

April

- 1: Connect
- 7: Baptism Sunday
- 7-8: State Evangelism Conference
- 12-13: Hispanic Pastor Retreat
- 15: Pastor Perks
- 19: Forerunner News Due
- 22-27: Fish Fry'
- 24: Secretary's Day
- 27: State Bible Drill, Milan 1st Baptist

May

- 2: National Day of Prayer
- 6: Connect
- 7: Executive Board- McDavid Grove, 7:00pm
- 12: Mother's Day
- 13: Senior Adult Luncheon, Paris 1st, 11:00am
- 17: Forerunner News Due
- 19: Day of Prayer for VBS
- 20: Pastor Perks
- 22-25: DOM Retreat
- 27: Memorial Day- Office Closed

The Forerunner

NEWSLETTER OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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CHRISTIAN CONCERT

THE JONATHAN TURNER BAND

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24
Henry County Fairgrounds, Enoch Building
7:00PM - 8:45PM • \$5 donation

ENTERTAINMENT BY: THE JONATHAN TURNER BAND

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Someone has said that April is nature's bridge that leads from winter to summer. Well that is certainly true as we are busy making plans for the World's Biggest Fish Fry. We've already gotten some churches lined up for providing breakfast and lunch. We are still needing individual snacks, water and drinks provided. And we are excited to announce that we have the Johnathan Turner Band coming back to lead our Christian Concert on April 24 at 7 pm. I hope your churches will make plans to join us for this great night of worship. I know several of our ladies will be attending the WMU Missions Get Together April 11 – 13 at Brentwood Baptist Church. Sandy Loudon is serving as one of the Vice Presidents. Pray for Sandy and all of the women who will be attending this. We are also looking forward to having Randy Davis, Executive Director of the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board as our guest speaker for our Senior Adult Luncheon on Monday May 13 at Paris 1st Baptist at 11 am. You can call the WDBA Ministry Center to let us know if you plan attend 731-642-4641. Pastors and wives are invited and your cost is covered by the WDBA. Randy is going to share with us about the new Acts 2:17 Initiative. We currently have 9 people who are planning to go with us to Guatemala June 25 – July 2nd. This will be our last mission trip to Guatemala as we begin to look at other countries for us to serve.

We will be working with Hector and Ingrid again to help them as they plant a new church. Our plans are to do VBS and evangelism. One way we will do evangelism is to buy water filtration systems. As you know fresh water is in short supply in Guatemala and most homes do not have access to fresh water. As we share fresh water we can also share about the Living Water of Jesus. If your church is planning a VBS, revival or some other type of outreach this summer please let us know so we can put it in the Forerunner. Also if your church wants a mission project for your VBS we invite you to help us buy the water filtration systems. They cost \$50 each. If you are using the Lifeway theme it fits perfect with the beach theme. In May Mary will celebrate being with us 20 years. We will recognize her at the May Executive Board Meeting on May 7th at McDavid Grove Baptist. April 24 is Secretary's Day so I hope you will send her a card letting her know how much you appreciate her years of service. On April 1, I celebrated being with the Association for 23 years. It is a joy to serve as your Associational Missionary. Thank you for your continued support.

<><In Him,

Bro Jim



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Birthdays

- 1- Cael Mathis- Ramble Creek
- 4- Dottie Campbell- Central Point
- 9- Lori Chadwick- Puryear
- 23- Kenny Loudon- McRae's Chapel
- 25- Gerald Scott- Temple
- 25- Hazel Willhite- Big Sandy 1st
- 28- Jonathan Pope- Springhill



**ENGLISH AS A SECOND
LANGUAGE
VOLUNTEERS TRAINING**

**Faro Baptist Church is looking for
volunteers for our ESL Ministry. You
don't need to speak a foreign language
or be a certified school teacher. More
info please contact pastor Enmanuel
(731)227-3241**

**1160 TYSON
AVENUE PARIS TN
38242 (WDBA BUILDING)**

**SATURDAY
MARCH 16TH
9 - 11 AM**





Strawberry Cheesecake Lasagna

- 2 (8 oz) packages cream cheese, softened
 - 3/4 cup [Imperial Sugar Extra Fine Granulated Sugar](#)
 - 2 cups heavy whipping cream
 - 1/2 cup [Imperial Sugar Confectioners Powdered Sugar](#)
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 1 box graham crackers
 - 2 pounds fresh strawberries, diced
1. Using an electric mixer beat cream cheese and sugar together until smooth and creamy. Pour into a separate bowl and set aside.**1**
 2. Whip heavy cream, using the whisk attachment of a mixer, until you have soft peaks. Add powdered sugar and vanilla. Whip until stiff peaks.**2**
 3. Fold whipped cream into cream cheese mixture.**3**
 4. Place a single layer of graham crackers into the bottom of a 13x9-inch baking dish. Spread 1/2 of the whipped cream mixture over the crackers. Add 1/2 the strawberries. Repeat with another layer of crackers and the remaining cream and strawberries.**4**
 5. Place in fridge for 4-5 hours before serving.

Hi Ladies,

For His Glory is the theme for Get-together this year.

“...so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ,” 1 Peter 4:11c. There are 6 ladies attending this year. We will give you a report when we return.

Join us on **April 17th at 11:00 am central time** for a Great Commission Conversation as we hear about a Tennessee ministry and then pray for them.

The conversation via video conference will last approximately thirty minutes. You can stay the whole time or come in and out of the meeting as needed. After the live video conference meeting, a recorded version of the meeting will be placed online for others to view.

The Monday before the Great Commission Conversation, those who have signed up will receive the information to join the meeting using Zoom.

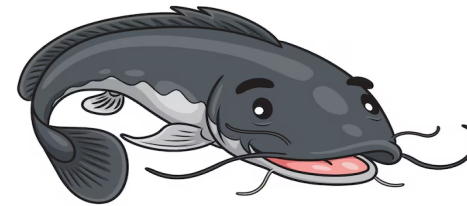
This is Fish Fry month. So please be praying for this ministry that someone might get saved. This is an awesome ministry.

We are working on an event for our district ladies in the next few months. We will keep you updated.

Sandy

**FOR HIS
GLORY**

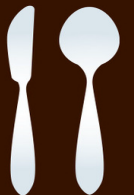
MISSIONS
GET-TOGETHER
April 11-13, 2024
Brentwood Baptist
Brentwood, TN



Join us each morning to serve the carnival workers breakfast and lunch. Stop by the fairgrounds, April 22-27, or call the office for more details! 731-642-4641.



Senior Adult
LUNCH



Paris 1st Baptist
Monday, **May 13**, 2024

Guest Speaker: Randy Davis,
Executive Director, TBMB

11:00am, \$5.00 per person
Call the WDBA to RSVP 731-642-4641

Church News

Bethany: Held sunrise service for Easter.

Friendship: Youth attended YEC and had one salvation decision. Russell Ragsdale, pastor.

Henry: Baptized one on Easter Sunday. John Sutton, pastor.

Mansfield: . 17th enjoyed our congregational singing for worship service. Then after the morning service we celebrated Mrs. Kay's birthday by having lunch. We are collecting the Annie Armstrong offering through the end of the month. Gerry Gallimore, pastor.

New Hope: Welcomed three new members, made 72 boxes for OPC. Prepared Christmas food baskets, Surpassed Lottie Moon offering goal, Contributed to Helping Hands Clifty day, Collected soap products for HC Food Bank, Ordained Mike Lineberry to the ministry. Mike & his wife Kathy, have been called to Oak Grove BC. Glynn Orr, pastor.

Oak Hill: Celebrated our congregation with the Hallelujah Class preparing a fellowship meal. Easter Cards mailed to those who are not able to attend services. Bro. Todd Henson will be our guest speaker on 4th Sunday. Larry Dukes, pastor.

Russwood: Several from the church went to see "The Promise" at Trace Creek on Mar 30. Sunrise service and Easter Egg hunt on Easter. Raymond Eaton, pastor.

Springville: Baptised one on Easter Sunday, Brian Parsons, pastor.

Union Friendship:.. We were blest to have Rudy and Rose French, evangelists to Korea, visit and share their ministry with us. We have set our Annie Armstrong Missions offering for \$875 this year. We are looking forward to a wonderful Easter service, praising and celebrating our risen Lord! Kerry Shopher, interim.

Cottage Grove Baptist Church

Seeking a piano player for Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings.

If interested, please call:

Don Drummond
731-644-9258



Please join us for a reception honoring:

Enmanuel & Haley Gudiel

Paris 1st Baptist – Orr Hall

April 14th, 2024 at 2:00pm

Gift cards are welcome to show appreciation for their service here. They have accepted a call of ministry and are moving to Brownsville, TN.

March 2024

	GENERAL	GIFTS	SUPPLIES		
	Fund	YR to Date	Other & Des	Disbursements	\$ Amount
Bethany	\$ 130.00	\$ 390.00		Payroll Expenses	\$ 6,479.67
Bethlehem	\$ 240.00	\$ 360.00		Admin expenses	\$ 3,801.19
Big Sandy, 1st	\$ -	\$ 483.84		Assoc. Ministries	\$ 1,485.00
Birds Creek	\$ -	\$ -		Education Exp.	\$ -
Buchanan	\$ -	\$ 539.90		Misc. Exp.	\$ 372.06
Central Point	\$ 86.40	\$ 268.50		Office Maintenance	\$ 1,331.35
Cottage Grove	\$ 169.32	\$ 504.36		Promotions of Prograr	\$ 178.91
Fairview	\$ 224.00	\$ 979.09		Shankle Designated	\$ -
Faro	\$ -	\$ 118.80		WDBA Ministries	\$ -
Faxon	\$ 59.00	\$ 220.60		Total Disbursements	\$ 13,648.18
Friendship	\$ -	\$ 200.00			
Henry	\$ 130.00	\$ 520.00			
Mansfield	\$ 161.89	\$ 506.18			
Maplewood	\$ 1,834.38	\$ 5,311.35			
McDavid Grove	\$ 200.00	\$ 800.00			
McRae's Chapel	\$ -	\$ -			
Mt. Sinai	\$ 330.00	\$ 704.00			
New Bethel	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00			
New Harmony	\$ 1,184.00	\$ 1,184.00			
New Hope	\$ -	\$ 600.00			
North Fork	\$ 150.00	\$ 450.00			
Oak Grove	\$ 246.54	\$ 740.80			
Oak Hill	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00			
Paris, 1st	\$ 2,205.64	\$ 8,029.69			
Point Pleasant	\$ 459.93	\$ 3,711.02			
Puryear	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00			
Ramble Creek	\$ 133.55	\$ 337.06			
Russwood	\$ 159.99	\$ 560.87			
Shady Grove	\$ 92.02	\$ 502.22			
Springhill	\$ 597.19	\$ 3,026.05			
Springville	\$ 125.00	\$ 375.00			
Temple	\$ -	\$ 322.04			
TVCC	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,200.00			
Union Friendship	\$ 164.15	\$ 451.88			
DOM Salary Supplement			\$ 853.00	Account For	\$ 22,676.21
Hispanic Ministry			\$ 640.00	Disbursements	\$ 13,648.18
Misc.			\$ 400.00	Bal. General Account	\$ 9,028.03
Carnival Ministry			\$ 150.00		
Guatemala			\$ 100.00		
Totals	\$ 10,183.00	\$ 34,497.25	\$ 2,143.00		
Total Rec. (Gen. Fun	\$ 12,326.00				

