

1……Time Change — Set Clocks Back One Hour
1……Youth Event, Fall Hike to Pickle Springs Natural Area near Farmington
5……..“Confluence” Redemption Road Church in Winfield
10…..……..Ministers’ Meeting, 10:30 a.m., M.C. (Rescheduled from 11/9)
10…….Youth Leaders Mtg., 6:00 p.m., M.C.
14..……Youth Event, Dare-2-Share Youth Rally, 10 a.m., Union FBC.
14.....WOM Meeting, 9:30 a.m. M.C
16…….. Mission Metro Quarterly Mtg.
16-23…….Operation Christmas Child Collection Week
18……..Youth Service, Operation Christmas Child, Union FBC
26……..Thanksgiving Day
26-27…….Thanksgiving Day Observance — Office Closed
29-Dec 3...Operation Christmas Child trip to North Carolina



29-6…….Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
7…… Ministers’ and Wives Christmas Appreciation Dinner, TBA
7-9….. Operation Christmas Child trip to Aurora, IL
8…… Youth Leaders Mtg., 6:00 p.m., Ministry Center
12…….. Women on Missions Mtg., 9:30 a.m., M.C.
24-26….Office Closed for Christmas holiday
31…….. Youth New Year’s Eve Event.

*Please check our association website and Facebook page for any updates.

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 November.

Nov. 1: New Beginnings and New Chapel Hill
Nov. 8: New Friendship and New Hope
Nov. 15: Oak Grove and Pacific
Nov. 22: Pacific Heights and Prospect
Nov. 29: Ridge at Gerald and Ridge at Leslie

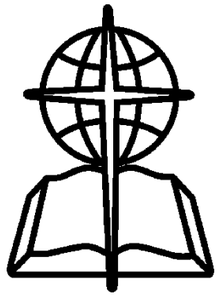


“DARE-2-SHARE”
Held at: Union, FBC
Nov. 14 – 10 a.m.

THE CHALLENGER
Franklin Baptist Association
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NEW FRIENDSHIP
NEW HOPE
OAK GROVE
PACIFIC
PACIFIC HEIGHTS
PROSPECT
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INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS OFFERING AND PRAYER EMPHASIS

Week of Prayer - Nov. 29– Dec. 6

- During December please remember to pray for and give a generous offering for our International Missions Work. 100% of this offering goes directly to support over 3,500 International Missionaries.
- Please pray for all our IMB Missionaries serving in foreign fields.
- Please pray for more people to respond to God’s call to serve as International Missionaries.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering For International Missions

National offering goal: $215,000,000

CAMP POOL RENOVATION/ REPLACEMENT FUND/CAMPAIGN

The association continues to conduct an association-wide campaign to raise funds to fully renovate our 60 year old pool. Our estimate for full renovation is $300,000, including improvements to the pool house. Our plan/goal is to do the renovation after receiving the majority of the funds. We currently have received $130,000. This is a huge endeavor, but we have a huge God.

We ask each church to prayerfully consider as generous donation as possible over the next year. Donations should be over and above regular association giving and designated as “Pool Fund”. If you have questions or would like to schedule a Pool Campaign Presentation, please contact Association Office.

From the Director of Missions...

As I write this the leaves are starting their annual turn to a beautiful array of colors to the glory of God! I love this time of year! As we turn our attention to November, the highlight is upon the Thanksgiving holiday. The Bible teaches it is good for us to give thanks to the Lord for His goodness. We know all of our blessings come from God, and to Him we should be thankful and give praise. Being thankful is also beneficial for helping lift us from states of discouragement and disillusion. By being thankful we glorify God, strengthen ourselves and are a blessing to others. I trust God's grace will enable you and me to be thankful in our heart and mind and show it outwardly in our speech and life this month, and all year long.

I want to remind and encourage our churches to pray for, plan, promote and enthusiastically conduct the Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions in the month of December. 100 % of this offering goes directly to the support of nearly 4,000 Southern Baptist missionaries who are serving in almost every nation around our globe through our International Missions Board. With the significant increases in costs of overseas missions work, this offering is needed more than ever. Of course, as usual, great promotional and informational material is available for this emphasis through our state convention WMU.

One of the other major emphases in November in recent years is the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox collection. This has grown to be a great gesture of kindness as well as an outstanding evangelistic tool each year to reach millions of children as well as their families around the world with a powerful gospel witness. These boxes are distributed through local Christian leaders who help recipients know the love of Christ and how to trust Christ as Savior and Lord. Many Baptist churches, including most of our association churches, and individuals have adopted this as a primary tool anyone can do to help fulfill the great commission. This is "world missions" work done right here from home! I strongly support this united evangelism effort and encourage every family to try to sponsor at least a couple of these shoeboxes. You can even purchase and pack a box online and not have to worry about physically buying and packing items or delivering boxes to a local drop-off location. Also, if able, please consider volunteering to help at one of the local shoebox collection locations.

November is also a time to finalize the ingathering of the year's harvest from the fields. It reminds me we still have a harvest of souls to reap unto the Lord's storehouse in heaven. Like the harvest of the crops of the field, the harvest must be completed while available. The longer the harvest is delayed, the more the loss of part or all of the harvest. We must prioritize this work of harvesting of souls while it is available. That is why Jesus instructed the disciples (us) to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers to enter the harvest while it is white and ready. This year our special association-wide focus will again be on prayer and evangelism. I invite and challenge you to join hands and hearts with church members from across our association to make prayer and evangelism a high priority personally and as a church. At least 70% of our county do not know Christ as Savior and are on the road to eternal doom. Research shows many of these are open to the gospel. We need God to quicken us to agonize over the condition of the unsaved and to empower us to constantly share the gospel of eternal life that we might see a mighty harvest of souls for eternity!

Praying earnestly!

Brother 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 significate changes to your normal giving. Also, please inform our office of any pool renovation fund commitments.

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SEPTEMBER FINANCE REPORT

Monthly Budget Requirement:	$18,488
September Budget Contributions:	$ 10,920
Budget Receipts—Since September 1:	$ 10,920
Ending Checking Balance, 9/30/26:	$ 3,745
Pool Fund Receipts For September:	$ 2,197
Pool Fund Receipts To Date:	$ 132,135

DARE-2-SHARE YOUTH RALLY

November 14th at 10 a.m.

Union FBC

EL SALVADOR & MONTANA MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

If you or your church would be interested in going on, or helping sponsor, a mission trip to El Salvador this January or February, or to Montana next June, please contact our office or Mike Royal, our Mission Chair, this month.

WOMEN ON MISSION MEETING
Mission Second Saturday Gathering!

Saturday, November 14, 9:30 a.m.

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

FBA MAILING ADDRESS

When you send mail to the association office please **only address** as: **PO Box 310, Union, MO 63084**

Camp News/Needs

Please call if you/your church could adopt a maintenance/repair project: we always need volunteers to help with general cleaning, and several painting and small repair projects.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoebox Collection Week, Nov. 16-23

Contact the churches for collection times.

Union FBC, Central, St. Clair Southern, Temple and Washington FBC will be the local collection sites for Christmas Shoeboxes for Franklin County. Volunteers from our association churches are asked to help receive, pack & transport shoe boxes.

For more information contact Chris Fusco, Union FBC, 636-583-2386 or www.fbcunion.org. Contact Central, 636-938-5577 or www.cbcserves.org. Contact St. Clair Southern, 636-629-0612 or www.sc-sbc.org. Contact Temple, 573-468-8044 or www.tbcsullivan.com. Contact Washington FBC, 636-239-6209 or www.fbcwashmo.com.

AGAPE HOUSE



Your help would be greatly appreciated. They would like new unwrapped toys for ages 4 – 13, especially 9-13, or cash for toys. They are expecting as many as 400 children. Food items for food baskets and wrapping paper are also needed. Please contact Brother Jim Armistead at 636-629-0053 (8-11 a.m.) or his cell 314-630-6788. Would like to receive items by December 15th.

"CROSS CON" 2027

American's Center, St. Louis
December 31—January 2, 2027

This is a conference for young adults (18-25) that focuses on the Gospel, Church, and Missions—which guide everything that happens at CROSS CON27. They keep us focused and keep us from wandering from our mission. More info. & registration at **https://www.crosscon.com. For possible $20 discount, contact association office.**

Church News

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

ANACONDA — Baptized 5 recently. Praise the Lord!

THE RIDGE CHURCH AT VILLA RIDGE — Bro. Roger Johnson announced his plans to retire as of December 31.

UPWARD BASKETBALL AND CHEER LEAGUE

Christ based basketball and cheer league. This is a great fellowship time for kids from Kindergarten to 12th grade. Registration is open until November 8, 2026. Register online: https://registration.upward.org/UPW91273 Practice starts in December and the games are from January to February.

The Ridge Church at Villa Ridge is starting Homeschool Gym for the school year from 11 to 1. For more information please contact The Ridge at 636-742-3662

FRANKLIN COUNTY TOY GIVEAWAY

The Franklin County Free Toy Giveaway provides toys to local families each Christmas. Last year, we served 268 families and over 900 children, and we are looking to another year of spreading joy throughout our community.

Donations of new and gently used toys, stuffed animals, books, puzzles, and baby items are greatly appreciated. Donations are running low this year, and every contribution makes a difference.

Volunteers Needed!

Toy Cleaning: December 8, 10 a.m.—2 p.m.
Toy Giveaway: December 9 at 5:30 p.m.
Cleanup: Following the event.

All volunteers are appreciated! To donate, volunteer, or ask questions, call or text Katherine Sikes: 636-428-4771.

FBA ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

We had a good annual meeting at Memorial Baptist Church on September 27. We thank Memorial for graciously hosting us. Other than regular reports and worship times, we approved committees for next year, approved the annual budget..