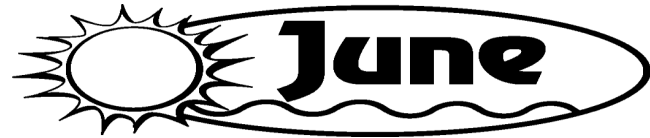


MAY

- 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, 6:30 p.m., M.C.
- 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
- 22.....Crossroads Community Connections Breakfast, 7:30 a.m., Franklin County Country Club
- 27.....Memorial Day—Office Closed



- 1..... WMU Council Mtg./Calendar Planning Mtg., 9:30 a.m., TBA
- 8..... Strawberry Festival, Arnold FBC
- 8..... Crossover—Mission Blitz, Indianapolis
- 9-10 Pastors' Conference, DOM Mtg., WMU Annual Mtg., Indianapolis
- 10 or 17 Ministers' Mtg., 10:30 a.m., Ministry Center
- 10-12.....Southern Baptist Convention, Indianapolis
- 11 or 18 Youth Leaders Mtg., 6:00 p.m., Ministry Center
- 17-21.....Super Summer #1, Hannibal LaGrange
- 18-22.....Sullivan Fair
- 23.....Mission: Dignity Sunday (formerly Annuity Board Sunday)
- 23-29.....Association-Wide Mission Trip to Wisconsin
- 24-28.....Super Summer #2, SBU

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 May.



- May 5: Ridge at Villa Ridge and Rose Hill
- May 12: St. Clair, First and St. Clair Southern
- May 19: Shiloh and Spring Bluff
- May 26: Stanton, First and Temple

SOFTBALL LEAGUE SIGN-UP
May 7th

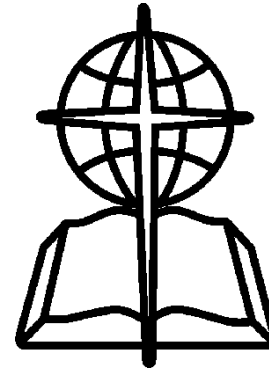
Our Recreation Committee is planning softball leagues for this summer. League is planned for Tuesday and Thursday nights. If interested, please have your church contact the association office by May 7th for more information/registration.



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- 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
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ASSOCIATION MISSIONS

EMPHASIS WEEK

MAY 19-26, 2024

Week of Prayer for Franklin Baptist Association

Emphasis Theme:

“COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT”

From the beginning of the history of Baptists, Baptist Churches have chosen to band together in associations to provide support and assistance to member churches in carrying out the Great Commission of our Lord. Associations do this by providing training, resources, encouragement, coordination and accountability in developing and maintaining healthy churches in every community in our association area.

That really is what association missions is all about, churches working side by side, helping and encouraging each other to share the eternal life in Christ with every life in every community. I hope you will make extra effort in your church, to promote and to pray for our association ministry mission partnership. Please pray especially for our churches to effectively and passionately “engage their community” with the gospel.

Please pray for our Franklin Baptist Association churches and our ministries during Association Missions Week. Also, please consider a special association offering during this time which is to be used 100% for the Camp Pool Renovation/Replacement.

From the Director of Missions...

When we mailed this newsletter, we were still looking forward to our association Semi-Annual meeting on April 25 at Pacific Baptist Church. If you received this before then, I want to remind and encourage you to attend. Guests as well as Messengers are always welcome. We have a good program and business planned. I will report on the actions of this meeting in our next month newsletter.

May 19-26 is Association Missions Emphasis week.

From the beginning of the history of Baptist, Baptist Churches have banded together in associations to provide support, assistance and encouragement to sister churches in carrying out the Great Commission of our Lord. I hope you will take extra effort in your church to promote and pray for our joint association ministry. We also will be receiving a special association emphasis offering this year. Unless designated otherwise, 100% of the offering will be used toward the camp pool renovation/replacement project fund. Flyers, prayer guides and other items will be available to help promote this emphasis and to educate your church about our association ministry. An association missions emphasis campaign resource packet will be mailed to each church around May 1. Please contact our office to request mass quantities of these resources, or to request someone to speak about association missions.

Our camp season is almost upon us. You will find more camp info in this newsletter and should receive a promotion and registration packet in early May. Please look for it and make this material available to children and youth in your church so they can participate in our great summer camps. Also, please pray that God will call out all the folks needed to serve as counselors and other leaders for our four Childrens and Youth Camps this year. Our main leadership teams are in place, but it is crucial to have plenty of good counselors to work directly with the campers. We likely will need some help with nurse and kitchen services. And we can always use help with grass mowing and maintenance throughout the summer. Please call or email or office if you would consider helping at camp in any of these areas, or could suggest people to help.

Every May I strongly encourage all our churches to make a special effort to plan, promote and participate in the National Day of Prayer which will be observed at noon on May 2 in communities all across our nation. For those communities not holding a public prayer gathering, all are invited to a very special gathering for prayer at the old County Courthouse in Union. **The greatest thing any of us can do is engage in earnest, even desperate, and united prayer for the current conditions in our churches, communities and nation/world.**

Thank you for all for your prayers and support!

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.

MARCH FINANCE REPORT

Monthly Budget Requirement:	\$18,145
March Budget Contributions:	\$ 8,205
March Building Debt Receipts/Payment:	\$ 234
Total Budget & Building Receipts for March:	\$ 8,429
Budget and Building Receipts—Since Sept. 1:	\$103,029
Ending Checking Balance, 03/31/24:	\$ 16,450
Outstanding Lot Debt:	\$ 12,318

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

- 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.

**COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS BREAKFAST
Sponsored by Crossroads Counseling**

Join us for free breakfast and conversation on how Christian counseling can help you, your church & community.

May 22, 7:30-9:00 a.m.

**Franklin County Country Club
6413 Country Club Rd., Washington, MO 63090**

RSVP by May 10 to abymather@stl-ccc.org

WOMEN ON MISSION MEETING

Saturday, May 4, 9:30 A.M.

Missions & Ministry Having It All

**Special Guest: Sharon Paris
Lets Grow WMU Consultant**

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

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.

**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". \$6,444 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 early-May.

VOLLEYBALL WINNERS

Congratulations to Ridge #1 for winning first place in the Volleyball League and to Washington #1 for finishing in second place.

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.

CHURCH MISSION TRIPS — Please submit info on any mission trips you have planned so we can pray for and support them.

ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS CANTATA

MARK YOUR CALENDAR IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN AN ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS CANTATA. PRACTICES WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER. PERFORMANCES WILL BE DECEMBER 13 AND 14 AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF UNION.

PASTORS AND DEACONS TRAINING

MAY 14; 6:30 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 to cover maintenance. 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.