**Matthew 25:34-40**

The UBA Volleyball League is underway! Come out and support your church team. We have eighteen teams from eleven churches participating. This month’s games are from noon to 9:00 p.m. Dates and locations are Feb. 2nd & 9th at Joppa, Feb. 16th at Waldo, and Feb. 23rd at Metropolis First. A complete schedule can be found on our website.

**Association Executive Board Meeting**

**Monday, March 4, 2013, 7:00 p.m.**

**Seven Mile Baptist**

**The Council will meet at 6:00 p.m.**

**February 5 – Ron Jackson, Dixon Springs**

**February 7 – Ed Hollis, Vienna First**

**The UBA Office will be closed on February 18th in observance of President’s Day.**

I ran across a good article by Sam Rainer who is President of Rainer Research Firm, a firm dedicated to providing answers for better church health. I would like to share some of his views on what he has discovered. Many of our churches need to work on these.

1. We need to work on organizational trust -

We live in a day and time when people are having a hard time trusting anything and this flows over into the church. Our church organization and leadership must become and stay trustworthy. If we are trustworthy, then this news will travel around to others fast.

2. We need to work on accountability in leadership -

We live in a world where people are held highly accountable in their work places to do and be the best. Yet, in our churches, we tend to back off of this accountability. People are looking for leaders who do their best, live their best and are held accountable to others.

3. We need to work on commitment -

In the past, a hand shake was enough to show commitment. Today, there seems to be no commitment in any area. Today, commitment to the church is an area of convenience. If there is nothing else to do on our schedule, we will go to church. We must do better in communicating clearly and be upfront about what we expect from church members.

4. We need to work on church fellowship –

People are intentionally trying to find places where they will feel accepted and feel that they fit in. People want to connect. We must teach our members to reach out to them and fellowship with them in order to get them connected to the church so that they will stick around.

5. We must work on overwhelming people with large amounts of information –

This may sound strange, but in our day of overwhelming technology, the church can over do things and distract from the main purpose of being there which is to worship God. We need to learn to use the technology we have, but keep the message simple and make it be the main attraction.

If we are going to reach out, connect, minister, and lead the future generations to Christ, we need to look at how we are doing in these areas and see if there is some work we need to do to improve. We want to do our best for the Lord!

Serving the Lord Together,

Terry Mathis

Director of Missions

***Church Contributions for Budget***

***(rec’d & deposited in November & December)***

 ***Nov. Dec.***

Brookport First $ 0.00 869.00

County Line $ 400.00 0.00

Cypress First $ 75.26 27.62

Dixon Springs $ 304.00 0.00

Eastland $ 300.00 309.00

Hillerman $ 475.48 355.19

Immanuel $ 217.45 199.36

Joppa Missionary $ 782.86 712.39

Karnak First $ 411.96 465.53

Metropolis First $ 1,577.26 1,987.20

Mt. Zion $ 348.75 212.61

New Beginnings $ 129.75 0.00

New Hope $ 0.00 0.00

New Salem $ 55.00 0.00

Oak Grove $ 49.14 59.15

Seven Mile $ 0.00 0.00

Simpson $ 208.00 208.00

Vienna First $ 433.33 0.00

Waldo $ 466.67 466.67

Weaver Creek $ 0.00 0.00

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***If you have information that you would like to have included in our monthly newsletter, please call or email the UBA office by the 20th of the month. We would be happy to promote any special events (revival, singing group, special programs/ministries, etc.)***

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