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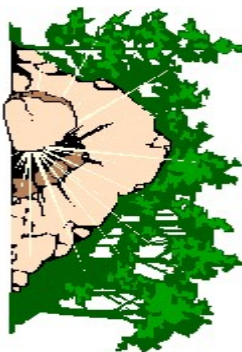
***Associational Pastors & Family
 Birthday and Anniversaries***



Ryan West	4/12
Samuel Womble	4/20



Greg & Pat Hunt	4/02
Steve & Christie Bradford	4/04



**HAPPY
 EASTER**

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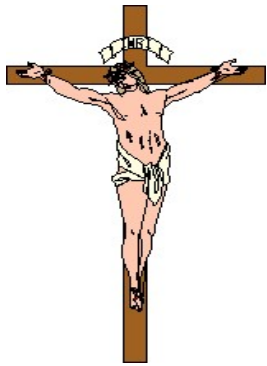
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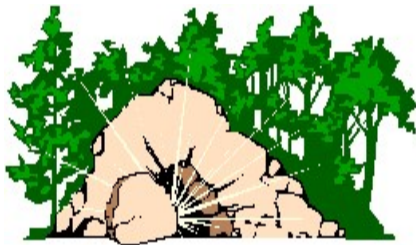
APRIL, 2021

- 2 Good Friday
- 4 Easter Sunday
- 19-20 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 22 Administrative Professional's Day
- 24 Filipino Acts 1:8 Conference, Miner Baptist Church
10:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. A Southeast Missouri Partnership
- 25 Cooperative Program Sunday



Happy

Easter



MAY, 2021

- 2 Senior Adult Sunday
- 6 National Day of Prayer
- 9 Mothers' Day
- 9-15 Christian Home Week
- 17 Bi-Annual Meeting, Wardell Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.
- 17-18 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 23 Pentecost Sunday
- 31 Memorial Day

GENERAL FUND TREASURER'S REPORT

February, 2021

	February	2021 TOTAL		February
Boekerton	\$577.45	\$577.45	DOM Salary	\$1,291.66
Braggadocio	\$138.05	\$314.47	DOM Housing Allow.	\$562.50
Caruthersville, FBC	\$125.00	\$327.91	DOM Health Insurance	\$1,752.49
Catron	\$0.00	\$0.00	DOM Retirement	\$270.83
Cottonwood	\$283.37	\$526.69	Secretary Salary	\$532.80
Hayti, FBC	\$154.52	\$383.52	Custodian Salary	\$139.02
Hayward	\$196.72	\$415.70	Utilities	\$342.29
Holland	\$719.00	\$1,131.00	Telephone	\$67.50
Holly Grove	\$802.00	\$1,622.56	Office Maintainance	\$40.10
Kinfolks Ridge	\$0.00	\$0.00	Print Supplies	\$142.20
Lilbourn, FBC	\$0.00	\$3,351.56	Postage	\$275.93
Living Stone	\$570.00	\$1,082.00	Miscellaneous	\$1,036.00
Oak Grove	\$125.00	\$125.00	Volunteer Meals	\$231.73
Pascola	\$148.30	\$280.60	MO Baptist Children Home	\$101.36
Portageville, FBC	\$1,969.83	\$3,902.41	SMBA General Fund	\$202.71
Steele, FBC	\$0.00	\$374.92	SMBA Endowment Fund	\$101.36
Temple	\$0.00	\$3,581.72		
Wardell	\$948.08	\$1,760.36		
Total	\$6,757.32	\$19,757.87		
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Now Interest	\$1.63	\$1.63		
SMBA Camp	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Total Income	\$6,758.95	\$19,759.50	Total Expenses	\$7,090.48

March 1, 2021 General Fund Balance \$19,621.39

Easter Cadbury Mini Egg Cookies

Ingredients

2 1/2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup butter
3/4 cup sugar
3/4 cup brown sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla
2 eggs
1 cup milk chocolate chips
10 ounces mini Cadbury eggs

Instructions

Heat oven to 375 degrees.
In medium bowl, stir together flour, baking soda and salt.
In separate bowl blend butter, sugars and vanilla with mixer until creamy. Add eggs, one at a time. Beat well. Gradually add flour mixture until just combined. Don't overbeat. Stir in chocolate chips.
Drop by rounded teaspoon onto ungreased cookie sheet. Place 4-5 mini Cadbury eggs on each cookie round.
Bake 8-9 minutes or until lightly browned.

If you have a recipe that you would like to share, sent it to:

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From Your Director of Missions

Sometimes we do not take the events of Easter week as serious as we should. The Easter egg hunts, the new clothes, and the fact that we are just supposed to go to church on this Sunday have overshadowed what happened during this time about 2000 years ago.

Do we stop and really consider what everyone went through with the betrayal and crucifixion of Jesus?

Jesus faced a task that was greater than any man had ever attempted. He understood that He would be the perfect lamb that through His shed blood would be able to restore man's relationship with His Father.

The disciples that were closest to Jesus would not be able to provide support for Him in His hour of need. He asked them to join Him in prayer. They fell asleep. That left Him all alone in His struggle to accomplish what the Father had sent Him to do.

Then Judas would sell Him out for 30 pieces of silver. The betrayal would be in the form of a greeting among friends. The man whom I kiss is the one that you want.

Nine of the remaining disciples scattered. John and Peter were there for the trial. Then Peter denied Him 3 times.

The crowd cried out to crucify Him. They chose to have a man guilty of murder released among them rather than the Son of God.

He was mocked, beaten, and then hung on a cross. This event happened in front of His mother, other women, and John. He endured the pain of the cross and the pain of watching His mother and others watch what was happening to Him. He asked John to care for His mother.

This was the lowest day in the lives of many of those who followed Jesus. Even though He had told them this would happen, they could not believe their eyes.

While Easter celebrates the resurrection Sunday of our Lord, we must not forget that it was the events of the preceding days that paid for our salvation. God required the shedding of blood for the forgiveness of sin. Jesus' blood was shed through the beatings, the crown of thorns, the nails in His hands and feet, and the spear that pierced His side. All of this suffering and pain was necessary because of the sin that you and I have committed.

Then after a few horrible days, He came out of that tomb to bring life to the statement that He had made to Martha in John 11. "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"

So, as we celebrate Easter, let us remember the pain that was endured to make it happen. This was God's plan because He loves us.

APRIL MISSION REPORT

Praise God!! We serve a risen Savior!! The tomb is empty! If Jesus had not risen from the dead, our faith would be useless. He did rise from death, which confirmed His message. Because of His resurrection we have hope of eternal life for those of us that believe. The love that God has for us is meant to be shared. He is Risen, He is Alive. Praise God! Spread THE WORD! May everyone have a blessed Easter.

Christ is Risen!

Correction: Mission Celebration has been postponed to September 10 - 11 at FBC, Lake St. Louis. Look for more information and new registration in June. If you have already registered, you will be refunded.

For questions contact Bonnie Carter MWMU Executive Director/
Consultant: bcarterprov356@gmail.com; 660-414-6596

The 2020 RA Congress will be April 23rd-24th at the Missouri State Fair Grounds in Sedalia, 2503 W 16th St Sedalia, MO. **All boys 1st-6th grade** are invited to attend – you do not have to be an RA to attend. Online Registration is: **\$35** (deadline April 8th); Late Registration: **\$40**; (Limited Numbers, by phone only - call Travis at 417-230-6211); T-Shirts (with registration by 4/8/20): **\$8**. For more information, go to: mobaptist.org/wmu/ra-congress.

We will resume our quarterly WMU Meetings once we can safely interact with each other without the fear of spreading the virus. Thank you for this opportunity to serve you.

Hope you have a Blessed day,
Kim Ferguson
Associational WMU Director



But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 (NIV)

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SOUTHEAST MISSOURI PARTNERSHIP

FILIPINO ACTS ONE EIGHT MISSIONS CONFERENCE

APRIL TWENTY FOURTH

TEN A.M. - EIGHT THIRTY P.M.

MINER BAPTIST CHURCH

SEE FLYER IN THIS NEWSLETTER

PLEASE REGISTER BECAUSE OF MEAL PREPARATION

A Southeast Missouri Partnership

FILIPINO ACTS 1:8

Mission Conference

April 24, 2021

10:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

MINER BAPTIST CHURCH

Sikeston, MO

Lunch is provided at no cost

**Dinner is a fundraiser to support
Ednor's work in Southeast Missouri**

Breakout Sessions:	Session Leaders:
Prayerwalking and prayer support	Jess Jennings <i>IMB leader to the Philippines</i>
Evangelism Methods	<i>Founder of Nehemiah Teams</i>
Partnerships: USA, Canada, And Philippines	Paul Chitwood <i>President of IMB, SBC</i>
IMB Nehemiah Teams	Peter Yanes <i>Exec. Dir. for Asian American Relations and Mobilization of the SBC</i>
Mission Team	Nathan Vedoya
Leader Training	

A Note from one of our Pastors

The Blessing of Humility

Zephaniah 2:3

"Seek the LORD, all you meek of the earth, Who have upheld His justice. Seek righteousness, seek humility. It may be that you will be hidden In the day of the LORD's anger."

Humility is a REQUIREMENT by The Lord. God requires His children, that is those saved, those truly born again in and through the amazing grace of God and by the gift from God through the blood and sacrifice of Jesus Christ, to...be...humble.

By the way, your flesh (your inner selfish sinner self) hates humility, and Satan hates humility.

Why?

Well, humility is the absence of pride. Your "flesh" and Satan love pride for this reason —

Pride, is the love of self and the enemy of faith.

Have you ever prayed anything close to this?

"Lord, please convict and identify any pride in my life."?

.... by the way preachers and pastors, that's for you as well.

That prayer is a "game-changer" and is so needed by Christians today and every day.

Proverbs 15:33 "The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom, And before honor is humility."

Let God humble you because you cannot properly and spirituality humble yourself like God can and will.

You'll look at life like you have never have before.

Psalms 45:4

"And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, and righteousness; And Your right hand shall teach You awesome things."

Mark Hoover
Pastor, FBC, Hayti

Registration will be done through the Charleston Baptist Association website. www.charlestonbaptistassociation.org



Church News

HOLLY GROVE: Hello everyone! We pray that you and your loved ones are well and safe.

At Holly Grove, we are all praying for a beautiful and warm spring this year. We are back to Daylight Savings Time. I don't understand why we are still going back and forth on this every year.

We worked on our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering during the month of March. Our deacons met on the 7th and our business meeting was on the 10th. We also had WMU later with Ms. Sue Alexander.

We are blessed that so many in our community are working with the C.D.H.S. Food Pantry.

We have had many this winter on our sick list (as all of us do). Some have had surgery. Others have had Covid-19 and all other kinds of medical issues. Some are doing better.

Thank you to everyone that prays for our Holly Grove family. Please continue!

We are working on other projects. We have our WMU Christmas fund and the Haven.

We hope that you and the ones you love have a safe and blessed Easter season.

Thank your Jesus for all the new young families that are now part of the Kinfolks Ridge family.

May you continue to receive and give blessings daily!

KINFOLKS RIDGE: Hi, we are doing about the same at Kinfolks Ridge. Like a lot of other churches, we haven't started Sunday evening services yet.

I went to the WMU meeting at First Baptist, Caruthersville this month. I have about 3 women that would like to go with me. They asked if we would like to merge with them. But, I hope to work with them through Easter and then get our group started again in May. They are doing Easter baskets for foster children.

I would like for you to pray for our pastor. He has a full time job while serving as our pastor.

Pray for America and our government. Remember, God runs the show.

Remember our shut-ins, Steven Willbanks and Zera Coleman. Hopefully we can get together for meetings in the near future.

LIVING STONE:

Harper learned how to make bath bombs, then decided she wanted to try to sell some and donate the money to the Missouri Baptist Children's Home. I told her that I would buy supplies since she was donating the money. I figured that she would sell a few and that I would be out maybe 100 bucks. Well, she sold 275 and made about \$700.

Todd Higgs



Hello! This is a community youth group! We plan to meet every 4th Sunday at 6. It doesn't matter what denomination you are if you are 7th-12th grade you are welcome! We will normally meet at the First Baptist Church, Hayti. There will be praise and worship, a word, and food! Hope you can come worship God with us



Your church can send church news and announcements about activities for the VOICE.

Please send the information in by April 15th for publication in the May issue of the VOICE.

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