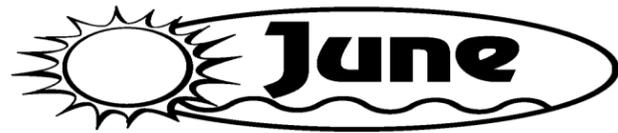


MAY

- 1-31..... Associational Missions Month
 - 1..... National Day of Prayer
 - 2-3.....Serve Tour Evansville, Indiana
 - 2-4.....Youth Event Logan Valley Youth Retreat
 - 5..... Mission Metro Quarterly Meeting
 - 10..... WMU/WOM Mtg., 9:30 a.m., Ministry Center
 - 11.....Mother's Day
 - 11-16....Christian Home Week
 - 12.....Ministers' Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Ministry Center
 - 13..... Youth Leaders Mtg., 6:00 p.m., Ministry Center
 - 17..... Camp Clean-Up Day
 - 17..... Youth Event, Camp Clean-Up service project
 - 18-25....Association Missions Week (or October 19-25)
 - 26..... Memorial Day—Office Closed
 - 31..... Church Safety Seminar, 8-Noon, Ministry Center
- Registration requested by May 29, call 636/583-2639 or fcbamo@aol.com



- 7 or 14 Strawberry Festival, Arnold FBC
- 7 Crossover—Mission Blitz, Dallas
- 8 Pentecost Sunday / Day of Prayer & Fasting for World Evangelism / Global Day of Prayer
- 8-9 Pastors' Conference, DOM Mtg., WMU Annual Mtg., Dallas
- 9-13 Super Summer #1, Hannibal LaGrange
- 10-11 Southern Baptist Convention, Dallas
- 10 or 17 Youth Leaders Mtg., 6:00 p.m., Ministry Center
- 14 WMU/WOM Mtg., 9:30 a.m., Ministry Center
- 15 Baptist Men's Day (if not held January 26)
- 16 Ministers' Mtg., 10:30 a.m., Ministry Center
- 16-20 Super Summer #2, SBU
- 19-21 Sullivan Fair
- 22 Mission: Dignity Sunday (formerly Annuity Board Sunday)
- 22-29 Association-wide Mission Trip to Wisconsin (Tentative)

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 4: Living Stones and Memorial
- May 11: Mt. Calvary and New Beginnings
- May 18: New Chapel Hill and New Friendship
- May 25: New Hope and Oak Grove

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

VOLLEYBALL WINNERS

SOFTBALL LEAGUE SIGN-UP

May 6th

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 6th for more information.

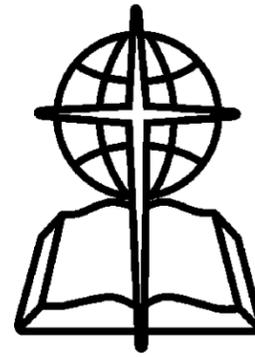


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 - FAITH
 - GRACE
 - GRAY SUMMIT, FBC
 - GREEN MOUND
 - LIGHTHOUSE
 - *LIVING STONES
 - MEMORIAL
 - MT. CALVARY
 - NEW BEGINNINGS
 - NEW CHAPEL HILL
 - NEW FRIENDSHIP
 - NEW HOPE
 - OAK GROVE
 - PACIFIC
 - PACIFIC HEIGHTS
 - PROSPECT
 - REEDVILLE Ministry of Sullivan Ridge
 - RIDGE CHURCH at GERALD
 - RIDGE CHURCH at LESLIE
 - 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
- *Denotes a new church/mission church

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ASSOCIATION MISSIONS

EMPHASIS WEEK

MAY 18-25, 2025

Week of Prayer for Franklin Baptist Association

Emphasis Theme:
“UNITY IN CHRIST”

The strength of our witness as an association of churches is found in our unity. While each congregation has its unique identity and ministry focus, we are called to labor together for the greater purpose of advancing the gospel. Unity does not mean uniformity, but rather a shared commitment to Christ's mission--standing shoulder to shoulder, encouraging one another, and leveraging our collective gifts and resources to reach our communities.

When we work together in missional alignment, we reflect the heart of Christ, demonstrating His love to a watching world. Let us set aside competition, celebrate each other's victories, and partner in kingdom work so that the name of Jesus is made known in every corner of our local areas. I hope you will make an extra effort to promote and to pray for our association ministry mission partnership.

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 24 at Faith Baptist Church. If you receive 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 important business planned. I will report on the actions of this meeting in next month's newsletter.

May 18-25 is Association Missions Emphasis week – Theme: "Unity in Christ".

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 make extra effort in your church to promote and pray for our joint association ministry May 18-25, or when best for your church. 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 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 the last week of April. 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 nursing and kitchen services, in addition to our regular church kitchen assignments. And we can always use help with grass mowing and maintenance throughout the summer. Please call or email our 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 1 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 and united prayer for the current conditions in our churches, communities and nation/world.**

Thank you for all your prayers and support!

Praying until revival comes,
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. Please notify our office of any significant changes to your normal giving. Also, please inform our office of any pool renovation fund commitments.

MARCH FINANCE REPORT

Monthly Budget Requirement:	\$18,306
March Budget Contributions:	\$ 10,285
Budget Receipts—Since September:	\$ 87,479
Ending Checking Balance, 3/31/25:	\$ 49,962
March Pool Fund Receipts For March:	\$ 8,152
Pool Fund Receipts To Date:	\$ 61,819

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

JUNE 22-29 WISCONSIN PARTNERSHIP TRIP to Wisconsin (Tentative dates—contingent upon enough participating)

Various service projects and community outreaches are tentatively 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 at 636/583-2639 by May 7th.

"2026 ISRAEL TOUR"

March 8-18, 2026

\$4,400 St. Louis Departure/Return

If you may be interested in joining this tour or a possible tour in November, please call or text Bro. Jim at 314-540-2570, or through the FBA office at 636-583-2639.

WOMEN ON MISSION MEETING Mission Second Saturday Gathering!

Saturday, May 10, 9:30 A.M.

**Held at: Franklin Baptist Association
785 Butterfield Dr., Union, MO 63084**

Speaker: Sarah Fisher Harvey
Author, Speaker, Recording Artist, Missionary to India
and mother of ten.

Camp News/Needs

CAMP RESERVATIONS – Churches please call the association office if you would like to schedule a date(s) to use our Retreat Center.

Also, please call if you/your church could adopt a maintenance/repair project: such as cut and split firewood, inside and outside painting, replace faucets and valves, and other needs.

CAMP DATES

BOYS' CAMP – JULY 7-11
GIRLS' CAMP – JULY 14-18
YOUTH CAMP - JULY 20-23
DAY CAMP – AUGUST 4-7

Registration packets will be mailed by mid-May.

CAMP POOL RENOVATION/

We ask each church to prayerfully consider making a commitment for as generous donation as possible over the next year. Donations should be over and above regular association giving and designated as "Pool Fund". If your church has not yet scheduled a pool renovation presentation, please schedule one in the next few weeks. If you have questions, or want to schedule a campaign presentation, please contact 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.

Church News

PASTORLESS CHURCH: Calvary, Calvey, Faith, Lighthouse, New Friendship, New Hope and Oak Grove. Please pray for these churches while they search for a pastor. Feel free to recommend pastor candidates.

Green Mound — Will be hosting "Ronnie & Mary Lou Warren" on May 11 at 10:30 a.m. They travel to churches across America to share their music and ministry: To introduce people to Jesus Christ, encourage Churches and inspire believers to use their God given talents for the Lord.

Pacific Heights — Will host a Missouri Association for Creation event May 30, 7-9 pm, and 31st, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The agenda will be posted on May 5 at mcreation.org.

Stanton, FBC — Will be conducting a deacon ordination for Mason Horn on June 8 at 2:30p.m. They would like to invite ordained men from the association to participate. Also, on May 4th will host Final Authority at 7:00 p.m.

D.J. and Cheryl Stahlman To plant a new church

The Stahlmans are planting a new church in Glendive, MT. They will be moving and start ministry there in June. Please remember them in prayer and consider financially supporting them.

HIRING

Central Baptist Church Preschool is hiring teachers for the 25-26 school year. Contact Pam Dubuque, Director at 636/938-5577 or weeschool@cbcserves.org for information and/or to get an application.

CHURCH SAFETY SEMINAR

Presented by Franklin Co. Sheriff's Dept.

May 31th
8 am-noon

Held at
Franklin Baptist Association
Ministry Center

Free Event—Donation received for Backstoppers
*Register by May 29 at 636/583-2639, or
<https://tinyurl.com/mtkssz86>
Limited Seating!