



# Exalting Christ Among the Churches:

## News & Notes - Christ is Risen!

### **BAXTER - First Baptist - Good Friday & Easter Services**

FBC Baxter will hold a special "Remember the Crucifixion" Service on Good Friday 6 p.m. The church choir will present their cantata "Once Upon a Tree" and we will also share in the Lord's Table. On Easter Sunday we will celebrate the resurrection at our 9 a.m. worship service with a message from Pastor Dave Grotzke.

### **LAKE BENTON - First Baptist, Resurrection Sunday Services**

Breakfast fellowship meal from 9:30 – 10:15. During the morning service, vocal and piano arrangements will be presented followed by a message from Pastor Riley. We will gather again in the evening for a service to complete our worship for the day.

### **PINE ISLAND - Cornerstone Baptist, Joint Good Friday Service**

Cornerstone will be joining Calvary Baptist (Rochester), Victory, Baptist Church (Rochester), and First Baptist Church (Kasson) for a joint Good Friday service at Victory Baptist Church on Good Friday at 7 PM.

### **PLYMOUTH - Fourth Baptist, Good Friday & Easter Services**

Fourth will be hosting a Good Friday Service at 5:30p on Mar 29, and a Resurrection Sunday Breakfast at 9am with Morning Service at 10:30am.

### **WESTBROOK - Immanuel Baptist - Mission's Day, March 16**

Immanuel will be joining several other area churches for a Missions Day being held at Jeffers Baptist on Saturday, March 16.

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## Ladies Retreat: *Thinking Heavenward*

*Fri & Sat, April 12-13 in St. Cloud with Amy Herbster*

The officers of the MBA Ladies Fellowship are excited to host this year's retreat with a focus on "*Thinking Heavenward*" on Fri-Sat, April 12-13.

Amy Herbster will be speaking from Col. 3 on Understanding Reality, Embracing Reality, Living in Reality, and conclude with a final session on Turning Weapons into Tools: Freedom from Damaging Emotions

The first session will begin at 3p on Friday. After the dinner break, there will be a Heaven Hymn Sing with songs about heaven (*What A Day That Will Be, In the Sweet By and By, and Until Then*). The retreat concludes at Noon on Saturday. The retreat will be hosted in St. Cloud at The Regency venue with help from Granite City Baptist Church.

Tickets are available, please register by April 1. Visit Eventbrite or the MBA website for more information. \$50 2-Day Registration, \$35 Teens & 1-Day



APRIL 12 & 13, 2024  
WITH AMY HERBSTER  
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## ANNUAL MEETING

*"The Thriving Church"*  
THE TRUE MEASURE OF GROWTH  
EPHESIANS 4:1-16



MONDAY & TUESDAY  
JUNE 24-25, 2024



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BAPTIST CHURCH

## **Our Purpose: Fellowship for the Glory of God**

The Minnesota Baptist Association provides a platform for churches who are in agreement with our doctrinal statement to fellowship in partnership, propagation, and publication for the purpose of greater ministry effectiveness for the glory of God in the state of Minnesota.

We *partner* together for edifying meetings, encouraging fellowships, offering help in pastoral transitions, and other areas of cooperation that will strengthen the churches.

We *propagate* by planting new congregations, providing help to struggling congregations, and recruiting congregations who are not a part of our association but would agree with our doctrinal statement.

We *publicize* our positions and activities to the churches for purposes of information, edification, accountability, and promotion.

### **Below are some updates from our areas of fellowship:**

#### **Propagation: *Planting & Watering Contributions***

With the re-organization of the Board in 2019, the MBA's Planting & Watering focus is now an integrated part of the mission of our fellowship (*As listed above: Propagation / Participation / Publication*).

Our Propagation Committee serves "*by planting new congregations, and providing help to struggling congregations.*" If your congregation would like to contribute to this ministry of planting and watering churches in Minnesota, your gifts to the MBA will be multiplied (*Please send gifts to the General Fund*). The Board is regularly seeking ways to assist.

The MBA has recently helped numerous churches in their efforts of exalting Christ among the churches. *Thank you!*

#### **Publication: MBA News & Notes**

Does your congregation have plans for outreach in your community this summer? Share a special event or service with the churches of MBA in future editions of the North Star Update. It's always a sweet reminder to hear of events and pray for the churches of Minnesota.



One of the goals of the Minnesota Baptist Association is to work together as a fellowship with churches helping churches.

Last August, Pastor David Rogers and ten others from the Cornerstone Baptist Church of Willmar traveled down to St. James, Minnesota, for a home missions project. Efforts are underway to revitalize the church in St. James and some work on their building was needed. The crew of men and women spent the entire day re-painting the outside of the church. Pastor Rogers and his wife stayed overnight and then painted the yellow lines on the outside stairways for safety purposes.

Rev. Paul Hoover, from the Intermountain Baptist Fellowship, has been meeting with those who are active in the congregation in St. James. They are working toward re-opening the church with regular services sometime in the near future. Calvary Baptist Church in Granada, under the leadership of Pastor John Scofield, is making plans to serve as the mother church during this period of re-vitalization.

There is still physical work that can be done to ready the building in St. James for occupation. If you or your church are interested in helping in some way, you can contact Pastor Rogers at [davezan21@gmail.com](mailto:davezan21@gmail.com).

#### **Partnership: MBA Church Directory Update**

With the planning for our Annual Meeting, we would like to offer an MBA Church Directory for each congregation. If you have updates or additions, please email them to [mnbaptistassociation@gmail.com](mailto:mnbaptistassociation@gmail.com) so we can have the most accurate information. Please submit all info by June 1 for addition this year. Copies will be distributed at the Annual Meeting.

**Update: Pastor Tim Levin is the new pastor at Calvary Baptist, St. Peter**