



- 4.....Independence Day Holiday Observed
- 5-9.....Boys' Camp
Minister's Mtg. (Canceled for July)
Youth Leaders Mtg. (Canceled for July)
- 9..... Personnel Committee Meeting
- 11..... WMU/WOM Mtg., 9:30 a.m., Ministry Center
- 13-17....Girls' Camp
- 14.....Assoc. Council Annual Calendaring & Budgeting
mtg., 6:30 pm
- 19-22....Youth Camp
- 20.....Budget Committee Mtg., Ministry Center
- 27-30... Day Camp (this is a Mon.-Thur.)



- 1-15.....Emphasis on Prayer Walking for the start of school
- 5-9..... Washington Town & Country Fair
- 8..... WMU Mtg. /East Central Reg. Equip. Conf.,
St. Clair Southern Baptist
- 14..... Youth Back to School Retreat, Spring Bluff Retreat
Center (tentative)
- 10.....Executive Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., MC
- 11..... Youth Leaders Mtg., 6:00 p.m., MC
- 17.....Ministers' Mtg., 10:30 a.m., Ministry Center
- 17.....Mission Metro Quarterly, Faith Bible Church,
Jennings
- 27.....Ministry Confluence Meeting, 9-1, location TBA

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 July.

- July 5: Oak Grove and Pacific
- July 12: Pacific Heights and Prospect
- July 19: Ridge Church at Gerald and
Ridge Church at Leslie
- July 26: Ridge Church at Pacific and
Ridge Church at Union



BACK TO SCHOOL, YOUTH RETREAT
(for students entering 7th-12 grades)

AUGUST 14, 6:00 pm—Midnight

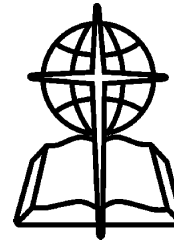
SPRING BLUFF RETREAT CENTER
\$10 per person (due with registration form)
Register through your church

(WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION)

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2026 ASSOCIATIONAL CAMP KITCHEN HELP CHURCH ASSIGNMENTS

The women (or men) of your church are asked to come help in the kitchen at our Franklin Baptist Association Camp in Spring Bluff, according to the following schedule. The number of helpers needed from your church and time needed are in parentheses. Your workers are needed **even** if you have no campers from your church. If your workers can't come at the scheduled time, please call the Associational Office at 636-583-2639 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, or if during camp call the camp at 573-457-8346. We will try to get someone if you cannot get volunteers. **OUR KIDS COUNT ON US. This is cooperative "missions in action".**

BOYS WEEK (July 5-9) Head Cooks: Leesa Richardson

	<u>LUNCH (9:30 am -1:30 pm)</u>	<u>DINNER (3:30 pm-7:30 pm)</u>
Sunday, July 5	-----	Gerald Ridge (3)
Monday, July 6	New Hope (2), Union Ridge (2)	St. Clair, FBC (3)
Tuesday, July 7	Gray Summit (3)	St. Clair Southern (2) Faith (2)
Wednesday, July 8	Oak Grove (3)	Compass Ministries (3-4)
Thursday, July 9	Charrette (3-4)	New Friendship (2)
GIRLS WEEK (July 13-17) Head Cook: Mandy Thomas		
	<u>LUNCH (9:00 am-1:30 pm)</u>	<u>DINNER (3:00-7:00 pm)</u>
Monday, July 13	-----	Ridge at Villa Ridge (4)
Tuesday, July 14	Washington, First (4)	Evergreen (3) Shiloh (2)
Wednesday, July 15	Green Mound (2) Faith (2)	Anaconda (2) Temple (3)
Thursday, July 16	Calvary (4)	Memorial (3) New Chapel Hill (2)
Friday, July 17	Prospect (3), Central (3)	-----

YOUTH CAMP (July 19-22) Head Cook: Lisa McLellan

Volunteer helpers will be Union, FBC

DAY CAMP (July 27-30) Head Cook: Loretta Murphy

We will need volunteers to help Monday - Thursday.

Please call the association office if you or your church can volunteer to help prepare snacks and lunch.

NOTE: The other FCBA churches not listed above are asked to help with "DAY CAMP" and to be on standby to fill in when needed by another church (Calvey, Grace, Living Stones, Mt. Calvary, New Beginnings, Pacific, Pacific Heights, Ridge at Leslie, Ridge at Pacific, Rose Hill, Stanton FBC, Virginia Mines, and the Way.)

From the Director of Missions...

The Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting was held in Orlando this month. Almost 12,000 Messengers from SBC churches attended this year's annual meeting, including at several from our association churches. It was a good convention overall. Willy Price, Pastor at Calvary Church in Clearwater, was elected as SBC President. One of the most notable actions was approval of an amendment to clarify that only a man may serve as Pastor of a church in good standing with our SBC. Over 1,000 made professions of faith in the Orlando Crossover efforts preceding the annual meeting. Messengers and churches were challenged to renew our passion and efforts for reaching the unsaved and fulfilling the Lord's Great Commission.

In July we will have our association church camps, Lord willing! Our camps are always a highlight of the year with many children accepting Christ, rededicating their lives and just experiencing good Christian growth and fellowship with other Christians. We always are blessed with a great, dedicated staff with good program plans for grades 1-12. Please remember the camps and camp leaders in your prayer where many kids (and adults) will likely be impacted for eternity. Also, remember these camps are led by, and for the benefit of our association churches. Most of our churches are also scheduled to help with cooking and serving a meal one day at camp. We need YOUR help on the day YOUR church is scheduled, even if you do not have any campers from your church that week. Church camp weeks take much time and effort, and we need all our churches to help share the load. This is **truly cooperative missions** in action right here at home. You can see the church kitchen assignments on the front of this newsletter. Please check the assignments ASAP and contact our office if you have a conflict on the date your church has been assigned. We will try to reschedule. We also can always use help with mowing and weed eating before camps the first week of July.

In July and August many of our association churches will be conducting VBS and doing or assisting in a variety of mission outreaches and projects. One of those outreach efforts will be hosting a ministry booth again at Washington Fair August 5-9. We still could use more sponsor churches, volunteers and donations for this outreach ministry to the thousands who attend the fair. Let us know if you would consider helping with any of these projects. Please pray for our sister churches in this time of evangelistic outreach.

Praying for revival in our lives, churches and country. 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 significant changes to your normal giving. Also, please inform our office of any pool renovation fund commitments.

MAY FINANCE REPORT

Monthly Budget Requirement:	\$ 17,807
May Budget Contributions:	\$ 16,191
<u>Budget Receipts—Since September:</u>	\$127,496
<u>Ending Checking Balance, 5/31/26:</u>	\$ 60,971
<u>Pool Fund Receipts For May:</u>	\$ 2,312
<u>Pool Fund Receipts To Date:</u>	\$ 113,496

FBA COMMITTEE & BUDGET SUGGESTIONS

In July and August we will be finalizing our plans and budget for the new associational year which begins September 1. We will also soon be working to fill committee positions. If you have any suggestions for the budget or for committee positions, please contact our office by July 21.

Associational Council Annual Calendar & Budgeting Meeting

Ministry Center

July 14 at 6:30 p.m.

WOMEN ON MISSION MEETING Mission Second Saturday Gathering!

Saturday, July 11, 9:30 A.M.

“The Joy of Singing: Sabbath of Song”
(Bring a snack to share)

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

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.

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR CAMPS. Churches are asked to collect/donate paper towels & Styrofoam cups (10 or 12 oz. ONLY) for use at camp. (No toilet paper needed.) Please bring items to the Ministry Center by July 3.

OTHER CAMP NEEDS:

We could use a couple of campers during our three camp weeks for camp staff. Please contact the Association Office if you have one available.

SEND A CHILD TO CAMP

Would you consider sending a child to camp this summer and give a needy boy or girl an experience that could change their life forever? There is no better way for an individual or church to invest in eternal things than giving to missions and the camp is a mission field where eternal decisions are made. Where could you make a better investment? To send a child to camp, make the check payable to: Franklin Baptist Association. In the memo write, “camper fee donation”. Camp fees donations need to be paid by June 26.

ASSOCIATION FAIR MINISTRY

We are again planning to have an evangelism booth at the Washington Town & Country Fair, August 5-9. If you or your church would be interested in participating in helping to sponsor/man a day at the fair, please contact the association office, ASAP.

EL SALVADOR MISSION OPPORTUNITY

If you or your church would be interested in going on, or helping sponsor, a mission to El Salvador this October or next February, please contact our office, or Mike Royal, our Missions Chair, for details.

Church News

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

Calvey—Has called for Kevin Applegate to be ordained to the Gospel Ministry. An ordination service is scheduled for July 26 at 3 pm Ordained men from sister churches requested to attend. A per-ordination questioning is scheduled for July 12 at 3 pm at the FBA Ministry Center.

Evergreen - Is happy to report they baptized 10 on June 7, mostly adults. PTL!

Stanton, FBC—will host a VBS on July 27 with a kick off, 1-4 and VBS July 28-30, 5-8 pm.

Temple — Has good, clean used literature available to any church wanting it. If interested contact Veronica Muessemeyer at 573/468-6431.

Washington, FBC—July 20-24, 9 am-noon, Grade K -6th. Register at FBCWASHMO.COM

Way Church, The — Held their first public worship service on June 7. They had 115 in attendance and a great Jesus Party afterwards! Thanks to everyone that helped with volunteers and donations. Please pray for the church as it ministers effectively to the Moselle community.

CHURCH MISSION TRIPS — Please submit info on any mission trips you have planned so we can pray for and support them. Also, please let us know if mission trip is open to others to go.

DIVORCE CARE AND RECOVERY GROUP PROGRAM

In May we will be starting a Divorce Care and Recovery Group program at the Association Center on Tuesdays at 1 pm. As needed, we will consider other times. Paul Niemoeller, a licensed therapist and our Association Family Ministries Director will be leading this program. If interested in participating, please call or text Brother Paul at 636-484-4789.