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IMMEASURABLY MORE

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 buses well maintained, thorough going over in shop in
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Ten Years

Typically, when writing an article for the Messenger, I am looking at the publish date and drafting the message accordingly. On this particular article, I am writing it in “real time.”

As I pen this article (on August 8), Vicki and I are getting ready to unplug for a sabbatical. It is the policy of the district that leadership are to take a sabbatical after serving for ten years. We were honored to be chosen by Southern Missouri to serve as the district superintendent on October 17, 2011. We are appreciative of this opportunity to take these next five weeks to refresh and recalibrate.

These ten years have gone quickly in so many ways! Through these years, God has led our district forward. We are thankful for the victories he has brought about through the district team and all the ministers across Southern Missouri. He has brought us through a number of obstacles and hurdles such as the Covid pandemic which we are still all walking through. But he has never left us. There is a sense of unity and common purpose among our ministers and churches. I believe that we have momentum.

Yet, there is so much to do. We desperately need to see more churches planted. But, just as important, we need to see existing churches energized and reaching their cities for Christ. If we are to see 100,000 in attendance in AG churches in Southern Missouri on any given Sunday, we need to move from 358 churches to a minimum of 400 churches.

We must not only plant new churches but stop closing churches because they have died. Yet, the most important outcome is not the number of churches but impacting the 3.4 million in our district’s landmass which are not presently connected with a church body. They need Jesus!

Our time is short. Jesus is coming soon. With this in mind, the theme for District Council 2022 will be Accelerate as we trust God to accelerate the spiritual harvest for our ministers and churches.

As I began as superintendent in 2011, I started closing my correspondence with “Great Days Ahead.” I still believe that the greatest days for Southern Missouri are not behind us but ahead of us. When Vicki and I return on September 13, we are endeavoring to come back physically, emotionally, and spiritually renewed. We want to come back ready to lead into the greatest season of harvest our district has ever seen.

Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for the many ways you have shown your love and support to us during these last ten years. We love and appreciate you for the depths of our heart. We truly are humbled, honored, and privileged to serve.

Great Days Ahead
Pastor Don



REFRESH MINISTRY WOMEN

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refresh *connect* groups



Welcome to the Refresh Team!



Rebecca Barton

We welcome Rebecca Barton to the Refresh Team as our Publishing Team Leader. Born and raised in a minister's home, Rebecca was saved at the early age of five years. She was baptized in the Holy Spirit and called into ministry at youth camp when she was just 12 years old. Rebecca graduated from Evangel University with a Bachelor of Arts in English Education with a minor in Spanish. She has been a piano tutor, worship leader, office administrator, and bookkeeper.

Rebecca and her husband, Scott, have been married 32 years; 28 of those as pastors in Texas and Missouri. The Bartons have three grown children, a daughter-in-law, a son-in-law, a niece whom they helped raise, and three granddaughters. On August 1, they became the new pastors of Eldon First AG.

Besides being a pastor's wife, Rebecca's interests include singing, playing piano/keyboard, reading, genealogy, gardening, and crafting. However, her favorite activity is keeping up with her kids and active granddaughters.

Refresh

BLOG RELAUNCH



Professionally edited by our writing team, your article could be featured on our Refresh Ministry Women website. If you are interested, follow the simple steps at www.FreshenItUp.org/blog. Click "Submit a Blog" for instructions.

We would love to hear from you.



Immeasurably More...

In 2 Kings chapter 4, we read the story of Elisha (the Prophet), being approached by a woman who was desperate for guidance, direction and/or assistance. The woman, whose husband was previously a member of the group of prophets serving with Elisha, was now widowed and about to lose custody of her two sons (who were going to be taken as slaves to pay off an outstanding debt, to a creditor).

Elisha posed a simple, yet somewhat ominous question to the lady.... "What do you have in the house?" Her answer was sobering and laced with hopelessness.... "Nothing at all, except a flask of olive oil."

The word *nothing* is not generally a word that's subject to interpretation. It's Pointed. Conclusive. Final and Direct. **NOTHING!** ***NOTH-ING**, that's what's in the house I see! *(derived from the famous High School cheer) **NOTHING!!!!** *Nothing* from *Nothing* leaves **NOTHING** (thank you Billy Preston).

There was nothing visible to see in the house. She had no resources and no hope. We feel that way many times throughout the course of our journey. Hopeless. Helpless. Without anything visible.

I can't tell you how many times I have uttered the words to myself and to God's always-listening ears... "I've got **NOTH-ING!**" "What can God do with me.... what can I do.... I've got **NOTHING.**" Fortunately for the Widow.... Faith saw something that wasn't visible to the human eye. Elisha, the Prophet, saw something

through his eyes of faith that mortal eyes were not able to see. Immediately after hearing her say that **SHE HAS NOTH-ING** (except a flask of oil), Elisha had the audacity to make a somewhat ridiculous, declarative statement... "Borrow as many empty jars as you can from your friends and neighbors. Then go into your house with your sons and shut the door behind you. Pour olive oil from your flask into the jars, setting each one aside when it is filled." **THIS** sounds utterly bizarre, if not offensive and frustrating. **HOWEVER.....** the woman did as the Prophet declared.

Outlandish. Extreme. Unnatural. A set-up for dramatic failure perhaps!

As she did what she was instructed to do... Her sons kept bringing jars to her, and she filled one after another. "Soon every container was full to the brim." *There were **NO MORE JARS** available. When she told the man of God what had happened, he said to her; Now... sell the olive oil and pay your debts, and you and your sons can live on what is left." ***This is God at His extreme BEST!!!** They had **NOTHING**. Zero. Zilch. Nada. The Old Goose-Egg. **EXCEPT THIS LITTLE FLASK OF OIL; THAT REALLY DOESN'T AMOUNT TO MUCH, IN COMPARISON TO THE DEBT THAT IS OWED.**

1. **NOTHING** plus **GOD** equals immeasurably more than is ever visible.
2. When we feel like we have **NOTHING**, we cannot ever count **GOD** out!

3. When we can't see what we think we will need to get to, or through a certain season; **GOD'S** provision is still present.
4. Even a simple element can be enough, when placed in the process of God's pathway.
5. Our faith; Our eyes of faith, will allow us to see and believe what is not obvious or even visible.
6. Sometimes, someone else will speak faith into our situation that will produce a direct route to immeasurable results.
7. God can do the immeasurable, using the measurable.
8. Obedience to the **WORD** of God, will produce results that we cannot subjugate in our own power/authority.
9. When God says "**KEEP POURING**"... we need to keep pouring!
10. The results of God's blessing are not necessarily subject to the vessel from which the blessing is poured.

Elisha saw **IMMEASURABLY MORE** than what the Widow saw, her sons saw, the debt collector saw or the walls of the house saw.

When we belong to **HIM**... there is always **IMMEASURABLY MORE** available to us and through us, than we can see (or those around us can often see.)

Allow God to use you to do **IMMEASURABLY MORE**.

It's not you.... It's **HIM**.



Experiencing Immeasurably More from God

The children of Israel had lived in the wilderness for over forty years circling through the same territories close to the Promised Land but not being able to enter. Their survival was dependent upon miracles. They had a cloud by day and a fire by night for direction. They had manna from Heaven for food, and a miraculous rock that flowed water to drink.

But there was “immeasurably more” waiting for them on the other side of the Jordan. But a generation had to die. A way of looking at life had to change before they could enter into the Promised Land. The complaining and grumbling had to stop and a people willing to walk in faith had to arise. Only then could the people of God experience the “immeasurably more” that God had promised them.

To experience the “immeasurably more” ...

1. GOD WILL LEAD YOU IN A NEW WAY. *Joshua 1:1*

- The priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant would lead the people into the Jordan River and across the river into the Promised Land. *Joshua 3:2-4*

- The People were to stay over ½ mile behind the Ark of the Covenant so they could see the direction to go. They were covering new territory and they wouldn't know the way without God leading them.

- The people's faith needed to increase to follow God. There would no longer be a cloud of glory shining in the day nor a cloud burning with fire at night, now they were to follow the Ark of the Covenant which represents the Word of God.

- The people were called to “consecrate themselves” (sanctify themselves). They were to clean up their lives for God was going to do wonders among them. *Joshua 3:5*

- To experience immeasurably more from God we must position ourselves so we are able to follow the Covenant prom-

ises of God. We can only see these through times of prayer, Bible study, and holy living.

2. WE MUST CROSS THE NEW BARRIER OF IMPOSSIBILITY THAT IS BEFORE US.

- Joshua the new leader was given a new word of direction to cross a new impossible barrier; the Jordan River at flood stage. *Joshua 3:8*

- The impossibilities of life are barriers that seem to limit us but these barriers give God an opportunity to show His power in our lives. It is during these impossibilities that we experience the immeasurably more that God has for us.

- The miracle of stopping the flow of the Jordan River at flood stage was an amazing miracle. *Joshua 3:13-17*. When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord raises up to stand against him.

3. WE MUST ERECT A NEW MEMORIAL TO THE WORK OF GOD IN OUR LIVES. *Joshua 4:4-7*

- The twelve stones taken out of the midst of the Jordan at flood stage was a memorial to a barrier that was defeated in their lives.

- Memorials are places that we use to tell our story of God's faithfulness and the victories He has brought in our lives.

- The enemies of God's people are stopped because they heard that the Jordan had been dried up and God's people had crossed over on dry ground. *Joshua 5:1*

4. WE MUST RENEW OUR COVENANT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. *Joshua 5:2-8*

- The generation that lived and died in the wilderness did not follow the command of God to circumcise their sons. Before the “immeasurably more” of the Promised Land became theirs, they renewed the rite of circumcision and the celebration of the Passover.

- When we are walking in Covenant relationship with God; knowing we are a part of the New Covenant established by the blood of Christ then the “immeasurably More” of God's resources are open to us.

5. WE MUST PARTAKE OF THE HARVEST BEFORE US. *Joshua 5:11-12*

- Manna is good when you need it but the fruit of the Promised Land is much better. Bread from heaven was wonderful for its time but now is the time to possess the promises of the land.

- It would do them no good to get up early in the morning and wait on Manna. They had to get up and take the land promised to them for in that land was everything they would ever need.

- The Spirit filled life brings us immeasurably more and is ours for the taking; we lay hold to God promises and possess them.

6. WE MUST HAVE A NEW HOLY GROUND EXPERIENCE. *Joshua 5:12-15*

- Moses had the “burning bush experience” and Joshua meets the “Commander of the Lord's army,” both were manifestations of the holiness of God.

- The taking off the shoes was an acknowledgement of God's Holiness. A Holiness experience with God is always followed by a mission from God. (Moses, Joshua, Isaiah).

- It is in the Mission of God for our lives that we find the “immeasurably more” that God has for our lives.

Eph. 3: 20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.



Immeasurably More!

Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” KJV “I can do everything through him who gives me strength.” NIV

It is possible to do far more than we think we can. It is amazing what some people are able to accomplish. The athletes who competed in the recent Olympics performed some astonishing feats. World records were broken as competitors ran faster, jumped higher, and lifted greater amounts of weights than ever before. How is this possible, we questioned as we watched with our mouths agape and our eyes wide-opened?

Years ago, Dale Arrant, a seventeen-year old young man was out with some of his buddies, driving fast in his hotrod vehicle. While showing out for his friends, he lost control of the car and it left the highway crashing into a tree. The car struck the tree with such force that Dale's eyes were ejected from their sockets, leaving him blind for the rest of this life.

Soon after the accident, Dale came to Jesus, and made Him his Lord and Savior.

One day, he decided to work on his car. He asked his mother to move his car over by a tree where he had a hoist, so he could pull the engine. His mother was busy, so she declined and told him to do it himself. He set out to move it. He measured the distance by walking it off, then drove a few feet, recalibrated, and moved the car closer until he arrived at the destination. Dale pulled the engine and rebuilt it.

Dale wanted to drive his car, but how would he, a blind man be able to do this? His plan was to drive on the opposite side of

the road with the door open and his leg outside the car. He would use his foot to feel for the grass on the shoulder of the wrong side of the highway. For the rest of his life he drove to the small town of Bleakwood, TX, but when locals would see him coming, they would get out of his way.

Dale was called into ministry, and pioneered an independent, Pentecostal church, which he and his wife pastored the rest of his life. Not only did he preach, but he also built an attractive church and fellowship hall. He did all the construction, plumbing and electrical, as well as making beautiful cabinets using power tools and saws to cut the wood.

How did he do it? The Lord enabled him. The Holy Spirit would warn him of danger if he was about to cut himself. The Holy Spirit taught and protected him. Rattlesnakes were living under the church building when he was doing plumbing work, but he shared that he would be warned to not move. He would freeze and wait in the darkness as the snakes would crawl around or over him without harming him.

Dale has gone to his heavenly reward, but we can learn from his life. We can do immeasurably more than we think we can. We can do all things through Christ who enables us. We must not accept defeat, because Christ will make a way. We must say, “Lord help me do this. How can this be done?” We should ask the Holy Spirit to be our Helper, our Paraclete.



Carrol Deal



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5 Tips for Managing Volunteer Risk

Harvest parties, turkey trots, and Christmas festivities are right around the corner. Most churches can't pull off these seasonal events without a group of volunteers. We understand the importance of volunteers; that's why our AGFinancial Insurance team has compiled a list of risk management pro tips that will help you plan and prepare for this action-packed volunteer season.

Appoint a Volunteer Coordinator -

Managing volunteers doesn't have to be hectic. Assigning someone the role of interviewing potential volunteers, organizing paperwork, and placing the volunteers is the first successful step in an impactful event.

Interview Your Volunteer - Although it can be time-consuming, each volunteer should complete a written application and have a background check completed. Volunteers should provide references that will be checked by the Volunteer Coordinator. See our Staff and Volunteers Resource Kit at agfinancial.org/resources for a free volunteer application and participation agreement forms.

Match the Role with the Ability -

When assigning volunteers to a job, make sure to place people with the skill level and the ability to complete the position; this improves safety and increases the likelihood of having a successful event.

Manage Volunteer Risk - Creating a policy with best practice examples and communicating that policy is necessary. Here are a few best practice examples:

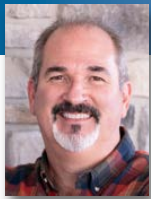
- Two staff/volunteer members must accompany children at all times
- If a minor is volunteering, pair with an adult/staff member
- Thoroughly inspect all equipment before use
- Provide proper safety equipment (g., goggles, gloves, etc.)
- Ensure all volunteer/staff members have the appropriate training to operate vehicles, rides and equipment, and have signed a driver release form, if applicable.
- Check that all outside vendors have proper insurance and request a certificate of insurance from every vendor that is used for the event.

Create a Backup Plan - Keep the weather in consideration for the safety of your volunteers, staff, and event attendees. It is best to postpone outdoor events when bad weather arises. Always have a weather plan in place.

Contact us at 866.662.8210 or info@agfinancialinsurance.org for information about obtaining proper insurance coverage for your ministry.

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CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

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7TH ANNUAL SHOE OUTREACH

Endurance Church (West Plains, MO) was able to serve over 500+ kids/youth with a new pair of shoes. Lead Pastors Jerry & Beth Heath say that to date, the church has been able to provide over 8,000 pairs of brand new shoes to their community. They also have given out over 2000 Bibles at these events!

The relationship with Endurance Church and the local schools is truly a miracle! Why?

"We have the chance to be on their campus, on their turf and bring the gospel to them! This is the Great Commission! We are looking forward to 2022 already! We thank our Great and Awesome God (Nehemiah 1:5) for the open doors and opportunities!"



SMD HEALTHY CHURCH REVITALIZATION SPOTLIGHT



The House—Mountain Grove, MO

Darin and Peggy Widner have multiple years of pastoral experience with most of that time spent in Southern Missouri. In recent years, the Widners pastored in Harrisonville, MO and Hartville, MO.



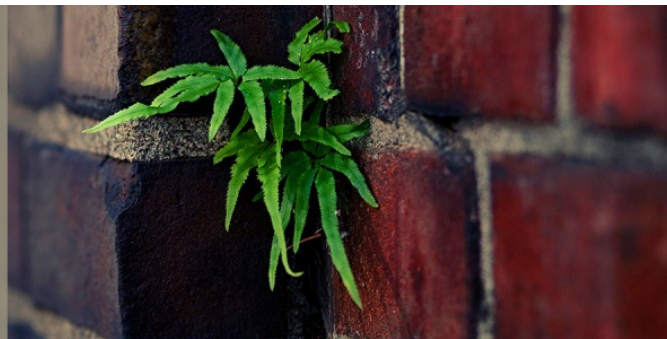
First Assembly of God—Eldon, MO

Scott and Rebecca Barton came to Southern Missouri after many years of pastoral experience in Texas. Most recently, the Bartons were pastors in Philipsburg, MO.



CHURCH PLANTING

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BY JERRY HARRIS, REACH MISSOURI NETWORK

Two More New Church Plants

One of those “immeasurably more” opportunities has been the recent collaboration with the Northern Missouri District to start new churches. We are grateful for Northern Missouri District Superintendent Ray Brewer for his support and encouragement as we plant new churches across the state of Missouri



Freedom Church of St. Joseph

Jimmy and Jean Root, long-time church planters in the U.S. and South America, are pastors of this new church

start that launched Sunday, August 15, 2021, as a General Council church.

Steve and Jessica Gamble

This energetic family is starting a new rural church in Bowling Green, MO that will meet the needs of



that community, with an anticipated launch in 2022.

BRIDGE HOUSE MINISTRY OPENS SECOND HOUSE FOR MEN IN ST. LOUIS

Reach Missouri Network is dedicated to serving local communities through Kingdom initiatives larger than any one local church. Bridge House Ministry, one of those projects we support, is now two separate non-profit entities: Bridge House St. Peters and Bridge House North County.

The Bridge House North County has recently leased a house in the Woodson Terrace community of St. Louis and opened their doors to men. The purpose of BHNC is to help these individuals in recovery from addiction, to help develop a relationship with Jesus Christ, to help build a spiritual community that will provide the opportunity, support, and education – both spiritual and vocational – to facilitate skills to succeed in life, and to help them discover God’s plan for their life.

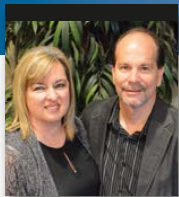
Both Bridge Houses are supported in prayer, monies, and donations of goods and services by local churches. First Assembly Church in St. Peters and Reach Church STL provide Celebrate Recovery services and a church home to the men and women of the Bridge Houses.

New Churches and New Church Starts 2012 - 2020:

- 74 new places of worship (67 of those since 2013)
- 45 are Parent Affiliated Churches
- 27 are stand - alone plants
- 2 are churches joining the A/G fellowship

Accumulative 2014-2020 Giving Results:

- Missions giving for 27 stand-alone plants was \$1,629,936.29.
- Weekly attendance for 27 stand-alone plants in COVID-affected 2020 was 4,816.
- Literally, countless new decisions for Christ were made.



CROSS POINTE CAMP

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God has done Immeasurably More at Cross Pointe Camp

Another great camp season at Cross Pointe Camp has now come and gone. The theme of Immeasurably more is appropriate as we look at the history of the campgrounds. In the November 1941 Assembly Messenger, the comment is made, *"that which we have dreamed of for many years has now come to pass. The Southern Missouri District has secured a campmeeting site all its own! In the summer of 1942, the first District Campmeeting was held from July 16th to July 26th, 1942. Along with adult services at this camp meeting, were youth services (called C.A.s, Christ Ambassador's meetings then) held at the point, and children's services (in a VBS style) held in a tent in front of the tabernacle at the time. There were 88 canvas cabins (tents) that were the accommodations for this camp. There had also been build a screened in tabernacle and cafeteria, and a well to accommodate the camp. The description of the campgrounds at the first camp in 1942 was as follows.... we drove up to a cobblestone cabin in the center of the grounds and immediately we were struck with the camp arrangements. Standing by the office we could see in a circle about us the Tabernacle, dining hall, store, and canvas cabins. Inside the circle was the water tower and a 40x60 tent for children's church.*

The first campmeeting took place during WW2 and the comment was made that the development of the campgrounds must go ahead *"in spite of war and changed conditions. The work of God MUST GO ON. It is needed now more than ever."*

Bro. Cleo Tapp wrote of the 1942 camp meeting in the August Edition of The Assembly Messenger, that *"the Glory of God was among his people and the ten days of the camp were days of spiritual satisfying heaven on earth. No one was anxiously inquiring the progress of the war; no newspapers were sold; no radio blared the story of carnage and war. We were a world apart."*

In the January 1942 edition of The Assembly Messenger, it was stated that *"the campgrounds and Camp-meeting will contribute strongly to the spiritual life and growth of the Southern Missouri District."* The spiritual results of our district's camps and retreats are immeasurably more than those attending the first campmeeting could have imagined. Only in heaven will we know the magnitude of the spiritual results! The combined results of this year's youth and children's camps are as follows and we praise the Lord for what He has done: 227 Salvations, 1,200 Recommitments, 380 Holy Spirit Baptisms, 419 Called, 872 Healed!



1954 - Pictured is Clifford and Margie Amer, Rhonda's parents, standing in front of one of the canvas tents used for a number of years at the Southern Missouri Camps at Cross Pointe. At 90 years old, Margie resides in Springfield, but still loves and visits the camp.



Southern Missouri Prayer Network

To read monthly prayer focuses and to find current prayer events and resources, go to SOMOpayer.com.



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Beyond our Expectations

Ephesians 3:20

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us."

In Ephesians Paul desires that we know that God is able to do immeasurably more!

I would like to share a testimony from Chris Wormington, Seymour Life Church.

"My mom's been in the hospital for almost 4 weeks. Tuesday they called and said we need to start making arrangements. Wednesday all the family that could had come in, all my family was in mom's ICU room including her dog Sadie. We all got to say our goodbyes, she was peaceful and prepared to go to heaven. The nurse turned off the by pap, turned off the high air flow, put her on normal oxygen and said when her oxygen level reached 70 she would give comfort meds, she would be sedated and she would probably slip away peacefully.

My sister and I stayed in the room while the rest of my family went to the waiting room to comfort my dad. As Carol and I watched our mom, it was so quiet and peaceful and I felt the presence of God in the room. We waited for her oxygen level to drop. 5 minutes passed. We waited. 8 minutes passed. We waited. 10 minutes passed. Her oxygen level went up. Mom started talking to us. After a few more minutes Carol and I decided we'd better get our family back in to see mom doing so good! Within an hour her color was coming back and her oxygen was back up to 90! Three hours after I thought I wouldn't see my mom alive again, she was sitting up in the bed eating a chicken dinner! I'm 44 years old and I witnessed a miracle. God reached down from heaven and pulled my mom from the grave right in front of my eyes. Thank you Heavenly Father for shining your grace on my mom. I praise God and give Him ALL the Glory!"

JoAnn Wormington passed away and went to be with Jesus 5 days later. During those five days she ministered to her family, and spent those days with the ones she loved the most on this earth. As I went to be with the family the morning she passed I felt God had given her 5 bonus days! How awesome is that! We prayed, God heard, and did something only He could do! JoAnn told me she was ready to meet Jesus!

So thankful we serve a God that goes beyond all of our expectations!



Chris and His Mom JoAnn

Start your
Wednesday
with **Sherry**



Wednesdays @ 10:00AM
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GIRLS MINISTRIES

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More to Life

What will I be when I grow up? The age-old question that we have no doubt asked ourself at least a few times, for some of us maybe even recently. It is easy to become discouraged when our childhood dreams of being a princess or professional athlete doesn't become a reality. Let's face it is it difficult when we are walking in our calling and still wonder why things aren't working out the way we thought. In these moments, we must remember Paul's question, in James 4:14, "what is life?" Our life is but a vapor, but we are instructed in Mark 12:30-31 on how to make it immeasurably more by loving God and loving people. As Christ followers we have the unique

mission to take up our cross and make disciples. The measure of life is not just about material possessions or your own personal success, but also the wins of those around you that you invest in. The girls in your church and community need you to show them the more to life that comes from a relationship with Jesus. Being pure and holy leads to immeasurably more and we want every girl in Southern Missouri to experience that kind of life. You have the opportunity to bring or host a Pure Girl event in your church on October 9. This day is designed for girls to know Jesus more and His desire for her to be pure in all areas of her life.

PURE girl

October 9

life360
CHURCH
Chesterfield Campus

10 - 3pm

COST: \$20 (Includes Lunch)

T-SHIRT: \$15 Chartered
\$20 Non-Chartered



Revealing
the Mystery

Colossians 2:2-3

CHURCH LIVESTREAM OPTION
\$40 / Church
Includes: Session Outlines
Livestream via Facebook



Registration info @ www.somoag.org/girls-ministries

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Immeasurably More... at Camp BRAVE 2021!

Week 1

Campers - 451
Staff - 236
Saved - 38
Rededicated - 239
Filled w/ Holy Spirit - 56
Healed - 156
Called - 38
BGMC Offering - \$6168

Week 3

Campers - 295
Staff - 141
Saved - 29
Rededicated - 139
Filled w/ Holy Spirit - 27
Healed - 76
Called - 24
BGMC Offering - \$8263

Week 2

Campers - 367
Staff - 154
Saved - 17
Rededicated - 222
Filled w/ Holy Spirit - 46
Healed - 84
Called - 43
BGMC Offering - \$3632

Week 4

Campers - 179
Staff - 74
Saved - 23
Rededicated - 46
Filled w/ Holy Spirit - 13
Healed - 32
Called - 6
BGMC Offering - \$3344

2021 TOTALS FOR CAMP BRAVE

Campers - 1292	Staff - 605	
Saved - 107	Rededicated - 646	Filled w/ Holy Spirit - 142
Healed - 348	Called - 111	
BGMC Offering - \$21,408		



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SMYM FALL 2021



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Church**

Ozark, MO.

Nov. 19-20

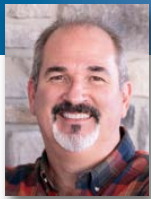
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Westlake**

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Reeves**

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JERRY MILLHOUSER HONORED AT GENERAL COUNCIL



At the 59th General Council, former Royal Rangers Commander Jerry Millhouser was awarded the Superintendent's Medal of Honor. This is the highest award in the Assemblies of God for laypeople. General Superintendent Doug Clay recognized Millhouser for his many years of service. As usual, in his acceptance speech, Millhouser shared a story of a boy's life that was changed by Christ--that is what Rangers has always been about for him.



2021 MEN'S SUMMIT

**SEPTEMBER
24-26, 2021**

NEW IN 2021

**Dorm Nation
360man Breakfast
Leadership Luncheon
New Workshops
New Activities**

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In this and every circumstance, SoMo Royal Rangers continues to support the ministry of our churches by providing a year-round series of activities that build relationships among men & boys and provide a platform for mentoring boys into Christlike manhood.





SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

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Immeasurably More

The word MORE is used at least eight-hundred and forty seven times in the Bible (KJV). Maybe MORE! We use the word, MORE throughout the day. "I want some MORE _____ you can fill in the blank. The first time we see the word MORE used is in Genesis 3:1 when the serpent is mentioned as being "MORE subtle than any beast". The last time we find the word MORE used is in Revelation 22:3 where it reads "there shall be no MORE curse: They are related, for the curse came in through Satan's deception and man's disobedience and will end when eternity prevails. But, add to MORE the word IMMEASURABLY and the MORE explodes with possibilities, both good and bad. A short definition of IMMEASURABLY could be "without limits." No measuring cup is large enough to contain the immeasurable!

Today, many are dwelling on the negative and evil

aspects of our world. To be sure there seems to be no limits to the wickedness in our day. Jeremiah 17:9 states that "the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked.." So IMMEASURABLY wicked is a reality.

However, God introduced and offers us: IMMEASURABLE GRACE, IMMEASURABLE MERCY, IMMEASURABLE PROVISION, IMMEASURABLE FORGIVENESS, and IMMEASURABLE POWER. While there exists evil in the world, our life and message must be that God will bring to an end the wicked devices of Satan. There will be a day when there will be no MORE CURSE in our world. In that day all believers, young and old, will find IMMEASURABLE JOY in the presence of our God, Until then let's keep our eyes fixed on Jesus who gives us IMMEASURABLE PEACE as we walk with Him!

— Commissioning —



The House - Darren and Peggy Widner

IMPORTANT!

Don't forget that housing allowance must be approved by your board and documented before the first of the year.

Lending Your Church Facilities:

Guidelines and Preparation

Organizations may ask to use your facilities. Being a good neighbor suggests you should be open to helping people. Being a good steward suggests you take steps to avoid paying a claim arising from an activity your church didn't sponsor. Here are some issues you should consider:

Identify the Group

- Will it offer a product of service to the public that conflicts with biblical values held by your ministry?
- Is the reputation of this group well established and generally accepted by your community?

Know the Activities

- Will the activities cause undue wear and tear on your facilities?
- Are they of a high-risk nature in which people might be easily injured?
- Will the group be confined to one specific area of the building, or will multiple rooms be required?
- If the group involves children or youth, will there be adequate supervision?
- Does the group use a child abuse prevention worker screening program that is at least as comprehensive as yours?

Legal Considerations

- Decide who will be responsible for injury or damage resulting from the event sponsored by the borrower. Without a written agreement, your church may be held liable.
- Obtain a Facilities Use Agreement before allowing another group to use your building or grounds. You will find a sample at brotherhoodmutual.com/resources

Written Agreement

- Insist that the borrower have a public liability insurance policy with at least \$1 million limits of liability coverage.
- The liability policy should also contain premises medical payments coverage with at least a \$5,000 limit.
- Require the borrower to have your church named as an "additional insured" on its policy for liability damages arising out of its activities on your premises.
- Require the borrower to furnish you with a certificate of insurance before the event. This certificate demonstrates the borrower has obtained adequate coverage and that your church is named as an additional insured.
- Require that the facilities use agreement contain a hold-harmless, indemnity, and defense clause for any liability claim arising from the borrower's activities on your premises. Ask your church's attorney to review the agreement to make sure it complies with your state laws.

MINISTER'S SPIRITUAL

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GUEST SPEAKER

SCOTT
WILSON

PASTOR, OAKS CHURCH

OCTOBER 18-20, 2021

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