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THE KINGDOM



## **Joplin District Highlights Spring 2019-2020**

On Monday mornings, I love when Pastors text or email or call me and share with me that one more name has been added to the Lamb's Book of Life. I love celebrating with every story that is shared. This year, we continue the pursuit of 1,000 souls for the Kingdom. We push toward the goal of every church winning at least one person to Jesus Christ. We believe that "zero, zeros" is not just a pretty thing for us to accomplish; we believe it is a goal that pleases the Lord. I long to stand before you and declare "zero zeros".

Now we know that lofty goal includes every church 'Funding the Mission', every church realizing that we are 'Better Together', and every Church deciding that they will be a part of the Joplin District team so that together we will push the gates of Hell back. Imagine...every church winning people to Christ, every church celebrating new members, and every church Funding their part of the Mission of Christ! It can be done!!! Join us as we Advance the Kingdom!!!

On January 26th at a Pittsburg College Ministry service, there were around 60 college kids coming back to start the Spring semester. I had the privilege to preach to them about God's ability to make dead dry bones come back to life. After the Altar time, I noticed that a group of young adults continued to swell in size. Finally, one of them walked with a magic marker to a picture of the prodigal son/father at the back of the room where she marked her name off of the prodigal. Her Mom and Dad happened to be there that night and oh, how the tears did flow. Another prodigal had come home!

We have Prodigals all over the district, we have lost people in every town, we have unlimited potential to change the future of so many people. We cannot waste our time or resources. Come on, and let's Advance the Kingdom: one more soul; one more home; one more marriage; one more church plant; one more healthy church; one more for Jesus!!!

Rev. Phil Rhoades

## Welcome New Pastors



*Butler*  
Pastor Mathew, Kesha,  
Attilyn, and Josephine Miles



*Anderson Ironworks*  
Pastor Donnie, Angela,  
Brendan, and Maci Westbrook

### New Members

**Baxter Springs:** Carey Haner, Pat Haner, Barbara Whitehorse, Joyce Boles **Cassville:** Chris Tygart, Britney Tygart, Matthew Smith, Tom Jones, Jenny Jones **Springfield The Well:** Linda Weatherly, Jeff Weatherly, Kellan Maxwell, Hannah Maxwell, Noah Huskey, David Stoecker, Julie Stoecker, Joy Martin-Rutledge, Brian Collins, Karli Collins, Matt Wilson, Gavin Beshears, Brooke Bogner **Webb City:** John Woods, Shane Reed, Beverly Davidson, Lynda Baugh

### Baptisms

**Pittsburg:** Ashton Henson, Avery Brooks, Brax Elwood, Brian Bourbina, Isabell Foster, Peyton Brooks, Reece Franklin, Remington Blankenship, Rylee Brooks, Tatum Clark, Travis Watson **Springfield The Well:** Jocelyn Garretson, Zayne Garretson, Isaac Martin-Rutledge, Ashton Henson, Trinity Jones, Marlisha Jones, Diana Rodas, Katie Helm, Angela Jewson, Jade Clubb, Kelly Hull, Kaitlynn Sanchez, Stephanie Hull, Tricia Nichols, Randi Camacho, Drew Winslow-Charboneau, Brad Goodman, Noah Huskey, Brett Williams, Doug Cornelison, Darrin Goff, Harry Middleton, Michael Williams, Frank Lopez, Donald Southard, Michael Hayes, Robert Higgins, Gary Bonner, John Crouch, Ronald Lesh **Webb City:** Matt Cunningham, Braden Welch

## Joplin District 2 Year Calendar

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Daniel Fast	Jan 2-11	Jan 2-11
PK Retreat	Jan 10-12	Jan 15-17
DCPI	Jan 14-16	Jan 12-14
Field YES Conference	Jan 24-25	
Membership Sunday	Feb 16	Feb 14
Ministry Assessment Center	Feb 21-22	Feb 19-20
Credential/Studies Interviews	Feb 27	Feb 25
Ministry Retreat	Mar 5-8	Mar 4-7
MNU Sunday	Mar 8	Mar 7
Singles Retreat	Mar 6-8	Mar 5-7
Empower	Mar 13-14	Mar 12-13
SPARK	Mar 19-21	
MAX	Apr 16-18	Apr 22-24
NYI Training/Convention	May 30	June 5
MNU The Call	June 1-5	
General Assembly		June 16-25
Teen Camp	June 8-12	June 14-18
	June 12-16	June 18-22
	June 16-20	June 22-26
“The Call” Sunday	June 21	June 27
NYI Mission Trip	July 26-31	TBD
Children’s Camp Grades 1-3	July 8-10	TBD
Children’s Camp Grades 4-6	July 12-15	TBD
Conventions/Assembly	July 25-28	July 24-27
District Prayer Awakening	Sept 15-18	Sept 13-17
Church Board Training	Sept 19	Sept 18
DCPI	Sept 25-26	Sept 24-25
Prime Time	Oct 5-7	Oct 4-6
Fall Team Day	Oct 15 or 17	Oct 28 or 30
Fall Women’s Retreat		
Encounter	Nov 13-14	Nov 12-13
Pastors’ Christmas Banquet		Dec 6

District NYI  
Convention 2020  
And Training Day  
May 30, Carthage, MO



**PK Retreat 2020**  
Jan. 10-12

District NYI Council Mtgs.  
Aug 24, 2019, Jan 18, 2020  
District Office



**Teen Camp: June 10-14, 14-18, June 18-22, @ Camp Table Rock**

**Field PK Retreat 2020**  
Feb. 14-16, MNU Campus

District Mission Trip's  
NYC 2019 July 9<sup>th</sup>-July 17<sup>th</sup>  
Encuentro - July 26-31, 2020  
Indianapolis, Indiana



**Empower 2020**  
March 13-14,  
Location: TBD

**Encounter 2019**  
Nov. 8-9,  
Camp Table Rock



**YES @ MNU Campus**  
Jan 24-25, 2020

**MAX@MNU 2020**  
April 16-18. MNU Campus



**Teen Quizzing**  
2019-2020

Aug 10, Sept 21, Oct 5,  
Nov 2, Dec 7, Jan 4,  
Feb 1, Mar 21  
April 17-18 (Max)



NAZARENE YOUTH CONFERENCE  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA  
JULY 10-14, 2018





Joplin District Mission President  
Rhonda Rhoades  
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HIGHLIGHT NEWSLETTER

February , March, April 2020

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, " All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen Matthew 28: 18-20

**February EMPHASIS: Alabaster! It is time to empty those Alabaster boxes! It is always such a good feeling to give, and by giving to Alabaster you help to build schools, hospitals, and clinics, and to "put down roots" for the Church of the Nazarene.**

**March EMPHASIS: World Evangelism Fund. No other church supports global missions more effectively than the Church of the Nazarene. No other funding plan invests more productively in life transformation than WEF giving.**

**Our global Emphasis is NAZARENE WORLD WEEK OF PRAYER—Every local church on our district can participate in this offering of intercession! Special prayer requests for each region will be put on the Prayer Mobilization Line during this week of prayer.**

**Sunday— Africa Region**

**Wednesday— Mesoamerica Region**

**Monday-Asia-Pacific Region**

**Thursday— South America Region**

**Tuesday-Eurasia Region**

**Friday— USA/Canada Region**

**Saturday— Everywhere the church is not yet established**

**APRIL EMPHASIS: EASTER OFFERING for World Evangelism Fund**  
Local emphasis: Crisis Care Kits and Child Sponsorship.

Getting educated on missions.

2019-2020 Missions Books

Travel the Western world from Japan, to Africa, to India with the Nazarene Missions Books. Stories of faith and prayer will encourage your spiritual journey while you are learning about other cultures around the globe.

***Shiro Kano: Faithfulness at Any Price*** by Alice Spangenberg, edited by Merritt Nielson tells the story of Shiro Kano and his faithful perseverance through difficult obstacles.

***What Begins Here Transforms the World*** by Debbie Salter Goodwin gives us a good look into Africa Nazarene University and their desire to allow God to use them to transform lives.

***Tracy Sahib, Servant of Christ in India*** by Olive G. Tracy, edited by R. Franklin Cook is the story of Tracy Sahib, a pioneer missionary to India. We learn about the challenges he faced and the work God is doing there since his time there.

These books are also available in audio form on the nazare.org website.

**END OF YEAR— NMI PRESIDENTS, TIME TO REPORT.**



**Conventions and District Assembly Schedule**

May 30, July 25-28, 2020  
Joplin Family Worship Center  
5290 E 7th St, Joplin, MO 64801

**Saturday, May 30**

NYI Convention/Training Day  
9:00 am - 4:30 pm  
Carthage First Church  
Evening Service at 7:00 pm

**Saturday, July 25**

SDMI Convention/Leadership Day at 9:00 am - 3:30 pm  
Luncheon: \$12  
Speaker: Dr. Kevin Harney

**Sunday, July 26**

District Assembly Celebration at 6:00 pm

**Monday, July 27**

District Assembly Business  
9:00 am

Workshops/Seminars at 2:00 pm  
Speakers: TBA

Ordination Service at 7:00 pm

**Tuesday, July 28**

NMI Convention at 9:00 am  
(Registration at 8:30 am)  
Missionaries: TBD  
Kids' Fun Day 9:00-2:00 pm

Note: District Assembly booklets with reports/stats will be distributed electronically before the assembly convenes. Each church will be provided with one hardcopy at assembly.



HOW TO LAUNCH A  
**RECOVERY  
MINISTRY**

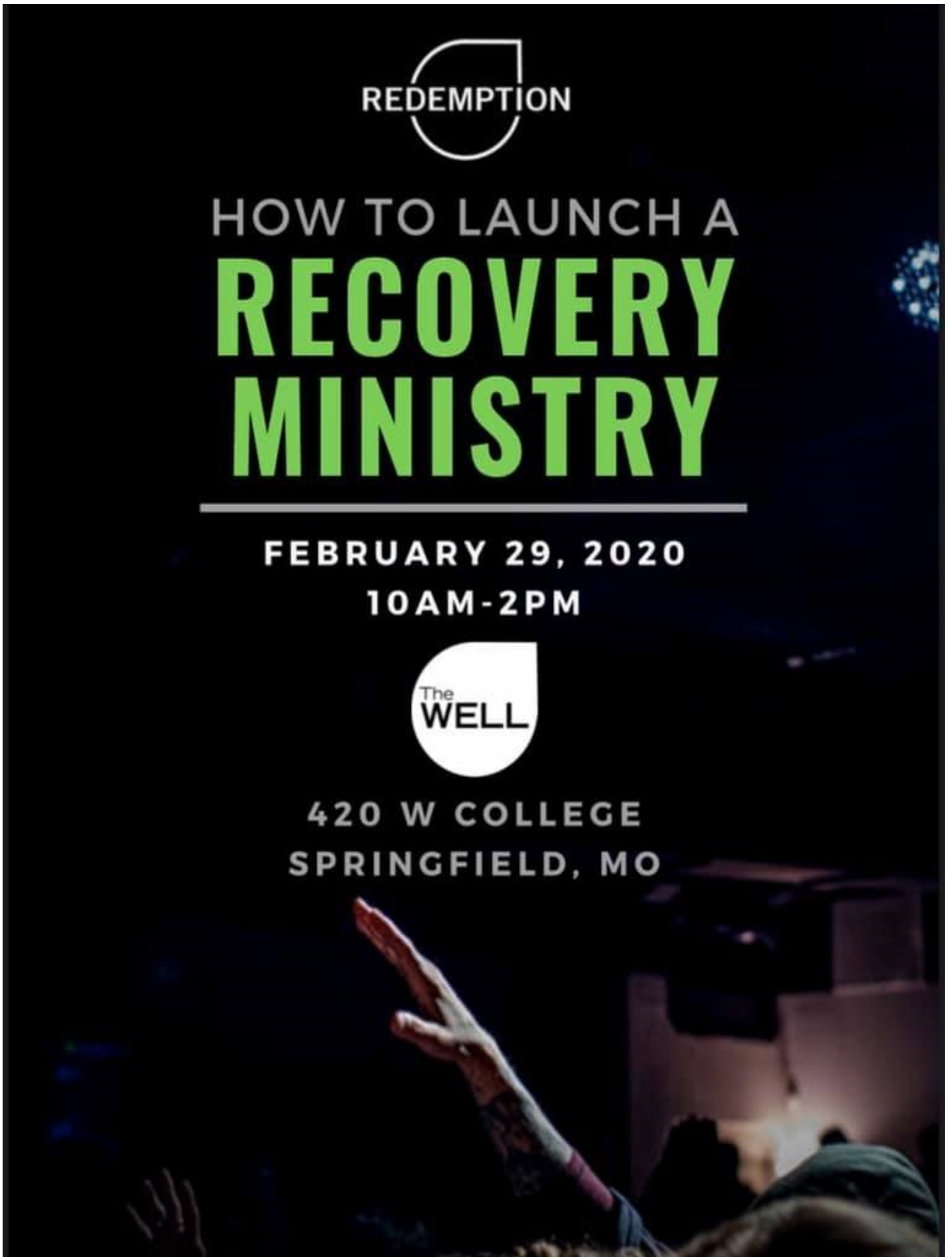
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FEBRUARY 29, 2020

10AM-2PM



420 W COLLEGE  
SPRINGFIELD, MO



***Organic  
Outreach  
1 Day Seminar  
with  
Walt Bennet***



**MONDAY, MAY 4**

**9 AM**

**AT CARTHAGE CHURCH**

**THIS DAY IS THE PREVIEW  
TO THE SDMI  
TRAINING IN JULY**







**SEXUALITY  
AND THE  
CHURCH  
TRAINING**



**MARCH 23  
1:00 PM  
CARTHAGE  
CHURCH**



**WITH CARL AND  
SHANNON  
WENDT**





# IMAGINEHOPE

## PALCON 2020

**Registration Open for PALCON 2020!**

*IMAGINE HOPE* is the theme of the PALCONs this summer. The MNU PALCON will take place June 15-17.

**Registration opened, February 3** (select “Register” from the [PALCON.org](https://PALCON.org) menu).

- **One-stop registration** for minister and spouse (Married co-pastors are also welcome to register one as spouse to receive the reduced spouse rate.)
- **Pricing:**
  - Full Conference rate (Includes all meals beginning with dinner on the opening evening and, at no additional charge, on-campus housing M-T-W):
    - ✦ **\$199 through May 15** (\$229 after May 15)
    - ✦ **\$179 spouse rate** (no date limits)
    - ✦ Single-Day rate: \$109 (Includes breakfast, lunch, and dinner on the day registered)

**Track updates via the [MNU PALCON Facebook page](#)**

Find information on speakers, schedule, and more at [PALCON.ORG](https://PALCON.ORG), the conference website.

- ✦ Session details and workshop info coming soon!



SUNDAY SCHOOL  
Make the Connection

# *Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries, Int'l*

Chairman: Rev. Dustin Ledford  
2000 Grand Ave, Carthage, MO 64836



## Joplin District Worship and SDMI Report as of February 2020

Church Name	SS AVG	SS YTD	MW AVG	MW YTD	RL
Anderson IronWorks	29	33	30	37	63
Ava Cold Creek Cowboy	0	0	351	316	600
Ava Highway	70	79	127	148	405
Baxter Springs	10	12	15	17	41
Bolivar	100	95	96	104	77
Bradleyville	27	27	33	31	60
Branson Citizens	20	21	39	37	65
Branson First	44	48	58	69	111
Buffalo	20	15	22	18	46
Butler	28	28	85	67	239
Camdenton New Life	97	99	133	139	200
Caney	52	44	34	26	107
Carl Junction	6	5	9	7	16
Carthage	273	255	520	515	920
Cassville	24	16	28	19	49
Chanute	30	39	100	114	250
Cherryvale	14	14	21	21	25
Clinton	16	17	40	34	53
Coffeyville Central	16	16	33	24	65
Coffeyville First	71	71	119	121	322
Deepwater Crossroads	36	33	52	50	121
Dogwood	55	63	123	155	383
El Dorado Springs	68	68	111	111	172
Elk City	15	14	44	45	83
Erie	22	21	22	23	56
Fordland Faith Journey	41	41	61	61	139
Fordland Union Chapel	11	12	15	20	50
Forsyth Trinity	8	11	24	25	30
Fort Scott	105	103	340	333	400
Galena Parkhill	22	23	50	50	101
Garnett	109	111	173	191	213
Girard Living Faith	56	54	203	213	334
Goodhope	32	37	37	35	100
Goodman Banner	174	178	171	171	520
Hartville Solid Rock Cowboy	0	0	30	28	20
Houston New Horizon	13	20	22	29	81
Independence	253	237	385	338	550

Church Name	SS AVG	SS YTD	MW AVG	MW YTD	RL
Iola	26	26	29	33	38
Joplin Calvary	88	65	94	100	180
Joplin First	24	25	34	31	55
Joplin Good News	0	0	112	89	95
Joplin Traders	7	9	11	13	50
Lamar Living Hope	26	26	27	28	34
Lebanon Freedom	16	18	22	28	74
Mansfield	25	41	31	35	77
Marionville	21	17	41	35	69
Marshfield	127	121	211	214	555
McCune	10	11	17	17	65
Monett	5	15	39	31	285
Monett Fuente De Agua Viva	38	33	90	85	60
Mount Vernon	22	22	25	26	29
Mountain Grove Faith Community	45	41	66	63	78
Neodesha	43	43	59	68	97
Neosho	67	60	136	127	235
Neosho Casa Jaziel	69	54	59	97	436
Nevada	36	37	57	59	145
Nixa	80	72	96	98	143
Nixa Organic	24	22	30	31	37
Noel	0	13	16	16	14
Norwood Countryside	24	25	34	39	110
Osceola	9	13	13	16	36
Ozark	35	38	44	43	50
Parsons	272	224	178	216	550
Pittsburg	176	193	612	592	760
Pleasanton	16	38	42	29	135
Powell Twin Springs	21	27	30	36	40
Reeds Spring New Hope	0	0	10	12	46
Republic	17	18	27	29	42
Rogersville Harvest Community	26	27	48	46	160
Sarcoxie New Beginnings	13	13	31	31	78
Seymour	261	242	322	325	705
Springfield The Well	518	440	771	754	1000
Springfield Dayspring	8	12	12	22	30
Springfield Grace	25	21	42	33	97
Springfield One Life	96	124	195	202	305
Springfield Scenic	0	1	26	18	64
Strafford	25	27	29	35	46
Warsaw	19	16	33	33	97
Webb City	97	110	119	162	352
Wheatland	13	15	24	22	49
Total	4437	4355	7700	7761	14690

## Allocations Report as of February 12, 2020

<b>Church</b>	<b>WEF</b>	<b>P&amp;B</b>	<b>MNU</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>
Anderson Iron Works	2,013.58	842.87	842.87	2,060.34
Ava Cold Creek Cowboy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ava Highway	9,699.00	3,490.44	3,859.44	9,434.12
Baxter Springs	3,430.00	459.47	510.10	1,246.80
Bolivar First	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bradleyville	0.00	500.32	560.48	1,369.97
Branson	8,167.57	3,222.47	3,231.74	7,899.78
Branson Citizens	621.30	268.15	488.15	923.62
Buffalo	461.92	138.37	165.47	404.44
Butler	3,166.87	1,102.63	1,102.63	3,197.37
Camdenton New Life	8,251.74	3,190.04	3,566.68	8,718.56
Caney	703.96	196.95	259.58	634.53
Carl Junction	215.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Carthage First	25,456.11	9,766.29	9,766.29	23,873.11
Cassville	842.87	261.84	294.26	719.29
Chanute	5,068.04	1,502.32	1,701.09	4,158.25
Cherryvale	496.70	152.13	518.34	1,267.05
Clinton	598.50	31.51	31.51	76.98
Coffeyville Central	1,170.00	724.23	487.94	1,546.52
Coffeyville First	5,355.00	1,803.38	2,039.63	4,985.74
Columbus Connecting Point	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deepwater Crossroads	556.00	120.00	50.00	100.00
Dogwood	721.75	183.61	47.44	115.95
El Dorado Springs	250.00	368.99	113.69	277.92
Elk City	1,008.40	135.00	157.50	385.00
Erie	757.00	313.00	313.00	1,130.00
Fordland Faith Journey	1,709.77	563.54	660.98	1,615.72
Fordland Union Chapel	167.59	231.55	231.55	566.00
Forsyth Trinity	2,505.01	907.62	1,009.66	2,468.06
Fort Scott	9,997.69	4,874.67	5,423.81	14,004.10
Galena Parkhill	1,961.00	1,409.84	1,531.96	3,744.72
Garnett	12,373.00	6,365.69	6,365.69	15,560.57
Girard Living Faith	6,409.81	1,908.88	2,235.87	5,465.43
Goodhope	1,334.17	545.80	545.80	1,518.67
Goodman Banner	8,058.33	2,657.28	2,657.21	7,369.35
Hartville Solid Rock Cowboy	1,329.69	0.00	0.00	0.00
Houston New Horizon	992.88	639.39	293.84	718.27
Independence	18,067.91	7,453.62	7,376.51	20,462.25

<b>Church</b>	<b>WEF</b>	<b>P&amp;B</b>	<b>MNU</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>
Iola	1,501.57	604.18	614.07	1,359.43
Joplin Calvary	4,336.59	1,774.08	1,986.03	4,854.72
Joplin First	311.56	125.32	125.32	682.60
Joplin Hope Community	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Joplin Traders	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lamar Living Hope	2,211.10	546.87	649.76	1,588.29
Lebanon Freedom	4,680.36	1,371.12	1,544.60	3,775.69
Mansfield	2,324.21	1,546.86	956.85	2,339.01
Marionville	1,916.46	606.64	666.94	1,630.23
Marshfield	17,094.49	5,773.19	5,087.26	15,554.50
McCune	1,110.95	454.48	454.48	1,110.95
Monett	1,981.95	736.42	736.42	1,800.13
Monett Fuente de Agua Viva	2,028.34	513.36	707.51	1,729.45
Mount Vernon	2,230.05	816.43	855.68	2,091.66
Mountain Grove Faith Community	4,686.14	1,429.26	1,470.66	3,594.68
Neodesha	4,291.96	1,764.18	0.00	4,312.29
Neosho	6,808.76	3,153.84	3,492.33	8,536.81
Neosho Casa Jaziel	0.00	0.00	129.00	233.00
Nevada	2,339.00	1,101.16	1,211.86	2,962.28
Nixa	10,300.00	4,191.41	4,191.41	10,245.66
Nixa Organic	2,643.12	967.84	967.84	2,626.23
Noel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Norwood Countryside	1,512.28	624.80	477.38	1,166.93
Osceola	796.77	262.95	309.85	757.45
Ozark First	1,811.73	822.60	761.85	2,285.80
Parsons	2,221.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pittsburg	22,943.56	9,257.75	10,894.40	26,630.68
Pleasanton	3,038.24	1,231.01	1,231.01	3,009.10
Powell Twin Springs	1,333.60	428.00	470.09	1,149.15
Reeds Spring New Hope	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Republic First	677.82	106.57	106.57	260.49
Rogersville Harvest Community	1,375.00	337.50	337.50	825.00
Sarcoxie New Beginnings	4,330.00	943.68	961.91	2,351.18
Seymour	10,266.64	4,059.90	4,059.90	9,924.20
Springfield Dayspring	415.39	169.93	169.93	415.39
Springfield Grace	3,736.00	1,628.33	1,768.33	3,835.91
Springfield One Life	13,876.39	4,848.70	5,600.85	13,690.95
Springfield Scenic	1,000.00	225.00	225.00	1,000.00
Springfield The Well	18,661.02	7,634.05	7,634.05	18,661.02
Springfield The Well North	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Strafford	1,699.32	726.19	676.29	2,265.07
Warsaw	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Webb City	7,373.04	3,014.66	3,250.20	7,944.99
Wheatland	2,331.00	1,069.00	944.00	2,306.00