

**2nd Annual Beast Feast**

**Hunting and Sporting Banquet!**

**Saturday, March 15th**

**Joppa Missionary Baptist’s Gym**

**Meal: 5:00pm, Speaker: 6:00pm**

**There will be a lot of displays and give-aways!** Highlights:

* You can bring a dish, made with your favorite wild game, to share with one another.
* If you have a mount that you would like to bring, we will hang it on our Wall of Fame.
* “Center Shot”, a bow & arrow ministry will be set up for kids and adults to take their best shots (you must use bow/arrow provided by Center Shot).
* A duck and turkey calling contest will be held.

This is a great opportunity for all outdoorsmen to invite their friends who participate in hunting, fishing, or other outdoor sports, to come for an evening of food, activities, and especially a presentation of the gospel. David Dyer, of Shelby Baptist Church in NC, will be sharing the message.

**CHILDREN’S EVANGELISM CONFERENCE**

Tuesday, March 11th, 6:00-8:00pm

First Baptist Church in Herrin, IL

Who Should Attend: Parents, grandparents, pastors and children’s workers.

Sessions include: “What Is the Gospel?”, “How Do We Communicate the Gospel to Children”, “Intentionality at Home and at Church”

For more information, contact Tim Sadler at the IBSA 217-391-3131.

***Coming Conferences and Training!***

Please pray for the following:

**February 17-March 2 – Romania –** Ken & KJ Wilson from Simpson are working in church plants.

**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.

**February 28-March 5 – Haiti** - Jimmy Martin & Greg Neely from Metropolis 1st will be doing construction work.

**March 9-21 – Uganda, Africa** – Dr. Randy Oliver and 4 others from Metropolis 1st, 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 as well as help with the purchase of medical supplies.**



**Legacy Conference**

**April 24-26, Westwood Church in Evansville, IN**

This conference is for anyone who has a desire or vision for touching the next generation and leaving a legacy for them.

Who should attend:

Young Adults who want to look beyond the trap of the immediate future.

Teens who need to see the world beyond their peer groups

Parents who desire to provide more than a worldly security

Grandparents who want to invest their wisdom in the next generation

Pastors who want ministries focused more on long term success

Ages 5-12 will have their own sessions. Nursery is provided for 4 years and under.

Registration fees are less if you register by March 24th.You can register, as well as find more information, online at vision4living.org

**Pastor Breakfast**

**Tuesday, March 11th, 7:00-8:30 a.m.**

**Location: Yesterdays in Metropolis**

**Special Guest: Doug Morrow of the Baptist Foundation of Illinois**

**Special Chainsaw Training Class**

**For Disaster Relief Workers**

**Saturday, March 15th, 9:00 a.m.-noon**

**3rd Baptist in Marion**

Important: This class is for anyone who wishes to get additional training, but it is NOT a certification class or badge renewal for the Disaster Relief Ministry. **This is simply an additional training put on by Stihl Chainsaw.**

**MORE UPCOMING RETREATS AND CONFERENCES:**

**Ministers’ Wives’ Retreat “Over the Rainbow”**

**March 7-8 at Vale Baptist in Bloomington, IL**

**For more information, contact: Alice Davis at 217-649-1699 or alidavis@mchsi.com**

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

**Moor’s Resort at Kentucky Lake**

**WOMEN’S CONFERENCE!**

**“Overcomers” John 16:33**

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

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

 **7:00 p.m. Conference (free)**

**Location: Metropolis First Baptist**

**Speakers:**

**Stacey Smith of Patterson, AR, founder of “Prison to Purpose Ministry”**

 **Amy Wolfe of Gilbertsville, KY, Christian Business Woman and Mother**

The dinner is $5/person. You can purchase tickets by contacting Linda Mathis 618-638-8283. The deadline for purchasing meal tickets is Wednesday, March 12th.

**Adults on Mission/North American Mission Board**

**Study & Salad Supper**

**March 20th at Vienna 1st Baptist**

**6:00pm**

**Study Leader: Angie Day**

**All adults are invited! Bring your favorite salad to share!**

**GPS (God’s Plan for Sharing) 2014**

**Bible Distribution Organizational Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 4th, 6:30pm at the UBA Office**

Two representatives are needed from each church to come and be trained for the upcoming GPS 2014 Day (April 12th). This will be a great outreach project to be held just 2 weeks before Easter.

**Association Quarterly Meeting**

**Monday, March 3rd at Immanuel Baptist in Metropolis**

**Council will meet at 6:00pm**

**Executive Board will meet at 7:00pm**

**STATE VBS Clinics!**

**VBS training will be offered on the following locations and dates:**

**Saturday, March 1st, Registration at 8:15 a.m.**

**Herrin 1st Baptist, Herrin, IL**

**Saturday, March 29th, Registration at 8:15 a.m.**

**Pleasant Hill Baptist**

**Mt. Vernon, IL**

The clinics provide VBS leaders with information about the themes along with ideas, inspiration and more. The State VBS Clinics are **FREE** events.  However, advance registration is preferred. You can preregister at IBSA.org or by calling Cathy Waters at the IBSA Office. ***The UBA will only be holding a material workshop, on April 22nd from 6:00-8:00pm at our office. You will be able to look over materials and place your order on that evening.***

**Children’s Ministry Day 2014**

**Carbondale, IL**

**Saturday, March 15th**

It’s time to prepare your children’s group to attend Children’s Ministry Day. The cost is $15/person, which includes a t-shirt, lunch and some ministry supplies. There is a waiver that each participant will need to fill out and turn in the day of the event. You can download the waiver from the IBSA.org website.

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.

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

**Dixon Springs Baptist**

**Simpson Baptist (has interim)**

**Seven Mile Baptist**

**Weaver Creek Baptist**

**MARCH MISSION ACTION:**

**Migrant Health Kits**

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

**APRIL MISSION ACTION:**

**Shawnee College Witnessing Bags**

**Leadership: Dixon Springs**

**One Day Mission trips to Baptist Children’s Home to help stuff envelopes and also to Eagles Nest for literature sorting. The dates for these trips will be announced later.**