

February

- 5: Connect- Rudy French
- 16: Forerunner News Due
- 18: Focus on WMU
- 19: Presidents' Day
- 19: Pastor Perks
- 22-23: DOM Meeting
- 25: Racial Reconciliation Day
- 26: Transitional Pastor training, Linden Valley
- 27: Executive Board- 7:00pm, Bethany BC

March

- 4: Connect
- 3-8: Week of Prayer for NAMB
- 8-9: YEC Union University
- 10: Daylight Savings Time
- 18: Pastor Perks
- 19: Forerunner News Due
- 24: Evangelism Commitment Sunday
- 29: Good Friday
- 31: Easter Sunday

The Forerunner

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February brings about Valentine's day with expressions of love with flowers and candy. God expressed His love to us this way, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him will have everlasting life." While we can express our love through acts that will last for a time, God's love last through all eternity when we give our lives to Jesus. The greatest expression of God's love you can do is to share your faith with someone who doesn't know God's love. Let me encourage you to share God's love with someone this month.

I know this is hard to believe but we are busy making plans for our ministry to the carnival workers at the World's Biggest Fish Fry. If your church would like to provide breakfast or lunch for one day please call the office 731-642-4641. We will also need individual treats like little Debbie cakes, chips, snacks, bottled water and can soft drinks. The World's Biggest Fish Fry is April 21 – 27. We are excited to have Noah Smith to be doing our Christian Concert on April 24. Noah is Johnathan Smith's son. We will be making our last trip to Guatemala June 25 – July 2nd. There will be a Guatemalan Team information meeting on Tuesday Feb 6 at 6:30. The approximate cost is \$1800 and that covers airfare and all in-country cost. We will be doing VBS, home visits and evangelism with our Guatemalan partners Ingrid and Hector. If you are interested, please let me know. Our Hispanic Church plant is in a time of transition. Emmanuel and Haley will be leaving us to go work with a church plant in

Brownsville. Edwin and Panchy have done a great job taking over leadership and we've seen several new believers in our Hispanic church. We will express our thanks to Emmanuel and Haley sometime at the end of the month. I will send out a notice on this.

Let me express my thanks to your understanding as I've had to handle my brother in laws funeral and then finding my sister some place to live with memory care. Alzheimer's is a terrible disease that robs people of their memory. My brother and I have responsibility for her care and we obviously are trying to get her the best care possible. The two things that have helped me through has been staying in God's Word and your prayers.

Paris 1st Baptist is having the Life Action team in for revival Feb 4 – 14. If you are free one night you will want to attend one of the services. Our first Executive Board meeting will be Feb 27 at Bethany Baptist Church at 7 pm. It is a joy to serve your churches and see how God is working. Let's all pray that God will give us "one more in 24." One more soul saved, one more baptism and one more on the road to discipleship.

◇◇ In Him,

Bro Jim



Birthdays

- 7- Bailee Pope-Springhill
- 8- Karen Dukes-Oak Hill
- 10- Pat Massey- North Fork
- 11- Travis Twilbeck
- 21- Kathy McBroom- Point Pleasant
- 23- Kristina Smith- Fairview



Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 27

Bethany BC

7:00pm



Cream Cheese Sausage Balls

- 8 ounce pork (hot)
 - 8 ounce pork sausage(mild)
 - 1 [8 oz block cream cheese](#)
 - 2 cups Bisquick baking mix
 - 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1. Preheat oven to 325F degrees.
 2. Mix together sausages and [cream cheese](#) in a mixing bowl, using a paddle attachment.
 - 8 ounce pork sausage, 8 ounce pork sausage, 1 8 oz block cream cheese
 3. Add in Bisquick baking mix and stir until combined.
 - 2 cups Bisquick baking mix
 4. Add in the cheese. Hand mixing might be needed. Stir until combined.
 - 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
 5. Scoop up sausage ball mixture using a 1-inch scoop and place on baking sheet, with space between the balls.
 6. Bake for 25 minutes or until golden brown and the cheese is crisp.
 7. Remove from the baking sheet immediately if you did not use parchment or a silicone mat.

Hi Ladies,
I hope 2024 is off to a good start for each of you. February 18th is Focus on WMU Sunday:
Below are some ideas to help celebrate.

Ideas for celebrating Focus on WMU Sunday:

- Ask your pastor for time during the morning worship service to have someone share a WMU testimony/story. Look for someone whose life has been impacted by her mission involvement. Keep the testimony limited to the time the pastor gives you.
- Create a slideshow to share with your church using photos that tell the story of your mission groups and recent missions' efforts.
- Design a bulletin insert, social media presentation, bulletin board or other display showing the big picture of WMU in your church. Highlight support of mission work and missionaries, special missions' offerings, mission action projects, details about missions discipleship group meetings, upcoming events, prayer prompts, etc.
- Kick off Focus on WMU Sunday with a churchwide missions project that gets church members outside the walls of the church giving hands-on missions experience.
- Invite a Tennessee WMU staff member or another state WMU officer/leader to share with your church in person or virtually during worship or during a gathering of your women.

Let's really pray and lift the WMU, it is such an awesome ministry.
It's time to register for Missions Get-Together April 11 - 13, 2024. The event this year will be in Brentwood, TN, not too far away. You will not want to miss this event

FOR HIS GLORY

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

YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE
FEBRUARY 3RD, 2024
8:00AM-5:00PM
\$10.00 PER PERSON

SPEAKERS: PJ DUNN, ANDY ABRAMSON, RYAN KEATON
WORSHIP: DAVID DENNIS

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

T-M: Tennessee Baptist MISSION BOARD

Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering

MAKE JESUS KNOWN

GIVE TODAY
OUR CHURCH GOAL

North American Mission Board
AnnieArmstrong.com
100% of your gifts support North American missionaries

Church News

Union Friendship:.. We enjoyed our Fifth Sunday singing on New Year's Eve. Our Lottie Moon offering this year totaled \$570. We are very thankful to be able to support so many local, state, national and foreign missions. Kerry Shopher, interim.

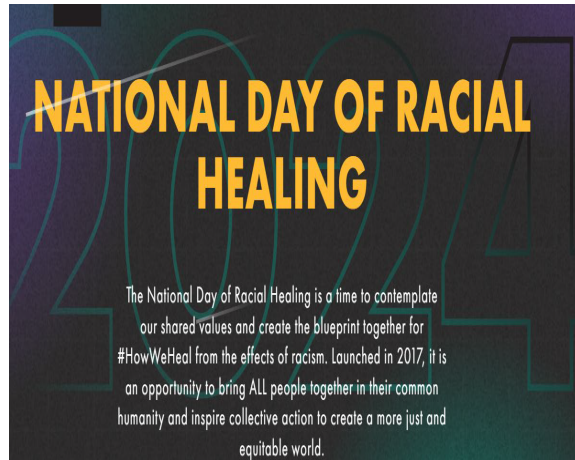


Henry: Henry Baptist had several new members join our church either by baptism or letter throughout 2023. We had a total of 16 new members. So far we have had 2 new members join within January. We are currently making plans for VBS sometime in July. This will be the first time in many years that our church has hosted VBS. We also replaced lights in our marquee sign recently. John Sutton, pastor.

Mansfield:. Dec 31, 5th Sunday had congregation singing. Donated to Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Collected snacks for HCMC surgery waiting area. Gerry Gallimore, pastor.

Maplewood: 2 additions by profession of faith for baptism. 3 baptisms. Held monthly Men's Breakfast Fellowship. Observed Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Participated in Sanctity of Human Life Baby Bottle Drive for Tomorrow's Hope Pregnancy Medical Clinic. Provided dinner/devotion for University of Tennessee's BCM. Provided volunteers for HCHS Basketball Concessions Ben Whitmire, pastor.

Oak Hill: Youth presented Christmas program, "Twelve Days of Christmas". Monetary donation to Henry County Food Bank and Helping Hand. Donated Snacks to the HCMC Surgery waiting room. Donated Baby Car seat to Tomorrow's Hope Blessings Closet. Collecting Items for WDBA disaster relief box for the month of January. Larry Dukes, pastor.



January 2024

| | GENERAL | GIFTS | SUPPLIES | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| | Fund | YR to Date | Other & Des | Disbursements | \$ Amount |
| Bethany | \$ 130.00 | \$ 130.00 | | Payroll Expenses | \$ 6,479.67 |
| Bethlehem | \$ 120.00 | \$ 120.00 | | Admin expenses | \$ 3,297.66 |
| Big Sandy, 1st | \$ 211.50 | \$ 211.50 | | Assoc. Ministries | \$ 26.31 |
| Birds Creek | \$ - | \$ - | | Education Exp. | \$ - |
| Buchanan | \$ 539.90 | \$ 539.90 | | Misc. Exp. | \$ 680.23 |
| Central Point | \$ 110.55 | \$ 110.55 | | Office Maintenance | \$ 2,140.95 |
| Cottage Grove | \$ 203.34 | \$ 203.34 | | Promotions of Program | \$ - |
| Fairview | \$ 393.84 | \$ 393.84 | | Shankle Designated | \$ - |
| Faro | \$ 118.80 | \$ 118.80 | | WDBA Ministries | \$ - |
| Faxon | \$ 112.10 | \$ 112.10 | | Total Disbursements | \$ 12,624.82 |
| Friendship | \$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 | | | |
| Henry | \$ 260.00 | \$ 260.00 | | | |
| Mansfield | \$ 236.21 | \$ 236.21 | | | |
| Maplewood | \$ 1,985.50 | \$ 1,985.50 | | | |
| McDavid Grove | \$ 400.00 | \$ 400.00 | | | |
| McRae's Chapel | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| Mt. Sinai | \$ 212.00 | \$ 212.00 | | | |
| New Bethel | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | | | |
| New Harmony | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| New Hope | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| North Fork | \$ 150.00 | \$ 150.00 | | | |
| Oak Grove | \$ 287.41 | \$ 287.41 | | | |
| Oak Hill | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| Paris, 1st | \$ 4,064.38 | \$ 4,064.38 | | | |
| Point Pleasant | \$ 3,251.09 | \$ 3,251.09 | | | |
| Puryear | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | | | |
| Ramble Creek | \$ 121.16 | \$ 121.16 | | | |
| Russwood | \$ 206.53 | \$ 206.53 | | | |
| Shady Grove | \$ 410.20 | \$ 410.20 | | | |
| Springhill | \$ 1,918.82 | \$ 1,918.82 | | | |
| Springville | \$ 125.00 | \$ 125.00 | | | |
| Temple | \$ 177.00 | \$ 177.00 | | | |
| TVCC | \$ 400.00 | \$ 400.00 | | | |
| Union Friendship | \$ 158.88 | \$ 158.88 | | | |
| DOM Salary Supplement | | | \$ 853.00 | Account For | \$ 30,853.31 |
| Hispanic Ministry | | | \$ 300.00 | Disbursements | \$ 12,624.82 |
| Misc. | | | \$ 112.00 | Bal. General Account | \$ 18,228.49 |
| Carnival Ministry | | | \$ - | | |
| Guatemala | | | \$ - | | |
| Totals | \$ 16,704.21 | \$ 16,704.21 | \$ 1,265.00 | | |
| Total Rec. (Gen. Fun | \$ 17,969.21 | | | | |