

May

- 2: National Day of Prayer
- 6: Connect
- 7: Executive Board- McDavid Grove, 7:00pm
- 12: Mother's Day
- 13: Senior Adult Luncheon, Paris 1st, 11:00am
- 17: Forerunner News Due
- 19: Day of Prayer for VBS
- 20: Pastor Perks
- 22-25: DOM Retreat
- 27: Memorial Day- Office Closed

June

- 9-12: SBC- Indianapolis
- 16: Father's Day
- 17: Pastor Perks
- 18: Forerunner News Due
- 25-July 2: Guatemala Mission trip

The Forerunner

NEWSLETTER OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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Paris 1st Baptist
Monday, **May 13**, 2024

Guest Speaker: Randy Davis,
Executive Director, TBMB

11:00am, \$5.00 per person
Call the WDBA to RSVP 731-642-4641



This year's theme for the week of Prayer for Associations is "Community Engagement." It's great to see how our churches engage our community during the week of Fish Fry with our ministry to the Carnival Workers. 1 Peter 4:11 says "if anyone serves let it be from the strength God provides." The last week of April we served over 90 Carnival Workers and we can say we didn't do it from our strength but from God's. Thank you to all of the churches who provided breakfast, lunch and all the snacks. I especially want to say Thank you to Faro Baptist as they helped us minister to a large Hispanic community each day.

We also will engage our community with the National Day of Prayer on Thursday May 2nd. National Day of Prayer will be observed at 12 noon at the Henry Co Court house with different pastors leading us in prayer for our Nation. By time you get this it will be over but I hope you will take time to pray for our nation as we are desperately in need of prayer.

The WDBA Senior Adult luncheon will be at 11 am on Monday May 13th at Paris First Baptist. Randy Davis, Executive Director of the Tenn Baptist Convention will be our guest speaker and he will share with you about the Acts 2:17 Initiative. All Pastors and Wives are our guest and your meal is paid for we just need to know you are

coming. For everyone else the cost is only \$5 and we hope you will make plans to join us. Please call and rsvp so we can have a count.

Colleen and I will be attending the DoM retreat provided for by Union University, Carson Newman, and the TBMB the last full week of May. I am currently serving as Vice President for our Tenn Baptist DoM's and will have some meetings in connection with that. We will also be attending the SBC in Indianapolis June 8 – 13. Please keep us in your prayers as we have a busy time of traveling.

We have a team of 9 going to Guatemala June 25 – July 2nd. We will be leading VBS and making home visits. As part of our homes visits we will be distributing water filtration systems. Most Guatemalans do not have access to clean drinking water. These filtration systems cost \$50 per system. If you would like to make a donation to help provide one please send a check made out to WDBA with a notation on it for Water Filtration.

Every year I am amazed at how our churches come together to minister to "the least of these." In my life verse this year I picked where Paul says in Philippians 1:5 he thanks God for "their partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." I am thankful for each of your churches faithful giving to the Association and your support of our missions work.

<> In Him,

Bro Jim

Birthdays

- 4- John Sutton- Henry
- 9- Randy Miller- Faxon
- 9- Carlton Gerrell- TVCC
- 10- James Twilbeck- DOM
- 11- Brian Parsons- Springville, McDavid Grove
- 13- Linda Stairs- Shady Grove
- 14- Jeff Baker- Birds Creek
- 14- Cliff Evans- New Bethel
- 15- Jimmy Stairs- Shady Grove
- 29- Barry Mathis- Ramble Creek



Fresh Strawberry Cobbler

STRAWBERRY MIXTURE

3 cups fresh ripe strawberries, hulled & diced
1/2-3/4 cup granulated sugar

COBBLER CRUST

1 cup all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon sea salt
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 cup whole milk, warm (I used almond milk)
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
8 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

- Preheat oven to 375. F. Grease a 1.8-liter casserole dish and set aside. (my oval baking dish was 11 x 8 1/2 x2)
- In a medium bowl, add strawberries and sugar, tossing until syrupy. Set aside.
- 3 cups fresh ripe strawberries, 1/2-3/4 cup granulated sugar
- In a large bowl whisk together flour, baking powder, salt and sugar.
- 1 cup all-purpose flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon sea salt, 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- Add in milk, vanilla extract, and melted butter.
- 1 cup whole milk, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract, 8 tablespoons unsalted butter
- Stir gently just until combined. (A few lumps are preferred, so don't over stir, or your crust will be dense instead of fluffy.)
- Pour batter evenly into the prepared dish.
- Using a slotted spoon, spoon strawberries evenly on top of the batter, leaving extra syrup in the bowl. Do NOT stir.
- Baked for 35-40 minutes on the middle rack or until golden brown. (may need to adjust time if using a different size dish)
- Remove from oven and let cobbler rest for a few minutes.

Spoon into a bowl and top with vanilla ice cream if desired.

Hi Ladies,
I hope you all are doing well! Summer is right around the corner.
Below are a few events this month:

Great Commission Conversations – Denver
Online Event

Join us on May 15th at 11:00 am Central Time for a Great Commission Conversation as we hear from a Denver church planter and then pray for him, his family, and his ministry. The conversation via video conference will last approximately thirty minutes.



May 17 - May 18
Off the Grid – Missions & Ministry Women Leaders Hiking Trip
Carson Springs Baptist Conference Center 1120 Carson Springs Rd., Newport, TN, United States
Experience two days of hiking in the Great Smokey Mountains. You will spend one night at Carson Springs Baptist conference Center. You will experience an approximately 5-mile round trip on Elkmont Nature Trail to Cool Troll Bridge on the first day. We will explore the ruins of the 1900s, Elkmont town.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer being on mission for Jesus!
Loving Jesus,
Sandy

All Welcome!! Come & See. Listen & Learn.

The Enduring Word

A Traveling Museum Teaching the History and Significance of the Bible

Come learn about the history of the Bible through historical artifacts from the Holy Land, Middle East, Asia Minor and Europe spanning 5,000 years of history that support the validity of the Word! A full-scale Gutenberg printing press demonstration and printed copies of the original Gutenberg page will be provided in the exhibit. Come and browse the exhibit, listen to the lectures, and take advantage of this rare opportunity to see authentic artifacts and learn more of the history of how the Bible we have today came into existence.

Maplewood Baptist Church | 8700 Hwy 218 Bypass, Paris
May 15, 5:30 p.m., Public Viewing | 6:30 p.m., Lecture: History of the Bible / Apologetics
May 16, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Groups / Appointments Encouraged
1-4:00 p.m., Public Viewing | 6:00 p.m., Public Viewing / 6:30 p.m., Lecture: Dead Sea Scrolls
Presented by John Sliffe | theenduringword.org
Call 731-642-2022 for appointment | Leave message and time requested!

Vacation Bible School Dates

Big Sandy First – July 15-19, 6-8:00pm
Buchanan – July 20, Breaker Rock Beach
Central Point – June 9-12, 6-8:00pm
Cottage Grove – June 23-27, 6-8:00pm, CEF
Fairview – June 23-27, 6-8:30pm, Great Jungle Journey
Henry – 17-20, 6-8:00pm, (20th -9am-noon)
Maplewood – June 2-6, 6-8:30pm, Breaker Rock Beach
McRae's Chapel – June 17-20, Breaker Rock Beach
New Harmony- July 8-12, 6:30-8:30pm
Paris First – June 3-7, 9am-noon, Breaker Rock Beach
Point Pleasant – July 14-18
Puryear – June 9-13, 6-8:00pm, CEF
Ramble Creek – June 2-6, 6-8:00pm, CEF
Springhill – June 3-7, Breaker Rock Beach
Union Friendship – June 17-21, 5-7:00pm, CEF

Church News

Springhill: Youth attended Friends of Faith. Joy class taught at Eiffel Gardens and Rose Stone. Mens ministry met April 28. Baptized two on April 28. Jon Pope, pastor.

Temple: Honored Bob Zorn on his 96th birthday. Provided lunch for carnival workers. Gerald Scott, pastor



Friendship: Youth had a float in the Fish Fry parade. Russell Ragsdale, pastor.

Mansfield: Easter Sunday held sunrise service followed by ham breakfast. Made a donation to WDBA Fish Fry ministry. Gerry Gallimore, pastor.

McRae's Chapel: Ladies attended WMU Get Together. Provided breakfast for carnival workers. Kenny Loudon, pastor.

New Harmony: Kids and youth went skating on April 14. Held meal on April 26 to raise funds for youth camp. Provided breakfast for carnival workers. Howard Kitter, pastor.

Paris 1st: Youth attended Field of Faith. Held reception for Enmanuel & Haley as they move to Brownsville. Held joint Second Harvest food bank with Maplewood. Provided food for carnival workers. Trent Bullock, pastor.

Point Pleasant: Provided breakfast for carnival workers. Took youth on over night hiking trip at Land Between the Lakes. Robert McBroom, pastor.

Russwood: Held youth turkey hunt April 6. Sponsored a Veteran's crappie tournament on April 27. Raymond Eaton, pastor.

April 2024

	GENERAL	GIFTS	SUPPLIES		
	Fund	YR to Date	Other & Des	Disbursements	\$ Amount
Bethany	\$ 130.00	\$ 520.00		Payroll Expenses	\$ 6,479.67
Bethlehem	\$ 120.00	\$ 480.00		Admin expenses	\$ 2,935.80
Big Sandy, 1st	\$ 536.76	\$ 1,020.60		Assoc. Ministries	\$ 1,601.00
Birds Creek	\$ -	\$ -		Education Exp.	\$ 472.78
Buchanan	\$ -	\$ 539.90		Misc. Exp.	\$ 180.36
Central Point	\$ 90.81	\$ 359.31		Office Maintenance	\$ 2,712.24
Cottage Grove	\$ 139.11	\$ 643.47		Promotions of Program	\$ 48.62
Fairview	\$ 273.41	\$ 1,252.50		Shankle Designated	\$ -
Faro	\$ 96.82	\$ 118.80		WDBA Ministries	\$ -
Faxon	\$ 66.00	\$ 286.60		Total Disbursements	\$ 14,430.47
Friendship	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00			
Henry	\$ 130.00	\$ 650.00			
Mansfield	\$ 219.83	\$ 726.01			
Maplewood	\$ 2,061.61	\$ 7,372.96			
McDavid Grove	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,000.00			
McRae's Chapel	\$ 541.40	\$ 541.40			
Mt. Sinai	\$ 214.00	\$ 918.00			
New Bethel	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00			
New Harmony	\$ -	\$ 1,184.00			
New Hope	\$ -	\$ 600.00			
North Fork	\$ 150.00	\$ 600.00			
Oak Grove	\$ 302.10	\$ 1,042.90			
Oak Hill	\$ -	\$ 500.00			
Paris, 1st	\$ 2,462.88	\$ 10,492.57			
Point Pleasant	\$ 1,118.03	\$ 4,829.05			
Puryear	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00			
Ramble Creek	\$ 117.40	\$ 454.46			
Russwood	\$ 228.78	\$ 789.65			
Shady Grove	\$ 197.86	\$ 700.08			
Springhill	\$ 1,016.60	\$ 4,042.65			
Springville	\$ 125.00	\$ 500.00			
Temple	\$ 307.72	\$ 629.76			
TVCC	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,600.00			
Union Friendship	\$ -	\$ 451.88			
DOM Salary Supplement			\$ 853.00	Account For	\$ 25,190.15
Hispanic Ministry			\$ 200.00	Disbursements	\$ 14,430.47
Misc.			\$ 533.00	Bal. General Account	\$ 10,759.68
Carnival Ministry			\$ 450.00		
Guatemala			\$ 2,580.00		
Totals	\$ 11,546.12	\$ 45,946.55	\$ 4,616.00		
Total Rec. (Gen. Fun	\$ 16,162.12				

