

# Eleven Point River Baptist Association

February 2018 Newsletter

## What's happening?

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I'm going to be taking a small portion of the newsletters to inform you of things your missionary has been doing. First of all, I've had the privilege of preaching this last month at Shilo Baptist in Rover, which was truly a tremendous blessing for me. I have also had the privilege of attending services at Rose Hill, Alton First, Riverton, Summersville Praise and Worship, and Macedonia.

I have been blessed by the enthusiasm for our Lord's work throughout our Association. I have also had the opportunity to travel to Pulaski County, to view a new church camp option we have been given this year. These are some of the things that have been going on this past month. Often this many personal pronouns is a sinful thing, but I assure you this is for accountability purposes only. As always, I covet your Prayers in this great work!

## Upcoming events

**Macedonia:** Will be holding Revival services from March 11<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. Starting Sun at 11:00am, through Friday at 6:30pm - Evangelist James Story

**Shilo:** Will be holding their Outdoor Event on Sat May 19<sup>th</sup> ( More info to come )

## Our sister Churches and their needs.

Koshkonong First Baptist has asked prayer for a piano player. Also, Rose Hill, Summersville Praise and Worship, Chapel Hill, and Koshkonong are all still seeking Pastors. I won't ask you to go there because God has called you to serve where you are. However, I will ask you to continue in earnest prayer for these sister churches.

**Missions:** Our association Mission trip to the Union Rescue Mission in Memphis, Tennessee is set for March 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in going on this trip, please contact me. Every church in the association has been mailed the info on this trip. If any churches would like for me to come speak one evening about this opportunity, please contact me and I will make haste to do so.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

January 2018

### Expenditures

PO Box Rental	\$ 17.00
DOM	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,017.00

### Revenues

Alton	\$ 185.12
Chapel Hill	\$ 0.00
Kosh	\$ 0.00
Macedonia	\$ 925.00
Many Springs	\$ 152.43
Myrtle	\$ 109.91
Praise and Worship	\$ 0.00
Riverton	\$ 694.09
Rose Hill	\$ 0.00
Shilo	\$ 357.19
NOW Interest	<u>\$ 16.90</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,440.64</b>

Balance 01/01/18	\$ 71,373.37
Income	\$ 2,440.64
Expense	<u>\$ 1,017.00</u>
Balance 01/31/18	<b>\$ 72,797.01</b>

Association	\$ 72,797.01
Benevolence Fund	\$ 1,783.50
Parsonage Sale	<u>\$ 50,115.30</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 124,695.81</b>

## **Executive Board Meeting**

2/15/18 at Rose Hill Baptist in Thayer at 7:00pm. All people of our association are welcome. We will be having a guest speaker from Life-way Christian Bookstore in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

*Proverbs 16:25 There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*

Wise words from King Solomon; and as I read them, I can't help but think of Solomon's father, King David. See, David had a run-in with why we do things God's way and not the world or man's way. In 2 Samuel chapter 6, we see a very tragic story of disobedience play out. King David goes down with all the people to the house of Abinadab and attempts to bring the ARK of GOD up to the city of Jerusalem. It was a sight to be seen as they took the Ark and put it on a new cart and headed out. It says in 2 Samuel 6:5 *And David and all the house of Israel played before the Lord on all manner of instruments.* Wow! That must have been something to see and hear: God's people singing and with great vigor doing the Lord's work. Sadly, within 2 verses, the revival is over. As this great parade goes on its merry way, the Ark begins to shake and slide, and one of the premier guests at this religious activity- Bro. Uzzah- reaches out to save the day, and grabs the ark. Immediately God's anger is kindled against him and God kills him. Wooweee! This was a revival of national recognition, and a great thing in the eyes of men.

We must ask ourselves, "Why did God bust up the party and kill this good intentioned man?" The answer rests in the man responsible for the whole show- King David. In 2 Samuel 6:3, it says they brought it out (upon a new cart). This was contrary to God's plan, because penned by the Holy Spirit over 400 years earlier in Deuteronomy 10:8, the Lord had separated the Levites to bare the Ark of God. That means the ark of the covenant was to be carried on the shoulders of a Levite priest, not on a new cart. So, Bro. Uzzah can thank David and his new methods for his deadly encounter with God. We say to ourselves, "Where in the world did David ever get that idea?" The answer to our question is found in 1 Samuel 6:8,11: when the Philistines brought the Ark back to Israel, they moved it *upon a cart*. All this trouble that David had was because he was stealing ideas from the Philistines-who are the people of the world- and not sticking with God's way of doing things. If you read on in 2 Samuel 6:12-17, you'll see that next time David has them bare (carry) the Ark and there is much shouting and dancing and singing. Praise God, the Ark finally Arrives! I believe what we need to glean from this is a healthy respect for separation in our Christian lives. As Paul said in 2 Corinthians 6:17 *Wherefore come out from among them: and be ye separate.* If we'll stick to preaching the Blood, the Book, and The Blessed hope we won't have a problem at all. You see Brothers and Sisters; God has a way of doing things, and it works every time. It's not legalism to be a Bible believing Christian; however, it is hypocrisy to say you are and not live like it.

God Bless You,

Bro. James Story