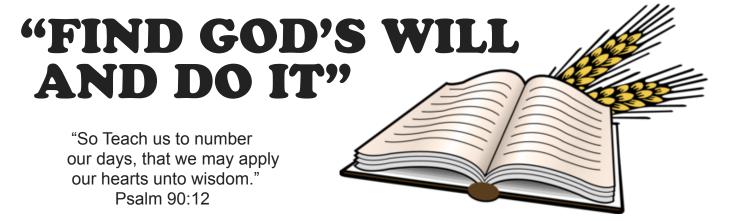
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There is a great need among God's people to find the will of God and then to follow through and do what the Lord has called us to do. The scripture has shown us in Colossians 3:23, "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not unto men;"

THE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT - DR. PAUL HOOVER

We are rejoicing with the results of the first month of the camping season at Castle Rock Baptist Camp. We had a great retreat to begin the summer with the Nehemial's 52 Hour Work Retreat. We were blessed by the great number of workers who arrived and helped prepare the property for the camping program.

Calebs Kin camp was a great blessing with our speakers Dr. and Mrs. Richard Dion. We had the largest number of campers for the past three years. We saw over \$1,000.00 given by the campers during this week to the "Uplook Campaign" which is for camp renovation. We are thankful to the Lord for 'His Faithfulness'.

It is our prayer that we might relay to our readers the vistas of the glories of Christ and His work, enjoy the sweet fellowship of God's people, and share our burden for the great and needy harvest fields of the IMBF.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

First Baptist Church - Cody, WY

June was an eventful month full of work, fellowship, and seeing God's blessings. We had many visitors from all over the U.S. come through already, and we look forward to many more coming as we approach the 4th of July. We enjoyed seeing the fruit in our door to door ministry. A young man, James, came to know the Lord as his savior. Praise the Lord for his decision! We had the privilege of seeing two young people follow the Lord in believers baptism, James (age 6) and Phoenix (age 8). Praise the Lord for their decision! Our Father's Day service had a great turn out. It is a blessing to see so many fathers honor that special day by being in the Lord's house. July is going to be a busy month. In addition to all the camps with Castle Rock, we have Missionary Ben Layer (Poland), Pensacola Christian College proclaim team, and Evangelist Mike Fisher. What a blessing they are, and what a blessing they will be when they come! On July 3rd and 4th we will hand out tracts at the annual Cody 4th of July parades. On July 31 we will start our Vacation Bible School with the help of Evangelist Mike Fisher and two helpers he will bring. What a wonderful time of fellowship and work to look forward too! Thank you all for your prayers, and our prayers continue to go out to your ministries and work. Lord bless you all!!

First Baptist Church - Laurel, MT

Greetings from Montana! June was a busy month with preparation for camp at Castle Rock and the first two camps. Pastor Widdis and Bridget took some vacation time visiting family in Michigan early in the month. Please pray for his Mom, Ruth, who has serious heart problems.15th-17th Were the dates of the annual 52 hour Work Camp with volunteers from 4 churches with much accomplished. The goal this year was to upgrade the lodge which had many needs. Camp Manager, JD Benson and former Manager Norm Cherry had spent a lot of time there prior to the official camp. They were able to replace the cooler and refrigerator in the kitchen update the upstairs bathrooms, buy new chairs & tables for the dinning room, new benches for the porch(no more slivers from sitting on the old ones!). this along with mowing and other landscaping, and cleaning all the cabins. JD and others were also able to get the lodge painted the following week. 21st-24th Were the dates of Elisha's Academy with 13 teens attending this leadership camp for teens who want to serve in other camps. This camp was led by Pastor Widdis and Evangelist Mike Fisher with help from Bridget Widdis and Melanie Musson, Last but certainly not least, John Watts to cook great meals! 26th-July 1st were the dates of Caleb's Kin Camp with DR Paul Hoover serving as Dean, and Dr. Richard Dion as guest speaker. There was a good attendance with some who were there for the whole week, and others who came later for as much time as their schedules allowed. Bro Dion's messages were challenging, interesting, and a blessing. Thanks to cooks Mandy Kleinhans and Marta Trout, as well as Bridget Widdis who served as dishwasher. 26th-30th While Caleb's Kin camp was being held at Castle Rock, VBS was being held at 1st Baptist being led by Mike Fisher with the use of puppets telling the story of English street preacher, Robert Flockhart. Attendance was not as good as some years with a high of 49 on Thursday, but there were several Salvation and other decisions during the week. Please pray that we will be able to follow up on each decision!!

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