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The Beacon



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Be praying for our kids safety at camp and also pray for hearts to be opened and lives to be changed forever.



Camp Fuego - Bethany, LA
 July 12 - 16 - Grades 7 - 12
 Camp share will be on
 Sunday, July 18 at 6:30 pm



Siloam Springs Camp
 Grades 3-6
 July 26 - 30
 Camp share will be on
 Sunday, August 1 at 6:30 pm



JUNE RECORDS

	<u>June 6</u>	<u>June 13</u>	<u>June 20</u>	<u>June 27</u>
Sunday School:	115	117	117	119
9:00 am Worship:	51	72	78	80
11:00 am Worship:	92	100	81	92
Evening Worship:	37	VBS	35	30
Offering:	\$6,606.97	\$3,884.20	\$4,120.31	\$3,499.50



"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

By now you've probably all heard the news. Not only is Sandra leaving as our church secretary, but Bro. Hunter is departing to serve God in South Carolina. What a time of transition and change for our church body. For many, Bro. Hunter's leaving is a shock and a disappointment. He has worked hard and poured his life into many ministries for the Kingdom's sake. He has done an outstanding job while here at Gassville Baptist and, I for one, will miss him.

As your pastor, let me interject a few words of advice during this transition time for our church.

First of all, none of this has surprised God. He is in control, and though we may not understand, He has an ultimate plan for our church. Bro. Hunter would not be faithful if he didn't obey God concerning this ministry move.

Secondly, as Bro. Hunter finishes up his ministry here, let's all help him on his way with worlds of thanks, encouragement and blessing. No sour grapes, no ill will and no telling him this is a mistake! I trust Bro. Hunter enough to know he has thoroughly prayed and sought God's will earnestly. I know this was an extremely difficult decision for him because of all the people he loves here. He has made this decision based on being faithful to God. Let's rejoice with him at his being faithful to our Savior.

Finally, let's take the words of Proverbs 3:5-6 to heart. As Bro. Hunter leaves, God has someone to come here. Will we be faithful to seek out that person? Will we trust God for the one we need?

To Bro. Hunter and to Sandra I say good job and God bless. I will miss working with both of you. Bro. Hunter, God has good things planned for your future. I hope you look back on these days of ministry with fondness. Sandra will still be here teaching in the local school and will still be serving here at Gassville Baptist Church.

Praying with you during these days of change,

Bro. Gary



Goodbye to All

As I sit here and write the last newsletter that I will write for you here at Gassville Baptist Church I cannot help but marvel over the past four years. We have gone through so much together and you all have helped me grow into the man and minister that I am today. Without the past four years I would not be the person that I am today. We have gone through hard times and good times, times of pleasure and times of pain, times of great joy and times of heartache; all this has made a truly priceless experience.

I could sit here and try to thank all of the people who have made a difference in my life over the past four years. The problem with that, though, is there is not enough room for me to do that, so let me just once again put a blanket "Thank You!!" on the table. You all gave so much when it came to me being and serving here. I would like to thank our pastor though, Gary thank you! You took so much time talking and helping me cope with the original move. It has been a pleasure and an honor working and serving with you. No matter where I end up I will never forget what you have done for me. You are a true friend and brother in Christ so thank you once again. To all of my helpers when it came to the youth: Richard and Kathy Weaver, Karen Sublett, Annette Cully, Vera Brandon, Steve and Linda Roth, Lewis Villines, Clint Pevril, Dean and Anita Hinrichs, Mrs. Dee Beatty, Charles and Debbie Grinder, Joey and Sandra VanMatre, Tony and Gena Wallis, Al Lamonica, Brad and Amy Thomas, Shane and Cindy Ferguson, Bobby Coble and everyone else that has offered prayers and time... THANK YOU!!! Without all of you the youth program here at Gassville Baptist would have been dead in the water. It is because of God using you all that we were able to reach so many for Christ!! I am forever in your debt and will be forever grateful!!

Now, as I embark of this new journey of mine I ask you all to trust in God as he begins to bring His man here for the position of youth pastor. May you give him the same support and love that you showed me. May you always be striving to reach more people and greater heights for Christ. You all have blessed my life so incredibly much and I hope and pray that God blesses your life and the ministries here at Gassville Baptist. I leave you with a quote that I have taught our youth over the past four years... Never, and I mean Never be satisfied with where you are with God, always strive for more!! So I leave it to you, Gassville Baptist Church. Never be satisfied... Always want more!!

I love you all and will miss you all very much!

-Bro. Hunter

