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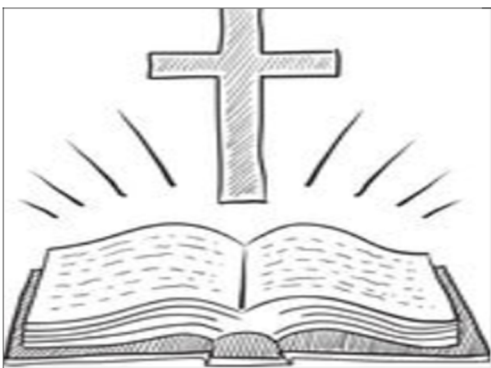
Associational Pastors & Family Birthday and Anniversaries



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Griff Walker	5/24
John Earl Dunavant	5/29



Jim & Cindee Johnson	5/17
Griff & Susan Walker	5/23



**Griff Walker
 Wardell Baptist Church - 1997**

**Gary Mann
 Kinfolks Ridge Baptist Church
 2011**

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MAY, 2017

- 7 Senior Adult Sunday
- 14 Mother's Day
- 14-20 Children's Home Week
- 15-16 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 20 Armed Forces Day
- 21-28 Associational Emphasis Week
- 22 Bi-Annual Meeting, Wardell Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m.
- 29 Memorial Day



JUNE, 2017

- 5 Executive Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Mission Center, Hayti
- 11-14 Southern Baptist Convention, Phoenix, AZ
- 14 Flag Day
- 18 Father's Day
- 18 Baptist Men's Day
- 19-20 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 25 Mission Dignity Sunday

GENERAL FUND TREASURER'S REPORT

MARCH, 2017

	March	2017 Total		March
Boekerton	\$428.79	\$905.95	DOM Salary	\$1,250.00
Braggadocio	\$167.05	\$520.45	DOM Taxes	\$2,546.25
Caruthersville, FBC	\$579.87	\$1,571.63	DOM Mileage	\$402.86
Catron	\$0.00	\$0.00	DOM Housing Allow.	\$562.50
Cottonwood	\$248.99	\$865.93	DOM Health Insurance	\$1,817.55
Glass Memorial	\$98.42	\$343.22	DOM Medical Reimb.	\$361.66
Hayti, FBC	\$894.40	\$3,164.70	DOM Retirement	\$375.00
Hayward	\$205.66	\$508.74	Secretary Salary	\$554.10
Holland	\$880.00	\$2,619.00	Custodian Salary	\$117.70
Holly Grove	\$603.12	\$2,176.62	Utilities	\$404.34
Kinfolks Ridge	\$67.88	\$200.05	Telephone	\$380.69
Lilbourn, FBC	\$496.09	\$2,737.86	Print Supplies	\$172.04
Living Stone	\$396.00	\$1,394.00	Office Maintainance	\$75.00
Oak Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00	Postage	\$177.24
Pascola	\$157.00	\$448.00	Insurance	\$651.50
Portageville, FBC	\$1,459.94	\$4,508.36	Camp Program	\$23.43
Steele, FBC	\$352.01	\$1,424.17	Camp Board Expense	\$103.75
Temple	\$1,595.83	\$1,595.83	Miscellaneous	\$28.34
Wardell	\$821.44	\$2,669.20	Volunteer Meals	\$126.39
			MO Baptist Children's Hm	\$141.79
	\$9,452.49	\$27,653.71	SMBA General Fund	\$283.57
			SMBA Endowment Fund	\$141.79
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Now Interest	\$0.31	\$0.66		
Total Income	\$9,452.80	\$27,654.37	Total Expenses	\$10,697.49

APRIL 1, 2017 General Fund Balance \$4,538.67

Strawberry Heaven

SERVINGS 15



INGREDIENTS:

1 angel food cake
1 (16 ounce) container Cool Whip
8 ounces cream cheese
1 cup sugar, divided
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 quart fresh strawberries, sliced
3 tablespoons cornstarch
1 (3 ounce) package strawberry Jell-O gelatin dessert
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 cup water

DIRECTIONS:

Combine in medium saucepan 1/2 cup of sugar, cornstarch, Jello, lemon juice, and water.
Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a boil and thickens.
Set aside to cool slightly.
Stir in sliced strawberries.
Tear angel food cake into 1 inch pieces and toss with 2 cups of the Cool Whip.
Press into 9x13 inch pan (I use glass so you can see the pretty layers).
Set aside.
Combine cream cheese, 1/2 cup remaining sugar, and vanilla in mixer bowl.
Beat until smooth.
Stir in remaining Cool Whip.
Spread evenly over cake layer.
Pour cooled strawberry mixture over cream cheese layer, spreading to cover cake evenly.
Refrigerate 2 to 3 hours before serving.

Note: You may substitute a 16 ounce bag of frozen whole strawberries, thawed and chopped, for the fresh strawberries.

From Your Director of Missions

This morning as I was sitting looking at the blank page in front of me, I thought of a question that no one likes to think about. What if this was the last column that I ever wrote? What would I say?

The statement of every Christian should be what the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. 2 Timothy 4: 6-8

Many of us may have fallen into the trap of the world and have a different explanation of your life. Most of the world will end their life by saying "I did it my way". Is this how your friends and neighbors think of you? That you have always lived your life in a way that benefits you and the goals you have for your life. When you reach the end of life will there be anything left except the possessions that you leave to others?

Paul recognized the importance of living his life under the leadership of God through the power and direction of the Holy Spirit. He understood the teachings of Jesus regarding giving your life for the benefit of others. Just as Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem, Paul stated in Romans 9: 2-3, "That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: His role in God's plan was to publish the gospel message to the Gentiles. However, in his heart, he had a longing for the salvation of the Jewish people, people of his heritage.

So, as Paul was coming to then end of his ministry, he stayed faithful to God's call and the course that God had laid out for him. He did not know when, but he recognized the reality that if Jesus did not come soon, his ministry and life would come to an end.

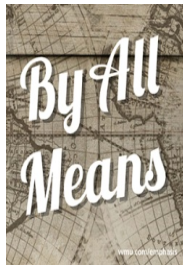
Paul knew that God was faithful to him and wanted Timothy and those after Timothy to know the importance of living a life that was on the course that God had for them. They were not to be Paul, but to follow their own path under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The "True Reward" will not be received in this life but awaits us after we cross the finish line.

So, we go back to the original thought. What if today is it? Are there things that you need to do? Are there things that you need to say? Are there changes that you need to make? Can you confidently say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course"?

If there is more to be done, what is it? When do I need to start? We are another day closer to the return of Jesus or our death. One of these events will happen in our life and our work and ministry will be over!

MAY MISSION REPORT

The 2017-18 WMU Emphasis is: By All Means. The Watchword is: I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings. 1 Corinthians 9:22b-23. In 2016-2018, WMU will challenge Christ followers to follow His example; step into the world around them; cultivate relationships; and create opportunities to demonstrate the love of Christ.



If your church is interested in starting a WMU or WMU Age-Level Program, there are incentive plans to help with literature. You can find more information at our Missouri Baptist web site: www.mobaptist.org/wmu and then scroll down to "New Start Info". New WMU Age Level Organizations include: Mission Friends, Girl's In Action (GA's), Royal Ambassadors (RA's), Children In Action (CIA's), Acteens, Challengers, Youth on Missions, Women on Mission, and Adults on Mission. It is so important to provide learning opportunities for the children and youth in our churches. If you would like assistance with any of these programs, please let me know.



May 21st-28th is Baptist Associational Emphasis week for churches. This is a week set aside for churches to show appreciation to their association. Please remember to pray for the work of our association. Also, pray for our Director of Missions, Bro. Tim Abanathy. He works hard to bring our Churches together to do God's work. Pray that the association will continue to thrive and receive the support necessary to operate. Thank you.

Our next Associational WMU meeting will be September 23rd at 10:30 a.m. at the Mission Center in Hayti. Thank you so much for this opportunity to serve you.

Hope you have a Blessed day,

Kim McCarty

Associational WMU Director

Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. Matthew 9:37-38

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MAY IS THE MONTH WHEN OUR
YOUNG ADULTS GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL.
EIGHTEEN YEARS UNDER THE INFLUENCE
OF PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND CLASSMATES.
NOW THEY MUST BEGIN MAKING DECISIONS
ABOUT THEIR FUTURE. PRAYING FOR THEM
HAS NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT!



2017 Vacation Bible School



- ♦ Have you selected a Director?
- ♦ Are the dates on the church calendar?
- ♦ Has the curriculum been ordered?
- ♦ Are the workers enlisted?
- ♦ Who will be in charge of decorations?
- ♦ Have you enlisted Prayer Warriors?
- ♦ Have you inventoried needed resources?
- ♦ Are transportation resources available?
- ♦ Are you planning follow-up procedures?

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner. If we are unprepared it will rush around that corner and run over us. If your church needs help in conducting VBS, contact the Mission Center. We can provide training, possibly that needed teacher, and help our churches share resources.

Children's Camp and Vacation Bible School are two very important ministries to children that your church can be involved in. Don't miss the chance to introduce the children in your community to Jesus this summer.



CHURCH NEWS

HOLLAND: Hello, we hope you all are doing good. It's been a busy month for Holland Baptist. We had an Easter Egg hunt on Saturday the 15th. Everyone had a great time hunting eggs, making a prayer box, and eating.

We had our monthly WMU and Men's meetings on the 21st. The associational WMU meeting was on the 22nd at the Mission Center.

On Saturday evening, April 22nd, we had a game day for grades 5-12. The kids were encouraged to invite a friend to come with them. We played Biblical games, had a devotion, played basketball, and ate. I hope we can do this more often. All of us had a great time.

The church members gathered at the church for a Spring clean up day on Saturday April 29th.

On Sunday the 30th we had a supper for Bro. John celebrating 30 years as our pastor. We love him and Mrs. Barbara so much. Congratulations!!!!

Until next month keep the sick, lost, country, churches, and schools in your prayers!

HOLLY GROVE: Hello church families from the Holly Grove Baptist Church in Cooter, Missouri.

We hope that you are enjoying this beautiful spring weather.

We had our business meeting on April 5th. We are getting things ready for Vacation Bible School. It will be here soon.

We had an Easter Sunrise Service and observed the Lord's Supper during the Easter evening service.

We hosted the Senior Brunch for our members who are 2017 graduates from Cooter and other schools on Saturday, the 15th, in our fellowship hall.

We helped with the D.D.H.S. Food Pantry on the 13th and 15th.

Mrs. Mary Lewelling continues to work on our "Care Packages" for our college students. Mrs. Pog Childers continues work on our WMU donations for Christmas projects. Mrs. Sharon Jean will accept money for our church Christmas Fund.

School will be out soon for the summer and graduation at Cooter High School will be on May 11th.

We wish all our moms and the ones that step up, when the need arrives, a "Beautiful Mother's Day."

Prayers for our country!!!

Southeast Missouri Baptist Association Bi-Annual Meeting

May 22, 2017

Wardell Baptist Church

7:00 p.m.

Special Guest Speaker

Rev. Jim Gentry

DOM, Cane Creek Stoddard Baptist Association

Former IMB Missionary

Remember that May 21-28 is
Associational Emphasis Week.
Pray for our association and consider
collecting a special offering
During the month of May.