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From The Missionary's Desk

In Acts 1:8, Jesus said, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." This was Jesus' final command before he ascended back to the Father; a command to his Apostles and all those who have accepted Christ as their personal Savior. In this command He is letting us know that we, the disciples of Christ, have a responsibility to be a witness for Jesus Christ at home, in our city, in our county, in our state, in our nation and around the world.



Many wonder, "why do we have an Association and what does the Marion County Baptist Association do?" We have an Association because 21 Southern Baptist Churches in Marion County voluntarily contribute their time, talent and money to see that our Lord's command in Acts 1:8 is carried out. We join together to see that the love of Christ is shared with a lost and dying world. That's why we have the Men's Conference, Women's Conference, Wild Game Supper, Pinewood Derby, and the Youth Evangelism Conference. Each of these events are focused on winning the lost to Christ. That's why we have a mission trip every summer. Yes, we go to help another church build a church and yes, we work very hard. But that's not our primary reason for being there. Our number one reason for anything we do is to tell lost people that Jesus loves them and died for them; that He rose from the dead, offers them forgiveness for their sins and a promise of eternity in Heaven with Him if they will ask Him.

This year God is not taking us far from home at all. 74 Missionaries from Marion County and the surrounding area will be helping Union Chapel Baptist Church in Beaverton, Alabama by hanging sheetrock in their new building. We will also be doing Vacation Bible School at FBC Detroit, plus we will have a wonderful crew of cooks keeping us all fed. God has taken our mission team all over the United States in the past 30 years. This year is unique in that we will be ministering right in our own back door. I'm very excited for this opportunity. I firmly believe that if you can't be a witness for Jesus in Jerusalem (where you live) then you sure can't be His witness anywhere else. But I know our team. I've watched them in action. They love Jesus and they love each other. They love the mission trip and the work, and they love to share Jesus when the opportunity presents itself. MCBA, you can be very proud of how you are represented by this team wherever God sends us.

I want to pause here and just say, "Thank You MCBA!" Thank you to all the churches that took up the Price/Chaney Mission Offering. If that offering were not taken up every year it would not be possible for us to go on the mission trip. You have given so generously and it makes it so much easier to plan these trips, plus it lightens the financial strain it places on our missionaries. But please don't let your participation in this mission trip end with your giving. Let's all be like the Apostles were in Acts 1:14. Let's "all continue with one accord in prayer." Yes, we need the financial support, but we also need the prayer support. If we can't go praying and being prayed for then I don't want to go. I want God to go before us and prepare the entire trip for His glory before we ever get there. That's been my prayer and I'm asking all of MCBA to make it your prayer as well.

Finally, thank you MCBA for allowing me to serve God and you as your Director of Missions. I am truly humbled by the confidence you have placed in me. I will continually try to do the very best I can to serve each of you and the Lord Jesus Christ.

God Bless You Always,

Bro. Keith

Phil. 4:13

MCBA Mission Trip

Union Chapel Baptist
Church

Beaverton, Alabama

July 16 - 21

Final Planning Meeting:

Monday, July 9, 2018

Please keep the MCBA mission team in your prayers as they minister at Union Chapel Baptist Church.

Youth Evangelism Conference

August 19, 2018
Winfield First Baptist

Speaker:

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Bryan Drake

Calendar of Events

JULY

- 4 Independence Day (Office closed)
- 9 Mission Trip Planning Meeting
- 10 Men's Prayer Night, Shiloh
- 16 - 21 MCBA Mission Trip

AUGUST

- 5 Executive Committee Meeting, MCBA
- 14 Men's Prayer Night, Barnesville
- 19 Youth Evangelism Conference

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Labor Day (Office closed)
- 8 Hines Bow Shoot
- 9 - 16 Week of Prayer for State Missions and Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering
- 21 - 22 Pastor/Deacon/Spouse Retreat, Shocco