



- 5-6.....WMU Missions Celebration/Annual Meeting, Warrensburg FBC
- 8.....Ministers' Mtg., 10:30 a.m., Ministry Center
- 9.....Small Town Pastors Mtg., Bonne Terre, 9:00-1:00 pm
- 9.....Missions and Evangelism Council Mtg., 4:15 pm
- 9.....Youth Leaders Meeting., 6:00 p.m., M.C.
- 14.....Youth Event, Pickle Springs Hike, 1:00—9:00 p.m., Leave from Union FBC
- 18-21....FBA Mission trip to West Virginia
- 20.....Camp Clean-Up Day
- 20.....Youth Event, Camp Clean-Up service project
- 24.....Secretaries Day
- 25.....Associational Semi-Annual Meeting, Pacific Baptist, 6:00 p.m.**
- 26-27....RA Congress, Sedalia
- 28.....Cooperative Program Sunday

MAY

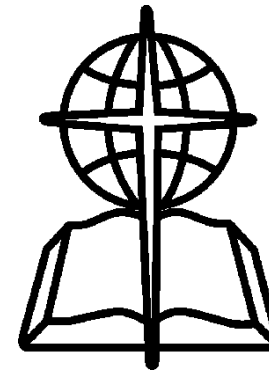
- 1-31?.....Associational Missions Month (May move to Oct.)
- 2.....National Day of Prayer
- 3-5.....Youth Event, Logan Valley Youth Retreat
- 4.....WMU/WOM Mtg., 9:30 a.m., Ministry Center
- 12.....Mother's Day
- 19-26?...Association Missions Week (or see October 20-26)
- 13.....Ministers' Mtg., 10:30 a.m., Ministry Center
- 14.....Pastors & Deacons Training, 6:00 p.m., Union FBC
- 14.....Youth Leaders Mtg., 6:00 p.m., Ministry Center
- 16.....Program Committee Mtg., 4:00 p.m., M. C.
- 18.....Camp Clean Up Day
- 19.....Pentecost Sunday/Day of Prayer & Fasting for World Evangelism/Global Day of Prayer
- 27.....Memorial Day—Office Closed

WEEKLY CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS

As we continue our prayer emphasis for our associational churches, our associational staff invites you to join in prayer each week to pray for the listed churches. Please pray for the following churches each week of April.



- Apr. 7: Pacific and Pacific Heights
- Apr. 14: Prospect and Reedville
- Apr. 21: Ridge at Gerald and Ridge at Leslie
- Apr. 28: Ridge at Pacific and Ridge at Sullivan



CHURCHES & MISSIONS

- ANACONDA
- CALVARY
- CALVEY
- CENTRAL
- CHARRETTE
- COMPASS MINISTRIES
- EVERGREEN
- FAITH
- GRACE
- GRAY SUMMIT, FBC
- GREEN MOUND
- LIGHTHOUSE
- MEMORIAL
- MT. CALVARY
- NEW BEGINNINGS
- NEW CHAPEL HILL
- NEW FRIENDSHIP
- NEW HOPE
- OAK GROVE
- OUTREACH (now Ridge at Leslie)
- PACIFIC
- PACIFIC HEIGHTS
- PROSPECT
- REEDVILLE Ministry of Sullivan Ridge
- RIDGE CHURCH at GERALD
- RIDGE CHURCH at LESLIE (former Outreach)
- RIDGE CHURCH at PACIFIC
- RIDGE CHURCH at SULLIVAN
- RIDGE CHURCH at UNION
- RIDGE CHURCH at VILLA RIDGE
- ROSE HILL MISSIONARY
- STANTON, FBC
- ST. CLAIR, FBC
- ST. CLAIR SOUTHERN
- SHILOH
- SPRING BLUFF
- TEMPLE
- UNION, FBC
- VIRGINIA MINES
- WASHINGTON, FBC

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FRANKLIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

APRIL 25

Hosted by

PACIFIC BAPTIST CHURCH

2050 Old Gray Summit Rd., Pacific, MO 63069

5:30-6:00 p.m. — Registration

Session begins at 6:00 p.m.

Miscellaneous Reports and Business

Message by

Dr. Wes Fowler

Executive Director, Missouri Baptist Convention

**Messengers are the same as the last Annual Meeting,
 plus any additions or changes elected by the church.
 Non-Messengers are also welcome to attend as guests.**

From the Director of Missions...

By the time you receive this, you will likely be celebrating Easter soon. I pray you and your church will have a great Easter observance – gathering, proclaiming and experiencing the power of Christ’s manifested presence and the life-changing message of the hope of Easter = JESUS conquered death to be our eternal living Savior and Lord! That story is real and powerful and overcomes all earthly difficulties and challenges!! So, take hope and share the story this Easter and all year long!!

As I think about Easter, I often reflect on and mention the reactions surrounding the resurrection of Christ on that first Easter. Everyone who saw the risen Lord **boldly and excitedly told others about Him**, even if they had previously failed Him or denied Him in fear before the resurrection, and even if that put their own lives at personal risk. The reality of the Risen Lord in their lives was so powerful that they could not help but talk about Him. Easter is always a good time for us to have a fresh encounter with the risen and living Lord Jesus and a “restart” of our walk with Christ. If we are captivated and filled with the Risen Lord and Savior, it will show in and through our transformed lives and our bold witnessing to all that He is alive and is Savior and Lord!

I hope you will plan to attend the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Association which will be held on April 25, at Pacific Baptist Church. We again have a good program lined up and important business to do. Dr. Wes Fowler, the new Executive Director of our Missouri Baptist Convention, will be bringing the closing message. Messengers are the same as for the Annual Meeting, plus any new Messengers you may approve. Guests are also welcome and encouraged to attend for information and inspiration and to meet Dr. Fowler.

I want to again strongly encourage all of our association family to constantly, earnestly and persistently pray for the ministry of each of our sister churches and for renewal and revival to breakout in our midst. I also encourage all to make special plans to join with Christians from all denominations in May to pray for personal, local and national revival as we unite for the National Day of Prayer on May 2. We as a country are in desperate need of revival! Prayer is the most underused and primary weapon God gives us against the destructive work of Satan and his kingdom of darkness and bondage and the means of unleashing God’s infinite provisions! We neglect prayer to our own peril.

The Lord Jesus lives and reigns!!

Bro. Jim

FBA FINANCIAL UPDATE

We want to thank you for your continued generous financial support for our joint association missions work. Your giving helps strengthen and assist our churches’ joint efforts in reaching our area with the gospel. **If your church significantly changes current contribution** levels, please share that with our office so we can make plans accordingly.

FEBRUARY FINANCE REPORT

Monthly Budget Requirement:	\$18,145
February Budget Contributions:	\$16,182
February Building Debt Receipts/Payment:	\$ 1,248
Total Budget & Building Receipts for February:	\$ 17,430
Budget and Building Receipts—Since Sept. 1:	\$ 94,600
Ending Checking Balance, 02/29/24:	\$ 23,136
Outstanding Lot Debt:	\$ 12,542

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

April 18-21: NAMB, Send Relief trip to West Virginia
<https://www.sendrelieft.org/serve-tour/>

June 7-8: Crossover Indianapolis, before SBC Convention

June 23-29: Wisconsin Partnership Trip to Madison and Monroe, Wisconsin

Various service projects and community outreaches are planned for each location. If you or your church would be interested in participating in any of these association mission trips, please contact the association office, or Mike Royal at 816/256-0649.

PASTORS MEETING & LUNCHEON

APRIL 8; 10:30 a.m.

Ministry Center

GUEST SPEAKER

DR. WES FOWLER
MBC Executive Director

Please RSVP for luncheon by April 4
by calling the office, 636/583-2639

Camp News/Needs

CAMP RESERVATIONS – Churches please call the association office as soon as can if you would like to schedule a date to use our Retreat Center.

CAMP CLEAN-UP DAYS

April 20 & May 18
8:30 a.m. - noon (or later, if able)



If you would like to do any volunteer work at the camp over the next few months, please contact the association office. You can pick a time and task that works for you and/or come to the scheduled workdays. Projects include cleaning, painting and small repairs.

OTHER CAMP NEEDS:

Pool pump and filter (will be used as a pool vacuum), table for pool pavilion, paddles and life jackets, and kayak’s.

CAMP POOL RENOVATION/REPLACEMENT FUND

Our goal is to do pool replacement/renovation OF OUR OVER 60 YEAR OLD POOL in the next couple years, pending funding.

It is estimated to cost \$50,000 to \$200,000 for this need, depending whether renovating or replace. Please prayerfully consider this special need. Donations should be over and above regular association giving and designated as “Pool Fund”. \$5,870 received to date.

CAMP DATES

BOYS’ CAMP – JULY 8-12

GIRLS’ CAMP – JULY 15-19

YOUTH CAMP - JULY 21-24

DAY CAMP – JULY 29—AUGUST 1

YOUTH RETREAT—AUGUST 9

Registration packets will be mailed in mid-May.

Church News

PASTORLESS CHURCH: Calvary, Oak Grove and St. Clair FBC. Please pray for these churches while they search for a pastor. Feel free to recommend candidates for pastor.

Mt. Calvary — Will be celebrating 127 years on April 28. All are welcome to join in this all day event.

Prospect/St. Clair Southern — Will conduct an Easter Cantata—March 29 at Prospect and March 30 at Southern. Program starts at 7:00 p.m.

Virginia Mines — Is happy to announce they have completed the remodeling of their fellowship hall. Congratulations.

PASTORS AND DEACONS TRAINING

MAY 14; 6:00 p.m.

MINISTRY CENTER

Led by:

Jim Misloski

MBC Leader Development

Watch for more details

Block Party Trailer available to churches.

Our association has a block party trailer for use by churches. There is a fee of \$50 to rent the trailer. The trailer has a bounce house, popcorn and snow cone machines, PA system and various games. It is rented first come, first served, through our office.

GRASS MOWERS NEEDED

We cut most of our grass at the Ministry Center and camp with volunteers. If you, someone you know, or your church, would be available to help mow grass at the Ministry Center or at camp this summer, please contact our office as soon as possible. Volunteers must be 16 years, or older — 18 preferred. We have a mower and tractor available to use.

