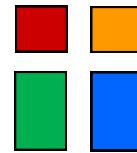


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January 2020



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Important Dates

January

1 New Years - Office Closed
19 Executive Council Meeting
20 MLK Day - Office Closed

February

3 Wild Game Supper
17 President's Day - Office Closed
21-22 Preaching Conference

March

8 Daylight Saving Time Starts

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

January 19th, 2:00pm
CENTERTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH

GO AHEAD AND MARK YOUR CALENDERS FOR OUR FIRST EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING IN 2020! ALTHOUGH ITS A NEW YEAR, WE'RE THE SAME ASSOCIATION THAT CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

Centertown Baptist Church

1213 BROADWAY STREET
CENTERTOWN, MO 65023

Pastor's Chat

Let us be intentional!

I have four kids: 9, 6, 3 and 7 months. For the record those are not their names. As you already figured out, those are their ages. So as you can imagine, my calendar is packed with all their schedules, extracurricular activities, birthday parties, church events, etc. Not to mention that I pastor a church and have my own coaching and consulting business. My wife Kristin and I have pretty busy lives, and in order for us to be able to parent well, fulfill the responsibilities of our ministries, jobs and still find some "free" time for leisure and or rest, we have to be intentional about everything we do. Because of the nature of what I do, many times I find myself in the position of giving, giving, giving so, if there is one area in which I need to be intentional, it is personal growth. The dictionary defines growth as "the process of increasing..." This increasing could be physically, spiritually, emotionally, mentally, etc. "Growth is development. It is progressive acquisition of various skills (abilities) such as head support, speaking, learning, expressing the feelings and relating with other people."

The author of Hebrews says the following about growth: ***"Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God," Hebrews 6:1.*** The apostle Peter gives us an amazing picture of what spiritual growth looks like: ***"For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."*** 2 Peter 1:5-8.

So, regardless of the role you play in any area of your life, let me ask you the following questions: **1) What are you currently doing to grow/develop yourself? 2) What are you doing to grow/develop others? 3) What needs to happen for you to start working on/implementing the two questions above?** John C. Maxwell, a pastor, teacher, author, and speaker who has written many books, primarily focusing on leadership, once said, "Growth is the only guarantee that tomorrow is going to be better." In his book, '15 Invaluable Laws of Growth', the first law he talks about is the law of Intentionality which states "growth doesn't just happen."

So, as we start this new year, my encouragement to you all is, "Be Intentional" specifically about your personal growth! Here are some practical steps you can follow in order to achieve growth in 2020:

1. **Make a commitment to intentionally grow.** [Be intentional.]
2. **Make the commitment public.** [A commitment that is not public is worthless.]
3. **Identify the areas you want to personally grow in.** [At least 3 but no more than 5.]
4. **Invest one hour a day on the areas listed above.** [Including Sunday]
 - Preparation. Practice. Reflection.
5. **Invest one hour a week on reflection and writing on what you have been working on.**
 - One word. Bullet points. One sentence.
6. **Share your growth with someone.** [Find someone to share your growth.]
 - If they react happy continue doing it. If not, find someone else. So, do not spend time with people that are not thrilled with your progress.
7. **Repeat this process as needed.** [Be intentional.]

Let's us be intentional!

Blessings

Heber Mena

Interim Lead Pastor @ High Point Baptist Church

Certified Speaker, Coach & Trainer @ The John Maxwell Team

Baptist Collegiate Ministry

A very special shout out to the 2nd grade children of River Oaks Christian Academy! These great mission workers put together about 200 gift bags to be distributed to the Lincoln University athletes. Security measures prevent us from showing a picture, but they are certainly precious! The bags contained candy, a tube of lip balm, a gospel track, a copy of "The Case for Christmas" by Lee Strobel, a Baptist Collegiate Ministry brochure, and my personal business card with information on Bible studies, the BCM ministry, and my phone number to call for prayer requests. The photo below shows a recent ice cream/cake fellowship for the track team where these were passed out.

Bags have been given to the track team, women's and men's basketball team, and the women's softball team. We are also in the process of getting them to about 75 football players.

Another big thank you to the good folks at High Point BC who made sock hats for students (see photo also). Each winter we spread the gospel by handing these out along with informational brochures and gospel tracks.

PLEASE JOIN ME IN PRAYER THAT GOD WILL SPEAK THROUGH HIS WORD TO THESE FOLKS THAT THEY MAY BE SAVED!

Additional ways you can be involved with our ministry:

- Adopt-a-student(s): I've been told that there are at least 12 track team members that will not be going home for Christmas.

NOTE: For these arrangements, there are no pre-determined expectations, only what you arrange. This can be as simple as giving a gift or taking someone to lunch, all the way up to inviting them into your home for a short or longer period of time.

- Sponsor a fellowship or meal for student(s).
- Invite students to worship and/or be involved in your churches ministry.
- Our pantry is always in need of snacks and small food items.

Classes at Lincoln University will resume after Christmas break on January 21.

Please call me directly if you have questions and want to help: (573)-230-7872.

"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us")."

[Matt. 1:23]a fulfillment of Isaiah 7:14, written in the 8th century B.C.!



**Your Missionary on Campus,
Pastor Dave**



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January 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Executive Council Meeting	20 MLK Day Office Closed	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>January Birthdays: 23 Steve Hogard, Hickory Hill</p> </div>			

Budget Report

Jan-November 2019	Income	Expenses	YTD Budget Requirement
General Fund	\$128,311.45	\$133,036.51	\$138,777.95
Baptist Collegiate Ministry	\$20,060.24	\$20,371.32	\$22,896.46

D.O.M. Search Team Report

Happy New Year! As we celebrate the arrival of 2020 and look forward to the year ahead, our team is wanting to share an update on our search for a new Director of Missions for our association.

We are meeting regularly and are hopeful to be able to begin advertising the position by the end of February. Since it has been 17+ years since our association has conducted a D.O.M. search, we are attempting to make sure we have a clear understanding and vision for how the process should work before we advertise publicly. This includes working with the Executive Council in the areas of job description and pay package, among other things. Please be in prayer for us, and our association as we seek out God's man for the position.

Besides prayer, another specific way you can help in the process is to be thinking about individuals who you feel could be a great D.O.M. Once we make the opening public, we will be using multiple outlets to advertise, but will also be relying on our association to get the word out about the search.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

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FEBRUARY 21 & 22

Register online at www.cbamo.org Cost is \$10 per person.

Friday 6:00-9:00 pm (includes dinner)

Saturday 7:30 am-12:00 pm (includes breakfast)

* Dinner guaranteed for those who pre-register by February 15.

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