

**Pastor Birthdays**

**June 22 – David Faulkner, County Line**

**Pastor Anniversary**

**June 4 – Ed & Sandy Hollis, Vienna 1st**

**June 5 - Stephen & Janine Williams,**

**Interim Pastor at Simpson**

**June 6 – Jim & Penny Wilson, Oak Grove**

**June 13 – Cliff & Michelle Easter, Metropolis 1st**

**June 14 – David & Anita Wright, Joppa Missionary**

**June 26 – Ben & Eren Hottel, Hillerman**

**Pastor Church Anniversary**

**David Faulkner, County Line, 2005**

**Dean West, Karnak 1st, 2008**

**Bill Gholson, New Salem, 2011**

**Secretary’s office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**KID’S CAMP 2013!!!**

**Where: Camp Hope, Ewing, IL**

I came across an article, by Ed Stetzer of LifeWay, on Missing the Missions. I using some of his statements in for my message this month.

“All churches love certain things, some good and some bad. Some things churches love can hurt their mission and hinder their call.”

1. The love of past culture more than current context.

“There is nothing wrong with the fifties or sixties or eighties, but we don’t live there anymore. We must love those who live here and now and not yearn for the way things used to be.” We live in a changing world that seems to change daily yet we seem to continue to remain the same in our churches with our mission vision. We must start engaging the people in our day and those around us in ways that represent today’s time.

2. The love of comfort more than mission.

“Most churches have worked hard to get to a place where congregational customers are happy, their needs are met. The problem is that we are not called to cater to customers, we are called to equip co-laborers.”

Churches need to be less focused on what makes them happy and more focused on what pleases the Lord – reaching out to the lost and hurting.

3. The love of traditions more than children

“Undoubtedly there are always times to defend the traditional stances of essential doctrines in the local church. But, we should not have a cultural elitism that hinders passing the torch to a new generation of leaders.”

He is not saying tradition is wrong, but when it hinders a church from reaching out to the younger generation, we should look at what we are doing. So ask yourself the following questions about “Who are we reaching.”

* Are you primarily reaching people who are like you?
* Are you primarily reaching people who are already believers?
* Are we reaching those who are not like us?
* Are we reaching the lost in our surrounding area?

It’s time to evaluate if we are moving in the right direction or if we are in love with what we have? We must understand the culture and community that we minister in so that we can communicate the gospel more clearly. Are you missing the mission that God has planted your church in its location for? There’s always room for improvement.

Serving the Lord Together,

Terry Mathis, Director of Missions

***Bro. Jim Shipley of Mt. Zion Baptist has announced his retirement. His last Sunday will be July 7. He will have completed 28 years as their pastor. Please remember him and the church in prayer.***

**Grades 3&4 – July 7th-9th**

**Grades 5&6 – July 9th-11th**

**Grades 7&8 – July 11th–13th**

**Registration: June 1-July 3**

**Registration forms, along with more information, will be available in your church office as well as at the UBA Office. You will also be able to download forms at www.metrouba.com**

***Church Contributions for Budget***

***(rec’d & deposited in April)***

Brookport First $ 516.00

County Line $ 200.00

Cypress First $ 31.26

Dixon Springs $ 234.00

Eastland $ 344.00

Hillerman $ 661.67

Immanuel $ 239.17

Joppa Missionary $ 1,239.43

Karnak First $ 657.30

Metropolis First $ 2,535.88

Mt. Zion $ 620.19

New Beginnings $ 0.00

New Hope $ 2,190.00

New Salem $ 0.00

Oak Grove $ 54.60

Seven Mile $ 540.00

Simpson $ 208.00

Vienna First $ 0.00

Waldo $ 466.67

Weaver Creek $ 0.00

***If you have information that you would like to have included in our monthly newsletter, please call or email the UBA office by the 20th of the month. We would be happy to promote any special events (revival, singing group, special programs/ministries, etc.)***

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**Matthew 25:34-40**

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