



ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCHES OF ILLINOIS

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CHURCHES HELPING CHURCHES

This is the theme of much of Paul's writing. Paul often used one church or a group of churches to help encourage and strengthen another church. There were times when it was a new church being helped as in I Thessalonians 1:6-9. The churches in Thessalonica were an encouragement and testimony to the churches in Macedonia and Achaia. There were other times when it was an existing church, such as the Jerusalem churches, for which Paul took an offering from other churches. In any case God did not want the churches to feel isolated or alone in their struggle for souls.

God has allowed the AIBCI to start over 35 churches in its 53 years. Many of those churches are still in existence and thriving, while some are struggling. It is our privilege this year to help revitalize the First Baptist Church of Oregon. Pastor David and Janet Snow are being used of God to reach Oregon for Christ. On a weekly basis there are members of Heritage Baptist Church in Roscoe serving in the services of the church. The AIBCI is giving monthly financial support to the church.

This summer once again we will be helping with knocking on doors and canvassing for NBT. Neighborhood Bible Time has graciously offered to do a rally for the church for free. They have asked only that we give a love offering to the evangelists. If your church would be able to come on Saturday, June 11th to help knock on doors please let Pastor Snow or myself know. If you would like to help with the love offering or expenses of the rally contact us as well.

We never know when one of our churches will be in need. Let us be praying and working to reach our communities for Christ.

DIRECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

March 6 Calvary Baptist, Dixon—AM Service

April 10 Grace Baptist, Paxton—AM Service

Calvary Baptist, Kankakee PM Service

May 15 First Baptist, Hoopston—AM Service

Maranatha Baptist, Rantoul—PM Service

Please contact Dr. Myers if you would like to have him come and report on the Association.

CHURCHES WITH NEW PASTORS

Praise the Lord the following churches in our Association that have recently found pastors:

*Benson Baptist, Benson Il.
Christopher and Naomi Brown*

*First Baptist, Colchester Il.
Caleb and Amanda Sparrow*

*Woodridge Baptist, Woodridge Il.
Jeffery and Virginia Harris*

*Friend of the Association—Cedarville Baptist
Jason Pankonin*

CHURCHES LOOKING FOR PASTORS

*First Baptist, Burbank Il.
Memorial Baptist, Rockford Il.*

Grace Baptist, Paxton Il.

First Baptist, Watseka Il.

Please be in prayer for these churches as they look for God's leader.

RETIREMENT

As an Association we want to thank Pastor Terry and Judy Pergl for their faithful service at Memorial Baptist Church in Rockford. They will be moving to Tennessee to be near family. Terry has served faithfully for many years on the AIBCI board and has been the Vice-President for the last several years.

THANK YOU:

We want to thank the churches who hosted our recent retreats: First Baptist Church in LaSalle, Pastor Jared & Laura Cochran, Men's Retreat and Marquette Manor Baptist Church in Downers Grove, Pastor David & Becky Schlagel, the Ladies Retreat. Thank you also to those who worked so hard in preparation for these retreats.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Meeting: November 14-15

Faith Baptist Church, Pekin, Il.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS
AND SUPPORT**

