October 2020



# Salt River Baptist Association

# Living by Faith!!!

Habakkuk was a prophet who had some tough questions for God. Habakkuk name means "wrestler". He wrestled with God about some questions that bothered him. Have you ever wrestled with God? For example: "Why did God allow the coronavirus to invade our world? Habakkuk's ministry was around 612 to 606 B.C. His contemporaries were Nahum, Zephaniah, and Jeremiah.

In the first chapter of Habakkuk, the prophet asked God an age-old question: "Why do the righteous suffer while the wicked prosper?" Habakkuk 1:13 Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing. Why then do you tolerate the treacherous? Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves? "God's answer is found in Habakkuk 2:2-4 2 Then the Lord replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets, so that a herald (whoever reads it) may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. "See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright—but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness."

The Apostle Paul quoted Habakkuk 2:4 in Romans 1:17, For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith." This verse changed the life of a priest named Martin Luther and set the stage for what would become "The Protestant Reformation," which gave birth to Baptists and every other Protestant church. Martin Luther was not convinced works was the way to be made right with God. When he discovered Romans 1:17 (a quote from Habakkuk 2:4) he realized that faith alone resulted in salvation. Today, let's see from Habakkuk 2:1-4 what it means to "live" by faith.

Living by faith means waiting on God. Habakkuk opens his book of protest by expressing the fact he has waited a long time to hear God answer his questions

**Habakkuk 1:1-2** The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received. How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? In Habakkuk 2:1, we find that he is still waiting for God to answer. Habakkuk 2:1 I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint. Maybe you, too, have asked God some important questions. Lately, you may have wondered how long this Covid-19 will last? Or will we lose our jobs? Or will the workplace in America opened back up soon? We must realize that God doesn't always answer our questions either when we want Him to or how we want Him to. This doesn't mean that He has no answer or that He won't answer. God's timing is different than ours.

**Habakkuk 2:3** For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. We must remember that God has a reason for what He is doing or what He allows. The lesson is that we need to learn to wait like Habakkuk did for God to answer our questions or prayers.

**Psalm 27:14** Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

So, living by faith begins with waiting for God to answer. Be patient!!!

Living by faith means obeying God. God's response involved an assignment for Habakkuk to "go public" with His answer. Habakkuk 2:2 Then the Lord replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it.

The lesson for this prophet and us, who are waiting on God to answer, is that God may be waiting on us to obey Him. I've heard it said by many that if anything good comes from the coronavirus it is that many people are turning back to God. Is it possible that one reason we are going through this pandemic is to give us an opportunity to realize how much we need God? Is it also possible that God is calling us back to a life of obedience to His "Word" and "Will" for our lives? Are we willing to answer God's call to obedience today? God, So, living by faith not only means waiting on but also obeying God. Living by faith means trusting God.

**Habakkuk 2:4** The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

Eventually, the Babylonians, who had been oppressing Israel, were punished for their wickedness, which was Habakkuk's original question for God. In 539 B.C. their empire fell. This was 70 years after Habakkuk's prophesy. What did Habakkuk do during this time? Well, he probably didn't live long enough to see the defeat of his enemies, but he continued to wait, obey, and trust God, just like we should.

**Habakkuk 2:4** But the righteous will live by his faith. The word "live" means to continue to live. The message for us is to continue to live by faith by waiting, obeying, and trusting God. We're all waiting for this plague we find ourselves in to just be over. Remember that God's timing and purpose is different than ours. Until this virus ends, we must continue to live by faith. This is the only way to please God and demonstrate to an unbelieving world how a Christian faces hardship.

**Hebrews 11:6** *And without faith it is impossible to please God.* 

Serve God with gladness in your heart. Glorify Christ with every move you make. And follow the Holy Spirit wherever He leads!!!

In Christ's Great Love,

Bro. Frank

P.S. We truly appreciate everyone for their prayers and financial support for our 2020 Mid-America Crusade for Christ. God truly blessed us. We thank God for the many decisions that were made.

#### **Dates to remember:**

Men's Bible Study-Fridays-6:30 a.m.-Edgewood Baptist Church

**Tuesday Morning Prayer Meeting**– 6:30 a.m.– Family Resource Center

Pike County Christian School Fish Fry- October 9th

Senior Adult Ministry – October 12th – 6pm- Bowling Green Second Baptist Church

Men's Ministry Bible Study – September 15th – 6pm - Friendship Baptist Church

Cooperative Program Emphasis Month-October

**Pastor Appreciation Month-October** 

Pastors' & Wives' Conference—October 2nd-3rd- Hannibal

Ordination Ceremony for New Pastor Jess & Debby Wilson-October 13th- 6:30 p.m.-Cyrene Baptist Church

**Evening of Worship**— October 17th—6:00 pm—Grassy Creek Baptist Church

MBC Annual Meeting—October 26th-27th-St. Charles Convention Center—www.mobapist.org

Layman Revival— November 1st-4th-To be announced

**HLGU Booster Banquet**- November 20th- HLGU

Children's Movie Event- December 4th- 6pm Movie: Star Pike County Christian School Everyone Welcome!

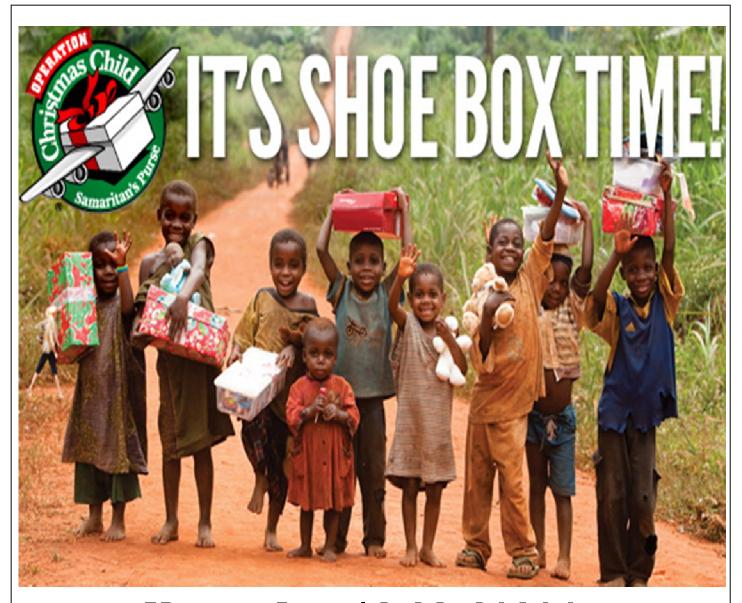
Annual Pastor & Wife Christmas Appreciation Banquet – December 11th – 6:30 pm – Family Resource Center

**NEED Biblical Counseling?** – Call Bro. Kevin Ford at 573-470-1736

**Church Families-** If you have a special event coming up at your church and would like it put in the SRBA newsletter or placed on our website, please give us a flyer. You can send it by mail, e-mail, or just drop it off at the SRBA office. Please have information to us by the third Monday of each month.

**Youth Leaders:** Check out https://www.dare2share.org/resources/ Get resources for your ministry and check out the youth apps. Also go to www.youthpastor.com





# November 16-23, 2020 is National Collection Week

The Drop-off Location for Pike County and the surrounding area is

# FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

1401 South Hwy 61, Bowling Green (Next to DG, across from Orschein)

Mon, Nov 16 3-7pm (best day!!)

Tues, Nev 17 5-7pm

Wed, Nov 18 3-5pm

Thurs, Nev 19 5-7pm

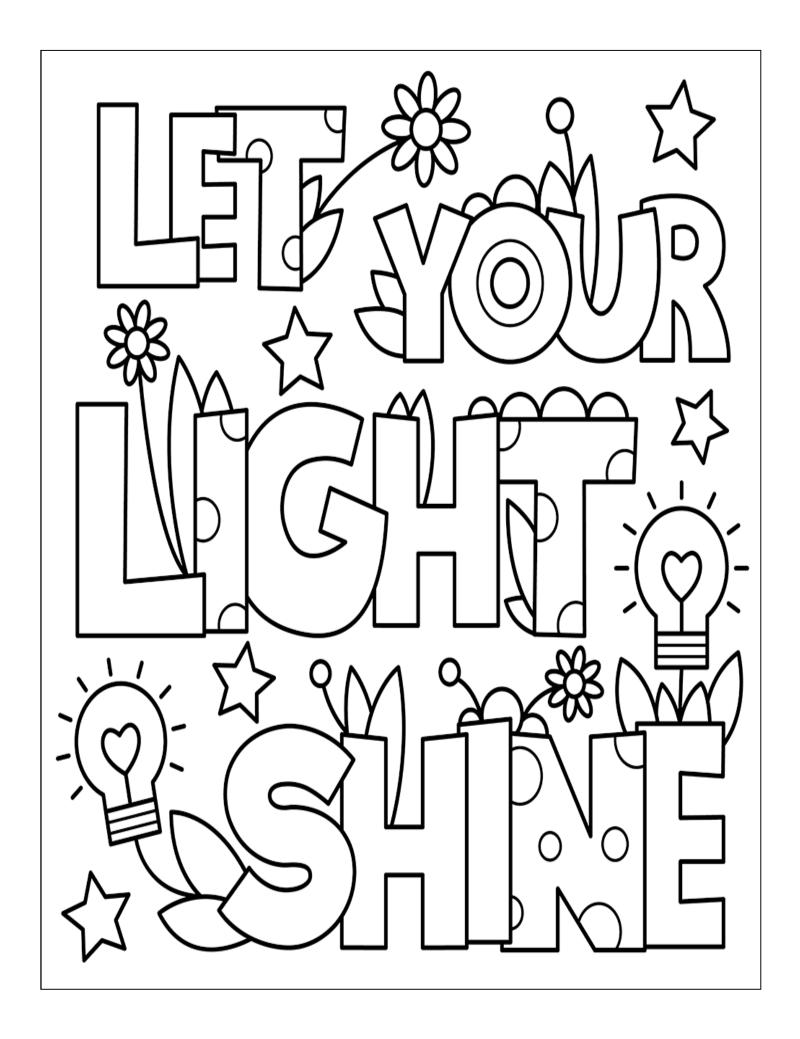
Fri, Nov 20 3-5pm

Sat, Nov 21 10am-noon

Sun, Nov 22 12:30-2:30pm

Mon, Nov 23 8:30-10:30am

For more information or questions, contact Mila Ayers, 573-470-1165









BRING IT. SHARE IT. LIVE IT."





October 3, 2020

Location: Crossway Baptist Church, 2900 N Barnes Ave, Springfield, MO 65803

Event open to all health care personnel and church leaders with a heart for medical missions.

Learn about new effective health strategies

Become better equipped for short term missions

Hear about Southern Baptist medical missions covering the globe Discover service opportunities

Network with other like-minded health care professionals https://mobaptist.org/partnership-missions/mm1d/

# **Annual Pastors' & Wives' Conference**

**Dates: October 2nd-3rd** 

Place: Calvary Baptist Church, Hannibal, MO

# **Pike County Christian School Fish Fry**

Friday, October 9, 2020 4:00-7:00 p.m. 203 East Maple Curryville, MO 63339

Senior Adult Ministry Meeting (Ages 55+) Monday, October 12th 6:00 p.m. Join us at the Chamber of Commerce Park in Bowling Green Second Baptist Church.

> Men's Bible Study October 13th 6:00 pm Friendship Baptist Church

Ordination Ceremony for
New Pastor Jess & Debby Wilson
October 13th 6:30 p.m.
Cyrene Baptist Church

#### **Evening of Worship**

October 17th 6:00–8:00 pm Grassy Creek Baptist Church

#### **SRBA Youth Leaders Planning Meeting**

October 18th 2:00 p.m. Peno Baptist Church

# Mt. Zion Baptist Church Hayride

October 18th 4:00 p.m.

Mission Outreaches:

Angel Wings Program: Phone: 573-242-3261

Address: 20389 Hwy W, Clarksville, MO

The Community Food Pantry: Phone: 573-754-2421

Address: 414 Georgia, Louisiana, MO The Bowling Green Hope Center:

Phone: 573-324-6255 Address: 30 North Court,

Bowling Green, MO



**2021 Vacation Bible School-** Pack your bags and grab your gear, VBS 2021 is headed to present-day Israel where an epic adventure of discovery awaits. Discover long-hidden treasures, amazing finds, and exciting evidence that proves biblical events were not just stories. They really happened.

At Destination Dig, children will unearth more than just dirt. They'll discover real-life archaeological finds that have helped to uncover the truth about Jesus. Stories from the Bible will leap off the pages as children explore where Jesus walked and examine artifacts that bring the world of the Bible to life. As junior archaeologists, children will study tangible pieces of the past to learn the truth about who Jesus is and why He came. Along the way they'll discover the truth of Jeremiah 29:13 that God reveals Himself to us when we seek and search for Him with all our hearts.

Day 1: Jesus Came as God Promised

BIBLE STORY: Jesus Was Born (Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2; Matthew 1:18–2:6)

THE POINT: Jesus is the Savior God promised.

BONUS VERSE: For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us. Isaiah 9:6a

ARTIFACT: Pottery jars holding the Dead Sea Scrolls

Day 2: Jesus Demonstrated God's Power

BIBLE STORY: Jesus Healed a Blind Man (Psalm 146:8; Isaiah 35:5-6a; John 9:1-41)

THE POINT: Jesus has the power God promised.

BONUS VERSE: If this man were not from God, he wouldn't be able to do anything. John 9:33

ARTIFACT: Pool of Siloam

Day 3: Jesus Was Betrayed and Rejected

BIBLE STORY: Jesus Experienced Betrayal and Rejection (Psalm 41:9; Isaiah 53:3,7; John 13; 18:1-19:16)

THE POINT: Jesus knew what would happen and still followed God's plan.

BONUS VERSE: The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Matthew 20:28

ARTIFACT: Caiaphas' steps

Day 4: Jesus Died and Rose Again

BIBLE STORY: Jesus Is Alive (Isaiah 53:5,9-11; John 19:17-20:18)

THE POINT: Jesus fulfilled God's plan to be our Savior.

BONUS VERSE: Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live." John

11:25

ARTIFACT: Rolling grave stone

Day 5: The Bible Is True

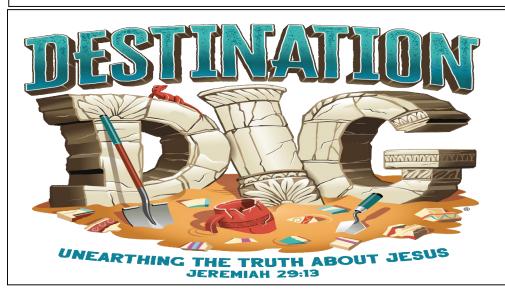
BIBLE STORY: Philip Told the Good News (Isaiah 53:7-8; Acts 8:26-40)

THE POINT: The Bible is true and helps us tell others about Jesus.

BONUS VERSE: For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.

Romans 1:16

ARTIFACT: Qumran Scrolls



Vacation Bible School
Site Locations:
Worship Rally Dig Site
Bible Study Tent
Artifact Crafts
Mess Tent Snacks
Recreation Ruins
Missions Market
Desert Cave Music!



4:00- 7:00 p.m.
Friday, October 9, 2020
203 East Maple
Curryville, MO 63339

**Ticket Prices...** 

Ages: Birth thru 6 year olds– Free

Ages: 7 thru 12 year olds- \$5.00

Ages: 13 thru Adults- \$10.00

Menu includes: Your choice of Fish or Ham, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Hushpuppies, Drink, and Dessert.

Limited dining area. We are still practicing social distancing. Carry-outs are available. To place an order, call 573-541-1619. (Call-in orders will be received on May 9th from 2:00-5:00 p.m. and may be picked up after 4:00 p.m.)

All proceeds go to Pike County Christian School.

# 79th annual Booster Banquet HLGU Legends



Dr. Larry Lewis
President 1981-1987

Dr. Paul Brown
President from 1987-1994

Dr. Woodrow Burt
President from 1995-2012

# Friday, November 20, 2020, at 7 pm

These men helped shape and move Hannibal-LaGrange University through tough obstacles including the 1989 fire, through transitioning from a predominantly two-year institution to a four-year institution, and through growing in enrollment and building new facilities like the Roland Fine Arts Center and Roland Library. We'll celebrate all that the Lord has brought HLGU through.

The evening will be hosted by current HLGU president Dr. Anthony Allen and will be a time of reminiscing, sharing, and looking ahead. God used these HLGU legends to further the mission and reach of Hannibal-LaGrange, and we hope you will join us for a very special evening celebrating them and the University as a whole.

Tickets may be purchased online at *hlg.edu/boosterbanquet*.

Ticket sales begin October 1.

#### What does Sunday mean to you?

This weekend may very well be just another weekend for you – not so different than the one that came before or the ones to come after. It may be a weekend just like any other in your life. Saturday, you'll spend some time preparing for your Sunday lesson. You'll get a good night's sleep Saturday to be ready for the children in your children's ministry on Sunday morning. You'll get up Sunday morning, get the family fed and ready to go, head off to church, and do your part in your church's children's ministry. After church, you'll socialize for a little bit then head out to lunch with the family before heading home for some heavy duty relaxation on Sunday afternoon. For you, it will be just another Sunday.

However, to the children you minister to, this may be just another weekend for them too. What they call "normal" however might make your stomach churn. He will come to church after a morning of hiding from his parents so that they can't inflict anymore physical pain on him. She will come to church with Mom and Mom's new boyfriend whom she doesn't really like and isn't all that comfortable around. He will come to church suffering emotional trauma because he is convinced that his parents split up of something he did. She will come to church mourning the loss of her favorite grandparent. He will come to church hungry. She will come to church not knowing where she will sleep that night. He will come to church never having known what true love really is. She will come to church afraid that someone, somehow, will discover her secret.

But, when God crosses your "normal Sunday" with their "normal Sunday" the result can be extraordinary. Where God gets involved, you have anything but "normal." This Sunday, you could be the one who introduces that child to his heavenly Father. You could be the one whom God allows the privilege of shining the light of His unconditional love into a child's life. You could be the one that God works through to bring that child into His Kingdom. You could be an eyewitness to the miracle of transformation as God gently lifts a broken soul and transforms it into a joint-heir with Christ. This Sunday could be a whole lot more than "Just another Sunday."

Every Sunday, those of us who work in Children's Ministry are blessed with the opportunity to serve God's children and teach them about Him. Shame on us, if we ever view that opportunity as a burden or as "just another Sunday." We are also given a tremendous amount of responsibility in teaching God's children and leading them towards Him. The work we do every Sunday is anything but ordinary, and we should approach it with the excitement that lies in the possibility and hope that comes through God. And, we should approach it in reverent fear of Our creator that we would not abuse or neglect the responsibility that He has graced us with. What will you do this weekend to make sure that it is not "Just another weekend?" This Sunday could be the day that a child's life changes for eternity! You make a difference!

If you are part of a children's ministry, thank you for your steadfast love, patience, and compassionate heart. You are a jewel to a child. Thank you for allowing the Holy Spirit to shine through you.

If you have a Children's event coming up at your church, please let us know. We can help you promote it.

Your Children's Ministry Committee,

Julie Richardson, Joshua Hathaway, Amy Land

Do you have a passion to serve in Children's Ministry? Come to our next meeting on November 15th at 2:00 p.m. at the Salem Baptist Church. Join us as we reach these children for Jesus! For more information call Amy at 573-470-9340.

Life without Jesus is like an unsharpened pencil... It has no point







# Options For Women Annual Banquet Thursday, October 29, 2020

SRBA Layman Revival
November 1st-4th 6:30 p.m. Nightly

"Children's Leaders" Planning Meeting
November 15th 2:00 p.m.
Salem Baptist Church



Children's Dinner
& Movie Night
December 4, 2020
6:00 pm
203 East Maple
Curryville, MO 63339
Door Prizes!!!
Sponsored by
Lighthouse Ministries,
SRBA Children's Ministry,
& SRBA Family Ministries

#### **Bi-Vocational Pastor Wanted:**

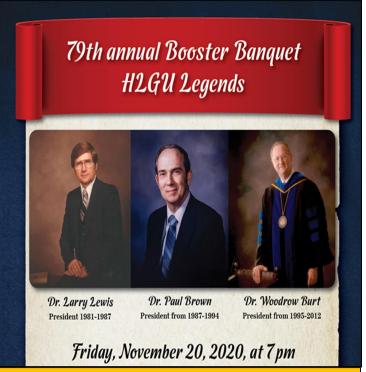
Salem Baptist Church, Salem Lane, Center, MO 63436

<u>Send resumes to</u>:

Wanda White, 807 Boulware Brown Blvd., Perry, MO 63462 For more information, call Rodney Schutte at 573-473-2003.







Thank you Louisiana First Baptist Church and Family Resource Center for hosting our Annual Worship and fellowship meeting. A big thank you to all of the Salt River Baptist Association leaders. You are a blessing to our association. God has truly blessed us with individuals who want to reach this world for Jesus. It takes all God's children working together letting their light shine and sharing God's great love. Thank you for doing what God has called you to do. You make a difference in the lives of others. To God be the glory!!!

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# PIKE COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

October 2020

### **SOLDIERS FOR CHRIST!**

#### **Important Dates:**

01– Field Trip

05– Tuition Due

09– Fish Fry

20– Teacher's Meeting

24– Board Meeting

PCCS Information:

Location: 203 E. Maple Address: P.O. Box 96

Curryville, MO 63339

573-324-2700 or 573-470-8820 **E-mail:** pikecountychristian

Website:

www.pikecountychristianschool.com



4:00-7:00 p.m. Menu includes:

Your choice of

Fish or Ham,

Potato Salad,

Green Beans,

Hushpuppies, Drink,

and Dessert.





Salt River Baptist Association P.O. Box 368 Bowling Green, MO 63334 (Return Service Requested)









## **SALT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

Pastors' & Wives' Appreciation Breakfast

### **Special Guest:**

From Pigeon Forge, TN
Evangelist and Entertainer
Bro. Kenny Evans

Saturday, October 17, 2020

8:00 a.m.

Family Resource Center 21208 Hwy WW, Bowling Green, MO 63334

# www.kennyevans.org

Bro. Kenny is a Southern Baptist Evangelist and Entertainer in "The American Oldies Show" Pigeon Forge, TN. Bro. Kenny will be sharing in word and song. Come and be blessed!!!

Why go to Sunday School?

**Sunday School** teaches the Bible.

**Sunday School** prepares one better to face the problems of life.

**Sunday School** teaches obedience and respect for parents and those in authority.

**Sunday School** will give you the opportunity to develop a personal relationship with Jesus.

Sunday School helps us build strong character.

**Sunday School** presents opportunities to share Christian experiences.

**Sunday School** shows us how we can be a light in this sinful world.

**Sunday School** teaches songs of real beauty, comfort, and praise.

Thank you churches in the association who invest in Sunday School and small group studies. Keep up the good work!!!

