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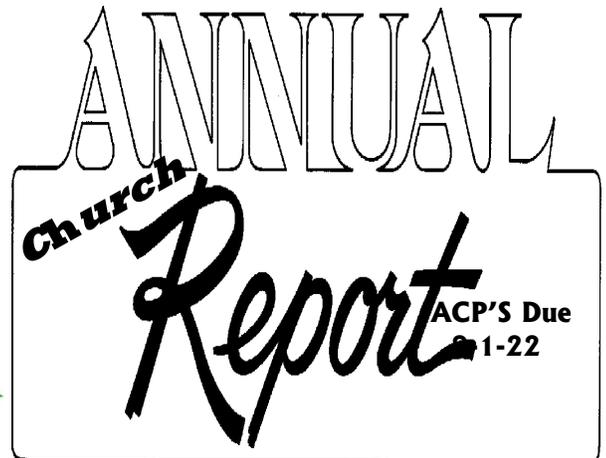
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Robert's Ramblin's

I love the way your churches are busy doing 'good works' this summer! Ephesians 2:10 tells us, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Everything we do as a child of God should be in the category of 'good works.' The churches participating in Kid's Kamp and all the leaders, counselors, and directors are involved in doing the good things that makes camp a success. Every VBS must have dedicated people teaching and loving those kids that attend. Each of us must live our lives of 'good works' by loving and caring for fellow church members, and also those outside the church family who need to know Christ. Remember the verse above? "We (Christians) are the workmanship of the Lord FOR good works. How are we doing? Are we living so the world becomes a better place? Prove you are His creation by promoting and advancing the Kingdom!"

July 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3	4  Independence Day	5	6	7 Staff Recommendation Team 7:00pm	8	9
10	11 Adult Bible Study 10am @Calvary Video Program: Miracles In American History!	12	13	14	15 Bonnie Griffith, Memorial Birthday	16 Adam Porter, Hopewell Birthday
17	18 Bill Johnson, Mt. Olive, Anniversary Peggy Barrett, Smithton, Birthday Building and Grounds, 7:00pm	19 ACT meeting, 9:00am	20 News Item Due	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Label News	29 Jonathan Wallenbeck, Calvary Anniversary	30
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The Financial section can be found on the web site. If you need a paper copy please call the office 826-2070.

2022 Monthly Requirement	\$7,317.92
Church receipts for June	\$1,822.56
Net Budget difference	(\$5,495.36)



UPCOMING Events

July 4	Independence Day
Aug. 1	ACP Profiles due
Sept 1	Labor Day
Sept 25	HBA Annual Meeting



Adult Bible Study Meeting will be on July 11, 2022 10:00am @ Calvary Baptist Church



Could you be involved at the Missouri Baptist State Fair Tent??



Creating new landing fields. Come join us.

Next meeting is Aug 25, 2022 5:00pm

Project Parachute

God bless our men and women in service

Abundance Quartet



DATE: 10-1-22

TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION: FBC, Sedalia



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Most everybody is familiar with “Murphy’s Law” or the adage “Anything that can go wrong will go wrong.” A more positive spin would be “Whatever will be will be” or “Whatever can happen will happen.”

No one is sure exactly where exactly this saying came from. According to the website Wikipedia, the American Dialect Society (in their free time no doubt) did an exhaustive study into the adage. Their evaluation included the idea that perhaps the concept is as old as humanity is young.

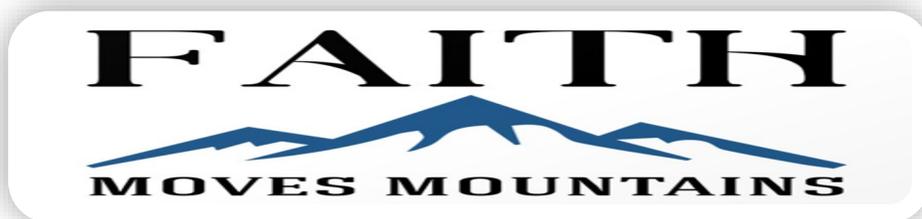
The modern phrase supposedly stems from an attempt to use new devices developed by Edward Murphy, an American aerospace engineer. It was during a series of high-speed rocket sled assignments which ultimately led to the coining of “Murphy’s Law” – an attempt in explaining mechanical designs where one should always assume a worst-case scenario especially during the testing phase.

Of course, the phrase has some jocular meanings. For example, I always marvel at those who do the service of “Risk Management.” People get sued; Businesses get sued – it is a part of life. While it is wise to avoid unnecessary risks in life and business practices, one must always remember the adage of Murphy’s Law in the legal sense, “those who will be sued, will be.”

The phrase assumes a *fait accompli* – that all things that can happen will happen with no recourse. In philosophy this is called Determinism. The hidden hand of fate is the final say in such a universe. No one is immune from the dictates of “whatever will happen will happen.” Choice in such a place does not exist. This is a boring and depressing place.

I prefer the choice of preparation and growth versus uncertainty – overcoming obstacles with overwhelming odds not because it was meant to be, but because of what God has given both whit, drive... I believe that individual creativity does not exist in the world of Murphy’s Law. And while there are always times of chaos in an imperfect world, order ultimately prevails because God is great and good.

By: Dr. Rob Ayers, Camp Branch





Executive Board Meeting

Meeting call to order by Moderator Jon Church. Peggy Barrett gave the Clerk's report, 19 were present, 15 are needed for a quorum. Because of some first-time attendees, everyone was introduced and stated their home church. Reports were given by Church Leadership Team, Church Health Team, Building and Grounds Team, and the DOM. Several churches reported events and programs, salvations and baptisms, revivals and VBS going on in their churches.

Motions passed include:

1. upgrading visual equipment
2. Instigate bi-monthly pastor/staff and wives fellowship dinners on 3rd Thursdays
3. obtain professional advice to landscape around the sign.

Positions of leadership needed for next Associational year:

1. One person to serve 3 years on the Building and Grounds Team
2. One person to serve 3 years on the Staff Recommendation Team.
3. Leadership Enlistment Team
 - A) 2 persons to serve 3 years
 - B) 2 persons to serve 2 years
4. ACT (Association Coordinating Team)
 - A) 1 person to serve as Association Missions Coordinator to help churches and the DOM in planning and implementing mission events and projects.

Meeting adjourned with prayer.

We just had Harmony Baptist Association Kid's Kamp. It was so exciting to see the kid's running around and having fun. It is easy to forget children are precious and need to be protected and also need to be brought up with the fruits of the spirit. Here is an excerpt from Corrie Ten Boom.

"Sex," I was pretty sure, meant whether you were a boy or girl, and "sin" made Tante Jans very angry, but what the two together meant I could not imagine. And so, seated next to Father in the train compartment, I suddenly asked, "Father, what is sexsin?" he turned to look at me, as he always did when answering a question, but to my surprise he said nothing. At last he stood up, lifted his traveling case from the rack over our heads, and set it on the floor. "Will you carry it off the train, Corrie?" he said. I stood up and tugged at it. It was crammed with the watches and spare parts he had purchased that morning. "It's too heavy," I said. "Yes," he said "And it would be a pretty poor father who would ask his little girl to carry such a load. It's the same way, Corrie, with knowledge. Some knowledge is too heavy for children. When you are older and stronger you can bear it. For now you must trust me to carry it for you."- from the Hiding Place: The Triumphant True Story of Corrie Ten Boom.

We are asking our children to carry loads that are way too heavy for them. They should not be forced, as children, to see and feel the world through the lens of adults. Innocence is worth protecting and worth fighting for. We need to do our part as teachers, parents, and caregivers to carry certain things for them until they are old enough to bear

Churches with VBS Dates

Calvary – June 6-10, 5:45pm-8:15pm

East Sedalia – June 20-24, 6:00pm-8:15pm

Memorial – June 20-24

Green Ridge - July 10-14

Smithton – July 11-14, 5:30pm – 8:00pm

New Hope – July 11-15, 9:00am-12:00pm

FBC Sedalia – July 11-15 9am-noon

Houstonia – July 18-22

Bethany - July 24

Bethlehem: Happy summer from Bethlehem Baptist Church. We are having a wonderful summer. This month we have had one baptism and two new members join the church. We had a great VBS with two salvations. Our men are going through a bible study on No Excuses. Our women's meeting this month we had a guest speaker Linda Mura who wrote a devotional called My Alabaster Box. God Bless and stay cool.

Broadway: Pastor Gray's sermon on Pentecost (June 5) was appropriately about "God the Holy Spirit, Our Helper." 3 new-to-the-area families have worshipped with us since Resurrection Day—3 adults and 5 children/youth. We shared a Fellowship Meal in May—Ron grilled burgers, and the congregation brought great sides. Our Adult Sunday School class continues to study the epistles to the Thessalonians with supplementary material from Lifeway.

East Sedalia: Nine East Sedalia Baptist Campers left on June 13th for HBA Camp. Three church members will be going to camp to help serve lunch on Wednesday also. All of the campers will be receiving mail while there from several people that are writing to them. We are planning for a great Vacation Bible School from June 20-June 24, with a Family Fun Day on Sunday, June 26 from 10:30-1:00 p.m. Brother Eddie Brown was our supply pastor the last two Sundays of May.

FBC Sedalia: God's kindness and goodness endures forever! In days of trial and uncertainty, God's grace is sufficient for all our needs. We here at FBC Sedalia are continually praying for each of our sister churches, especially as God has graciously provided new pastors in our area. We are also thankful to the Lord for His kindness to us through various Gospel ministries that concluded before summer break including AWANA, Biblical Counseling Training, Mom's Connect, and Sunday Night Theology. We are excitedly and prayerfully anticipating Gospel opportunities for our upcoming Vacation Bible School to be held on July 11-15 from 9:30AM-12:00PM. Please join us in praying that we will be faithful and bold with Gospel proclamation and for many children to be given new life in Jesus Christ!

Katy Park: We promoted our children up into their new classes on June 12th. We sent camp leaders and campers to Kid's Kamp on June 13-17. Our youth went to Super Summer for their youth trip on June 20-24. We hosted a free Kite in the Park Day on June 25th.

Mt. Herman: Several of our members have suffered the effects of Covid lately. We are noticing attendance has dropped off a bit. But Sunday School and worship services are continuing. We are anticipating a baptism soon and we have been blessed with visitors lately.

Olive Branch: The speakers for Saturday Night Cross Connect for June are:

June 25-Heart of America Adult and Teen Challenge -Pete Goans

The speakers for Saturday Night Cross Connect in July are

July 2-Gene Mankini

July 30- For His Glory Performance Troupe

