



- 4-5.....Disaster Relief Training, Arnold FBC
- 5.....Easter
- 10-11 ...Missouri WMU Missions Celebration/Annual Meeting, South Haven Baptist, Springfield
- 12Camp Clean-Up Day
- 13.....Ministers' Mtg., 10:30 a.m., Ministry Center
- 14.....Youth Leaders Mtg., 6:00 p.m., Ministry Center
- 22.....Secretaries Day
- 19.....Associational Semi-Annual Mtg., 2:30-4:30 PM, Ministry Center**
- 24-25....RA Congress, Sedalia
- 26.....Cooperative Program Sunday
- 26.....El Salvador Mission trip information meeting, Ministry Center, 4:00 PM
- 27-28....MBC Evangelism Conference, Springfield**
- 30..... Ministry Confluence Meeting, 9-1, Location TBA

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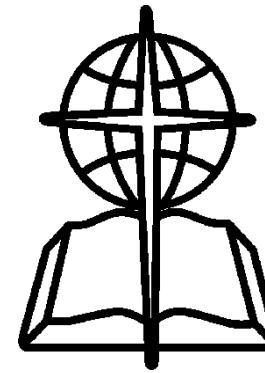
- 1-31.....Associational Missions Month**
- 1-3.....Youth Event, Logan Valley Youth Retreat
- 4.....Mission Metro Quarterly Meeting
- 7.....National Day of Prayer
- 9.....WMU Missions Mtg., 9:30 am, MO Baptist Home, Ironton
- 10.....Mother's Day
- 11-16....Christian Home Week
- 11.....Ministers' Mtg., 10:30 a.m. , Ministry Center
- 12.....Youth Leaders Mtg., 6:00 p.m. , Ministry Center
- 16.....Camp Clean-Up Day
- 17-24....Association Missions Week
- 25.....Memorial Day—Office Closed

WEEKLY CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS

As we continue our prayer emphasis for our associational churches, our associational staff invites you to join in prayer each week in April for the listed churches.



- Apr. 5: St. Clair Southern & Shiloh
- Apr. 12: Spring Bluff & Stanton, FBC
- Apr. 19: Temple & Union, FBC
- Apr. 26: Virginia Mines & Washington, FBC



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- ANACONDA
- CALVARY
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- CENTRAL
- CHARRETTE
- COMPASS MINISTRIES
- EVERGREEN
- FAITH
- GRACE
- GRAY SUMMIT, FBC
- GREEN MOUND
- *LIVING STONES
- MEMORIAL
- MT. CALVARY
- NEW BEGINNINGS
- NEW CHAPEL HILL
- NEW FRIENDSHIP
- NEW HOPE
- OAK GROVE
- PACIFIC
- PACIFIC HEIGHTS
- PROSPECT
- RIDGE CHURCH at GERALD
- RIDGE CHURCH at LESLIE
- RIDGE CHURCH at PACIFIC
- RIDGE CHURCH at UNION
- RIDGE CHURCH at VILLA RIDGE
- ROSE HILL MISSIONARY
- STANTON, FBC
- ST. CLAIR, FBC
- ST. CLAIR SOUTHERN
- SHILOH
- SPRING BLUFF
- TEMPLE
- UNION, FBC
- VIRGINIA MINES
- WASHINGTON, FBC

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FBA

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

APRIL 19, 2:30-4:30

Registration 2-2:30

Franklin Association Ministry Center
Hosted by Compass Ministries

Reports, Business, Fellowship, Worship

Message by Dr. Robert Pachek

Prayer and Evangelism Team Leader
Missouri Baptist Convention

Messengers are same as for the 2025 FBA Annual Meeting

MBC EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

April 27-28

Second Baptist Church, Springfield

General and breakout sessions designed to provide
Both theoretical and practical helps.

Info and Registration at:
<https://mobaptist.org/prayer-evangelism-conference/>

From the Director of Missions...

Last year at this time we were dealing with area tornado damage and recovery. I am thankful for the great help our local Disaster Relief team was in helping with that. I am glad nothing like that has occurred so far this spring. But it reminds me of encouraging more of our church members to be trained and available for such unpredictable situations in the unpredictable future. A great ministry.

We will be celebrating Easter April 5. All research shows non-Christians are very likely to attend church on Easter and Christmas IF invited by folks they know. I pray you and your church will take full advantage of this special opportunity to help the non-churched make a special connection to your church and to the gospel of Christ! May you have a great Easter observance – preparing, inviting, gathering, proclaiming and experiencing the power of Christ's manifested presence and the life-changing message of the hope of Easter = "JESUS conquered death to be our eternal living Savior and Lord!" That story is real and powerful and overcomes all earthly difficulties and challenges!! So, take hope and share the story this Easter and all year long!!

As I think about Easter, I often reflect on and mention the reactions surrounding the resurrection of Christ on that first Easter. Everyone who saw the risen Lord **boldly and excitedly told others about Him**, even if they had previously failed Him or denied Him in fear before the resurrection, and even if that put their own lives at personal risk. The reality of the Risen Lord in their lives was so powerful that they could not help but talk about Him. Easter is always a good time for us to have a fresh encounter with the risen and living Lord Jesus and a "restart" of our walk with Christ. If we are captivated and filled with the Risen Lord and Savior, it will show in and through our transformed lives and our bold witnessing to all that He is alive and is Savior and Lord! That is what our association emphasis this year, "*Talk About Jesus*", has been all about.

I hope you will plan to attend the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Association which will be held on April 19, at the Association Ministry Center. It will be hosted by Compass Ministries. Please note we are moving the meeting this year to a Sunday afternoon, instead of Thursday evening. We again have a good program lined up. Our special speaker will be Dr. Rob Pochek, Evangelism and Prayer Team Leader for the Missouri Baptist Convention. Messengers are the same as for the Annual Meeting, plus any new Messengers you may approve. Guests are always welcome and encouraged to attend also.

I want to again strongly encourage all of our association family to constantly, earnestly and persistently pray for the ministry of each of our sister churches and for renewal and revival to breakout in our midst. I also encourage all to make special plans to join with Christians from all denominations in May to pray for personal, local and national revival as we unite for the National Day of Prayer on May 7. We as a country are in desperate need of revival! Prayer is the most underused and primary weapon God gives us against the destructive work of Satan and his kingdom of darkness and bondage and the means of unleashing God's infinite provisions! We neglect prayer to our own peril.

The Lord Jesus lives and reigns!!

FBA FINANCIAL UPDATE

We want to thank you for your continued generous financial support for our joint association missions work. Your giving helps strengthen and assist our churches' joint efforts in reaching our area with the gospel. Also, please inform our office of any pool renovation fund commitments.

FEBRUARY FINANCE REPORT

Monthly Budget Requirement:	\$ 17,807
February Budget Contributions:	\$ 9,589
Budget Receipts—Since September:	\$ 82,946
Ending Checking Balance, 02/28/26:	\$ 29,247
December Pool Fund Receipts For February:	\$ 4,103
Pool Fund Receipts To Date:	\$101,393

2026 MISSIONS CELEBRATION

Friday & Saturday, April 10 & 11

Theme: "What Joy!"

**South Haven Baptist Church
Springfield, MO 65807**

Adult Registration \$50.00

**MOMWU.ORG/MC for more info
and registration**

ASSOCIATION MISSION TRIPS INFO MEETINGS

MONTANA: March 29, 4 PM at Ministry Center.

Our Association is working on plans for a mission trip this summer to Glendive, MT to help the David Stahlman family in starting a church. If you as a church or as an individual would be interested in possibly participating, please contact the association office or Mike Royal, Missions Chairman. Tentatively thinking going the last week of June to do prayer walking, light construction and assist with community outreach projects.

EL SALVADOR: April 26, 4 PM at Ministry Center

Our Association is considering on plans for a mission trip this fall to El Salvador. If you as a church or as an individual would be interested in possibly participating, please contact the association office or Mike Royal, Missions Chairman and attend this info meeting, if possible.

Camp News/Needs

CAMP RESERVATIONS – Churches please call the association office if you would like to schedule a date(s) to use our Retreat Center.

Also, we are replacing the chapel roof at cost of \$15,500. Any extra donations should be designated "Chapel Roof". Please call if you/your church could adopt a maintenance/repair project; such as cut and split firewood, inside and outside painting, replace faucets and valves, and other needs.

CAMP POOL RENOVATION FUND

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We plan to complete the pool renovation as soon as funds needed are received! We ask each Association church to prayerfully consider making as generous donation as possible over the next year. Donations should be over and above regular association giving and designated as "Pool Fund". A Pool Campaign Committee member is available to come to your church to give a brief campaign presentation. If you have questions, or want to schedule a campaign presentation, please contact our office.

CAMP DATES

BOYS' CAMP – JULY 6-10

GIRLS' CAMP – JULY 13-17

SENIOR YOUTH CAMP - JULY 19-22

DAY CAMP – JULY 27-30

Registration packets will be mailed in mid-May.

*Please check our association website and Facebook page for any updates.

Church News

PASTORLESS CHURCH: Calvary, Calvey, Faith, New Friendship, New Hope and Stanton FBC. Please pray for these churches while they search for a pastor. Feel free to recommend candidates.

STANTON, FBC: Will have revival services, April 19-23 at 6:45 p.m. Bob Caldwell will be the Evangelist.

LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH, MOSELLE BUILDING AVAILABLE:

Our Missions Council is seeking a church that might consider starting a new church or a new church campus at this location. Contact FBA office for info, if interested.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Is working to fill "Program Directors/Coordinators" positions for 2025-2026. If you are interested or if you have any suggestions please contact our office.

SERVE TOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Are you or your church interested in a 1 or 2 day mission trip coordinated by NAMB??

Toledo, Ohio September 25-26

Visit www.servetour.org for info and registration for these or other NAMB events. Contact Pastor Lane at 803-804-0470 with any questions.



GRASS MOWERS NEEDED

We cut most of our grass at the Ministry Center and camp with volunteers. If you, someone you know, or your church, would be available to help mow grass at the Ministry Center or at camp this summer, please contact our office as soon as possible. Volunteers must be 16 years, or older — 18 preferred. We have a mower and tractor available to use.