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The Day of the Tornadoes ABC at Work in Storm Aftermath

Below is a view of the home of one of the members of the Calvary BC congregation. This home is located in one of the worst areas of destruction from the tornadoes.



Bruce Cochran comes across an old photo of the Roger Williams Inn at Green Lake while assisting with clean-up.

Below is a photo of Gateway Gardens, a housing unit located in Kokomo.



On Wednesday, August 24, eight tornadoes created a path of destruction in Kokomo, IN.

The resulting devastation left 4,700 people displaced, 1,002 homes damaged or destroyed, and 28,000 people left without power. But, THANKFULLY, no one was seriously hurt.

In the midst of this damage, Calvary BC, Kokomo is taking the opportunity to minister to their community. Work crews have been organized to go into the neighborhoods to help church members and strangers alike.

The morning after the storm, the ABC-IN/KY region staff encouraged Calvary BC to apply for a

disaster relief grant from the American Baptist Home Mission Society. Interestingly, the church had just concluded receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing offering in July. The very next day, Resource Minister, Bruce Cochran arrived, put on his work gloves, shared in the labor and delivered a \$5,000 check to provide help to the community in and near Calvary BC.

"We are so grateful for the assistance of our region staff and OGHS for the check for disaster recovery," said Rev. Sexton. "First Corinthians 12:25 - 26 says 'the parts (of the body) should have equal concern for each other. If one part (of the body) suffers, every part

suffers with it.' If one part of the body of Christ is suffering then we all suffer. Today, your friends in Kokomo are suffering and request your help," he said.

The American Baptist Men's Disaster Relief trailer is being brought to Kokomo to provide the tools and resources necessary to do the work.

"This is a thank you for the support of the state staff, and a plea for workers to come to Kokomo to help with recovery," Rev. Sexton said. "Every church is invited to come to our community to help put us back on our feet," he said. "Calvary has participated in recovery projects locally, regionally

and nationally. Now, it is our turn to be on the receiving end. "We have showers, floors to sleep on and we'll serve you breakfast each morning with a smile. Thank you!"

Please call Rev. Jeff Sexton at 765-860-9131 to talk about how you can help.

If you wish to direct gifts for this effort to OGHS, please send the funds to the region office:

ABC-IN/KY, 1350 N Delaware St., Indianapolis, IN 46202. Mark your gifts "Indiana Tornadoes". Funds will be coordinated by Calvary BC, Kokomo and will be distributed as soon as possible for relief efforts.



Rev. Sooz Whitten Ford
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As I write we are in the final preparations for our regional biennial gathering to be hosted by First Baptist of Muncie. We are grateful to this congregation for their willingness to welcome us to their space as we fellowship and look to the future. We give thanks to them, in advance, for their planning and for their gifts of hospitality. Likewise, we are grateful to Susan Gillies, Interim General Secretary for ABCUSA, as

she is present among us and addresses us in two messages.

As we gather, we will be hearing about “new pathways” that emerged from our Discerning New Paths process in late 2015 and early 2016. In their April discernment retreat, the region board received all of the notes from focus groups, along with the data and comments from the online questionnaire. Having bathed everything in prayer and scripture, Dr. Jeff Woods (Associate General Secretary ABCUSA) facilitated the retreat assisting the board in hearing and discerning the common themes that emerged.

The three pathways that emerged are (1) assisting pastors and churches with **connections** to other leaders or groups who share common missional interests, experiences, and ministry that are not necessarily bound by geography; (2) encouraging churches to engage in **asset mapping**, identifying strengths and living into a model of abundance (rather than scarcity) in their ministries; and (3) welcoming the **next generation of**

leaders by creating a clear path for responding to one’s vocational call, and by fostering creative partnerships between churches and organizations interested in preparing new pastors and leaders.

These three pathways are the ones the board has discerned for this time, but as God continues to guide us other pathways may emerge. Likewise, our priorities of equipping leaders, empowering churches and expanding mission have not changed. Our hope is these new pathways will provide additional impetus as we strengthen all of our ministries together.

On a personal note, I want you to be aware of a couple of opportunities that have come my way in the last six months. October 13-15 will find me back in my home state of Kansas. I have been invited to be the speaker for the ABC of the Central Region’s annual gathering as they address the themes of generosity and abundance. A few days later, I will be joining one of our special interest missionaries, Kristy Engel, on a trip to northeast India as we have been invited to consult with

the Satribari Nursing School, affiliated with the Baptist Hospital and the Council of Baptist Churches of NorthEast India (CBCNEI). Satribari currently has an associate’s level nursing degree program and the director has a vision to expand it to a bachelor’s program. We will work alongside the directors and other leaders to identify some of the next steps needed to make this dream a reality. If successful, Satribari will be the only Christian bachelor’s level school of nursing in the immediate geographic area. Their dream is to prepare nurses to serve in areas where there is no strong Christian witness. Although my background is not exactly in the medical field, Kristy assures me that my gifts and experience are just what are needed now as they move forward with this audacious undertaking. I covet your prayers, especially during the month of October!

As always, it is a joy for me to serve with and among you, and I look forward to sharing these experiences with you as we are Together on God’s Abundant Journey.

Grants Help Churches With Community Outreach

Expanding Mission Grants distributed to churches to support community outreach have resulted in a variety of service projects.

Dillsboro FBC in rural southeastern IN, used grant funds to hold a “back to school” event for children in the community.

The church created a “Back to School Bash” providing food, fun, bounce house, games and school supplies for children ranging in age from kindergarten to high school seniors. In the process, these families experienced Christian love and interaction with church members.

The church used grant funds to purchase 78 back packs; the most expensive part of back-to-school

supplies. Through donations from the church and businesses in the community, they were successful in filling 122 requests for school supplies.

In addition, over 300 people came to share Christian fellowship. “We would like to thank the American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky for the 2016 Expanding Mission Church Grant provided to our church,” said Kathy Moore of Dillsboro FBC.

Mt. Gilead BC in Shelby County has been gathering school supplies to “re-supply” school children in need after the first influx of fall supplies runs thin.

“The greater need is in the winter,

when children start the second semester,” said Rev. Bryan C. Trotter, pastor. “After Christmas, parents have less money to restock, and schools get fewer supplies from other sources. We will distribute supplies shortly, where they are needed,” he said. “We are still attempting to make a connection with some of the schools.”

Greencastle FBC will use their Expanding Mission grant funds to feed some people who may miss out on a traditional holiday community meal held in town.

The church plans to deliver a traditional Thanksgiving meal to the area’s first responders who will spend their holiday away from friends and loved ones, including

the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department, Greencastle City Police, Greencastle Fire Department and Putnam County Operation Life.

Also included in the Thanksgiving dinner delivery will be the community homeless shelter, which houses about 25-30 women and children.

“Our plan is to include as many families as possible in this meal delivery,” said Carla Plessinger for the grant committee. “This generous grant will go a long way in helping us show appreciation and love for those who sacrifice for us on a daily basis, as well as, feed hungry and needy people on a national holiday dedicated to giving thanks for our many blessings.”

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**Women's
MINISTRIES**

Mission and Service

Submitted by: Linda Hardin

Praise God for churches who pray for our missionaries, who communicate with them and send funds to help them show the love of Jesus Christ our Lord. If your church is not currently supporting a missionary, please encourage them to pray about adding a missionary to their list of those whom they support. An update list of addresses for our missionaries can be found on the region website on the ABW page.

Matthew 5:8 - Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God... May God be with you as you determine where you are needed for His glory.

ABW FALL CONFERENCES

Week 1 - OCTOBER 10-15

Monday, Oct 10

ASSOCIATION	CHURCH/CITY	TIME
Evansville Union	Evansville FBC Second Mt. Olive	9:30/10:00 5:30/7:00

Tuesday, Oct 11

ASSOCIATION	CHURCH/CITY	TIME
Bedford Orleans Salamonie/Harmony	Bedford FBC Mitchell FBC Muncie FBC	9:30/10:00 4:45/5:00 9:00/9:30

Wednesday, Oct 12

ASSOCIATION	CHURCH/CITY	TIME
Coffee Creek Bethel Freedom	Vienna BC Jeffersonville FBC Crawfordsville FBC	9:30/10:00 12:30/1:00 9:45/10:00

Thursday, Oct 13

ASSOCIATION	CHURCH/CITY	TIME
Long Run Madison	Olive Branch BC Hebron BC	9:45/10:00 4:30/5:00

Saturday, Oct 15

Mt Zion Greater Indianapolis	Unity BC, Morgantown Indianapolis FBC	10:00 9:45/10:00
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Week 2 - OCTOBER 17-19

Monday, Oct 17

ASSOCIATION	CHURCH/CITY	TIME
Flat Rock Brownstown Northeastern Logansport Laughery	Lewis Creek BC Seymour FBC Ft Wayne BC Rochester FBC Versailles BC	9:30/10:00 5:30/6:30 12:00/12:30 5:30/6:00 3:00/3:30

Tuesday, Oct 18

ASSOCIATION	CHURCH/CITY	TIME
Friendship Curry's Prairie Northwestern Judson Decatur County	Bethel BC, Spencer Oregon BC South Bend FBC Bunker Hill FBC Mt Moriah BC	9:30/10:00 4:30/5:00 9:00/10:00 4:00/5:00 3:30/4:00

Wednesday, Oct 19

ASSOCIATION	CHURCH/CITY	TIME
White Lick Monticello Sandcreek	Bethel BC, Fillmore Burnettsville FBC Bear Creek BC	9:30/10:00 8:30/9:00 4:45/5:00

A Request From The Found

The fall semester at Purdue University is underway and the Baptist Student Foundation is open for business!

It is an exciting time of transition at the Found with the departure of Director/Pastor, Rev. Dr. Shawn Zambrows. As the ministry plans for the arrival of a new campus pastor, Rev. Roberta White has been named interim pastor at the Found.

The student board of directors has the program well planned and managed. What they need now is the name and addresses of Purdue students from our local ABC churches, so they can reach out to invite them to their many activities.

Please help them to minister more effectively by sharing the information as soon as possible, so they can introduce your students to their religious emphasis on the Purdue campus.



Please send the names and contact information to Diane Byrd, Administrative Assistant, 200 Russell Street, West Lafayette, IN 47906 or call the Found and leave a message @765-743- 2371.

The Found is also taking applications for an intern for the school year. It is a part-time position and includes housing and a stipend.

The intern assists the campus pastor in mission encounters, Bible study, service project management and the team leader in the Ephesians 210 House.

If you know of someone you would recommend, please call the Found with the contact information.

New Christian University in India



The Council of Baptist Churches in North East India has launched a new project that completes the educational mission of our first missionaries 180 years ago. They are establishing a Christian University near Dimapur, Nagaland.

The North East Christian University is committed to integrating faith and knowledge, character and service to transform and empower students for leadership in challenging times.

Strategically located on the new Trans-Asian highway, NECU will draw students from all of North East India as well as neighboring Myanmar, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and China.

A "Friends of North East Christian University" group has been incorporated in the United States and Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Huse has been recruited as the Development Director of the project. He is anxious to share the story of the mission in Northeastern India and the plans for the new university.

Contact Joseph at 765-655- 5693 or josephhuse0118@gmail.com to schedule a presentation at your church, ABW, Men's group or mission committee.

Sunday School Lesson Helps Stimulate Visioning Process for McDoel BC



At a time of rebuilding and seeking God's vision for the church's future, the story of the rebuilding of Jerusalem reminded members that rebuilding can be a slow, step by step process that ultimately depends on God's will.

In a children's Sunday school class, Lillian McGannon illustrated the story of Nehemiah by creating a model depicting the rebuilding of the city.

"Little by little, the whole city came to life from cardboard, paper, glue and our imaginations," said Teacher Barbara Gardner. "Lillian glued city scenes to the inner parts of the wall. We added trees and other little buildings, and the result was beautiful."

"At McDoel Baptist Church, we are also re-building," she said. "And like our Sunday school project, it is a slow process."

"Each of us is seeking God's vision for our future ...and one section at a time we know that in God's timing, His vision for us will be realized."

Bedford FBC Youth Experience Mission in Tennessee

The youth group of FBC Bedford went on a life-changing mission trip this past summer to witness in the broken and poor communities of Memphis, Tennessee.

Eleven youth and four adults spent one week sharing the Gospel

through a neighborhood Bible study and personal witnessing.

"It really inspired us to bring that missionary mindset back to our local communities," said Youth Pastor Brady New.

Little Blessings - Union BC

Little Union BC sponsored a school supply giveaway to area students in late July, and while many children were blessed by this program, the first student to arrive (shown here) was thrilled he found a backpack that matched his Minion shorts!



EMPOWERING Observing Milestone Anniversary

Bedford FBC Celebrates 175 Years

Bedford FBC celebrated the 175th anniversary of its founding on Sunday, June 12, 2016.

The day included worship, video vignettes of interviews with church members, commissioning of the mission team, dinner, and a neighborhood block party and ice cream social with games and music by the local Nostalgia Band.

The church traces its beginning to several months of prayer by four Bedford women beginning in 1840. The congregation became a reality in June 1841.

The first "meeting house" was completed in 1846 and remains in private use today. The second church building was built in 1899, and the present building was completed in 1964. A Christian Life Center was added in 2007.

A total of 43 ministers have served as either senior pastors or interim pastors.

Recognitions during the day included a proclamation from the Bedford mayor designating the day as "Bedford First Baptist Church Day" in the city.

New Liberty BC Looks Forward to 175th Anniversary

New Liberty BC, located near East Enterprise, IN, will celebrate the 175th anniversary of their founding on Sunday, October 16, 2016.

Pastor Jay Baker and his congregation extend an invitation to all members, former members and friends to "Come Back to Liberty" on this special day to Reminisce, Renew, and Rejoice!

Sunday School service will begin at 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. and a meal will be provided at 12:30 p.m.

The afternoon program will begin at 2:30 p.m. followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments. Rev. Dr. Darrell James, Senior Pastor of Culbertson BC, will be a guest speaker during the afternoon program which will also include very special music.



CHURCHES

Anniversaries at Area Churches

Calvary BC of Richmond Celebrates 90 Years



Pictured in the foreground is Pastor Curt Nies sharing the celebratory meal with the congregation.

Calvary BC of Richmond celebrated 90 years of ministry at a worship service on August 28.

The service began with singing of God's faithfulness and sharing the vision that brought the congregation into being.

Calvary BC celebrated their history and desire to introduce

people to Jesus. They have begun developing relationships with students from Earlham College and look forward to what God will do in the years to come.

The congregation shared a fellowship meal and music in the fellowship hall.

Huntington FBC Celebrates 175 Years



Young and old alike gathered to celebrate 175 years of faithful ministry at Huntington FBC on a beautiful August afternoon.

The congregation has blessed the lives of many over the years by sending children from the church

and neighborhood to camp, and also by weekly ministry with children through "Team Kids".

Huntington FBC looks forward to many more years of faithful and active ministry in downtown Huntington.

News from Columbus FBC

Partnership With Local School



Frances Arbuckle transports a cart of gift bags ready for delivery

Columbus FBC has formed a partnership with Richards Elementary School, which is located directly across the street from the church.

Each year, for many years, the church prepares gift bags for the teachers and delivers them on the first day teachers are in their classrooms.

On the same day in the early evening, members of Columbus FBC set up a lemonade stand and serve lemonade and cookies to parents and children who attend the open house to meet the teachers. It is estimated they served approximately 300 children and parents this year.

Most recently, members of the church prepared and served a meal for parents, teachers and children who attended the tech night at the school.

The church has many volunteers who participate in other activities with the school. Some of those activities include a tutoring program titled, "Book Buddies" and "Caring Branches", an after school program that is run by Pastor Dave Doles, some teachers from the school, and youth from the church. "Caring Branches" meets every other week and teaches the children about making good choices for themselves and others.

Blessing of the Back Packs



On the Sunday before school begins in Columbus, IN, members of Columbus FBC hold a "Blessing of the Back Packs". Students from preschool through college age are asked to bring their back packs to church where a Blessing and Dedication of the students, teachers

and assistants for the coming year is held. Pictured are a group of students and teachers standing in the aisles as the congregation stands with them and places their hands on a student or teacher during a time of prayer for them.

EXPANDING MISSION

Summer Lunch Program Leads Community Mission at Brazil FBC

Brazil FBC has become a "community hub" of resources to help the hungry and less fortunate, including hosting a summer lunch program that fed 500 children a day throughout the summer.

Volunteers from the church and other Brazil churches and organizations met each morning in the church basement to prepare, assemble and distribute the sack lunches.

The program was launched three years ago by the Clay County YMCA to address the problem of feeding low-income children during the summer months. About half of Clay County students receive free or reduced meals during the school year.

The program is coordinated and funded through the YMCA. Many local businesses, churches and individuals also support the program with funding and volunteers.

"By the end of the first year, we were assembling about 200 lunches," Thompson said. "Then, last year we did over 300 and this year, 500!"

Faith BC Hosts Mission Serve Workers

For the second consecutive year, Faith BC in Ft Wayne hosted Mission Serve, an organization that partners with local governments and organizations to connect mission-trip labor to much-needed civic improvement projects. Youth groups from West Virginia, Maryland, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan and Kentucky made the church their home base for a week in July.

The Georgia-based Mission Serve organization approaches community officials or leaders and offers to provide the manpower to do needed projects if they will come up with funds for the materials.

In 2014, Faith BC went to the city of Ft. Wayne with representatives from Mission Serve and shared this vision. As a result, a connection was made with a community organization in Ft. Wayne known as *Neighborlink* which serves the community as an ongoing process.

Thompson said the program is continuing into the school year with a weekend and holiday backpack program. "About 30 percent of those who received lunches have signed up to receive the backpacks," he said. "We're now taking care of about 200 kids through the backpack program."

Pastor Thompson said the program's success would not have been possible without the YMCA and other community entities and individuals.

"The response of the community to our church's efforts has been tremendous," he said. "This has become a multi-denomination effort and far-reaching into the depths of the community.

Brazil FBC is not a huge church, they typically seat about 100 people on Sunday. Pastor Thompson said, "As I told the deacons in a conversation a few years ago, whether the church grows or not is really immaterial. We're going to do this because it's what Jesus would do. Jesus fed the hungry people."

The church hosted 155 people and worked on approximately 15 projects. The crews consist of mainly youth, as well as, adults, youth advisors and other people who enjoy serving.

Church members also provide help with cleaning the church during the day when the crews are away working on projects. Breakfast and dinner are served at the church. Other churches in the community are asked to provide lunches for one crew for the week.

Faith BC has adopted Mission Serve week as one of their big outreaches of the year.

The mission work has helped open the eyes of the church to the needs of the community. It gives the church an outward focus. It opens our eyes to the greater need of the city, and enables us to be thankful for what God has blessed us with. Faith BC has made a five year commitment to Mission Serve.

Mission Brings Smiles to Jenkins, KY



Along with Weedman and Pastor Hopkins, those attending included Barbara & Fred Johnson, Katelyn Kaufman, Debbie Clark, Janie Barnett, Barbara Mills, and Beth Jordan with her children Kyndall, Halle, and Will.

A mission trip by Tell City FBC into economically challenged Jenkins, KY accomplished a lot more than helping put smiles on people's faces; the church ministered to people in the area in a number of ways to help lift their spirits during hard times.

In July, a dozen people from Tell City FBC, including Pastor Dan Hopkins, partnered with "SmileFaith", an organization which takes its well-equipped mobile dental bus to various places to provide dental care to those who could not otherwise afford it.

SmileFaith coordinates with a church in the area which then has the opportunity to minister to those persons about God's love and provide a church home.

"Jenkins, KY was showing signs of neglect in their homes and creates

discouragement in the people," said Linda Weedman of Tell City FBC. "We left them with the hope that they have not been forgotten and the love of God is still there."

While there, the organization sponsored a family night for the community to come to supper and enjoy an evening of fun and games. Church members helped serve the meal and interacted with local people, joining in the games of the evening.

The group also partnered with the Emmanuel Baptist Church in hosting a Vacation Bible School for the children of the area. Other members of their group helped with remodeling projects the church needed help with.

"All of us helped with a landscaping face lift at the SmileFaith Mission House where we were staying."

Shoes Distributed Despite Bad Weather

Bluffton FBC is grateful to have received a Matthew 25 Grant from the ABC-USA in the amount of \$850.00. This grant, combined with church support and fund raising, allowed the church to distribute 95 pairs of shoes on August 14 to students returning to school.

Unfortunately, the "Good News Shoes" day was very rainy, so the church fell a bit short of their goal to give away 150 pairs of shoes. However, the church has linked up with elementary teachers who can call and get shoes for students throughout the school year. God always provides!



EQUIPPING LEADERS Reunion of Retired Ministers and Spouses

Pleasant View BC Licenses Mark Kern



Sunday, August 21 was a day of celebration as Pleasant View BC licensed Mark Kern (second from right) to the gospel ministry. Pictured left to right: Phyllis Goodyear, region resource minister; Don Wells, interim pastor; Mark Kern and Mike Forgey, deacon. Mark is a student in CLI.

Discerning the Call to Ministry



2016 Young Adult Call Retreat Participants. Thirteen participants, including three from ABC-IN/KY; Andrew Templeton, Athan Lamson and Andrew Weeks, all from Bloomfield FBC, participated in the retreat.

About a dozen young adults and five mentors joined leaders Mylinda and Gary Baits from ABC International Ministries for the "Exploring Your Call" retreat held in August at Indian Creek Baptist Camp. The retreat was designed to help young people in their 20's and 30's discern their path in service to God. Participants were nominated for the event in letters from their pastors.

"Gary and Mylinda led the group through a series of experiences that enabled them to explore how God might be calling them to serve," said Rev. Dr. Mark Hetrick, one of the mentors. "This wasn't just for those who think they might be called as

pastors. We realize that God calls people into other ministries".

Careers in youth ministry, chaplaincy or counseling might require the same training a pastor would get in terms of education, but have a different focus.

"It was a really good experience. It's something that we will most likely be doing again, maybe on an annual basis," Dr. Hetrick said. "Everybody who participated filled out an evaluation at the end and they all gave it very high marks and hoped that it would be something we would do again to help other people."

The reunion of retired American Baptist clergy and spouses was held on September 8, hosted by Hoosier Village and Baptist Homes of Indiana.

The theme was "The Burmese in Indiana: Immigration and Challenges."



The morning speaker was Neil Sowards, son of missionaries to Burma and a life-long devotee to the people there. Neil related that when word reaches a village that the military is approaching, the villagers flee to the jungles to hide - otherwise, the women would be raped and the men abducted. The village is set on fire and the cattle taken. With everything lost, the villagers seek escape in the refugee camps in Thailand.



Aungar Kholon, leader of the Burmese Community Center for Education (BCCE) was the second person to speak. His presentation centered on the challenges of assimilating the Burmese into America. The BCCE faces the task of working with people who have been up-rooted from their homes, lost everything, lived in a refugee camp (some not knowing where other family members are), and one day leaving that camp to arrive the next day in a country whose language they cannot speak or understand. The

culture is an enigma, and they are expected to get a job and obtain an education.



Top: Hsar Hgay; Bottom: Stephen Kio

An afternoon panel discussion was led by Hsar Hgay, pastor of the Karen Church in Indianapolis and Stephen Kio, pastor of the Chin Church in Indianapolis. They spoke on the help their local congregations are giving their congregants in adjusting to life in Indiana. Beautiful special music was provided by Harriet Coppoc, a flutist.

Help Comes From the Farm - Plake Farms

Thomas Plake, a member of Mt. Pisgah BC, founded Plake Farms out of his passions for farms, family and faith. The goal is to teach churches and pastors about how to make connections with people, using the farm and a high interest in agriculture and farming as a catalyst to engage people. It is also designed to help rural and suburban communities and includes an educational agritourism venue. Their foremost priority is giving churches an opportunity to grow. Plake, a third generation American Baptist, is joined by Roland Wilson in this venue. Wilson is also a member of Mt. Pisgah BC and brings his own unique background and skills. To learn more, call: 317-902-2190.

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 3 - Office Closed
- 6 - Personnel Committee Mtg.
- 8 - AB Women's Day, CLI: Liberty Center, Franklin FBC
- 10-13 - ABW Fall Conferences Week 1
- 11 - Region Staff Mtg.
- 13 - Sr. Adult Day
- 12-13 - Midwest Ministry Development Pre-Retirement Workshop
- 15 - CLI: Vevay
- 17-20 - ABW Fall Conferences Week 2
- 29 - CLI: Liberty Center, Franklin FBC, Vevay

NOVEMBER

- 4 - Region Board Mtg.
- 7 - CORMS
- 8 - Region Staff Mtg.
- 12 - CLI: Franklin FBC, Vevay
- 19 - CLI: Liberty Center

DECEMBER

- 10 - CLI: Franklin FBC, 2016 CLI Graduation Reception & Service

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