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CHURCHES, ASSOCIATIONS 'REDISCOVERING CO-OPERATION' VIA EKG STRATEGY

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--Rather than continuing a myopic mindset of growing one's own church to the neglect of other needs, churches across the Southern Baptist Convention are catching on to the idea that advancing God's Kingdom often means partnering with a Baptist church down the street, Ken Hemphill said.

Hemphill, the SBC's national strategist for Empowering Kingdom Growth, reported that an associational model is

taking root in several states as churches in local Baptist associations are studying the EKG process simultaneously.

"What's exciting about this is that both churches and associations are catching the vision that it's not about just growing our church, it's about assisting our sister churches," Hemphill told Baptist Press. "We're rediscovering cooperation, which I think is critical to the whole concept of Kingdom advance"

Robertson County, Tennessee

One example of the associational model, Hemphill said, is the Robert-

son County Baptist Association north of Nashville, Tenn., where Robert Tyson, the director of missions, led churches to participate in EKG together.

For a year, the Robertson association planned an EKG emphasis coupled with a missions celebration. They even wrote a manual to guide churches in implementing the initiative so everyone

who wanted to participate would be on the same page. At the end of January, they had Hemphill lead an associational EKG kickoff rally, and more than 300 people attended.

"The next morning, I met with the pastors for two to three hours, just answering questions and helping them understand the process," Hemphill said. "It may have been the most effective associational strategy I've seen done where they have 37 of their 40-some churches involved in the process.

"What they saw it doing was knitting all their churches together in a similar strategy, a similar emphasis so their laymen would be talking about the same kinds of biblical stories and asking, 'What's your church doing with EKG?'" Hemphill said. "It creates sort of



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What's Happening

- Association Council & Budget Committee Mtg. — Apr. 3, 2008
- Evangelism Conference — Apr. 5 2008.
- Christian Outdoorsmen Event — Apr. 6, 2008.
- Trustees & Executive Board Mtg. — Apr. 17, 2008.



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**Our Churches and Their
Pastors**

Alexandria — Rev. Randy J. Ewart
Canton — Rev. Brian Stone
Dover — *Dr. Paul Mills, Interim*
Durham — Rev. Bill Romans
Edina — Rev. Kevin McChesney
Ewing — Rev. Tim Smith
Hurdland — Rev. Robert Shobe
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Knox City — Rev. Doug Wilson
La Belle — Bro. Doug Mahsman
La Grange — Rev. Jim Reynolds
Lewistown — Bro. Matt Simer
Liberty — Rev. Dwight Snead
Mount Olivet —
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Mount Salem —
 Rev. Allen Davidson
Providence — *Without a Pastor*
South Union —
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MSWSBA Evangelism Conference April 5th — FBC Hurdland



Come one and all — Bring a both a fel-
 low church member, as well as a non-
 Believer with you!! —

The MSWSBA 2008 Evangelism Conference
 is scheduled for **Sunday, April 5th, from
 9:30 a.m. to Noon** at the Hurdland Bap-
 tist Church.

Old-fashioned Gospel —

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is as old as the
 Old Testament itself, as the Prophets
 heard from Jehovah God, and, under the
 direction of the Holy Spirit, spoke the Liv-
 ing Word to a needful people concerning the coming Messiah and Re-
 deemer. Bro. Jesse Rogers, MSWSBA Evangelism Team Leader has
 prayed and worked diligently to coordinate the 2008 MSWSBA Evangel-
 ism Conference. For those that have attended past conferences, atten-
 dees this year will certainly encounter something different than that
 which they have in the past.



Old-fashioned Hymns —

Congregational singing will feature some of our land-
 mark, older hymns, special singing, and interaction
 will all be part of a great time in celebrating what
 Christ has done for us, as well as being challenged by
 the Holy Spirit to exit our comfort zone to intentionally share our per-
 sonal testimony with those who are lost. Additionally, a special treat is
 in store for those in attendance, especially if sharing their personal tes-
 timony has been especially difficult for them.

Old-fashioned Fried Chicken Potluck —

Plan on attending to worship with us. Also, an "Old-
 fashioned Fried Chicken Potluck Dinner" (lunch) is
 planned, as the Hurdland Church is preparing and
 frying the chicken. Everyone is asked to carry-in
 around this theme, for a wonderful potluck dinner
 and time of fellowship.



21st Century Application —

The theme this year is, **"THE MOST IMPORTANT THING,"** with Rev.
 Gary Taylor from the Evangelism Department of the Missouri Baptist
 Convention as the key-note speaker. Bro. Taylor was the former pastor
 of First Baptist Church at O'Fallon, Missouri. The conference focus will
 "bridge" the sharing of the Old-time Gospel with the 21st Century.

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“Be My Witnesses in Jerusalem, in Judea and Samaria, and to the Ends of the Earth”

Spring is here! And that means summer missions opportunities are just around the corner!

We are beginning to plan for the Lewis County Fair Ministry July 8-12th. The Knox County Corn Fest will be September 6-7th. And then the Clark County Old Settlers Day will be September 27th.

Do you have anyone working with puppets at your church? They could come to these events! (Hint, Hint, Hint!?)

Do you know how to face paint? Or anything else that could be used by God to make contact with the people who will be getting out. Please volunteer to come to these events.

Music has been a big part of these events. **Do you sing?** Do you know someone in your church who sings? **Or do you do another form of music?** All kinds of music are welcome and will be offered from 6-8 pm the evenings of the Lewis County Fair. A sign up sheet has been started.

And volunteers are needed to be at the fair to give out cold apples and drinks of cold water.

Missions means being willing to go where people are – around the world – across our country – in our neighborhood – to tell someone that God loves them. We need to keep planting seeds so God bring a harvest.

Pray about it. See where God is leading you and your church. ***Be On-Mission for the Lord!***

Isn't God Good . . . ?

Violet Brownell,
Missions Team Leader



Summer Missionaries . . . Applicants Needed

We (MSWSBA) have received funding from the MBC regarding the staffing of 3 Summer Missionaries to help us over the summer months. This will be to conduct various mission events, VBS and Missions VBS, as well as help in a variety of areas, such as the Church Planting Partnership as that might develop.

Please, if you know of interested college age young people that would be interested in a entry-level mission experience this summer, plus earn a little bit of money as well, have them **contact the DOM at 573-248-5561 — before April 7th!**

Applicants are appointed as Summer Missionaries by the Missouri Baptist Convention, and an application process is required. The period of time is for 10 weeks, beginning the last week of May, and ending the first week of August.

This is a great opportunity for young Christian men and women. It will include working in local church fields helping with VBS, MBC Super Summer, mission projects and events, mission VBS, and hopefully, an out-of-state mission trip to help with Church Planting. Quite a variety of opportunities and experiences are planned. Please pray that God will direct individuals to apply.

Humbly in CHRIST's service,

Randy J. Ewart, <><
MSWSBA Director of Missions

MSWSBA Calendar of Events



APRIL 2008 —

- 3 NAMB Summer Missionary Supervisors Training — Baptist Bldg. at Jefferson City
- 3 Assoc. Council & Budget Committee Mtg. — 7 pm at Lewistown
- 5 Assoc. Evangelism Conf. — 9:30 am at FBC Hurdland
- 7 Camp Team Mtg. — 7 pm at Lewistown
- 7-8 State Disaster Relief Training — 8 am to 5 pm at Marshall Facility
- 8 Hymn Sing — 7 pm at Mount Olivet
- 10 Disaster Relief Team Mtg.—7 pm at Lewistown
- 17 Trustees Mtg. — 6 pm at Lewistown
- 17 Executive Board Mtg. — 7 pm at Lewistown
- 20 ***Life Commitment Sunday*** — an SBC Emphasis
- 21 ***Baptist Doctrine Study Week*** — "**BAPTIST FAITH & MESSAGE**" — an SBC Emphasis
- 22 Missions Mtg. — 7 pm at Lewistown
- 24 W.M.U Qtrly. Mtg. — 10 am TBA

25-26 Annual W.M.U. Mtg.
— Raytown, MO

MAY 2008 —

- 4 ***Senior Adult Sunday*** — an SBC Emphasis
- 4 ***Christian Home Week*** — an SBC Emphasis
- 5 Camp Team Mtg. — 7 pm at Lewistown
- 8 Disaster Relief Team Mtg. - 7 pm at Lewistown
- 11 **MOTHER'S DAY**
- 13 Hymn Sing — 7 pm at Edina
- 19-25 ***Baptist Association Missions Week*** — an SBC Emphasis
- 21 Highland Baccalaureate -- TBA
- 25 ***Day of Prayer for World Evangelization*** — an SBC Emphasis
- 26 **MEMORIAL DAY** — Office CLOSED
- 27-29 Summer Missionary Orientation — at HLG

MSWSBA DISASTER RELIEF MINISTRY TEAM — New Structure & Additional Leadership Named

The **MSWSBA Disaster Relief Ministry** has taken on a new facet, as it met 3/13/08 for the first time since the Executive Board officially adopted it as an additional Ministry Team of the Association, at the January 2008 meeting of its members.

Creating an additional Ministry Team required amending the By-laws of the Association, which was approved overwhelmingly. Also, Jill Feldkamp (Dover Baptist Church) was elected as the Disaster Relief Team Leader — a natural progression, since she had served Chairman of the Disaster Relief Ad Hoc Committee since March 2007.

It was reported at the Team meeting that 7 individuals have received Blue Hat Unit Leader and



Damage Assessment training—Jill Feldkamp, Randy Ewart, Jesse Rogers, Tim Smith, Roger Job, Linda Job, and Violet Brownell.

Roger Job and Rob Feldkamp were selected as Key / Lead Unit Coordinators to facilitate equipment repair and readiness.

Phyllis Rogers was selected as Safety Officer. Mary Stice was selected as Call-Out / Communications Coordinator to facilitate volunteer call-out.

The DOM is also certified as a Lay Chaplaincy Trainer and 6 Chaplains have been trained to-date. Additionally, Dale Stice was selected as a Blue Hat Unit Leader.

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News From Our Churches . . .



† **Alexandria** — Baptized **Jennifer Worster** and **Ashley Worster** on *Resurrection Sunday, April 23rd*. Also, received **Dannie & Shirley Kirby** as new members. A Spring Revival is scheduled April 27-30, with **Rev. M.E. Spurgeon** of Arnold, Missouri, as the guest speaker. Services will be nightly at 6:30 pm. Plans are underway for VBS — “Outrigger Island.”

† **Edina** — Have called **Rev. Kevin McChessney**, of Grand Junction, Colorado, as their new pastor (4/16/08). Bro. McChessney and his family have moved onto the church field and will be getting settled into the community. Please pray for them, as well as for the church.

† **Hurdland** — Will be hosting the Association’s Evangelism Conference, on Saturday, April 5th. The ladies are planning a “Old-fashioned Fried Chicken Potluck Luncheon” — with everyone bringing a covered dish to go along. Looking

forward to a great time of Gospel singing, preaching in the Word, and fellowship.

† **Mount Olivet** — Will be hosting the Christian Outdoorsmen Banquet on Sunday evening, April 6th, with **Billy Yargus, the 2008 Grand National Turkey Calling Champion as the guest speaker**. This evening event begins at 6 pm with a wild game dinner, following by Billy speaking to those in attendance. <><

would bring all our churches together in a Kingdom advance mindset," he said. "I was able to share with them the Robertson association model and the tools they had used."



'KINGDOM ACTIVITY 24/7'

Hemphill said both paradigms -- the association-sponsored and the state convention-sponsored -- have been at work across the SBC. For instance, Louisiana Baptist leaders are working to enroll up to 1,000 churches in a statewide EKG emphasis.

"Where some of the associations are picking up on it and knitting all of their churches together, others are being strategized by the state convention," Hemphill said. "Then of course it goes on to the association. Both models seem to be working quite well and it's related to what seems to work best in a geographic area."

However they're implemented, Hemphill said his office has received an abundance of positive feedback related to the EKG studies, which include, "EKG: The Heartbeat of God and Making Change." A third component, "Eternal Impact," has just come out in book form, and a DVD and study guide will be available by the SBC annual meeting in June.

"We're getting stories where God is using EKG to make them sensitized to Kingdom activity 24/7," Hemphill said. "The most common comment I get from laypeople is the idea of being a moveable possession. Most folks, I think, go to church to do Kingdom activity, and they've never really thought about Kingdom activity happening every day around them." <><

Empowering Kingdom Growth

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a synergy across the whole association where the Kingdom advance issue is more than a church growth emphasis. It becomes a Kingdom advance emphasis that I think is a healthier paradigm."

Midland, Texas

A place where Hemphill has seen an associational model at work this year was Midland, Texas, where First Baptist Church hosted an EKG rally and invited all the churches in their association, as well as some beyond.

Hemphill showed them how churches can tie the EKG emphasis into Sunday school, which is normally the first place leaders want to start in an effort to revitalize their churches.

Hinesville, Georgia

"What they were most excited about was to see this associational model for developing a strategy which



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MOUNT OLIVET HOSTS CHRISTIAN OUTDOORSMEN

Mount Olivet Baptist Church will host "Billy Yargus," the 2008 Grand National Wild Turkey Calling Champion at a "Wild Beast Feast" on Sunday evening, April 6, 2008 at 6:00 pm.

Yargus also placed 3rd in the 2006 World Turkey Calling Championship. However, it is his Christian ministry role that area attendees will hear about on April 6th. A featured speaker of Outdoor Ministry Network, a nation-wide Christian Outdoorsmen focus group for men "who want to take their faith into the outdoors," Yargus also partners with WoodHaven Custom Calls — makers of outstanding handmade turkey calls.

This event is sure to be a "win-win" for everyone who attends. Please contact Jesse Rogers, Pastor, to make arrangements to attend — 6606-733-5643, or e-mail at jrogers1@marktwain.net Also checkout: <http://www.outdoorministrynetwork.com>. <><



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Romans 1:20



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