

## News From Churches

**Concord** hosted a back to school party on August 8th with a 3 on 3 Basketball tournament, a pool and ping pong tournament, a giant waterslide and bounce house. Britt Curry provided the music.

**FreedomWay** God Is So Good!!! We praise Him for the lives He is saving, not only from an eternal Hell but also from self destruction. It is so exciting to watch as The Spirit empowers these to live new lives in Christ. THANKS to all who pray for this mission.

**Grace** received 3 new members, 1 by baptism.

**Higginson** will host Revival Services August 30th - September 2nd with Evangelist Dr. Ernie Perkins. Sunday Services will begin at 10am & 6:00pm. Monday - Wednesday at 7:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Lone Star** celebrated its yearly Homecoming service on Sunday, August 9 with music, message, and a lunch afterwards.

**McJester** had 76 children at VBS. We also were blessed to have Brett Stewart, NHIM, and the Nelsons in concert during the months of June and July.

**Mountain Top Cowboy** Since our last report we have baptized 28, had 35 join the church, and several accept Christ & rededicate. VBS had 81 children registered with an average attendance of 65. We had 18 go to Casper, WY on our yearly mission trip and we have partnered with both CO & WY for ministry outreach. August 30th we will be launching our in-home Life Groups, and Sept. 13th we will be adding an additional Sunday morning service at 10:45.

**Southside** will be having "HIGH ATTENDANCE DAY" on Sunday, September 20. The Mercy River Boys will be singing in the morning worship service. Potluck lunch will follow in the family life center. All are invited to come and worship on this special day. Sunday School will begin at 9:45am and worship service will begin at 10:45am.

**Tumbling Shoals** hosted a community Block Party on August 2 with games, bounce houses, live music, and horseshoes. Backpacks with school items were given away to school children. TSBC will host the International Church Planters Annual Missions Conference, Thursday - Saturday, August 6-8 (Thursday & Friday 6:30 PM, Saturday 9:30 AM). Special guest speakers will be Josh Buice of Douglasville, GA; Wayne Koucourek of Vilonia, AR; and Bill Williams, President of ICP. Music will be led by Ted Walker, of Dallas, TX. Everyone is invited to attend every session.



Renowned southern Gospel Singer/Songwriter  
**Squire Parsons,**  
(writer of "Sweet Beulah Land"), will

be in concert at Tumbling Shoals Baptist Church, Sunday, August 30 at 6:00 PM. Admission is free, but a love offering will be collected.

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### Associational Meeting

August 17, 2015

Quitman First Baptist

6:00 Fellowship Supper

6:30 Executive Board Meeting

7:00 Stand and Sing

Prayer & Welcome: Dennis Smith

Roll Call/Announcements

Special Music

Message: Larry Page, Arkansas

Faith & Ethics Council

Larry Page serves as the Executive Director of the Arkansas Faith and Ethics Council which exists to promote Judeo-Christian values as solutions to the social and moral problems confronting our nation. Larry graduated from Benton High School in 1968 and served in the U.S. Navy from 1968-1972. He received his undergraduate degree in political science from UALR in 1976 and his law degree from the UALR School of Law in 1980. From 1980-1983 he served as the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Pulaski County before joining the Arkansas Baptist Foundation as Vice President and Staff Attorney in 1983. In 1991 he became the Executive Director of the Arkansas Faith and Ethics Council and the Arkansas Committee for Ethics Policy, where he still serves today. Larry married his wife, Mickie, in 1976, and together they have five children.

The AR Faith & Ethics Council and the AR Committee for Ethics Policy lobby in the Arkansas state legislature relative to issues such as life, gambling, medical ethics, alcohol and drugs, pornography, homosexual agenda, and religious liberty.



Mark your calendar for our Associational Picnic, **September 15** at Mountain Top Cowboy Church. The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and desserts. **All other churches are asked to provide side dishes.** Please plan to bring a side dish to share, such as baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, macaroni, etc. **Thank you!**

## Missionary's Message

*For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world. Titus 2:11-12*

Titus was a spiritual observer. He looked around and made a spiritual observation. His conclusion was that he was living in a very ungodly world. His exhortation was "we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world". If we want to change society for the better we must lead individuals to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Christ is their only hope. As Christians we should take our stand against the evils of this world. Every Baptist should read Article XV of the Baptist Faith and Message entitled THE CHRISTIAN AND THE SOCIAL ORDER.

I have stood with my picket sign at pro-life rallies and taken my stand as pro-family. As Americans we still have the opportunity to try to make change in our nation. Could it be that the reason we are in a mess today as a country is we Christians refused to be involved in the moral struggles of our nation? Even so, we must never forget that God has called us to get them saved. After all, how will it be in the end of days? "The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." II Pet. 3:10 I am not pessimistic for; "I saw a new heaven and new earth: for the first heaven and first earth were passed away." Rev.21:1 Even if we can't get the Supreme Court to change their ruling on gay marriage God will still have His way in the end!

This is the reason I have invited Larry Page of the Arkansas Faith and Ethics Council to speak at our August Association Meeting. He will address the effects of the recent Supreme Court Ruling on the local church.

About His Business, *Bro. Larry*

### 2015 CAMP REPORT

We had 280 campers at Association Camp June 29 through July 2. There were 20 decisions to follow Christ, 11 rededications, and 2 who surrendered to missions. *PRAISE THE LORD!!* Thank you for praying for our staff and campers this year!

### The Governor's **RESTORE HOPE SUMMIT**

**Aug. 25 & 26 at the Little Rock Marriott**  
*A Call to Action for Faith Leaders on Foster Care and Prison Re-Entry*

Faith leaders are invited to join Governor Asa Hutchinson to discuss how we can partner together to be part of the solution here in Arkansas.

Visit [governor.arkansas.gov/RestoreHope](http://governor.arkansas.gov/RestoreHope) to register.



The Week of Prayer for Arkansas Missions and the Dixie Jackson State Missions Offering is coming up September 13-20. One hundred percent of your gifts are used in Arkansas to fund ministries which reach Arkansans with the message of Christ. Be praying about how you will give this year.

### *It's ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE time again!*

Each church will be receiving a packet in the next few weeks. The deadline for completing the ACP will be near the end of September.

## Financial Report - July 2015

### Gifts from Churches:

Brownsville	\$205.51
Concord	\$120.26
Faith	\$161.00
First, Heber Springs	\$2,483.61
Grace	\$226.80
Harris Chapel	\$123.00
Heber Springs Baptist	\$650.96
Higginson	\$238.03
Lifeline	\$480.00
Lone Star	\$1,702.75
McJester	\$218.27
Mt. Top Cowboy	\$2,752.76
Mt. Zion	\$56.50
New Beginning	\$100.00
New Bethel	\$0.00
Palestine	\$284.34
Pines	\$250.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$50.00
Pleasant Valley	\$336.70
Post Oak	\$50.00
Quitman	\$716.75
South Side	\$343.56
Sugarloaf	\$665.22
Tumbling Shoals	\$459.26
West Side	\$2,324.00
Woodrow	\$419.58

**Total Church Gifts    \$15,418.86**

### Other Income:

ABSC - FreedomWay	\$1,000.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>16,418.86</b>

### Expenditures:

AR Faith & Ethics Council	\$150.00
Collegiate Ministries-UCA/HS	\$200.00
Kansas Missions	\$250.00
Open Door Church	\$1,000.00
Friends For Life	\$400.00
Wind City Church	\$5,000.00
Transfer to FreedomWay	\$1,000.00
Local Missions	\$242.81
Honorarium	\$1,000.00
Camp	\$20,070.02 *
Electric, Propane, Water	\$152.58
Telephone/Internet	\$155.17
Copier Maintenance	\$27.29
Office Supplies/Postage/Software	\$154.17
Bldg. Maint./Cleaning	\$220.00
Denominational Meetings	\$247.88
Missionary Travel	\$191.48
Missionary's Salary	\$3,605.80
Housing Allowance	\$2,163.90
Annuity/Life Insurance	\$342.39
Medical Insurance	\$732.61
Ministry Asst. Salary	\$2,200.95
Ministry Asst. Annuity	\$292.50
Quarterly Payroll Taxes	\$1,239.54
Less: Taxes payable	(\$308.35)

**Total EXPENDITURES    \$40,730.74**

<b>Previous Balance</b>	\$83,053.69
<b>plus: TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	\$16,418.86
<b>less: TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	(\$40,730.74)
<b>OPERATING ACCT BALANCE</b>	<b>\$58,741.81</b>

First Security Bank CD	<b>\$26,707.76</b>
First State Bank CD	<b>\$8,257.52</b>

<b>Disaster Relief Acct Balance</b>	<b>\$6,953.04</b>
<b>Savings Acct Balance</b>	<b>\$11,050.83</b>

\* Camp fees were received and reported in the June report