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Official Newsletter of the Wisconsin Association of Regular Baptist Churches

UPDATES FROM AROUND THE STATE

Heritage Baptist Fellowship

Berlin

We are progressing ahead of schedule and are now in a rented store on main street. The Lord continues to bless with finances and attendance. We have been averaging in the high teens with a possible of 26 if everyone came at the same time. Sunday, April 22, we saw a new family of four attend for the first time. Also, we have an active ministry with a Catholic lady who comes on Wednesday nights and is just thrilled with the bible study. Pray that her husband will come with her soon.

Anchor Baptist Church

Genoa City

In February, we were blessed by missionary Pete Obgartel, plus the Pacific Garden Mission Men's Choir. We were ministered to in March by the *King's Men Four*, a quartet from Rockford, IL, as well as Bob Wetzel, a teacher at Maranatha Baptist Bible College. On April 1, Doug Whitley, an evangelistic dramatist, presented D.L. Moody for us in the morning and George Muller in the evening. He made these men and their ministries truly come alive before our eyes! Our little church has nearly half its families facing health issues, some very serious: Jacob – a young boy has stage 3 cancer; Pat – our church's financial secretary is facing his third open heart surgery; Barb – a new attendee has cancer metastasized into her brain; and many others. Our prayer is that God would teach us that He is all we need, and that He would save sinners through these trials. God is deepening our church's prayer life as well. Pastor and Elaine are extremely grateful for the generous love gift the church gave them for their new van.

Gospel Mission Baptist Church

Knapp

Here are a few highlights of some of our past and upcoming events: Kids' Club was from 9/27, 2006 to 3/14, 2007. We averaged 15 kids per meeting plus helpers and workers; several churches attended our Good Friday service (*First Bapt., Woodville; Grace Bapt., Boyceville; Immanuel Bapt., Menomonie; Methodist church, Knapp*). There was special music, testimonies, and the preaching of God's Word; we had an Easter morning breakfast and a good turnout for the services; on May 20, Pastor Walter Olson will



be filling the pulpit; on June 17, Mr. and Mrs. John Swedberg (BMM missionaries to Brazil) will be here to minister to our church. Bible School will be July 23-27. Brian and Tamara Cooper will be in charge.

First Baptist Church

Kiel

In the past few months we have welcomed one new family to our church membership and held a commissioning service to send out Ellis Narcisse as a missionary to Bolivia with Pioneer Baptist Mission. It was very exciting to be involved in both of these events and rejoice in God's working in these individuals lives. On April 29, we held our Annual Men's Pie Baking Contest after the evening service. Different judges are chosen from the community each year, and we use the contest and service as an evangelistic outreach to these individuals. The theme of the evening service, which the judges attend, is "What Christ Means to Me", and is expressed through testimonies, song, and readings.

Ladysmith Baptist Church

Ladysmith

We hosted Evangelistic/Revival Services from Sunday, April 1 – Wed., April 4, 2007, with Evangelist Norman Stevens. Each service was well attended with one SALVATION and several new families attended for the first time, pray as we continue to work with these families. We will have our semi-annual Campout, Target practice (Shootout) picnic (eatout) on Friday and Saturday May 18-19. You are invited to come - call Pastor Smith for details.

Calvary Baptist Church

Menomonie Falls

On Sunday, April 29, Calvary Baptist Church, held a farewell fellowship for Pastor James D. Maxwell, III, who has accepted a call by Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary to be their next President. The farewell recognized 10 years of service to the church by Pastor & Mrs. Maxwell. Pastor Maxwell is being installed as the new President on May 3. The Calvary family encourages prayer for the Maxwells as they begin this new endeavor. We also solicit prayer for the Pulpit Committee, that God would reveal His will in the selection of the next Senior Pastor. Pray also that the congregation would continue to grow spiritually and remain unified during this time of transition.

Congratulations!

Great Job!

The 2007 Wisconsin Talents for Christ was held at Calvary Baptist Church, Wisc. Rapids, on Saturday, April 21 where senior pastor Jon Jenks is the TFC State Director.

We had two students place at the state level:

Christy Schmidt from Calvary Baptist Church of Wisconsin Rapids, First Place-Female Public Speaking. She is a senior and plans to attend BBC in the fall.

Seth Peterson from Community Baptist Church, Silver Lake, Second Place - Male Voice. He is a junior.

Also participating were **Luke Dickinson** from Faith Baptist Church, Adams, in Preaching and **Monica Rudy** from Anchor Baptist Church, Genoa City, in Bible Knowledge.

Two teens will represent the WARBC will compete at the National Talents for Christ competition in Lancaster, PA in June during the GARBC Conference. Christy Schmidt will compete in Female Public Speaking and Seth Peterson will compete in Male Voice.

First Baptist Church

New Berlin

We recently had a Prophecy & Israel Conference with Andrew Ferrier with Friends of Israel. The sessions had excellent content and resulted in very good attendance. Andy is very well versed on Israel having lived and worked there with the Institute and has worked with Friends of Israel for 18 years. He dealt with Three Views of Israel in which he showed how different those who follow Covenant Theology view Israel; the rebuilding of the Temple and how that is being prepared even now; the Rapture and why we believe in the Pre-Tribulation Rapture; the events of the Tribulation period and the Arabia countries and how they affect us today. He also does other presentations on Jewish holidays and presently works with Russian Jews in the Chicago area. The message is one that everyone ought to hear - Israel, Islam and the Atomic Bomb. We would encourage you to

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schedule Andy for meetings in your church. You can contact him at 847-409-9009 or e-mail afferrier@sbcglobal.net.

Faith Baptist Church

Park Falls

To God be the glory, GREAT things HE hath done! God blessed with a wonderful celebration of our 50th Anniversary at Faith Baptist Church, Park Falls. On April 21 - 22, we held a celebration to praise and glorify God for His great faithfulness. The theme was, "God's Great Faithfulness", Phil 2:16. Former pastors Jack Dahlstrom, Robert Rowland, and Alfred Pratt spoke during the Saturday services. The speakers on Sunday were Tom Logsdon - representing CBM, James Patterson - retired missionary and current deacon, and Ed Fuller - WARBC State Representative. The FBC choir and former members provided special music at each service. A fellowship dinner was provided by the church. The local newspaper sent a photographer and will be publishing an article about the event. It was encouraging to hear what the church went through and how God provided in each situation. We were also challenged to be faithful to our faithful God.

Union Grove Baptist Church

Union Grove

During our Mission's Conference (March 25 - March 28), we had Larry Shetter (going to Bolivia), James Wittenberger and family (Bibles' International), Daniel Ford (going to Moldova), and Stephanie Phillips (going to Peru) present their ministries. On Wednesday night, the Pillsbury Bible College Ensemble ministered to us. This year we made calendars which featured our missionaries on each page to sell and help support two of our Christian School graduates (Jacob Job & Rebekah Lash) who are attending Maranatha and are planning to take a mission's trip to China this summer to teach children English, but are also allowed to share their testimonies. On April 20, we held our Mother-Daughter Banquet with the theme of "Sugar and Spice". Our decorations were picket fences with lollipops and candy hung from the ceiling. We had a candy house which was the background for family pictures. Our speaker was Mrs. Janice Spurgill, from Watertown, WI. On April 22, Jason Hall presented his mission call to Madagascar. Our teens will be traveling to Northland Baptist Bible College for Springfest on April 27-28. On April 28, we held our Awana Grand Prix. We are also looking forward to the Drama Presentation from Union Grove Christian School on May 3 & 4. The school is also having "Grandparents' Day" on May 4.

When ordering your churches' RBP materials, be sure to mention that you are part of the WARBC and they will in turn give our association a rebate.

Thank you!

Calvary Baptist Church

Wisconsin Rapids

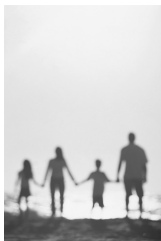
Our annual prom alternative event, Pre Em (*The Preeminence of Christ*) will held May 4 and 5. We are excited to have Andy Geissman speak to

us. He is an admissions representative from Baptist Bible College in Clarks Summit, PA. This event was established to provide a healthy atmosphere for fellowship among Christian teens as an alternative during the prom season.

Biblical Counseling Ministries, Inc.
BCM EVERYDAY DISCIPLESHIP SEMINAR

SHEPHERDING A CHILD'S HEART

Speaker: Dr. Tedd Tripp



Date/Time: Saturday, September 8, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Cost: \$25 per person. Pastors attend free, but everyone must register. Special gift to the first ten pastors who bring 10 or more paid registrants from their church.
Place: Calvary Baptist Church, 469 Airport Avenue, Wisc. Rapids, WI 54494 715.423.7190 (Liz)

Study materials will be provided. Lunch on your own at area restaurants. Child care for ages 5 and under, \$5 per child for pre-registered parents. Requests for child care must be received by Sept 1. Book room will be open before and after the seminar and during lunch. Seating is limited to 300 in main auditorium; video feed for overflow. Register early. Check the BCM website for more information: www.bcm.in.org

Dear Friends,

Actually, it's more than that isn't it; since through the bonds of Christ, we are family. So let this be a family letter!

The month of April flew by so fast it hardly seems possible that already we are in May. Speaking of "flying by", it seems that Diane and I have been "on the fly" too. On April 1, we had a group from The Grandview Park Baptist School in Des Moines, Iowa at the new work in Cedarburg and we had our highest attendance – 41. Calvary Baptist Church in Menomonee Falls has entered into a partnering relationship there, so we now are officially a WARBC Church Plant. We have adopted a new name, Heritage Baptist Church of Cedarburg. Coincidentally, that is the same name the group in Berlin has chosen for their new work. First Baptist Temple in Oshkosh is establishing a partnering relationship with them, so they too are now an official WARBC Church Plant. Their new meeting place on the main street in Berlin is really attractive and very accessible too. The Skramstads are doing a great job! Pray for them. We enjoyed good fellowship with the folks at Calvary Baptist in Hayward. They have several new folks attending and the spirit is excellent.

Pastor Greg Ells and his dear wife Liz had the great opportunity to go to Israel, so we had a fine time ministering at the Ripon Baptist Church on April 15. We had good fellowship with their Northland student ministry team on Sunday afternoon.

What a super celebration at Park Falls 50th anniversary weekend at Faith Baptist Church. Three of the former pastors were back as was Doris Kilgore whose husband pastored there also. The memories were a blessing, as well as, a challenge. By the way, Pastor King had knee surgery at Marshfield Clinic on the 27. Pray for a speedy recovery.

Calvary Baptist Church of the Northwoods, Hayward, voted unanimously to call Phil Markel as their next pastor. Phil will be traveling back and forth from St. Cloud, MN until a complete transition can be made.

The Pastors' and Wives' Retreat at the Birchwood Lodge in Sister Bay was certainly a positive time. Thirty four pastors and wives came and I'm sure each one left greatly encouraged. Thanks to Dave Smith and Mike Bartlett for good planning.

We have a great fellowship and we pray for and thank the Lord for each one of you!

Rejoicing in Christ,

Ed Fuller

