



In preparing to teach the *Life of Christ* this semester for the R. G. Lee Center, I researched the world into which Jesus was born. We know Jesus is eternal and exists well beyond the confines of time. But it is also true as a man, He walked this earth at a very specific moment in time. Paul will say it was "the fullness of time" (Galatians 4:4).

This fullness of time was unique. Consider the three great influences which merged at this singular moment. The Romans had brought law and order to the world. It was now possible to travel throughout the known world without hindrances. The Greeks had brought a common language. The missionaries needed only everyday Greek to share the message to everyone. And the world was intrigued by the Jewish monotheistic faith. The idea of one true God was appealing to the masses.

This working and timing by God reminds me of how He works in the affairs of the nations to accomplish His purposes. Even when man rejects the will of God, God still prevails. Jesus came into the world at the perfect time, although it was not a perfect world.

Two thousand years later, God is still working in time. He has His eye on our nation. So as the politicians run around seeking to please the masses as though they were the ultimate authority, be encouraged by the words of Benjamin Franklin, "I see this truth ... God governs the affairs of men."

Let us pray our nation listens to Him.

Your co-laborer,

Bro. Mike T.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL KICK-OFF EVENT



February 4, 6:30
Resource Center
All Pastors and VBS Directors are encouraged to be present.



Our Moderator encourages you to attend the next Executive Board

Thursday
Feb. 18, 7:00 p.m.
at the Resource Center.

Deacons Conference
Poplar Heights Baptist Church, Jackson
Dr. Jim Henry—Key Note Speaker
February 20, 2016
8:00 continental breakfast
2:00 adjourn
\$10.00 registration due by February 16 (includes lunch)

Beech River Baptist Association ANNUAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

February 20, 2016
9:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.
Sand Ridge Baptist Church

LIVING BIBLICALLY CORRECT IN TODAY'S WORLD



SPEAKER: Donna Gaines
Bellevue Baptist, Memphis

MUSIC: Angelia Rowsey
Sand Ridge Baptist Church



Registration Fee: \$ 10.00 (includes meal)
Reservation Deadline: February 12



BALANCE SHEET

Jan. 31, 2016
General Budget

Initial Bal. \$ 10,463.11
Church Rec. 9,615.64
Other Rec. + 1,230.69
21,309.44
Expenses - 10,907.54
Budget Bal. \$ 10,401.90

Other Funds

Designated \$ 19,016.88
DOM Disc. \$ 1,291.63
Missions Fd. \$ 1,176.22
Contingency \$ 14,034.31
Cent. Fund Variable

YTD Activity

Inc. \$ 10,846.33
Exp. 10,907.54
Bal. \$ - 61.21



BIRTHDAYS

5 Tina Rhodes
5 Clay Hallmark
6 Mary Ann Walker
8 Janie Hopper
15 Jonnie Jones
26 Bob Sparks

ANNIVERSARIES

3 Jimmy and Carol Burroughs
10 Micah and Terri Jo Renfro
27 Greg and Sue Ross

CHURCH RECEIPTS

(Jan. 1, 2016 — Jan. 31, 2016)
Thank you. Our Churches are our Association's primary source of income.

CHURCH	MONTH	YTD
Barren Springs		
Beacon	250.00	250.00
Bear Creek	99.81	99.81
Beech Lake		
Bible Hill	110.00	110.00
Bunches Chapel		
Calvary	236.68	236.68
Chapel Hill		
Corinth	100.00	100.00
Crossroads	259.65	259.65
Cub Creek Hall		
Darden		
Decaturville, 1 st	100.00	100.00
Fellowship		
Flatwoods	532.56	532.56
Hopewell	200.00	200.00
House of Wor.		
Huron	397.11	397.11
Judson	100.00	100.00
Lexington, 1 st	1666.66	1666.66
Mt. Ararat	304.20	304.20
Mt. Gilead		
Mt. Zion		
New Beech G.	150.00	150.00
New Hope		
Parsons, 1 st	765.30	765.30
Perryville, 1 st	50.00	50.00
Pine Grove	270.19	270.19
Poplar Springs	570.00	570.00
Ridge Grove		
Rock Hill	470.00	470.00
Salem	98.87	98.87
Sand Ridge	1,002.19	1,002.19
Sardis	107.67	107.67
Sardis Ridge		
Scotts Hill		
Southside		
Twin Oaks	234.95	234.95
Union	634.89	634.89
Union Grove	204.91	204.91
Wildersville	700.00	700.00
TOTALS	\$ 9,615.64	\$ 9,615.64

* multiple checks

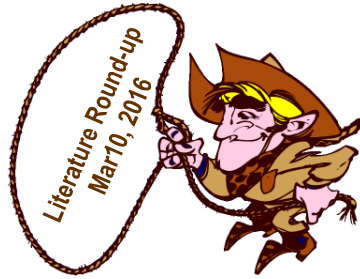
Church News

CALVARY - Everyone enjoyed a surprise birthday lunch for Bro. Mike Thrower. We thank him for his help as we search for a Pastor.

HOUSE OF WORSHIP - A Women's meeting was held on the 12th. We are beginning a movie night at the church. It will be the 4th Friday night of each month. The Youth are collecting aluminum cans to fund a trip this summer. Please continue to pray for the sick and elderly. Jeff Todd, pastor.

TWIN OAKS - In December we had an Ugly Sweater Day. Our Christmas program was very uplifting. December 20th was a movie night for us. February 13th will be our Valentine's Dinner.

Our Youth are getting excited about YEC. Two people have joined our church. Bobby Crowe, pastor.



SEVEN CONGREGATIONS SEEKING PASTORS

Barren Springs Mt. Ararat
Calvary Sardis Ridge
Crossroads Rock Hill
Fellowship



Sunday, February 21, 2016
Union University
Afternoon Session 4:00 - 5:45
Dinner 5:45-6:30
Celebration Rally 6:45-8:00
Pastor, Dr. Fred Luter
Franklin Avenue Baptist Church
New Orleans

80th Birthday Celebration



Family and Friends of Jonnie Neal Jones invite you to a come and go celebration of her eightieth birthday, February 14, 2016, in the Fellowship Hall at First Baptist, Lexington from 2:00 until 4:00.

The family requests your presence not your presents.

A *Book of Remembrances* is being prepared. Please contribute by sending an unfolded page of recollections to 65 Teakwood, Lexington.

READY SET GO!

WMU Get Together & Connection
April 8-10, 2016
Gatlinburg

A wonderful time for ladies and Youth Girls to renew and learn of missionaries and missions.

Check "Upcoming Events" on www.brbaweb.org for changes and additions

February

1 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. J. Burroughs
4 VBS Kick-Off Event
8 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. Ryan Keaton
15 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. J. Sprayberry
18 Executive Board
20 BRBA Women's Conference
22 Pastors' Conf. - Dr. Mike Thrower
22 Assoc. VBS Team Training
29 Pastors' Conf. - Dr. Gilbert Cubbison

March

7 Pastors' Conf. - Bro. Charles Gentry
13 Time Change—Spring Forward
14 Pastors' Conf. - Dr. Chris Young
20 PALM SUNDAY
21 Pastors' Conf. - Dr. Michael Hayes
27 EASTER SUNDAY
28 Pastors' Conf. - Dr. Todd Brady

April

4 Pastors' Conf. -
5 Assoc. Children & Youth Bible Drills
8-10 WMU Get-Together & Connection
11 Pastors' Conf. -
18 Pastors' Conf. -
23 State Children & Youth Bible Drills
25 Pastors' Conf.
26 W.M.U. Annual Meeting

May

2 Pastors' Conf. -
5 National Day of Prayer
8 Mother's Day
9 Pastors' Conf. -
16 Pastors' Conf. -
19 Executive Board
23 Pastors' Conf. -
25-27 DOM Retreat
30 No Pastors' Conf.—Memorial Day

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