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Three Rivers Baptist Association

“... to assist each member church in fulfilling its God-given purpose.”

Three Rivers Baptist Association 49th Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 5, 2008
at Friendship Baptist Church, Plainfield, IL

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. **Business Meeting**
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. **Dinner**
7:15 - 8:30 p.m. **Worship w/ special guest,
Billie Hanks**

**Mark your calendars
now!**

Billie Hanks, Jr., is the founder of “Operation Multiplication”. He ministers widely throughout the world, teaching pastors from over forty denominations how to close their “back doors” and begin to multiply spiritually.



Retirement!

Rev. Jack Newberry will be preaching his last sermon on Sunday, September 21, 2008. He will be retiring on October 1 after 12 1/2 years at FBC Manhattan and more than 31 years as a bi-vocational pastor. Dr. Dan Eddington will be preaching at FBC Manhattan on Sunday, September 28, as they celebrate Rev. Jack’s retirement. Rev. Jack and wife, Louise, plan on staying in the Joliet area.



Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 16

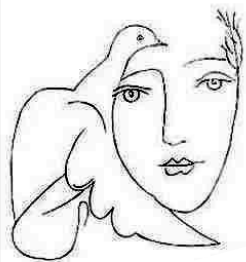
**6 p.m. meal
7 p.m. meeting**

**Erven Avenue Baptist Church
1 Erven Ave., Streator, IL**

**Please call Rev. Curtis Starnier
815/673-2070
or email: sitruc_orb@juno.com
for meal reservations
by 9/11/08**



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“Spiritual Mentoring”

by Sandy Wisdom Martin
IBSA Director of Women’s Missions & Ministries

Saturday, September 13, 2008
9 a.m. - noon

Light lunch included
No Cost
No need to RSVP
Bring a girlfriend

FBC of Coal City
4470 E. Route 113 in Mazon

Join us for a special morning, just for women.

“Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me
— put it into practice.” (Phil. 4:9)



Sandy
Wisdom
Martin

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Prayer Request

Pray for Noal Mathis, aka “Granddaddy”, father of Pam (Ken) Cummins, to have a quick recovery from heart surgery.

Annual
Church Profiles
are due



September 15!

GuideStone 403(b) Retirement Plan

- January 2009 new regulations

Rick Heironimus, IBSA Administrative Team President, spoke at the May 20 Executive Board Meeting about new IRS regulations that will go into effect on January 1, 2009 for the 403(b) Retirement Plan for all non-profit organizations. Before the end of the year, here’s a reminder of what to do:

1. Go to www.guidestone.org/ChurchPlanRegs
2. Maintain a copy of the 403(b) Retirement Plan for Southern Baptist Churches, follow the link in Step 1 and use the password: guidestone
3. Complete the Rules and Procedures for Eligibility & Contributions form
4. Determine if a single or multiple investment provides will be used
5. Assign retirement plan compliance responsibilities

Your written plan document will need to include: definition of compensation, eligibility for plan participation, and the contribution schedule.

Attention Deacons, Committee Members, Church Secretaries, Etc.

- Pastors May Skip Over This Article

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, which is an annual event, although appreciation and affirmation is an ongoing aspect from a loving congregation. Pastor appreciation says more about your church than about the pastor and is a demonstration of God’s love. Check out these web sites.

http://www.ibsa.org/pdf/pastor_appreciation_brochure.pdf

<http://www.thriftyfun.com/tf23362494.tip.html>

Bring Soul-Winning Commitment Day to Your Church This Fall

Plan a Soul-Winning Commitment Day in your church. The suggested implementation date for this year is October 5, but the materials are undated so you can use them anytime to fit into your schedule.

Resources available now from the North American Mission Board include:

- Implementation Guide Poster
- 3-1-6 Prayer Cards
- Sermon Videos, audios and text

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Order 3-1-6 Prayer Cards at 1-866-407-6262.
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For more information call (770) 410-6372.

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Friendship B.C. has a plain paper fax machine, free.
Call 815/436-2380.