

Strawberry Baptist Association

Spirit



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Praying Together

Last month we met at Thaxton for an association wide prayer time for missions. It involved half a dozen ministries, some local, some international. They each presented their mission and we had a few moments of prayer over each endeavor. Thaxton and Pastor Ethan Strickler did a great job hosting us. It is this type of cooperation we seek. Where churches encourage each other to the larger job of service for our Lord and building His Kingdom. Often it seems that Churches have a mindset that is focused around their own numbers with little regard to the broader Kingdom, unless it is a means to their own growth. But we are truly a part of something eternal and it is important to always have that in perspective.

Baptist churches have long prided themselves on their independence. That can be a good thing when it is a Biblically warranted responsibility to be accountable in the local church for our elders and deacons, our ministries, our missionaries, and local communities. We need to know we are responsible participants in the kingdom in our neighborhood so that we remain focused on our contributions and responsibilities.

But we can also grow inwardly focused and neglect that we are responsible for obeying the great commission and for encouraging and aiding other local churches. So, while we may avoid financial entanglements and influences by local autonomy, we are commanded to go to the nations. The examples in the book of Acts and the Epistles are that we are in this together and ought to be encouraging and edifying each other beyond lip service.

Fellowship and communication become essential for churches being built up and are Biblically demonstrated throughout the New Testament simply by the fact that much of it consists of letters to other churches! So pray for each other and join us in getting to know each other that we might advance the Kingdom of our Lord together!

David

Our SBA Vision

We seek to Connect, Coordinate & Communicate

“We Commit to other SBA Churches to Connect, Coordinate, and Communicate opportunities to partner together in order to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandment.” (Matt 28:18-20, 22:37-40)

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Financial Report - Jan - Dec 2024									
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	YTD		
Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$71,845.54	\$72,914.73	\$73,334.08	\$73,301.33	\$69,791.40	\$64,917.25	Income		
General Fund									
Undesignated Receipts	\$1,838.05	\$1,128.10	\$736.49	\$1,314.11	\$14,656.92	\$737.26	\$20,410.93		
Designated Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00		
Total Receipts	\$1,838.05	\$1,128.10	\$736.49	\$1,314.11	\$14,656.92	\$737.26	\$20,860.93		
Balance (Ckbook Bal + Receipts)	\$73,683.59	\$74,042.83	\$74,070.57	\$74,615.44	\$84,448.32	\$65,654.51			
Total Expenses	-\$768.86	-\$708.75	-\$769.24	-\$4,824.04	-\$19,531.07	-\$916.58	-\$27,518.54		
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$72,914.73	\$73,334.08	\$73,301.33	\$69,791.40	\$64,917.25	\$64,737.93	(\$6,657.61)		
CD's	\$53,814.77	\$53,814.77	\$53,824.85	\$53,734.11	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00			
BGAV Foundation	\$35,805.57	\$35,805.57	\$37,187.15	\$37,187.15	\$37,187.15	\$37,516.17			
Total - All Accounts	\$162,535.07	\$162,954.42	\$164,313.33	\$160,712.66	\$142,104.40	\$142,254.10			
							YTD	Expenses	Budget
Ministries	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June		Expenses	Budget
CenterFest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Missions Coordinator	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Missions Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	18,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	10,000.00	200%
Local Church Ministry & Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0%
Quilting Camp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0%
Subtotal	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	18,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	\$15,200.00	132%
Personnel									
Clerk's Expense Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
Secretary's Salary	243.95	251.90	251.90	275.91	351.92	267.82	1,643.40	5,000.00	33%
Secretary's Social Security	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
Treasurer's Mileage Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	60.97	0.00	0.00	60.97	121.94	250.00	49%
Subtotal	243.95	251.90	312.87	275.91	351.92	328.79	1,765.34	\$5,250.00	34%
Associational Office									
Office Supplies	99.41	31.33	30.85	169.11	154.04	162.68	647.42	1,700.00	38%
Website	0.00	0.00	0.00	553.50	600.00	0.00	1,153.50	1,200.00	96%
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%
SBA Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	0%
SBA Renters Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
Telephone & Internet	125.50	125.52	125.52	125.52	125.11	125.11	752.28	1,600.00	47%
Subtotal	524.91	456.85	456.37	1,148.13	1,179.15	587.79	4,353.20	\$9,550.00	46%
Other									
Associational Annuals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
Annual Meeting	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,400.00	0.00	0.00	1,400.00	1,500.00	93%
Eagle Eyrie	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0%
Subtotal	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,400.00	0.00	0.00	1,400.00	\$1,600.00	88%
Total Disbursements	\$768.86	\$708.75	\$769.24	\$4,824.04	\$19,531.07	\$916.58	\$27,518.54	\$31,600.00	87%

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Bedford

- *We will be returning to Eagle Eyrie for a “**Back-to-School**” event following morning worship on Sunday, August 4th from 1:00 until 5:00 pm. We will enjoy hot dogs and pool time. There is a cost of \$10 per family
- *The **Faithful Chargers for Christ Mission** group meet at 9:30 am on the 3rd Saturday of the month at “The Blue Lady” for Brunch and Christian Fellowship with our focus on Community Missions. For the month of August, we will help sponsor the Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit the Bedford Pregnancy Center. The campaign will run from August 4th through the 25th. The bottles will be available to pick up at the Church. If you’re interested in joining us, please contact the Church Office, in case the date or location changes.
- ***Operation Christmas Child** “kick-off” is Sunday August 25th. This year we plan to help the children’s department “packing party” by collecting a few hygiene items. Each Sunday during September, we will designate a different item to drop off in one of the red boxes placed around.

Diamond Hill

- ***Mission Trip** to **Colombia** from Aug 30th -Sept 8th.

Flint Hill

- *Free **Movie Night** at the Community Center behind the church on August 2nd at 6:30pm. We will be showing the movie *War Room* that emphasizes the importance of prayer and forgiveness. This is in anticipation of the new movie (The Forge) that comes out later in August. All are welcome to come and enjoy the movie with us.

Mentow

- *We recently added a new person to our staff. **Jacklyn Harris** of Gladys has accepted the position of **Children’s Church Director**. She recently received her Masters in Curriculum and Instruction from University of Lynchburg. She is certified as an art teacher in Grades K-12 and has taught for the past four years in that capacity. Jackie is also a professional photographer, operating under the name of “Once Upon a Picture.”
- *The **Sunday breakfast/fellowship** time has proven to be an important ministry, with growing attendance. A full, delicious breakfast is served by volunteers; and the fellowship time allows attendees to take a step back from busy schedules and chat a bit with neighbors and fellow Christians.
- *Twice a year, the **Men’s Ministry** sponsors a music event. The next one is scheduled for Saturday, September 14, at 6:00 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and join the Mentow family and community for an evening of bluegrass music and worship (and ice cream). The two groups featured are L&F Express and DJ Mann & The Bethel Church Band. This is an outdoor, no- charge event.

Suck Spring

- *We had 116 average attendance in **VBS** with 2 salvation decisions. Over \$600.00 was raised for the Nicaragua Missions Team as well as flip-flops, sunglasses, caps and stuffed animals. The youth also wrote and designed over 30 cards for nursing home residents and prepared 30 blessings gift bags of school supplies for the West Virginia children who will attend VBS.
- ***Mission Trip** to **Nicaragua** on Oct. 12th – 19th with Because We Care Ministries to be involved in evangelism in villages and schools, distributing food, sharing God’s Word and training local pastors.

Thaxton

- *We hosted a **SBA Missions Prayer Meeting** Wednesday, July 17th, the first of a series on *Associational Prayer Meetings*. We worshipped, heard from representatives from our national mission boards as well as local gospel ministries, and spent time praying for all of them. We also prayed for upcoming short-term mission trips by churches in the Strawberry Association.
- ***Mission Trips** to **England** (London, Cambridge, Oxford), July 27th -Aug 6th with the **IMB**, then to **Brownsville, TX** on Oct 9th -13th, with **Send Relief**.

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August

6 Pastor's Conference @ Trinity (*Lunch provided*)