



# The *Spirit* of Strawberry Baptist Association

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## “Missions Grants”

This month I'd like to elaborate on the grant proposal that was introduced at the last associational meeting. We are making a grant proposal for mission's work in our local churches that is funded by our Association's funds. At present you may have noticed that we don't do a lot as an association. Part of that is the natural changes that have come over the years as National resources and State Convention resources have become more easily accessed at a local level. Part is also related to our ongoing efforts to find work that unites us and meets needs we can't meet more effectively elsewhere.

So, while there are several other things that are ongoing, we'd like to introduce a grant program that allows us to use the association's resources to help churches send people on mission efforts. The plan is to make available each year a portion of our abundant financial resources, which will be on a first come first served basis. We are tentatively planning on offering annually \$10,000 – \$20,000. Each church will have access to a certain portion of this allocation. Financially we are looking for ways to reinvest in our churches and this looks to be a great way for several reasons.

First, it will be church based. Each missionary will need their churches approval on the application and be through a church approved venture. We are here to support **YOUR** Church's efforts to obey the Great Commission. This will leave the church in charge, and responsible for finding, and scheduling trips. Our role is to help make those trips possible through prayer and funding.

Secondly, we hope it is responsible financial stewardship. We are not a savings and loan institute; we are Christians obeying the great commission. As such our efforts are in support of the local churches, and that should include our financial efforts – we don't need to accumulate as an association – we need to be investing in the Kingdom as churches! We, as an Association, are currently meeting our expenses with a reserve of roughly \$150,000. It is hoped that it will be a means of reminding churches that giving to the association is a means of giving to local churches that are in need.

Finally, we want to see people going on missions, and we want to share in their stories. It seems that so many people struggle to make the time, much less the financial commitment to go on missions. It may be Disaster Relief, Evangelism, Construction, whatever the church is led to accomplish. But as an association, we want your church to know we are there to support you and help you go!

*David*

# 2nd Qtr Financial Report

Strawberry Baptist Association									
Financial Report - Jan - Dec 2023									
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	YTD		
Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$69,219.04	\$69,251.71	\$69,967.05	\$70,032.53	\$69,241.92	\$69,814.80	Income		
<b>General Fund</b>									
Undesignated Receipts	\$795.29	\$1,512.56	\$1,057.44	\$1,239.31	\$1,410.82	\$2,588.61	\$8,604.03		
Designated Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Total Receipts	\$795.29	\$1,512.56	\$1,057.44	\$1,239.31	\$1,410.82	\$2,588.61	\$8,604.03		
Balance (Ckbook Bal + Receipts)	\$70,014.33	\$70,764.27	\$71,024.49	\$71,271.84	\$70,652.74	\$72,403.41			
Total Expenses	-\$762.62	-\$797.22	-\$991.96	-\$2,029.92	-\$837.94	-\$949.54	-\$6,369.20		
<b>Ending Checkbook Balance</b>	<b>\$69,251.71</b>	<b>\$69,967.05</b>	<b>\$70,032.53</b>	<b>\$69,241.92</b>	<b>\$69,814.80</b>	<b>\$71,453.87</b>	<b>\$2,234.83</b>		
<i>CD's</i>	<i>\$53,734.11</i>	<i>\$53,734.11</i>	<i>\$53,734.11</i>	<i>\$53,734.11</i>	<i>\$53,734.11</i>	<i>\$53,734.11</i>			
<i>BGAV Foundation</i>	<i>\$31,405.06</i>	<i>\$31,405.06</i>	<i>\$33,080.03</i>	<i>\$33,080.03</i>	<i>\$33,080.03</i>	<i>\$33,991.86</i>			
<b>Total - All Accounts</b>	<b>\$154,390.88</b>	<b>\$155,106.22</b>	<b>\$156,846.67</b>	<b>\$156,056.06</b>	<b>\$156,628.94</b>	<b>\$159,179.84</b>			
							YTD		%
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
CenterFest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Missions Coordinator	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0%
Woman's Missionary Union	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Quilting Camp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Youth Event	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Personnel</b>									
Clerk's Expense Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Secretary's Salary	154.87	273.01	381.92	347.30	280.86	183.85	1,621.81	5,000.00	32%
Secretary's Social Security	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Treasurer's Mileage Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	51.09	0.00	0.00	68.12	119.21	250.00	48%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>154.87</b>	<b>273.01</b>	<b>433.01</b>	<b>347.30</b>	<b>280.86</b>	<b>251.97</b>	<b>1,741.02</b>	<b>\$5,250.00</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>Associational Office</b>									
Office Supplies	195.68	34.17	143.91	67.58	139.55	273.37	854.26	1,500.00	57%
Website	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	300.00	25%
Computer Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0%
SBA Office Rent	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	1,800.00	3,600.00	50%
Property and Grounds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
SBA Renters Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0%
Internet	112.07	115.04	115.04	115.04	117.53	124.20	698.92	1,500.00	47%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>607.75</b>	<b>524.21</b>	<b>558.95</b>	<b>482.62</b>	<b>557.08</b>	<b>697.57</b>	<b>3,428.18</b>	<b>\$8,150.00</b>	<b>42%</b>
<b>Other</b>									
Associational Annuals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Annual Meeting	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,500.00	80%
Eagle Eyrie	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	N/A
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$762.62</b>	<b>\$797.22</b>	<b>\$991.96</b>	<b>\$2,029.92</b>	<b>\$837.94</b>	<b>\$949.54</b>	<b>\$6,369.20</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>	<b>32%</b>

## Strawberry Association

\*There will be a **SBA Leadership Team Meeting** on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, at Trinity Baptist Church; at 7:00 pm. Items on the Agenda include discussion of the Missions Grant Program and our upcoming Annual Meeting.

# Church News

### Bedford

- \*Our **Student Ministry** is planning fun adventures as we finish Summer strong.
- \*On August 6<sup>th</sup>, join us for our **“Back to School Party”**. This will happen at the Country Club after the morning worship service. The cost is \$10 per family and includes lunch and swimming. We invite anyone to attend and enjoy the fellowship, no need to RSVP, just show up.
- \*The **Mission Team** will share their experiences from their Monsoon trip to Knoxville as a special addition to morning worship.
- \*The **Youth** will enjoy **“Floatella @ The Seckman’s”** on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. The Seckman’s live near Little Otter River which is a great place to float the river and enjoy pizza afterwards.
- \*We are happy to announce that new **Pastor, Michael Khol**, is no longer our **“new”** Pastor since he will soon be here 1 year. He and his growing family are indeed a great addition to our Church, and we plan to enjoy them for many years to come.
- \*We continue to enjoy the **“Friday Night Jams”**. The groups start at 7:00 PM and continue to entertain until 9:00 PM. The attendance normally exceeds about 60. There is no charge and sometimes food miraculously just shows up for everyone to enjoy.

### Flint Hill

- \*Flint Hill will be having an **Ice Cream Social** and **Movie Night** as an Outreach Event on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 pm in the Flint Hill Community Center. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy.

### Quaker

- \*Our church will be doing **Community Outreach** Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, as we collect roadside trash along our roads, and invite neighbors to join us for worship and lunch the next day!

### Pecks

- \*On Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, **Pastor Bryan Sheehan** announced his **Retirement**, effective July 30<sup>th</sup>.
- \***VBS** was held June 11<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, with an average attendance of 58, a missions offering of over \$300 and a special offering to the **Huddleston Volunteer Fire Department** of \$385.
- \*Our **Mission Team** went to Lynch, KY, the week of July 9<sup>th</sup>.
- \*We will have an **Ice Cream Social** and **Pastor Appreciation Service** for Pastor Bryan and his wife, Ada, on Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm. ***Thank You, Bryan & Ada, for your years of Service and Ministry to Pecks Baptist Church.***

### Timber Ridge

- \*We will be having a summer round up **Gospel Concert** featuring **“Chosen Road”** on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m. with a pulled pork lunch following the service.
  - \*In order to beat the heat, our **Youth** recently enjoyed an evening of water activities, including a giant water slide, followed by snacks that were provided by several youth parents.
  - \*On **Wednesday evenings**, we are currently enjoying an evangelistic video series that concentrates on practical ways to walk closer to Christ, while encouraging boldness in living out our faith.
- Gary Arrington, of **Hunters for the Hungry**, recently shared an update on how this ministry is continuing to bless those in Bedford County, as well as those in neighboring communities.
- \*We are continuing our **Mission Projects** aimed at blessing the girls and women of Haiti.
  - \*On Wednesday, August 2, our Wednesday evening **Ladies Bible Study** group will begin their next study in the book of Genesis. Our new book, **“Be Authentic: Exhibiting Real Faith in the Real World”** will concentrate on Genesis Chapters 25-50. This is a series by Warren Wiersbe.

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***Ministry  
Opportunities***

7/31 – 8/4 Quilt Camp 1-4 pm  
8<sup>th</sup> Pastor's Conference  
@ Shady Grove  
29<sup>th</sup> Leadership Team

***Wedding  
Anniversaries***

7<sup>th</sup> - Chuck & Chonita Williams  
7<sup>th</sup> - David & Suzanne Timma  
7<sup>th</sup> - Vernon & Wanda DeLong  
17<sup>th</sup> - David & Donna Henderson  
19<sup>th</sup> - Dennis & Mary Moore