

# Ripples in Clear Creek

September 2021

The mission of Clear Creek Baptist Association is *encouraging churches toward effectively fulfilling the Great Commission, equipping Christian leaders, and inspiring cooperation among God's people.*



## To all the saints of the churches in Clear Creek Baptist Association

Saying hello is also saying goodbye . . .

As I say, "Hello" to the Clear Creek Baptist Association of Southern Illinois, I realize that I am at the same time saying, "Goodbye" to my life and ministry in Ohio. I want to express in all Christian humility and gratitude my joy and excitement that our great God has called me to serve with you in this ministry assignment. I also want to thank you for your patience as Susan and I transition to the area. It is quite the task to relocate one's life from one place to another, hello and goodbye. We are currently in contract to purchase a house in Marion, Illinois while at the same time in the process of selling a house in Groveport, Ohio, hello and goodbye. I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know the churches and pastors who are the CCBA, yet I am now announcing my resignations from Kindred Hospice and the First Baptist Church of Carroll, Ohio, hello and goodbye. Life is a series of transitions from one stage to another, we experience these transitions as persons, as churches, and as associations. Transition demands adjustment, which is not always comfortable, but is life transforming. This is the process of Christian discipleship. *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away, behold the new has come (2 Corinthians 5:17).* The old has passed away, goodbye. The new has come, hello. I look forward to experiencing what God has done, is doing, and will do as our ministry relationship moves forward for His glory and our growth.

Soli Deo Gloria, Bob Burnett, D.Min., Ph.D

- **Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer - November 1.** It is called DAY of Prayer because literally as the world turns, women are praying from the eastern hemisphere all the way around to the west.
- We are linking arms, standing in solidarity with each other on that special day.
- **Mission Illinois Offering & Week of Prayer - September 13-20.** Please go to [missionillinois.org](http://missionillinois.org) to see how your church can participate.
- **October is Pastor Appreciation Month.** Please consider honoring your pastor and his family in the month of October (and any time). The association is glad to help with ways and ideas to do so.

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## What's Happening in the Churches of Clear Creek Baptist Association?

- **Anna Heights Baptist Church** will make a trip to Love Packages in Butler, Illinois November 12-13. They have 15 spots available for anyone to attend and work in the warehouse. Love Packages sends Christian literature around the world in mission to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please consider being a part of this impactful mission. Contact July Halter at 697-1547 to sign up or for more information.
- Remember in prayer **Anna, FBC, East Cape, Friendship, Harbor Church, Harvest Church of SI, Maple Grove, Mt. Pleasant** and their pastor search committees.

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TRANSFORMING  
*Grace*

April 29-30, 2022

Bank of Springfield Center, Downtown, Springfield, IL

Guest Speakers:

**Dr. Richard Blackaby**  
**Kim Hardy**  
**Kimberly Sowell**

**EARLY In-Person Registration**

- **\$35 (Deadline October 1, then price will increase to \$55)**
- ALL paid registrations by December 31, 2021 @ 11:59 PM will receive Priority car coasters!
- **Church Host**
- **\$50 per church**
- Includes Digital Download Kit
- Popcorn Bar up to 50 people with paid registration until December 31, 2021 @ 11:59 PM

## God's Provision for

### Clear Creek

August 1-31, 2021

Anna, FBC	412.11
Anna Heights	1709.00
Bethany	508.32
Big Creek	865.00
Caledonia	110.87
Dongola, FBC	476.18
Dutch Ridge	42.51
East Cape	-2- 87.00
Fellowship	598.40
Grand Tower, FBC	169.00
Harbor	583.40
Immanuel P&W	50.00
Jonesboro, FBC	970.70
Limestone	100.00
Lockard Chapel	541.59
Mill Creek	109.65
Mound City, FBC	20.00
Mt. Olive	240.00
New Hope	449.08
Pleasant Ridge	-2- 441.90
SI Country	500.00
Tamms, FBC	200.00
Ullin, FBC	447.00
United Missionary	302.58

**TOTAL** **9,934.29**

-2- indicates 2 deposits this month

**August General Fund Report**

Total Income	11,618.91
Total Expenses	3,164.10
General Fund Balance	110,464.49

*Go therefore and make disciples of  
all nations, baptizing them in the  
name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit...  
Matthew 28:19*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

- 12-19 Mission Illinois Offering & Week of Prayer
- 16 GRIEF SHARE – CCBA office
- 18 BCHFS Fall Festival – Carmi
- 23 GRIEF SHARE – CCBA office
- 30 GRIEF SHARE – CCBA office

(CAPITALIZED events are sponsored by CCBA)

### OCTOBER

- 7 GRIEF SHARE – CCBA office
- 14 GRIEF SHARE – CCBA office
- 15-16 Disaster Relief Training – Lake Sallateeska
- 17 CCBA ANNUAL MEETING – CALEDONIA
- 17-23 Week of Prayer for Baptist Associations
- 21 GRIEF SHARE – CCBA office
- 28 GRIEF SHARE – CCBA office





**Clear Creek Baptist Association  
191<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting**

***Do Not Fear, Only Believe***  
***Mark 5:36***

October 17, 2021  
4:00 p.m.

- Welcome and Prayer ..... Mike Sharp, Pastor Caledonia Community Church
- Worship ..... Caledonia Community
- Open session & introduce new pastors/planters ..... Terry Kern, Moderator
  
- Greetings from IBSA ..... Ashby Tillery, Zone Consultant
- Greetings from Baptist Children’s Home and Family Services..... Denny Hydrick, Executive Director
  
- Prayer for Local Missions ..... Cliff Waller, Act 1:8 Local Missions Coordinator
  
- Administrative Team Reports
  - Presentation of 2022 Budget Proposal ..... Nancy Ralls
  - Treasurer’s Report ..... Nancy Ralls
  - Trustees Report of Recommendations ..... Bob Richardson
  
- Prayer for North America Missions ..... Carl Dillow, Acts 1:8 North American Missions Coordinator
  
- Appointment of two at-large members of Annual Meeting Planning Team ..... Terry Kern
- 2022 Calendar of Events ..... Clint Nale
  
- Prayer for Illinois Missions ..... Clint Nale, Acts 1:8 Illinois Missions Coordinator
  
- Verlee Eaker Leadership Development Fund Offering
  - Prayer ..... Mike Sharp, Pastor Caledonia Community Church
  
- Prayer for International Missions..... Tom Gray, Acts 1:8 International Missions Coordinator
  
- Adjourn for meal
  
- Worship in song ..... Caledonia Community
- Miscellaneous Business ..... Terry Kern
- Adjourn Business
  
- Worship ..... Caledonia Community
- Message ..... CCBA Executive Director Bob Burnett

**2022 Annual Meeting**

Sunday, October 16, 2022

Locations: Cobden, First Baptist Church

Host Churches: Cobden, First Baptist Church  
Big Creek Baptist Church

**2023 Annual Meeting**

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Locations: Ullin, First Baptist Church

Host Churches: Ullin, First Baptist Church  
Mounds, FBC

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