



A NOTE FROM YOUR DOM "You Are Appreciated"

Barry County Baptists, my mind is filled with grateful thoughts. Allow me to offer my thanks to all who were a part of making our Annual Meeting worshipful, informative and meaningful. So many united to make each session significant. The music, the proclaimed Word of God, ministry and committee reports, the leadership of our moderator and the hospitality of the Purdy First Baptist Church all came together as one to produce a valuable time of business and fellowship. Again, thank you all for ALL you do. Each one of you is greatly appreciated. And we cannot forget Becky Stults, our office administrative assistant. Her diligence in producing the annual record book, programs, and registering messengers and visitors is to be commended. Her experience allows things to happen without hiccups. Good job, everyone! All the Glory belongs to Our God!

It's important that we meet and encourage one another on to good works in the Lord. In trying times such as these, with so many distractions in our world, we do need each other. We must never "forsake the assembling of ourselves together" (Hebrews 10:25).

Something that continues to weigh heavy on my heart is this concept of "Calling Out the Called." None of us are getting any younger,

and there will come a day when we can no longer serve in the same capacity we are currently serving. Who will fill these roles? While none of us can predict future events, and in Matthew 6 Jesus instructed us not to worry about the daily needs of tomorrow, we still must prepare our hearts and lives for His coming. The Resound Network of the Missouri Baptist Convention has great materials to help us with "Calling Out the Called." Perhaps you've seen the booklet entitled, "5 Questions every renewal leader should ask." It is a helpful resource for pastors and church leaders.

Question 1: Are We Seeking the Lord? Attempting to do the Lord's work without seeking Him is futile. He's the one with the best plan. We must lead our congregations to seek Him.

Question 2: Are We Shepherding the Flock? The concept of knowing, leading, feeding and protecting the flock is Biblical. Adequate pastoral care and guidance isn't too much to expect.

Question 3: Are We Reaching the Lost? Nearly 2000 years ago Jesus gave His followers the Great Commission and that has not changed. God calls lost people to Himself through people who know Him.

Question 4: Are We Making Disciples? Discipleship isn't just one aspect of the mission - it is the mission. Genuine disciple making must be modeled precisely after the personhood of Jesus. Is our desire to represent Jesus in the way we live our lives?

Question 5: Are We Developing Leaders? Jesus chose twelve men and invested Himself

in them. Developing next generation leaders is imperative if the Lord's work is to continue.

As a pastor, these questions hit me hard, especially the ones where our church could have been doing better. If we are to prepare the next generation, we must embrace our culture with the truth and diligently promote the Gospel through evangelism and discipleship.

Perhaps this new research from the Barna Group is good news. Based on a survey of 1,500 U.S. teenagers ages 13 to 18, the number of male Christian teens attending weekly youth groups now outnumbers the attendance of female Christian teens. This reverses a trend that has held for decades. Among self-identified Christian teenagers, 57% said they attended a youth group in the last three months, including 63% of males compared to 52% of females. Barna data also shows that men are now out-attending women in church overall by the widest margin recorded in 25 years: 43% of men attended church in 2025 compared to 36% of women.

The data also reveals a negative shift among female teenagers, as more are likely to identify as religiously unaffiliated. This trend may come from the confusion over gender and sexuality definitions. The world's attack on the Biblical teaching of two genders (and sexes), male and female, opens the door for even more confusion, with schools pushing transgenderism, males competing with females, etc.

We must pray to the Lord of the harvest, to send forth laborers into the harvest (Matthew 9:37-38). Pray for an increase in the discipling of young adults both male and female. Pray for youth pastors and ministry

workers who are serving this generation of teenagers, that they would disciple with depth and not just engage with programming. Pray specifically for the young women who identify as religiously unaffiliated. Pray 1 Timothy 4:12 - "Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."

God Bless You!
Bro. Allan ☺



Roaring River Campers' Church
9:00 - 9:30 a.m.
Roaring River Amphitheater

October 4th -?????
11th - ??????
18th - Kyle Snow
25th - Gerald Kirkpatrick

Attendance: 7/19-17, 7/26-34, 8/2-5,
8/9-23, 8/16-21, 8/23-10

Don't Forget to Change
Your Clocks!
2:00 a.m. Sunday,
November 1, 2026



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*November's Workers' Conference is on the 19th at Prairie Hill.
*Office will be closed on November 25-27 for Thanksgiving.

Workers' Conference
When: October 15th
Where: FB Washburn
Time: 6:30 meal
7:15 meeting/program



GriefShare, Tuesday evenings at FB Cassville
from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. led by Mary Woods.



2 Chronicles 7:3
Missouri Baptist Convention
192nd Annual Meeting
October 26-27, 2026
St. Charles Convention Center
St. Charles, Missouri



Mt. Zion: We will be hosting Bryan Arnold in concert at 7 p.m. with a meal being served at 6 p.m. Please come and join us!

Emmanuel: We are having a meet and greet with Kanoot & Sarah Midkiff, IMB Ukrainian missionaries on November 1st at 6 p.m.