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Briefs from Brent

Jesus's ministry was undergirded with his own prayers. We could determine that since he was Jesus, prayer came naturally for him. But a casual observation of his life reveals that he was driven to prayer by the stresses he encountered as he engaged with people. In Mark 1:35 we encounter Jesus after a long day of ministry in which he had preached and healed people and cast out demons. He had slipped off for some rest but arose early the next morning to find a place of prayer. His body had taken some needed rest but his mind had jostled him from sleep while the darkness was still engulfing the town.

Darkness is symbolic of evil and reminds us that corrupting thoughts and deeds are always lurking around us. This might drive us to fear and despair. But Jesus arose and faced the darkness. In the darkness he sought the presence of the heavenly father believing that he could help him understand how to engage with the forces of darkness. Jesus was himself the light of the world that could dispel darkness and thus not be overcome by it. This is a lesson to us that we can face the dark moments in life not in fear but in hope. We can face the darkness by praying to a God who is not subject to the forces of darkness but who has power over the darkness.

Dark places are lonely places. But the loneliness of darkness can push us toward God. Darkness allows us to focus on our concerns and our needs and helps us understand what to pray about. In the quietness of the darkness, we can speak to God without the confusion of the hustle and bustle of people and the world's paraphernalia.

Life is going to drive us to some dark and desolate places. We are going to experience some dark times that threaten us with uncertainties and harsh news. When those times come, we need to understand that Jesus himself has experienced these kinds of situations. When he did, he arose and departed to a place of prayer. In prayer he expected and he received help from the heavenly father. In our dark times we need to follow the model of Jesus and pray. In faith we need to expect that our Lord will hear and intervene.



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GWBA Information



We are looking forward to a great Youth Camp this summer. Dates are July 9-12 for junior camp and July 12-16 for senior camp. Camp guidelines and camp forms for campers and camp workers are on the website greaterwabash.org. They are also in the hands of your pastor and other church leaders in both written and electronic formats.

If you are serving on camp staff, we need to have your camp form and fees in hand by May 6.

If you are a camper your form and fees need to be turned in by June 1.

Annual Church Profiles Information

The ACP's are coming!

Be on the lookout for the Annual Church Profile packet from IBSA. You should receive it no later than June 15. If you have not received it by that time, please call Catherine Singleton (618)-599-1158. If your Church clerk has changed, please let Catherine know. All ACP's need to be back to the associational office by August 15. You can just drop them at the office, mail them to the office or Catherine (312 S.E. 2nd St., Fairfield, IL).

Check It Out

If you have not seen it yet check out Drake Caudill's article "How to Pray When You're Burned" on Lifeway Research. It can be seen - [HERE](#). Pastor Drake has done a great job on this article. He has articulated for us much needed words of wisdom.

You have permission to be honest with
God in your prayers. — @drakecaudill

Pastor Bennie Sabbatical

First Baptist Church of Fairfield has granted pastor Bennie Tomberlin and his wife Sheila a six-week Sabbatical. They will be spending this time in the Jacksonville, Florida area resting and studying and reflecting. Please pray that this will be a time of refreshment and renewal and discovery that prepares them and the congregation at First Baptist Fairfield for many years of great ministry to come.

Celebrating Our Successes

Children's Missions Day

The GWBA Children's Missions Day was a great success. We are so appreciative of First Baptist Church of Carmi for hosting the event. Many thanks to Vanessa Kiser, Children's minister at First Baptist for her leadership in planning and organizing the event. All of our mission projects were on site and we had a beautiful day to do the ministries. The pictures tell the story! It was great to see our kids on mission!



A big thank you to all who participated.



GWBA - May Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 **Ryne Fullerton** (celebrating one year at FBC, Albion)
- 5 **David Harl**
- 8 **Alyssa** (Drake) **Caudill**
- 9 **Ron Fellows**(celebrating four years at Crossville)
- 9 **Keegan Ready**
- 13 **Troy Shook** (celebrating sixteen years at Mt. Zion)
- 15 **Matt & Kim Barner**
- 20 **Brock Cloyd**
- 21 **Debbie** (Tim) **Collins**
- 23 **Chad & Natasha Hershey**
- 27 **Doug & Karen Haile**

Baptist Hour

WFIW 1390

Sunday 7:30 - 7:59 a.m. Monday - Friday 10:06 - 10:20 a.m.

May 2022	Speaker	Sponsored By
Sunday 1	Troy Shook	Mt. Zion
2 - 5	Nathaniel Trowbridge	Samaria
Friday 6	Don Wood	Olive Branch
Sunday 8	Garrett Biggerstaff	Pleasant Grove
9 - 12	Bill McKiddy	Friends of the Baptist Hour
Friday 13	Don Wood	Arrington Prairie
Sunday 15	Chad Hershey	Sims
16 - 19	Brent Cloyd	North Side; Fairfield
Friday 20	Don Wood	Ten Post Oak
Sunday 22	Dennis Southerd	Pleasant Hill
23 - 26	Garrett Biggerstaff	Pleasant Grove
Friday 27	Don Wood	Friends of the Baptist Hour
Sunday 29	Troy Shook	Mt. Zion
May 30 - June 2	Brent Cloyd	Friends of the Baptist Hour

Did You Know?

Greater Wabash Baptist Association has a website. Have you checked it out?

greaterwabash.org

We're also on Facebook.

**Treasurer's Report
March 2022**

<u>General Fund Income</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Arrington Prairie Baptist Church	\$25.00	AMS Salary & Benefits	
Crossville Missionary Baptist Church	\$150.00	AMS Health, Life & Retirement	\$1,807.59
Ellis Mound Missionary Baptist Church	\$686.00	AMS Salary	\$2,985.85
Elm River Baptist Church	\$0.00	Associational Expense	
First Baptist Church, Albion	\$1,635.20	Benevolence	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Carmi	\$1,150.00	Meeting Expense	\$270.31
First Baptist Church, Fairfield	\$450.00	Missions & Ministry	
First Baptist Church, Grayville	\$100.00	Leadership Development	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Mt. Carmel	\$250.00	Mission Development	\$0.00
Jasper Baptist Church	\$123.58	Senior Adults	\$0.00
Keenes Missionary Baptist Church	\$355.00	Student Ministry/Camp	\$183.05
Liberty Missionary Baptist Church	\$194.00	WMU - Women's Ministry	\$40.00
Mill Shoals Missionary Baptist Church	\$186.00	Office Expense	
Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church	\$0.00	Office Supplies	\$48.19
North Side Baptist Church, Fairfield	\$239.54	Postage	\$0.00
Northside Missionary Baptist Church, Grayville	\$150.00	Telephone	\$105.59
Olive Branch Missionary Baptist	\$274.82	Utilities	\$272.71
Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist	\$275.00	Personnel Expense	
Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church	\$300.00	Administrative Assistant Salary	\$450.00
Samaria Missionary Baptist Church	\$518.00	AMS Hospitality	\$47.04
Sims Missionary Baptist Church	\$215.32	Associational Clerk Salary	\$0.00
Stewart Street Baptist Church	\$187.52	Christmas Bonus	\$0.00
Temple Baptist Church, McLeansboro	\$0.00	Convention Expense	\$0.00
Ten Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church	\$0.00	Payroll Taxes	\$49.73
Wayne City Baptist Church	\$259.86	Staff Mileage	\$284.20
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	Treasurer	\$200.00
Total Income - General Fund	\$7,724.84	Property & Insurance	
		Improvements, Repair, New Equip.	\$0.00
		Insurance	\$460.58
		Total General Fund Expense	\$7,204.84
Special Gifts Income		Special Gifts Expense	
Baptist Hour	\$270.00	Baptist Hour	\$472.07
Camp	\$0.00	Camp	\$0.00
Disaster Relief	\$100.00	Disaster Relief	\$0.00
Mission Fund	\$420.00	Mission Fund	\$430.11
New Equipment	\$0.00	New Equipment	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$1.84	Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Total	\$791.84	Total Special Gifts Expense	\$902.18
Associational Missions		Total Expense	\$8,107.02
General Fund Balance - Checking	\$7,931.72		
Special Gifts - Designated Savings	\$43,037.21		
Total	\$50,968.93		