

March

- 3-8: Week of Prayer for NAMB
- 8-9: YEC Union University
- 10: Daylight Savings Time
- 11: Connect
- 18: Pastor Perks
- 19: Forerunner News Due
- 24: Evangelism Commitment Sunday
- 29: Good Friday
- 31: Easter Sunday

April

- 1: Connect
- 7: Baptism Sunday
- 7-8: State Evangelism Conference
- 12-13: Hispanic Pastor Retreat
- 15: Pastor Perks
- 19: Forerunner News Due
- 22-27: Fish Fry
- 24: Secretary's Day
- 27: State Bible Drill, Milan 1st Baptist

The Forerunner

NEWSLETTER OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering

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He is Alive, He is alive indeed. As we prepare to celebrate Easter this month we can see the resurrection all around us. New life is springing forth as trees bud out, flowers bloom and seeds sprout. And we see people trusting Jesus, following in baptism symbolically being buried to old self and new life rising up out of the water. I hope you will make much about Jesus this month. This year's theme for Annie Armstrong is "Make Jesus Known." Based off the scripture of Mark 16:15 where it says go into all the world and Preach the Gospel. The word preach literally means to proclaim. We are to make much of Jesus by telling others about him. North America is one of the most lost nations in the world. If we expect to change America we must make Jesus known to those around us. Pray about what your gift will be to the Annie Armstrong offering.

By time most of you get this our youth will be very involved with DNoW weekend March 1 – 3. Please pray that this weekend will have a great impact on our young people and that we will see youth accepting Christ and surrendering their lives to Christ. Also pray for our youth leaders as they lead the DNoW weekend.

We are busy making plans for our Association's ministry at the World's Biggest Fish Fry April 21 – 27. This is a ministry of all our churches to an unreached people group. We need your support to make this ministry happen. We need churches to provide breakfast and lunch. We also need churches that will buy can soft drinks, bottled water, individual snacks like

Little Debbie cakes and chips. We also ask that you pray for the carnival workers who will be coming here. Many are lost and unchurched. Most are running from life and this our opportunity to share Jesus with them. We've invited Johnathan Turner to come back and lead the Christian Concert this year. It will be on April 24 at 7 pm. We are asking for a \$5 donation at the door. I hope you will make plans to join us for this time of worship.

We are also busy making plans for our Guatemalan Mission trip June 25 – July 2nd. This will be our last trip to Guatemala. We currently have about 10 people who are planning to go with us this year. This year we will be leading VBS, doing home visits where we deliver food packs and provide water filtration systems. If your SS Class or church would like to help provide a water filtration system they cost \$50 per system or food packs cost \$35 per pack. You can send a check to the WDBA with a notation for either one.

Our Senior Adult Luncheon will be a week earlier in May. We will have Randy Davis, Executive Director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention as our guest speaker on May 13 at 11 am. So mark your calendars and plan to join us for this special event.

Be in prayer for our Hispanic work as we say good bye to Emmanuel and Haley. We will have an official celebration for them in April. They are going to work with a Hispanic church in Brownsville that will be close to the Blue Oval City. Edwin and Panchy are doing a great job here and we've already had 6 salvation decisions. Let me close by saying thank you for all of your prayers as I had to deal with my brother in laws passing and my sister's Alzheimer's. I've got her in a memory care unit and she is happy. Also you will see some work going on at the WDBA Ministry center as we get a new roof put on in April. It is a joy to serve your churches as we seek to share Jesus from Paris to the World.

◁ In Him

Bro Jim

Birthdays

- 2-Evan Twilbeck- Paris First
- 5-Trent Bullock- Paris First
- 7-Jessica Mathis-Ramble creek
- 9-Norma Gerrell- TVCC
- 13-Steve Gallimore-TVCC
- 18- Kay Gallimore- Mansfield
- 24- Andrew Willhite- Big Sandy 1st
- 28- Colleen Twilbeck- Paris 1st



**ENGLISH AS A SECOND
LANGUAGE
VOLUNTEERS TRAINING**

**Faro Baptist Church is looking for
volunteers for our ESL Ministry. You
don't need to speak a foreign language
or be a certified school teacher. More
info please contact pastor Enmanuel
(731)227-3241**

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**SATURDAY
MARCH 16TH
9 - 11 AM**



FRENCH ONION CHICKEN

- 2 medium yellow onions, thinly sliced into rings
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup + 3 tablespoons beef broth, divided
- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts, pounded to even thickness
- 1 tablespoon oil
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 teaspoon Italian blend herbs/Italian seasoning, (OR ¼ teaspoon dried basil + ¼ teaspoon dried thyme + ½ teaspoon dried oregano)
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 4 slices provolone cheese
- 4 slices swiss cheese
- ¾ cup parmesan cheese

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to bake at 400 degrees OR broil on low. In a large [oven-safe skillet](#) (see note) over medium-high heat, melt butter. Add onions and 3 tablespoons beef broth and saute onions for 3-4 minutes until translucent. Continue to cook, stirring occasionally so the onions don't burn, for about 15 minutes longer until browned and very tender. Use tongs or a fork to transfer to a bowl and cover to keep warm.
2. While onions are cooking, prepare the chicken by drizzling with oil, then seasoning with salt and pepper (to taste) and Italian herbs. Once onions have finished cooking and are removed from the pan, cook chicken for 4-5 minutes on each side (don't clean out the pan between the onions and chicken) until browned on both sides. (Chicken may not be fully cooked through yet, that is okay).
3. Transfer chicken to a plate and cover to keep warm and return the onions to the pan. Sprinkle flour over the onions and stir for 1 minute over medium-high heat. Add beef broth and continue to cook, stirring throughout, until mixture comes to a boil. Season with [salt and pepper](#) to taste. Return chicken to pan and spoon some of the sauce over each piece of chicken.
4. Top chicken with one slice of provolone each, then one slice of swiss, then 1/4 of the parmesan cheese. Transfer skillet to your preheated oven and cook for about 10 minutes until chicken is cooked through completely and cheeses are melted. Spoon onions and gravy over chicken.

Hi Ladies,

Thank you, WMU ladies, for allowing God to work through you in your church to reach the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ. I pray for each of you to continue making disciples of Jesus who live on mission.

Here are a few updates:

March 3 - 10

Week of Prayer for North American Missions/Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

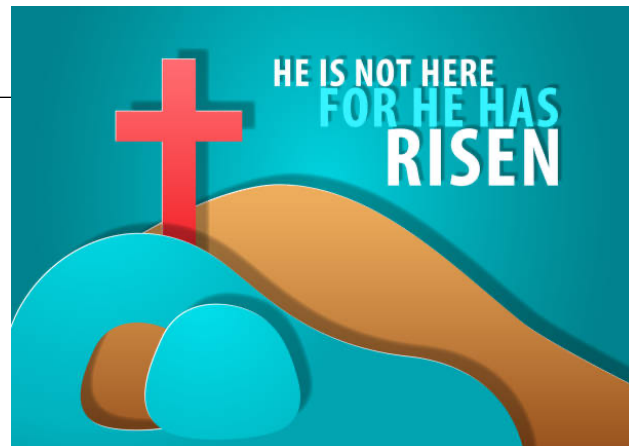
SBC churches annually observe the Week of Prayer for North American missions to pray for missionaries, their ministries, and their families. Prayer fuels spiritually sustaining missionaries in places where the gospel is greatly needed but often opposed.

The official date is the first Sunday in March through the second Sunday. This year, it is March 3 - 10. Your church can choose this date or another time during the Easter season to participate.

The Get-Together event is April 11-13. I hope you plan to attend since it is so close to home. It's at Brentwood again this year. Please contact me if you want to hear. The theme this year is "For His Glory," 1 Peter 4:11c

Hope is in Jesus!

Sandy



A MINISTRY TO FATHERS AND THEIR SON
GOD'S DESIGN FOR SEX
THE "SEX TALK" FROM A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE
DISCUSSIONS WILL INCLUDE
DATING • PURITY • PEER PRESSURE • PORNOGRAPHY • SOCIAL MEDIA • MARRIAGE • RELATIONSHIP WITH THE OPPOSITE SEX

IT'S UP TO YOU DAD!

Howard L. Curlin, MD
Associate Professor, Vanderbilt
University Medical Center
Obstetrics and Gynecology

BOYS TO MEN WEEKEND
MARCH 22-23, 2024

For Dads and their son ages 11-14
For more info or to register contact Covenant Ranch: 731-642-2099



Church News

Mansfield: Filled baby bottles for Tomorrow's Hope. Made a donation to the Helping Hand. 16th Honored Bro Gerry with a surprise Mexican meal for his 50th year being called in the ministry. Then on Sunday 18th special services were held. His family surprised him by coming to church. Their sons Bro Brian and Bro Kevin both spoke. Letters from his former churches and ours were read. We presented him with a plaque honoring his years of ministry. Mrs. Kay was presented flowers for her 50 years of being by his side.. Gerry Gallimore, pastor.

Maplewood: 2 additions. Held Baby Dedication. Held monthly's Men's Breakfast fellowship. Ben Whitmire, pastor.

New Harmony: Held Awana Red Night. Held church wide meal with donations to cover cost of children's camp.

New Hope: Ordained Mike Lineberry at Oak Grove. Mike Lineberry, pastor.

Oak Hill: Youth presented Christmas program, "Twelve Days of Christmas". Monetary donation to Henry County Food Bank and Helping Hand. Donated Snacks to the HCMC Surgery waiting room. Donated Baby Car seat to Tomorrow's Hope Blessings Closet. Collecting Items for WDBA disaster relief box for the month of January. Delivered Items Collected for Disaster Relief Box to WDBA. Youth gave "Hershey's Kisses" to our congregation for Valentine' Day..Larry Dukes, pastor.

Paris 1st: Held an 11 day revival with Life Action Ministries. Several decisions were made. Youth participated in DNOW. Trent Bullock, pastor.

Point Pleasant: Participated in Volleyball tournament. Held a Valentine's meal. Youth participated in DNOW weekend. Robert McBroom, pastor.

Russwood: On 02/03/24, we had a "Bread of Life" concert, featuring our friends from South Korea & Missionaries Rudy and Rose French. All guests were asked to bring a loaf of bread. The church will be giving the bread to the community with a card explaining that Jesus is our bread of life. We also had a fantastic meal. Raymond Eaton, pastor.

Springhill: Held baby shower for pastor and wife. Youth participated in DNOW. Church participated in Helping Hand. Jon Pope, pastor.

Union Friendship: We had a wonderful service on February 2nd. We had visitors from Korea: a small girls' ensemble and their director. Most of the music was sung in Korean but the tunes were very recognizable - music is the "universal language". Two Koreans attending college in Missouri performed on violin and piano. What a blessing it was! We celebrated Valentine's Day with a banquet on the 10th. It was enjoyed by all. We also had a representative from Tomorrow's Hope to share with us and an offering was taken. Kerry Shopher, interim.



February 2024

	GENERAL	GIFTS	SUPPLIES		
	Fund	YR to Date	Other & Des	Disbursements	\$ Amount
Bethany	\$ 130.00	\$ 260.00		Payroll Expenses	\$ 6,479.67
Bethlehem	\$ -	\$ 120.00		Admin expenses	\$ 6,860.89
Big Sandy, 1st	\$ 272.34	\$ 483.84		Assoc. Ministries	\$ 914.21
Birds Creek	\$ -	\$ -		Education Exp.	\$ -
Buchanan	\$ -	\$ 539.90		Misc. Exp.	\$ 836.42
Central Point	\$ 71.55	\$ 182.10		Office Maintenance	\$ 3,827.63
Cottage Grove	\$ 131.70	\$ 335.04		Promotions of Progran	\$ 295.88
Fairview	\$ 361.25	\$ 755.09		Shankle Designated	\$ -
Faro	\$ -	\$ 118.80		WDBA Ministries	\$ -
Faxon	\$ 49.50	\$ 161.60		Total Disbursements	\$ 19,214.70
Friendship	\$ -	\$ 200.00			
Henry	\$ 130.00	\$ 390.00			
Mansfield	\$ 108.08	\$ 344.29			
Maplewood	\$ 1,491.47	\$ 3,476.97			
McDavid Grove	\$ 200.00	\$ 600.00			
McRae's Chapel	\$ -	\$ -			
Mt. Sinai	\$ 162.00	\$ 374.00			
New Bethel	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00			
New Harmony	\$ -	\$ -			
New Hope	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00			
North Fork	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00			
Oak Grove	\$ 206.85	\$ 494.26			
Oak Hill	\$ -	\$ -			
Paris, 1st	\$ 1,759.67	\$ 5,824.05			
Point Pleasant	\$ -	\$ 3,251.09			
Puryear	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00			
Ramble Creek	\$ 82.35	\$ 203.51			
Russwood	\$ 194.35	\$ 400.88			
Shady Grove	\$ -	\$ 410.20			
Springhill	\$ 510.04	\$ 2,428.86			
Springville	\$ 125.00	\$ 250.00			
Temple	\$ 145.04	\$ 322.04			
TVCC	\$ 400.00	\$ 800.00			
Union Friendship	\$ 128.85	\$ 287.73			
DOM Salary Supplement			\$ 853.00	Account For	\$ 29,564.91
Hispanic Ministry			\$ 200.00	Disbursements	\$ 19,214.70
Misc.			\$ 680.00	Bal. General Account	\$ 10,350.21
Carnival Ministry			\$ -		
Guatemala			\$ 1,993.38		
Totals	\$ 7,610.04	\$ 24,314.25	\$ 3,726.38		
Total Rec. (Gen. Fun	\$ 11,336.42				