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The Network



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HARVEST FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, August 23

Brewer St. Parking Lot

****Volunteers needed at 7 a.m.***

From the Pastor's Desk

In just a few weeks, we will host a Life Action team for our Refuel Conference on September 7-10. During this four-day conference, we will have the opportunity to worship together and to be challenged from God's Word by revivalist Steve Canfield. As in the past, there will be special meetings for children and students, as well as a Ladies Luncheon on Tuesday of that week. I hope you will begin now praying and preparing your heart for our time together.

As we prepare for the Life Action team to arrive, we still have a couple of needs. We need loaner vehicles for the team members to use during their week with us. You can contact Mike Williams if you have one available. We also still need host homes for the team members. You can contact Karen Peale if you have questions or would like to host team members in your home. Consider the testimonies of host families from our previous Life Action conferences.

"As a host to three of the men with Life Action, it was a blessing to witness their passion for the Gospel, first-hand. With their presence in our home came a renewed sense of purpose and encouragement. Their dedication to serving the Lord and others was deeply moving. Sharing meals and conversations with them enriched our family and provided a unique glimpse into the impact of mission work. The stories shared offered inspiration, and their example strengthened our faith. Their love of the Lord was apparent, as they worked long hours each day to bring our congregation powerful messages and music, impacting our emotional and spiritual hearts. Their prayers around our table were particularly touching as it demonstrated the power of faith and the importance of service with dependence upon God's grace. We really enjoyed our personal time with them in our home, and we thank them for their continued commitment to God's call. We are grateful for the blessing of sharing a small part in their journey through opening our home to host. We pray for their ministry and safe travels, as they strive to reach hearts and transform lives, as we look forward to them being here in September!" - Dave & Tammi Bennett

"Despite our ages at the time, (78 & 80) we gladly accepted the request to house three young ladies ... and we have housed every time since! What a blessing we received as we heard each of their testimonies and witnessed, first-hand, their walks with the Lord. We were so impressed with their lives and have prayed for them and stayed connected with some of them. One of the girls even sent us pictures of her boyfriend when he proposed to her, which was so sweet! We continue to pray for all of them, and our lives were enriched by the time we spent with them. We anxiously await our next group of girls in September!" - Dave & Anne Cullen

"When asked to write a short testimony about our experience as a host home, my mind was filled with words; words like blessings, laughter, conversations, faith, love, and service. The simplest thing I can say about our time with Life Action's team members, Bradley and Christian, is that they quickly became part of our family. We became their "mom and dad", and they became "kiddos" to us. At first, I had thought, two weeks! Wow! That's a long time! However, by the end of week one, we knew two weeks was not even long enough. We had grown to love the kids as our own. We enjoyed our quick morning visits and prayer time together before we started our day, and we looked forward to our talks each evening! Mainly God taught us, by opening our home, He would pour out rich blessings and we would gain connections and relationships that still continue today. We are so excited about hosting again as Life Action returns next month. If you feel God is leading you to host, TRUST Him. We are so very thankful we did!" - Lance & Olivia Smith

This Sunday, we will continue our sermon series, "New Beginnings." In this series we are focusing on encounters Jesus had with four different individuals in the Gospel of John. Because of their encounters with Jesus, these individuals experienced change in their lives. This week, we will consider Jesus's conversation with The Man Born Blind in John 9. I look forward to seeing you this Sunday!

In Christ,
Bro. Trent



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**Submission deadline for
the next issue is
Monday, August 18, 2025**

One Body Worship

Western District Baptist Association

One Body Worship Service

Sunday, August 17
6 p.m.

Covenant Ranch

Guest Speaker

Danny Sinquefield

Tennessee Baptist Mission Board

**If you plan to attend,
please take a lawn chair*

AUGUST

LLL Meeting

Monday, August 18
11 a.m. • Orr Hall

Program:

Loral Owens

Silver Sneakers

Greeters needed

We are in the process of expanding our welcoming team for Sunday mornings. We plan to create five teams of five individuals/couples. The only requirement for becoming a member of this team is to possess a welcoming smile! If you would be interested in serving in this way, please contact the church office or tell a member of the church staff.

This Week At First Baptist

SUNDAY, August 17

8:00 Prayer Time

9:00 Sunday School

10:15 Morning Worship

6:00 Adult, Student & Children's
Discipleship Groups

MONDAY, August 18

11:00 LLL Meeting-Orr Hall

TUESDAY, August 19

5:00 Biblical Counseling
Team Meeting

WEDNESDAY, August 20

5:00 Family Night Meal

5:45 Adult Equipping Centers;
Children's Choirs;
Students (The LOFT)

7:00 Adult Choir Practice

SATURDAY, August 23

7:00 2nd Harvest Mobile
Food Pantry-Brewer St.

SUNDAY, August 24

8:00 Prayer Time

9:00 Sunday School

10:15 Morning Worship

5:00 Time of Prayer-Orr Hall

6:00 Adult, Student & Children's
Discipleship Groups

WEDNESDAY, August 27

5:00 Family Night Meal

5:45 Adult Equipping Centers;
Children's Choirs;
Students (The LOFT)

7:00 Adult Choir Practice

Be in Prayer for ...



refuel conference

Sunday, Sept. 7 - Wednesday, Sept. 10

New Equipping Center Studies

Wednesday Nights at 5:45 p.m.

The Baptist Faith & Message

Led By Dr. Trent Bullock
Orr Fellowship Hall

Biblical Counseling Distinctions, Theology & Foundations

Led By Dr. Ken Schultz
Biblical Counseling Center

Trustworthy: A Study of 1 & 2 Kings

Led By Tas Smith
Schultz Classroom

Please join us
for a bridal shower
in honor of
Emily Ann Smith
Saturday, August 16
1-3 p.m.
Christian Life Center
Registered at
My Favorite Things
The Iron Place
Amazon

GIFTS RECEIVED

Joe & Joy Hunt in memory of Clint Barrett.

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313 N Poplar Street
Paris, Tennessee 38242
*One Block North
of the Court Square*

Sunday School

9 a.m.

Morning Worship

10:15 a.m.



Sunday, August 17

Sermon:

*New Beginnings:
The Man Born Blind*
John 9
Dr. Trent Bullock



OCC Items for August

School Supplies

(Pencils, Sharpeners, Crayons,
Erasers, Pens, Scissors)

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

August 10, 2025

Worship Attendance 404
Sunday School Attendance .. 319
Budget Required \$28,603.60
Budget Received \$22,339.13
Other Designated \$4,041.00
Total \$26,380.13

Myrtice Owens Missions Group Meeting

Monday, August 18 • 6 p.m.

5 & 10 Event Center

Speaker: Wanda Davis

(HCMC Pink Ladies)



August 20

Barbecued Pork Chop

Baked Beans

Coleslaw

Roll/Dessert

Alternate Menu:

Chicken Tenders/Fries/

Roll/Dessert

Church Volunteers for August 17

Bus Ministry

Driver

James Smith

Children's Ministry

Babies

Leigh Ann Horton

1-year-olds

Matt & Devin Craig

2 & 3-year-olds

Glovers/Nalbachs

Media Ministry

Sound

Barry Flood

Pro Presenter

Scott Nanney

Media Room

Kevin Buie

Michael Denman

Kevin Nanney

Security/Usher Ministry

Security

Bob Irby

Jamie James

Bob Moultrie

Bo Sinclair

Jim Solvedt

Scott Stephens

Offertory Prayer

Homer Maddox

Ushers

Jeff Atkins

Dave Bennett

Josh Hendricks

Bryan Irby

Randy Peale

Adam Steedly

John Taylor

Chris Townsend

Joey Williams

Deacon Greeters

Matt Hayes, Bryan Irby, Will Jelks, Scott Nanney, Lance Smith, Roger Veazey

Bible Reading Plan

Week 33 (August 11-15)

Day 1 - 1 Kings 8; Romans 5

Day 2 - 1 Kings 9; 2 Romans 6

Day 3 - 1 Kings 11; 2 Romans 7

Day 4 - 1 Kings 12; 2 Romans 8

Day 5 - 1 Kings 16; Romans 9

Week 34 (August 18-22)

Day 1 - 1 Kings 17; Romans 10

Day 2 - 1 Kings 18; Romans 11

Day 3 - 1 Kings 19; Romans 12

Day 4 - 1 Kings 21; Romans 13

Day 5 - 1 Kings 22; Romans 14