



**As we start this new year off, our association is focusing on helping our churches to grow by training our leaders to make disciples. Our theme for this year is “DISCIPLE-BE ONE, MAKE ONE”.**

**All of us want to see our church and its ministry grow. We have all sizes of churches in the Union Baptist Association. We have wonderful congregations, both large and small, yet there is no perfect or biblical number for a church size. Once and for all, size doesn’t determine how significant your church or the ministry of your church is. If you church is trying to reach your community, you’re going to grow.**

**We, as an association, along with the planning of the Discipleship, Mission Development, Pastoral and Family Life Department leaders and sponsorship of the Illinois Baptist State Association, are offering training for pastors and church leaders to help strengthen them so that they can become effective in the ministry of their church. We have one training event planned each month, through the month of May. Our first one was well**

**attended with twenty-four present and eleven churches represented. Bro. Pat Pajak, of the IBSA, spoke on “Developing Leaders and Laborers.” Our next event is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23rd with Bro. Bob Dickerson, pastor of Marion First Baptist. He will be sharing on “Working in Church Relationships.”**

**I would love to see more of our pastors and church leaders taking advantage of these great training programs. Call the UBA Office and reserve a spot for the next meeting. We all want to see our church grow regardless of its size. It’s all about spreading the gospel to the lost.**

**Serving the Lord Together,**

**Terry Mathis, Director of Missions**

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**February 7 – Ed Hollis, Pastor, Vienna 1st**

**February 11 – Kim Coram, Pastor’s wife, Immanuel**

***Church Contributions for Budget***

***(rec’d & deposited in Oct., Nov., Dec. 2015)***

Brookport First $ 1,364.11

County Line $ 600.00

Cypress First $ 172.00

Dixon Springs $ 420.00

Hillerman Missionary $ 1,845.06

Immanuel $ 670.64

Joppa Missionary $ 3,698.93

Karnak First $ 1,906.42

Life Church Eastland $ 600.00

Metropolis First $ 7,956.67

Mt. Zion $ 894.65

New Beginnings $ 0.00

New Hope $ 2,327.10

New Salem $ 80.00

Oak Grove $ 383.36

Revelation Road $ 25.00

Seven Mile $ 381.00

Simpson $ 624.00

Vienna First $ 866.66

Waldo $ 1,400.01

Weaver Creek $ 100.00

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**In observance of President’s Day, our office will be closed on Monday, February 15th**.



**Please continue to pray for the following church that is currently without a pastor: New Beginnings**

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