually under attack and attempts to undermine it are more and more frequent by the media, Hollywood and even some of our elected politicians, be it**

**RESOLVED, that we the Executive Board Members and Elected Messengers of the 146th Annual Meeting once again affirm our belief that marriage is defined exclusively between one man and one woman in the Bible, and be it further**

**RESOLVED, we as an Association of Churches that make up the Union Baptist Association support our churches that teach and preach Biblical Marriage and believe in the traditional family.**

**LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS**

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Please pray for the following:

February 6-17, 2014 – Peru – Beth Larrison will be leading a team from Life Church Eastland to Peru. **UBA is using your donations from the Love Offerings to sponsor an individual.**

 **With the holidays upon us, each and every one of us have many blessings to thank God for. As I was thinking about all of my blessings, I ran across this article, by J. Lee Grady, entitled “10 Blessings Easy to Overlook”. The article was in Charisma Magazine. I would like to share these with you.**

1. **Clean Water: 884 million people lack access to clean water.**
2. **A Bathroom: 40% of the world does not have a toilet.**
3. **Electricity: 1.6 billion people live without any electricity.**
4. **Shelter: 2.5 million Americans are homeless and 640 million children worldwide do not have shelter.**
5. **Food: 28% of children in developing countries are estimated to be underweight or have stunted growth.**
6. **Your Stove: 2.5 billion people use wood, charcoal, or animal dung to cook with.**
7. **Regular Income: Most of humanity worldwide lives on less than $10 a day.**
8. **Education: Nearly 1 billion people cannot read a book or write their own names.**
9. **Health: 2.2 million children, who are not immunized, die each year.**
10. **Freedom to Worship God: More than 400 Christians die for their faith every day across the world.**
11. **How blessed we truly are! Thank you Lord!**

**Terry Mathis,**

**Director of Missions**



**Pastor & Wife Retreat**

**February 21-22 at Moor’s Resort on KY Lake**

**The cost is $70/couple which includes 1 night’s lodging and 3 meals.**

**This year’s theme: The Six “R’s”**

**Refresh-Renew-Recover-Relax-Rekindle-Refocus**

***Please register by calling the UBA Office by February 13th!***

**Association Youth Pastors Fellowship**

**Monday, January 13, 2014**

**10:30am-noon at the UBA Office.**

**Bro. David Smith of Mid-Continent University will be our guest.**

**A pizza lunch will be included.**

**Please pray for the following churches without Pastors: Dixon Springs Baptist, Simpson Baptist,**

**Seven Mile Baptist**

**Pastor’s Breakfast & Fellowship**

**Tuesday, January 14th**

**7:00-8:30am**

**Dolly’s in Vienna**

The league begins Saturday, January 11, 2014 and will run through March 8th. Teams must be formed and turned in to our office by January 3rd. There is a $25 fee for each team that registers. This will be for 7 weeks of games plus a tournament on the eighth week.

**UBA Executive Board**

**Christmas Dinner**

**Monday, December 2, 2013**

**6:00 p.m. at Metropolis First Baptist**

***All Executive Board Members, Pastors, and Council Members, along with their spouses, are invited!***

**UBA CO-ED VOLLEYBALL**

**LEAGUE!!!**

**NOVEMBER MISSION ACTION:**

**Christian Activity Center, E. St. Louis**

**If you would like to provide Christmas gifts for a child, please call the center.**

**Please bring gifts to the UBA Office no later than Monday, December 2nd.**

**Leadership Team: Toby and Judy Davis**

**DECEMBER MISSION ACTION:**

**Meeting the needs of local ministries. Each church is asked to meet a need of a ministry in their community.**

**JANUARY MISSION ACTION:**

**Helping to restock the food pantries. COPE, Karnak, Vienna.**

**Leadership Team: Joppa Missionary**

**FEBRUARY MISSION ACTION:**

**Collection for Hope Lodge in Nashville. We will have a list of needed items in our next newsletter.**

**Leadership: Linda Mathis**

**IS YOUR CHURCH ON MISSION?**

We would love to hear about your church’s mission trip or mission work you are doing. We want to share what God is doing through Union Baptist Association churches. Just call, email (bevturner@metrouba.com), or drop by with the information so that we can print it in future issues of our newsletter.

**Pray and give, as God leads you, to support our International Missionaries!**

***Coming Events!***