

SPRING BREAK FAMILY MISSION TRIP

Our church has a long history of contributing prayer and financial support to ministries in our community and around the world. A portion of our missions offering is given to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship to support the work of field personnel in areas to which many of us have never traveled among people that we have never met. I'm excited to tell you about an opportunity for members of our congregation to work alongside CBF field personnel while experiencing firsthand some of the ministries that we support. **University Heights will be sponsoring a Family Mission Trip to Helena, Arkansas, during the week of March 21, 2010.** While some of the details are still being ironed out, I'd like to give you as much information about this opportunity as possible.

First, why Helena, Arkansas? Several years ago, CBF initiated a commitment to working in the nation's 20 poorest counties for 20 years. This initiative is called *Together for Hope*, and it's goal is to transform communities holistically. Helena is one of these 20 communities. CBF field personnel Ben and Leonora Newell have been working in Helena in partnership with local congregations to bring about change in this rural community. Through our missions giving, we have been able to support their work. This trip will also give us the chance to support them with our time and energy as we participate in the ministries that they have worked so hard to establish.

Second, what is a "family mission trip"? Calling this a "family mission trip" simply means that any person of any age can participate in this trip. Because this falls during Spring Break for Springfield public schools, I'm hopeful that there will be families that choose to spend a portion of the week together in service. Adults and children alike will be able to participate in hands-on ministry.

Our plan is to leave Springfield on Sunday, March 21, and return on Wednesday, March 24, or Thursday, March 25. We will likely be staying in a newly constructed Best Western hotel. We'll include a stop in Memphis on our return for a fun meal or outing. The cost for the trip has yet to be determined, but I trust that it will not be prohibitive. As more details fall into place, I will pass them along to you. For now, pray about your involvement in this opportunity. How might God be preparing you to serve in Helena?

-Cory

Missionary Thank-you Card

Dear Members, Thanks so much for your hospitality and generosity during our visit with you. It was great to meet you and to share time getting to know you. We thank you for your support for the offering for Global Missions which allows us to serve among the Roma in Slovakia and the Czech Republic. May God bless you as you serve.

In Christ,
Shane and Taylor McNary

SUNDAY'S REPORT

January 10, 2010

Sunday School	197
Morning Worship	227
Budget Offering	\$11,126.22

January 17, 2010

Sunday School	220
Morning Worship	242
Budget Offering	Unavailable due to holiday

Helping Haiti

Those who would like give financial support to Haiti relief



may do so through our church. The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and American Baptist Churches (USA) have established means to receive funds for this purpose, so you may write your check to UHBC and indicate "Haiti-CBF" or "Haiti-ABC" to indicate your preference.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A BOARD OR COMMITTEE?

It's time to start thinking about filling positions on boards and committees for the fiscal year beginning the first of April. If you are interested in serving, and would like to be considered, please call the church office: 862-0789.

PRAYER TEAM FOR MEN ONLY:

If you are interested in joining an early morning prayer team that will meet monthly at Rountree School with the Principal, David Martin, to pray for our neighborhood and school, please contact Janet Hill ASAP.

When did "Outreach" Come to Mean "Bring Folks In"?

The dictionary says, "outreach, the act or process of reaching out." If outreach is to reach out, perhaps in friendship or with aid, why does "outreach" at church mean increase attendance and find new members? My generation knows that Outreach is a code word that has special meaning beyond just shaking hands with someone. It might even mean holding that hand for dear life and dragging them into my church.

Missional churches are more likely to use the term reaching out since their goal is not so much growth as to demonstrate love to neighbors, to meet basic human needs and to practice being like Jesus.

The mission statement for UHBC is "Striving to reflect the life and story of Jesus Christ by sharing his love and message with all people." That sounds right on target for "reaching out." How many of our activities, Boards, meetings, and discussions, are directed by that mission? How much of your energy is expended in reaching out.

The Outreach Team not only keeps statistics of how many people visit our church, we also advocate reaching out. It should not surprise Baptists that reaching out to others is a way to reach people.

"Missional" may be a new word, but out-reach has always been a part of serving Jesus.

-Romona Baker, Outreach Team



Welcome New Member

Shirley Dodds

Tuesday, January 26
WMU General Meeting
9:15 am in Fellowship Hall

SAVE THE DATE!!
CBF-MO General Assembly
April 16-17 at UHBC

Assistance Needed UHBC provides Sunday Morning bus service. Riders are picked up in time to attend Sunday School and depart the Church following Worship Service. Drivers are assigned for a month at a time. A list of volunteer drivers is being compiled. If you would like to have your name added to the volunteer driver list or you have questions, please contact Keith Chrystie at 866-6113 or via email at nitepanda@mchsi.com.

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

January 2010

Phil Hockensmith
Ed Ksara

A.R.M.S. VOLUNTEERS

January 17-23

Jackie & Chris Woolsey

January 24-30

David & Pam Edwards

BREAD MINISTRY

January 25

Diane Tucker & Ingrid Denney

February 7

Joe & Nancy Brown

Global Missions Offering Received to date: \$9057.

MENUS - 2010

Each meal includes soup,
salad bar, bread & dessert

January 27

Lasagna, Vegetable Medley,

Italian Bread Sticks

Serving Group: Samuels

February 3

Ham, Cheesy potatoes

Green beans

Serving Group: McClure

Deacon Prayer Concern

I began my morning yesterday thinking about a few chores I needed to complete. I felt a little annoyed to see so much snow and ice still on my street, and I even felt a little sorry for myself for a few aches and pains. Then I heard the news reports of the terrible earthquake in Haiti. In a heartbeat that first report and today's subsequent news of deaths and devastation in that poverty stricken country have put my petty concerns into perspective. We live in a world of wars, plagues, tsunamis, and earthquakes. The misery and suffering of many of our fellow humans on planet earth is almost mind numbing. Now more than ever, the world needs to receive our Christian love, compassion, and support. I pray for a more thankful spirit every day, for a concerned heart more open to the needs of others, and for wisdom and vision to put my thankfulness and concern into action.

-Ed Ksara