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HUBBLE SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

Once again, we are blessed to award scholarships to graduating seniors and/or college/seminary students in our churches. Contact the SBA Office (252-1440) or email Tim Orr (timorr72@gmail.com) for an application. The deadline for the application is April 1st.



UPCOMING LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITES

SEND RELIEF SERVE TOUR EVANSVILLE, IN	CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DAY
<p>You and your church have an opportunity to partner with other Baptists by joining the Serve Tour in Evansville, Indiana. Participants will be serving local churches, bi-vocational pastors, low-income schools, and other organizations in need of assistance. Projects may include light construction, painting, landscaping and hosting neighborhood grill walks or block parties. To register or for more information go to ServeTour.org.</p>	<p>DATE: Saturday, March 29th SPONSOR CHURCH: Carrier Mills FBC TIME: 9 am- 11:30 am (lunch served at church) COST: None (SBA is paying all costs and fees)</p> <p>Projects include Easter care packages, cookies to First Responders, Nursing Home activity and several others. Participants will receive a t-shirt, lunch, and supplies for the project.</p> <p>To Register: A registration link is on the Saline Baptist Association Facebook page or contact Ryan Beck at (618) 531-2300.</p>

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COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 6 pm

Location- SBA Center

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 7pm

Location- Scott Street Baptist Church

MISSION AND MINISTRY IN 2025

The SBA Mission and Ministry Committee has met once this year to discuss different ways we can empower our churches to learn and participate in missions and ministries, individually and collectively. The committee members for 2024/2025: Judy Taylor (Missions Leader), Susan Mills (Eldorado FBC), Ron Reed (Liberty), Trent Duncan (McKinley Ave.), Emily Scott (Carrier Mills FBC), Mary McSparin (Harrisburg FBC), and Janice Smith (Dorrisville). We are open to your suggestions and sharing. Thank you to our SBA churches for your faithful giving to the association. We wanted to share updates on how our churches and association is on mission in our community, country, and around the world.

Operation Christmas Child:

Two mission teams from our association went to work at Operation Christmas Child Processing Centers this year. Eldorado First Baptist took a group to work at the Midwest Processing Center in Aurora, IL and SBA/Dorrisville's group worked in the Southeast Processing Center in Atlanta, GA.

Showers of Kindness:

We had the Showers of Kindness team share at one of our monthly meetings about their community project. Showers of Kindness is a not-for-profit organization founded to bring a mobile shower trailer to Southern Illinois. The unit is being custom built, and we are waiting on a delivery date.

Eldorado First Baptist Disaster Relief Building:

A building has been purchased and given to Eldorado First for storage. There have been several recent thefts of our DR equipment and there is a need for a secure storage building. This building will hold Disaster Relief trailers, vehicles, etc. A new roof is being donated by Integrity Roofing and repairs will continue on doors, painting, etc. If your group wants to help, please contact Tom Clore.

Disaster Relief:

Our DR teams have worked tirelessly to help many communities in the aftermath of the recent ice and winter storm that left so many trees and limbs down. Thank you, men and women who have helped with this great work! We can always use more help on these teams, contact Joe Jackson (FBC, Harrisburg) or Dwight Pray (Dorrisville) if you want to be added to the notification list or want more information.

Carrier Mills First Baptist – Mission Trip:

Carrier Mills, FBC, has scheduled a trip to Puerto Rico in April 10-14, 2025. Four members are going, and they have room for 2-4 more team members. The team will be working with One Church Comerio in Puerto Rico. This is a smaller church and not far from San Juan. They will sleep on air mattresses in the church and will do prayer walking, a community softball tournament, Easter egg outreach, and a community event on Saturday. If you would like to participate in this trip or want more information, please contact Ryan Beck right away. He will be purchasing the plane tickets soon.

Party Trailer

The Association Party Trailer is ready for your church to use FREE OF CHARGE this spring, summer, or fall. To reserve it please call the SBA office (252-1440) email sba.office30@gmail.com or fill out a reservation request on our website: www.salinebaptist.net.

HELP NEEDED

The 4Cs is in need of some church teams to volunteer once a month for about 3 hours. They have spots open on Mondays and Fridays. For more information or to sign up please contact 4Cs at (618) 252-3931 or by email to office@4cshbg.org.

MEMORIES FROM PAST ISSUES

From July 1985...

REVIVAL - GASKINS CITY



Roy Reynolds preached the spring revival for Gaskins City which is his home church. During the revival, two adults joined the church by letter. Bro. Roy has been preaching the Gospel for over fifty years. He served as pastor of Gaskins City three times.



The Smiths provided special music, one night. They are (L to R) Mary Smith, Mike and Connie Smith, and Norma Smith.

IBSA SPRING EVENTS

March 1-	VBS Clinic (Carterville, FBC)
March 8-	VBS Clinic (Lebanon Baptist- Mt. Vernon)
March 16-	316 on 316 Evangelism Day
March 20-21-	Revive Gathering (Pleasant Hill, Mt. Vernon)
April 1-	Southern Leadership Gathering (Marion FBC)
April 25-26-	Priority Women's Conference (Wyndham Springfield City Centre)
May 2-3	Send Relief Serve Tour (Evansville, IN)

QUARTERLY WMU MEETING

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 6:30 pm
Location- Harrisburg First Baptist Church

From March 1974...

THE BUNNIES ARE FRYING



George Hise and J. W. Rider are shown cooking rabbits for Ridgway's annual rabbit fry held in January. The church invited the Ridgway coaches and basketball team as their special guests. The men and boys consumed a huge amount of rabbit, fried potatoes, slaw, rolls, and pie.

UPCOMING PASTORAL CARE EVENTS

EVENING MEAL and FELLOWSHIP

Monday, April 28, 2025 at McKinley Avenue Baptist Church at 6 pm.

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Fourth Thursday each month at the Bar-B-Q Barn in Harrisburg at noon. (March 27th, April 24th, and May 22nd)

WEDNESDAY PRAYER BREAKFAST

Join us from 8-10 am at the SBA Center for our weekly prayer breakfast.

MEN ON MISSION RALLY

Tuesday, April 8, 2025
Meal at 5:30 pm Rally at 6 pm
Location- Union Grove

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

DORRISVILLE's Who's Your Neighbor group baked cookies for visitors, our homebound, and to welcome back church families. Our homebound also received a Valentine card. They also took cookies to the police department, nursing home staff, fire department, and assisted living staff. The youth are holding D-Now in February. The church would like to welcome Carlton Binkley and family to Dorrisville. Carlton has been called as our senior pastor.

ELDORADO FBC surpassed their Lottie Moon Christmas offering goal. A group went to Aurora to work a shift at the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox processing center. The ladies enjoyed a luncheon and program centered on the theme let's gather. They led a church-wide International mission study focusing on 4 Central Asian countries. The youth had a D'NIGHT. They enjoyed Walters Golf and Fun Pizza followed by Bible study at the Davidsons. Sadly, our pastor, Randy Plunkett, retired the end of December. He was honored at a retirement dinner. A pastor search committee was appointed and have started to work.

HARRISBURG FBC exceeded their Lottie Moon goal by giving almost \$132,000.

HEROD SPIRINGS filled and sent 80 Christmas Child Shoeboxes and delivered 16 Love Plates, filled with delectable edibles for Christmas. We met our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal. For our monthly potlucks: December, we had a baby dedication for the pastor's granddaughter (his first grandbaby). In January, we had a going away party for Hannah Haney, who is doing an internship on a horse farm in Lexington, KY. February is our Men's Chili-cookoff Competition. January 2025, we have had 5 join upon statement of faith. PRAISE GOD! Our pastor has challenged the church to read the Bible this year. It is a competition of one side of the church against the other. The winners will be honored at a church barbeque this spring.

LIBERTY celebrated Pastor Ron and Melanie's 20 years of service at Liberty on February 2nd.

LONG BRANCH's children group filled up 20 boxes for the Samaritans Purse. The items for the boxes plus the shipping costs were provided by our church congregation. Our children also put on a Christmas play for Sunday services on Dec. 15th and communion was held afterwards. The children handed out candy canes and treat bags filled with candy and fruit to everyone. We planned a soup social for Jan. 5th but was rescheduled due to weather.



PANKEYVILLE exceeded their Lottie Moon offering in December. The church enjoyed a fun Road Trip to Mackie's Pizza on January 16. The Men's Prayer Breakfast resumed on January 25. Some of our ladies along with Pastor Ernie and Deacon Tom Myers attended the quarterly WMU meeting at Galatia First Baptist on January 28. Ashton Middendorf was in concert on February 9 during the morning worship service for the annual "Souper Sunday". A soup/chili dinner was held after the morning service. The men of the church provided the ladies with a special breakfast on February 15. The Men's Prayer Breakfast was held on February 22. The church will be having their next Road Trip on March 1 to the Red Onion in Equality. On April 12, Pankeyville will host an area-wide ladies' breakfast. We are experiencing good attendance for our Sunday services. The church concluded the Andy Griffith Show Bible Study and now, Pastor Ernie is teaching a Wednesday night Bible Study on Bad Girls of the Bible.

RALEIGH had one addition to our membership (Madison Maloney), one baby dedication (Paul Tison), and we welcomed Billy Fronabarger (Tamela) as our new pastor. January was an exciting month at Raleigh. In addition to these things, we've recently sent out 107 shoeboxes to an Indian Reservation in Arizona, sent out 505 salvation dolls, gave out 15 homeless jugs, and raised \$3600 for eight water-wells in Africa (Marion Medical Mission). We also have three of our wonderful ladies volunteering at the Galatia Food Pantry. We look forward to the road ahead and are excited for what God has for us in the future.

Please email updates for "News From Our Churches" to timorr72@gmail.com. Updates for the next issue need to be submitted by May 15, 2025.

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