



As we celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup> or Independence Day it is wise to reflect on what brought us to the point where thirteen separate colonies were willing to join together and declare their independence.

Freedom of religion was born in America. It has been taught the desire for freedom of religion was what brought many to America. This is only partially true. For those who came seeking their freedom to worship often persecuted others who did not believe as they did. The best example of this is the story of Roger Williams. After being tried in Boston for teaching Baptist doctrine in opposition to the law, he fled to Providence, Rhode Island. There he established the first Baptist Congregation in America.

The truth is that the concept of the freedom to worship began with a spiritual event known as the First Great Awakening. Men like Jonathan Edwards and George Whitefield preached with Holy Spirit power and many were saved. It is reported that Whitefield was so persuasive even Ben Franklin was moved to give an offering.

As a result of this massive turning to the Lord, the people no longer devoted themselves to the pursuit of riches, pleasure, or self. They now served God. Their motto now was, "No King but King Jesus." While continuing their separate denominational ties, they saw themselves as citizens of the larger Kingdom of God.

United in a heavenly citizenship, taught by Biblically sound pastors, and with a desire to be free to worship as they pleased, they saw their ties with England in a new light. The fires of freedom were lit.

Your co-laborer,

*Bro. Mike T.*



## Disaster Relief/Baptist Builders Fund Raiser

4:00 p.m. Until  
July 30, 2011

Decatur County Fairgrounds Building

Singing

Food

Auction

Fun



August 18, 2011  
First Baptist Church, Parsons  
For all Sunday School Workers



The policies developed by the special committee of the Executive Board for our *Disaster Relief/Baptist Builders Ministry* may be viewed on the "Resource Page" of our website ([www.brbaweb.org](http://www.brbaweb.org)). These will be presented at the August Executive Board Meeting.

### R. G. Lee Fall Session The Minor Prophets



August 16, 2011 — October 4, 2011  
Tuesdays, 6:30– 9:30 p.m.

## REVEAL ∞ REVIEW ∞ RENEW

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*— for Church & Associational Missions Leaders*

August 26 - 27  
Humboldt, First Baptist Church  
For New and Returning Missions Leaders.  
Call the Resource Center for Details and Registration

### BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 2011  
**General Budget**

Initial Bal.	\$ 4,189.42
Church Rec.	9,903.91
Other Rec.	+ 1,743.40
	\$ 15,836.73
Expenses	- 10,968.82
<b>Budget Bal.</b>	<b>\$ 4,867.91</b>

#### Other Funds

Designated	\$ 25,119.03
DOM Disc.	\$ 136.56
Missions Fd.	\$ 3,477.49
Contingency	\$ 15,450.17
Cent. Fund	Variable
<b>YTD Activity</b>	
Inc.	59,127.49
Exp.	66,300.53
Bal.	\$ - 7,173.04

#### BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Varsha McMinn
- 7 Peggy Wood
- 10 Terrie Bromley
- 12 Michael Penny
- 18 Barbara Screws
- 20 Kelly Burton
- 23 Patricia Bain
- 23 Christopher Young

#### ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 The Keith Brittain's
- 22 The Bob Hull's
- 28 The Gilbert Cubbison's
- 31 The Jim Denison's

### CHURCH RECEIPTS

(January 1, 2011 — June 30, 2011 )

CHURCH	MONTH	YTD
Barren Springs		120.00
Bath Springs*	300.00	900.00
Beacon		250.00
Bear Creek	235.28	1,256.07
Beech Lake		200.00
Bible Hill		660.00
Bunches Chapel	110.00	79.79
Calvary		240.18
Chapel Hill*		796.38
Corinth	100.00	600.00
Cross Roads		229.05
Cub Creek Hall *	79.10	184.20
Darden		
Decaturville, 1 <sup>st</sup>	150.00	900.00
Fellowship		
Flatwoods*	728.59	2,176.30
Hopewell	200.00	1000.00
House of Wor.	48.95	207.85
Huron	190.89	425.04
Judson		200.00
Lexington, 1 <sup>st</sup>	1,666.66	8,333.30
Mt. Ararat	376.06	1,900.03
Mt. Gilead	300.00	1,800.00
Mt. Zion		343.74
New Beech G.		
New Hope		300.00
Parsons, 1 <sup>st</sup>	904.32	4,857.36
Perryville, 1 <sup>st</sup>	66.61	378.27
Pine Grove	472.68	2,354.71
Poplar Springs		
Ridge Grove		
Rock Hill	284.45	1,550.26
Salem		180.85
Saltillo	256.00	1,302.00
Sand Ridge	1091.86	5,517.82
Sardis	209.29	1,113.94
Sardis Ridge		
Scotts Hill*	660.67	2,280.22
Southside		100.00
Twin Oaks	255.95	1,192.62
Union		1,016.97
Union Grove		664.03
Wildersville	179.99	1,368.55
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 9,903.91</b>	<b>\$ 49,786.14</b>

\* multiple checks

## Church News

**BEAR CREEK** - We have been busy remodeling the parsonage for our new pastor. A big thanks to all who helped. Bro. Wade Austin, his wife Crystal, & their daughters Alyssa, Hanna, & Emma will be joining us on July 10<sup>th</sup>. On Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> we went bowling in Savannah & had a great time with 40 attending. Wade Austin, pastor-elect.

**BIBLE HILL** - Homecoming was the end of May. We had a huge turnout, but had to stuff ourselves in the basement because of the rain! Our June VBS, "Big Apple Adventure," averaged 55 nightly. Danny Ray, pastor.

**BUNCHES CHAPEL** - Our visit to the Linden Nursing Home was enjoyed by the residents as well as those who went from our church. We always receive a blessing when we sing the Gospel songs and share God's Word with them. Our Homecoming was on Father's Day. Tony Gant, our special singer, sang "How Great Thou Art". Come to Wed night Bible study. You will be glad you did! Doyle Coffman, pastor.

**CALVARY** - Jeff Butler was our Gideon Speaker. We had VBS May 31-June 3. On June 12 we baptized 8. Three have joined by letter. Our Mission trip was to

Waynsville, Mo with the Pulaski Assoc. We took 18 who led in 2 VBS a day. Greg Stanford, pastor.

**PINE GROVE** - We had a special service to recognize our collegiate, high school, and kindergarten graduates. The graduates and their families were special guests at a dinner given in their honor. We recognized and honored our Mothers and Fathers with special services on their respective holidays. Dr. Michael Thrower was our guest preacher for Cooperative Program Day, June 26. The quarterly SS Staff Breakfast is proving to be a benefit for our Sunday School efforts. Our VBS, "Big Apple Adventure Where Faith and Life Connect," is scheduled for July 10-14. Bro. Greg Stanford will be the guest evangelist for our revival which is scheduled for July 24 - 27. Jimmy Burroughs, pastor.

**SCOTTS HILL** - We began our "Summer Of Love" with a baptism and election of a new deacon, Ken Broadway, Jr. A church picnic was enjoyed by all. Our Women's Bible Group has been growing spiritually and in service. Volunteer Christian Builders will be working in Camden the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>. We are sponsoring a free community

health fair on July 16<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to Noon. Our VBS kickoff will be July 17<sup>th</sup> with VBS July 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please pray for us as we continue to search for a Youth Minister and Youth Pastor. Tim Buffalo, Pastor.

**TWIN OAKS** - Sat, April 23, Becca Lawler gave her life to the Lord. She was baptized on Easter Sun. Our Youth Retreat with Poplar Springs was a great success. The 5<sup>th</sup> Sun of May was Youth Sun. Jeff Weaver brought the message followed by lunch. We celebrated Father's Day with a fellowship breakfast before service. Everyone is invited everyone to our VBS July 17- 21. Bobby Crowe, pastor.



### CURCHES SEEKING PASTORS

Barren Springs New Beech Gv.  
Crossroads Salem  
Fellowship Sardis Ridge  
Huron Union Grove

Please remember these congregations in prayer.

## OUR CALENDER

### July

4 Office Closed Independence Day  
No Pastors' Conference  
11 Pastors' Con. *Bobby McCord*  
18 Pastors' Con. *Jimmy Biggers*  
25 Pastors' Con. *Mark Brewer*  
30 D. R. Fundraiser

### August

1 Pastors' Con. *Richard Wells*  
4 Associational Clerks Conference  
8 Pastors' Con. *Mike Thrower*  
15 Pastors' Con. *Dewey Jones*  
16 R. G. Lee Session 1  
18 Sunday School Clinic  
22 Pastors' Con. *Lynn Walker*  
23 R. G. Lee Session 2  
25 Executive Board @ Res. Center  
26 Equipping Mission Leaders  
27 Equipping Mission Leaders  
29 Pastors' Con. *John Heskett*  
30 R. G. Lee Session 3

### September

5 Office Closed Labor Day  
No Pastors' Conference  
6 R. G. Lee Session 4  
9 Literature Round-up  
12 Pastors' Con.  
13 R. G. Lee Session 5  
19 Pastors' Con.  
20 R. G. Lee Session 6  
21 See You At The Pole  
23 Women's Prayer Retreat  
24 Women's Prayer Retreat  
26 Pastors' Con.  
27 R. G. Lee Session 7

### October (Pastor Appreciation Month)

3 Pastors' Con.  
4 R. G. Lee Session 8  
10 Pastors' Con.  
17 Annual Meeting, FBC, Parsons  
No Pastors' Conference

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