

Please pray for the following:

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

**February 21-March 7 – Jamaica –** Duane McGinnis will be leading a team which will be building pews for Elderslie Baptist Church. They will also be evangelizing in the schools.

**March 10-22 – Uganda, Africa** – Dr. Randy Oliver and Cathe Glass, along with a group from the Baptist Children’s Home, will be going on a medical mission trip. **UBA is using your donations from the Love Offerings to sponsor an individual.**

 **Saturday, February 8th, 6:00 p.m.**

 **Guest speaker: Jerry Day from the IBSA**

 This event will be held at the UBA Office.

Please reserve your place by calling our office by January 30th.

**WOMEN’S CONFERENCE!**

**Date: Friday, March 14, 2014**

**Times: 6:00 p.m. Meal ($5 per person)**

 **7:00 p.m. Conference**

**Location: Metropolis First Baptist**

**Speakers: Stacey Smith, Prison to Purpose Ministry**

 **Amy Wolfe of Gilbertsville, KY**

Tickets for the meal can be purchased at the UBA Office, Metropolis First Baptist office, or by calling Linda Mathis at 618-638-8283. Please make your reservation for the dinner by March 7th.

More information will be mailed to our churches soon!

***Coming Events!***



Bro. David and Karen Faulkner, Pastor and wife of County Line Baptist, will be traveling to Jerusalem January 27-February 5th. They are going with the IBSA Group led by Pat Pajak. Pray for them as they have the opportunity to walk where Jesus walked.

Congratulations to Bro. David Wright, Pastor of Joppa Missionary Baptist, upon his completion of Chaplain Training in Disaster Relief. He is now a Certified Chaplain in our association.

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**Iron Sharpens Iron Men’s Conference**

**Saturday, February 22nd**

**O’Fallon Baptist (near St. Louis)**

You can register online or request a promotional packet by visiting www.rpmfm.org or by calling 217-622-4069.

***A look ahead to March:***

**3/1 – State VBS Clinic at Herrin 1st**

 **Volleyball Tournament B Group at Waldo**

**3/3 – Assoc. Council & Executive Board Mtg., Immanuel**

**3/6 – AOM/NAMB Study & Salad Supper, Vienna 1st**

**3/7 – Volleyball Tournament C Group at Simpson**

**3/8 – Volleyball Tournament A Group at Joppa**

**3/11 – Pastors’ Breakfast**

**3/14 – Women’s Conference at Metropolis 1st**

**3/15 – Children’s Ministry Day**

 **Beast Feast at Joppa Missionary**

**3/27 – IBSA Mtg.**

**3/28 – Biblical Preaching Conference, Lake Sallateeska**

From Duane McGinnis:

 Once again the time is growing close for the Jamaica Mission Trip. Paul McGinnis, my dad, began this mission in 1972. A team went every 2 or 3 years until 1999. At that time, this trip became an annual mission.

 Work has been with the Balaclava Circuit of Churches and with area schools since 1985. Much has been done as far as construction and outreach in that area. We have developed many relationships and God has blessed us so much. Again, we feel His call to join Him in his work in Jamaica. We plan to leave 2/21/14 and return 3/7/14.

 Each person pays their own way, approximately $1,200.00, but donations are always accepted to pay for construction costs and to sponsor needy school children. Prayer support is vital and will be greatly appreciated.

 This year’s plans include building pews at Elderslie Baptist Church, as well as presenting school devotions each weekday. A crusade (revival) is being planned for at least 4 nights of one of the weeks as well.

 If any local churches are interested in hearing more about the mission, I am available to present a power point presentation. Or, if anyone feels God’s call to join us on a trip, you can contact me at 618-771-2993. Whether you can go or not, you can still be a part of this mission by partnering with us in prayer. In Christ, Duane McGinnis

**FEBRUARY MISSION ACTION:**

**Collection for Hope Lodge in Nashville, TN**

**Needed items: toilet paper, paper towels, disposable plates, disposable cups (hot and cold), dishwashing detergent tablets, hand sanitizer, decaf coffee, trial size toiletries**

**Please bring items to the UBA Office by February 28th.**

**Leadership: Linda Mathis**

**MARCH MISSION ACTION:**

**Migrant Health Kits**

**Leadership Team: Kevin Miller & Nelda Smothers**

**Winners Again!**

 Dixon Springs Baptist Church once again placed in the Carmi Children’s Home Latreia Program. This year they placed third in the state! They will be presented with a trophy from the Children’s Home at a later date. Congratulations to Dixon Springs Baptist for all of the hard work they do for the Baptist Children’s Home throughout the year.

 If your church is interested in getting involved with the Latreia Program, just visit www.bchfs.com for details.

**Children’s Ministry Day 2014**

**Saturday, March 15th**

It’s time to prepare your children’s group to attend Children’s Ministry Day. Children can participate in over 100 projects throughout the state. This year’s locations are Bourbonnais, Bridgeport, Carbondale, Chicago, Decatur, Granite City, Mt. Vernon, Peoria, and Springfield. Imagine the potential impact these children can have! The cost is $15, which includes a t-shirt, lunch and some ministry supplies. The IBSA Missions Team is ready to offer you assistance with any questions you might have or help you may need in getting connected to this event. Just send an email to BarbTroeger@IBSA.org or call her at 217-391-3138.

**MORE UPCOMING RETREATS AND CONFERENCES:**

**February 15-17: Ski Retreat, Paoli, IN**

**Metropolis First is planning this retreat.**

**March 28-29: Joppa Missionary Baptist Marriage Retreat**

**Moor’s Resort at Kentucky Lake**

**Please pray for the following churches as they search for a Pastor:**

**Dixon Springs Baptist**

**Simpson Baptist**

**Seven Mile Baptist**

**2nd Annual Beast Feast**

**Hunting and Sporting Banquet!**

Saturday, March 15, 2014 at Joppa Missionary Baptist

Begin encouraging and inviting all of your hunting and fishing pals to come.

**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!***

**WINTER BIBLE STUDIES:**

Karnak First Baptist and Hillerman Missionary Baptist are joining Joppa Missionary Baptist February 16-19. The times are Sunday night, 6:00-8:00 and Monday-Wednesday nights 6:30-8:30. Bro. Charles Blair will be the Study Leader and the study is on the book of Colossians.

County Line Baptist Church- Sunday nights in February at 6:00 p.m.

Bro. Terry Mathis will be the Study Leader

Simpson Baptist Church – All Wednesday nights in February at 6:30 p.m.

Bro. Terry Mathis will be the Study Leader