

Praying for one another:

[15] "For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, [16] I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. [17] I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. [18] I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, [19] and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, [20] which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, [21] far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come." *Ephesians 1:15-21*

***CONGRATULATIONS** to Community Southern Baptist and Pastor Keys on 38 years of ministry!*

Camp Crosswalk

Plans are underway for this summer's Children's Camp, June 15-19 (Mon.-Fri.), for young people entering grades 3-8 to be held at Spring Valley Bible Camp in Muscatine, Iowa. Daily devotions, Bible Studies, and Worship are woven together with games, swimming, great food, paddle boats, mini-golf, and more. Cost: \$140. For more information contact Julie Behrens (julieabehrens@yahoo.com).

Around the Association:

Community Southern Baptist, Waterloo, celebrates their thirty-eight year anniversary February 8th, beginning at 9:45am with the processional of choirs. There will be one service with a brunch and fellowship following. Pastor Mick Roberts will be the guest speaker and all who can are welcome to come.

First Baptist Dunkerton will host a one year memorial service for Pastor Tommy Rucker on Thursday, Feb 12th at 7:00 PM.

Community Baptist Church, Marion, closed on the purchase of a new facility and will begin renovations this month with the hope of moving to the new building in April.

NEISBA

Northeast Iowa Southern Baptist Association

February 2015

Vol. 1
page 2

Remembering

One year ago you and I received news that would shake us to the core. Our friend and partner in ministry, Tommy Rucker, had taken his own life. Our response was the only one we were capable of; we gathered together in Dunkerton to worship our great Savior and found comfort in His eternal and unchanging love for His people. **"Give thanks to the LORD for His love endures forever!"**

This doesn't mean that there have not been many moments of deep sorrow over this past year when reflecting on Tommy's life and death, because there have been. Sorrow for Kay, sorrow for his children, sorrow for the church in Dunkerton and personal sorrow. And honestly, even a year later I still cannot wrap my mind around this reality. But what I do know is that my brother is with the Lord; because Jesus blood covers all sin. I also know that God is not finished with the ministry and the people of Dunkerton because His Word tells me, **"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."** Philipians 1:3-6

I encourage you to remember Dunkerton in your prayers and their new Pastor, David Williamson, as he continues the work of ministry in Dunkerton. I encourage you to be in prayer for Kay often, but especially this month, as she and her children remember. And may the God of peace be with you.

2015 5th Sunday Fellowships

March 29th – Immanuel Baptist Cedar Rapids
June 28th – 1st Baptist Dunkerton
August 30th – Community Baptist Marion
November 29th – Community Southern Baptist Waterloo

If you have something you would like to see included in the newsletter, please email me at:

cbcmarion@yahoo.com

*Blessings,
Darin Ulmer*

\$\$\$

Your Associational Dollars at work:

\$\$\$

NEISBA is currently supporting three church planters.

Herb Thompson – New Beginnings Baptist Fellowship, Oelwein

Barnabas Soh – Light of the World, Waterloo & Word of Life, Davenport

Gilmer Mauricio – Iglesia Bautista Hispana Emmanuel, Cedar Rapids