



Last weekend I worked to get the weeds out of the front flower bed. It is not a chore I enjoy, but it is one with which I have a long history.

Once I was old enough to work the beds, Mother set me to it. One of her most important rules was "Never break off the stem." The goal was to pull the weed out with its roots. She would remind me, each time the roots left behind would grow back stronger and become harder to remove. Last Saturday I remembered this truth as some stems broke leaving the roots in place. I will have to re-weed again before long.

As we reflect on this truth it is easy to see the correlation to the sin in our lives. We have to dig out the root cause, the root temptation. It is not enough to simply stop the sin.

Jesus said it is not just the murder, but the hate in the heart. It is not just the adultery, but the lust in the heart.

Some like to gossip. It is not enough to stop gossiping, but to understand gossip is a symptom of an attitude of belittlement. It is not enough to stop bickering and back-biting, but to realize these are symptoms of a controlling heart. And so on for each sin and a root cause.

Until we dig out the roots, the sin will return. Unfortunately we will never get all the roots out this side of heaven. We will look back where we believe we have done well, and the weeds (sins) will be growing back.

It is a never-ending battle, but we do not fight it alone. So let us join with the Lord and clean out the weeds in our lives.

Your co-laborer,

*Bro. Mike T.*

## FINANCIAL ISSUES *Facing churches & members*

*What responsibilities does  
ObamaCare add to the Church*

Are there any changes to  
the retirement program at  
Guidestone?

*How are contribution reports to  
the members to be done?*

Tennessee Baptist Convention personnel will answer these and other questions July 28, 2015. 7:00 p.m. at the Resource Center.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR NOW!!**



The  
**Executive Board**  
will meet Thursday,  
**May 21, 2015, 7:00 p.m.**  
Resource Center.



Services at:

- 8:00 am Riverside High School
- 8:00 am Parsons Elementary School
- 9:00 am Riverside Elementary School
- 9:00 am Decatur Middle School
- 12:00 noon Henderson County Courthouse



## BALANCE SHEET

**April 30, 2015  
General Budget**

Initial Bal.	\$ 9,727.39
Church Rec.	9,246.58
Other Rec.	+ 1,218.52
	20,192.49
Expenses	- 9,733.73
<b>Budget Bal.</b>	<b>\$ 10,458.76</b>

### Other Funds

Designated	\$ 15,507.94
DOM Disc.	\$ 650.59
Missions Fd.	\$ 1,949.14
Contingency	\$ 14,021.71
Cent. Fund	Variable

### YTD Activity

<b>Inc.</b>	<b>\$ 42,101.33</b>
<b>Exp.</b>	<b>41,858.22</b>
<b>Bal.</b>	<b>\$ + 243.11</b>

### BIRTHDAYS

- 1 C. E. Brewer
- 1 Mark Brewer
- 7 Shirley Brewer
- 11 Wilkey Jones
- 12 Bobby Crowe
- 12 Lori Runyon
- 13 Mark Peterson
- 18 Jim Denison
- 28 Terry Rhodes
- 31 Jeane Cubbison

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Damon & Jamie Brawley
- 10 Mark & Freda Smith
- 11 Bobby & Diane Crowe
- 14 Jerry & Jonnie Jones
- 20 Tracy & Amanda McCormick
- 28 Guy & Charleen Dickson
- 28 Michael & Gwen Penny
- 28 Terry & Tina Rhodes

## CHURCH RECEIPTS

(Jan. 1, 2015 — April 30, 2015)

Thank you. Our Churches are our  
Association's primary source of income.

	CHURCH	MONTH	YTD
	Barren Springs		500.00
	Beacon	250.00	200.00
	Bear Creek	93.06	308.37
	Beech Lake		200.00
	Bible Hill	110.00	550.00
	Bunches Chapel		81.00
	Calvary	319.54	987.35
	Chapel Hill	83.15	358.32
	Corinth	100.00	400.00
	Crossroads	220.95	447.42
	Cub Creek Hall		
	Darden		
	Decaturville, 1 <sup>st</sup>	100.00	400.00
	Fellowship		
	Flatwoods	453.99	2,059.37
	Hopewell	200.00	800.00
	House of Wor.	114.81	417.83
	Huron		270.72
	Judson	100.00	200.00
	Lexington, 1 <sup>st</sup>	1,666.66	6,666.64
	Mt. Ararat	495.96	1,797.56
	Mt. Gilead	325.00	1,300.00
	Mt. Zion		163.62
	New Beech G.	150.00	300.00
	New Hope		200.00
	Parsons, 1 <sup>st</sup>	585.00	2,374.00
	Perryville, 1 <sup>st</sup>	50.00	200.00
	Pine Grove		1,107.53
	Poplar Springs	777.00	2,777.00
	Ridge Grove		
	Rock Hill	387.63	1,311.63
	Salem	104.38	203.82
	Sand Ridge	949.75	3,775.46
	Sardis		463.65
	Sardis Ridge		150.00
	Scotts Hill	302.09	1,180.51
	Southside		
	Twin Oaks	229.10	994.26
	Union	760.13	3,279.34
	Union Grove	318.38	989.96
	Wildersville		
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 9,246.58</b>	<b>\$ 37,215.36</b>
	* multiple checks		

## Church News

**CALVARY** - Two have been baptized. Teen Challenge spoke at our April 26 morning worship service. A fellowship meal followed the service. Greg Stanford, pastor.

**HOUSE OF WORSHIP** - We enjoyed our monthly fellowship meal. Our Sunday morning Easter service & Easter program was a blessing to all. Thanks to Wildersville Baptist

Church for inviting us to attend one of their Wednesday night services and asking Bro, Jeff to hold the service. Jeff Todd, pastor.

### NINE CONGREGATIONS SEEKING PASTORS

Barren Springs 1<sup>st</sup>, Lexington  
 Bear Creek Mt. Zion  
 Crossroads New Hope  
 Cub Creek Hall Sardis Ridge  
 Fellowship



**VBS WORKERS LEARNING NEW SONGS** at the VBS Clinic, April 9, 2015, at Pine Grove Baptist Church.

**WMU ANNUAL MEETING** at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church April, 28, 2015. Worship was led by Mt. Gilead Praise Team. The Guest Speaker was Kayla Carruthers, Union University Senior and Missionary Child from Botswana.



**Children's and Youth Bible Drills** were held at First Baptist Church, Lexington, April 16, 2014. All participants were Associational Winners and were eligible for the State Drills.



Children Driller's from 2 churches.



Lora Hill and Jacob Renfore drill for the last time as they complete the Bible Drill Program.



Check "Upcoming Events" on [www.brbaweb.org](http://www.brbaweb.org) for changes and additions

### May

- 4 Pastors' Conf. - Capt. Jeff Middleton
- 7 National Day of Prayer
- 10 **Mother's Day**
- 11 Pastors' Conf. - Dr. Mike Thrower
- 18 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. J. Sprayberry
- 21 Executive Board @ Resource Center
- 23 The Well Worship Service
- 25 No Pastors' Conf. - Memorial Day

### June

- 1 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. Keith Runyon
- 8 Pastors' Conf. - Dr. Randy Davis
- 15 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. J. Burroughs
- 21 **Father's Day**
- 22 Pastors' Conf. - Dr. Mike Hayes
- 27 The Well Worship Service
- 29 Pastors' Conf. - Dr. Marty Comer

### July

- 3 Office Closed - Independence Day
- 6 Pastors' Conf. -
- 13 Pastors' Conf. -
- 20 Pastors' Conf. -
- 23 Harvest Field 2 Meeting
- 25 The Well Worship Service
- 27 Pastors' Conf. -
- 28 Financial Seminar by TBC

### August

- 3 Pastors' Conf. -
- 10 Pastors' Conf. -
- 17 Pastors' Conf. -
- 20 Executive Board @ Resource Center
- 24 Pastors' Conf. -
- 29 The Well Worship Service
- 31 Pastors' Conf. -

### September

- 7 Office Closed - Labor Day
- 14 Pastors' Conf. -
- 18-19 Women's Prayer Retreat
- 21 Pastors' Conf. -
- 26 The Well Worship Service

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