

News From Churches

Concord has called Daryl Sellers as their pastor.

FreedomWay: The homeless stay for free at the Hill Of Hope. But I tell the men, "It's not free. All of this (shelter, food, utilities, transportation) cost, it's just free to you because others give keep this Mission going. THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Harris Chapel: has called Denver Gillespie as their new pastor.

Heber Springs Baptist: officially paid off their debt in February, 6 months earlier than planned. A note burning celebration will be scheduled at a later date. Everyone is invited to celebrate what God has done.

Southside Baptist Church: and Pleasant Valley Baptist will cohost Vacation Bible School beginning on May 31st through June 5th, from 6:00pm—8:15pm at Southside Baptist Church.

Isaiah 53:5

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Events Cancellations:

Due to social distancing because of the Corona-virus, all events for April in LRRBA and ABSC have been cancelled or postponed to a later date.

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Notice: There will not be an Association Meeting in April due to the Corona-virus and the May meeting will be an executive board meeting held at the Association Office.

Christ Risen!

“Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength...” Romans 15:1

In light of the corona-virus (covid-19) outbreak and its impact on the communities in LRRBA, we are focusing on churches serving in place. Each church is encouraged to focus on meeting the needs of its members and its surrounding community. There are many ways to do this. Below is a short list of ideas:

Live streaming worship services and Bible studies Many churches are equipped and are already doing this, but some of the smaller churches do not have this capability. Larger churches could assist smaller churches to implement this service. Please check your church website or Facebook page for details.

Prayer Walking Prayer is most important in any endeavor, but especially now. 2-3 person teams can prayer walk designated neighborhoods praying for God's presence to be made known in each home in every neighborhood.

Church wide prayer focus on corona virus. Pray for God to remove the corona virus from our midst, and to heal those who have been affected. Set up prayer groups or chains to consistently pray during this time.

Run errands & shopping service for those that can't or shouldn't be out in public. A church could get a shopping list from a person or family and send someone to go and purchase the food and deliver to the persons in need, also Wal-Mart and other outlets will allow items to be ordered for pick up or delivery. Some people are unable to order but purchases could be made in that manner as well.

These are just a few ideas, check out the ABSC.org site for even more ideas.

KENT'S KORNER: NOW IS THE TIME FOR PRAYER!

Throughout our history, our nation has turned to God and sought His guidance when we needed it most. This is that time! Let us continue to pray in the midst of these challenging days that we would be a people who seek the Lord, walk in His peace, and look for opportunities to serve those around us and share the hope that we have in Christ. Back on March 15th, our president declared a National Day of Prayer and I received a helpful prayer guide from the website MYFAITHVOTES. Here is a list of Prayer Points from that prayer guide which you can use in your personal prayer time or even as you prayer walk in your own neighborhood:

PRAYER POINT 1: PRAY FOR AN END TO THE PANDEMIC – Ask God, in His mercy, to stop this pandemic and save lives – not only in our communities but around the world, particularly in places that are unequipped to deal with the virus. **Isaiah 59:1-2**

PRAYER POINT 2: PRAY AGAINST A SPIRIT OF FEAR – Ask the Lord to remind you of the truth of the Gospel. As Christians, we need not worry or be fearful because Jesus defeated death and we have the hope of eternal life with Him. **1 Corinthians 15:55-57, Isaiah 41:10, Matthew 6:34**

PRAYER POINT 3: PRAY FOR THE GOSPEL TO SPREAD – As people are worried and concerned, ask the Lord to give you clear opportunities to talk about the hope and peace found in the Gospel. **John 3:16, Romans 10:9-13**

PRAYER POINT 4: PRAY FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE – Pray for the protection of those with weak immune systems and the elderly. They are most at risk. It's important for our country to remember the elderly have been there for us, and "now it's time for us to be there for them" as the Vice President challenged Americans. Pray also for those who have the virus, that they would fully recover. **Galatians 6:2, James 5:13-5, Isaiah 58:10**

PRAYER POINT 5: PRAY FOR A SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY – In a time when we are all inconvenienced from normal routines, let us remember those who are at risk and those who have no options. Pray for attitudes of grace. Pray also for generosity in giving, to churches and ministries. Remember your neighbors who face financial hardship during this time. **2 Corinthians 9:7, Ephesians 4:2**

PRAYER POINT 6: PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS – At a time like this, we ought to be praying for those leaders making decisions at the local, state and federal level. We should all want them to succeed in their work. Pray for President Trump, Vice President Pence, and the Coronavirus Task Force. Pray that they would seek the Lord's wisdom as they make decisions for the health and safety of all Americans. **1 Timothy 2:1-4, Proverbs 11:14, Psalm 33:12**

It's time for our nation to repent, obey, and return to God! As believers, it must begin with us!

Financial Report - March 2020

FINANCIAL REPORT March 2020

Gifts from Churches:

Brownsville	\$212.70
Concord	\$67.82
Faith	\$235.00
First Baptist Heber	\$2,483.85
Harris Chapel	
Heber Springs Baptist	\$480.91
Higginson	\$82.00
Lifeline	\$400.00
Lone Star	\$1,292.30
McJester	\$136.94
Mt. Top Cowboy	\$783.93
Mt. Zion	\$66.00
New Bethel	\$143.94
Palestine	\$221.93
Pines	\$130.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$50.00
Pleasant Valley	\$214.59
Post Oak	\$50.00
Quitman	\$1,228.99
Southside	\$557.65
Sugarloaf	\$700.00
Tumbling Shoals	\$550.39
West Side	\$500.00
Woodrow	\$391.67
Total Church Gifts	\$10,980.61
Dom Discretionary Fund	114.70
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$11,095.31
Eagle Savings Acct.	\$12,382.37
First National Bank CD	\$37,690.47

Expenditures:

AR Faith & Ethics	\$150.00
Collegiate Ministries - UCA/ASU Heb.	\$200.00
Open Door Church	\$500.00
Forever West Church	\$500.00
Electric, Propane, Water	\$262.31
Telephone/Internet	\$182.63
Office Expense/Supplies	\$274.84
Disaster Relief supplies	\$15.84
Maintenance	\$59.47
Wild Game Supper - Ministry Safe Breakfast	\$216.25
	\$296.74
Rainer Ministries - Copier Maintenance	\$150.19
Dom Discretionary Fund	\$18.79
Missionary's Salary	\$3,366.66
Housing Allowance	\$1,916.68
Missionary's Travel	\$78.77
Missionary's Annuity	(\$50.00)
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Ministry Assistants	\$1,896.16
Ministry Assistants	\$150.00
Ministry Asst. Annuity	(\$138.44)
Less: Taxes payable	(\$280.75)
Total EXPENDITURES	\$10,013.14
Previous Balance	\$53,876.51
plus: TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$11,095.31
less: TOTAL	(\$10,013.14)
OPERATING ACCT	\$54,958.68
Disaster Relief Acc.	\$5,148.32