

# Strawberry Baptist Association



## Spirit

Theme

**“No Other Name”**

**Acts 4:12**

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***“Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.” (John 20:30-31)***

We celebrated the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ last month. That event was the pinnacle of Christ’s life as God Incarnate. But that event had a purpose beyond being remembered and celebrated. Christ came to make for Himself a people. His death paid the penalty for our sin and His resurrection declared the defeat of death’s power and threat. With the Ascension of Christ and the giving of the Holy Spirit, the Church was born. We are that church and it is the Bride of Christ. The Apostles and disciples were a living demonstration of the power of God to make people new through the new birth. All this is work God accomplishes for His glory.

All these things happened for the Glory of God, yet I believe John saw that the glory of God is continuing to be demonstrated by the lives of God’s people made possible by the work of Christ and the indwelling Spirit. And as such the role of the church *begins* with the resurrection! When we are convicted of our sin, and come to faith in Christ, there should begin a life that demonstrates the power of God to a lost world. We are meant to be the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit as God refines us and sanctifies us. That power of sanctification and transformation is desperately needed today in our messed-up world!

In America there seems to be a growing awareness of the depravity of man – politics and media seem to demonstrate this quite ably. But while most people lost in their sin are scrambling and struggling to make sense of the chaos and protect themselves the church ought to be living out the life we have in Jesus’ name and power!

So, we rightly rejoice and celebrate the resurrection. But now we can demonstrate the power of Christ to grant a life more abundant. And that we do by obedience to God’s commands. So, if Christ has set you free, rejoice in the promised eternal life, but also now live as one who is free to be obedient to Christ. Show by your example that the answer to all the problems in this world ultimately are in Christ.

*David*

***“Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, Because He lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just,  
BECAUSE HE LIVES!”***

*(Bill & Gloria Gaither 1971)*

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1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2025 Financial Report						
Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$62,364.30	\$62,414.68	\$62,719.96	Income		
<b>General Fund</b>						
Undesignated Receipts	\$770.73	\$1,066.92	\$1,650.30	\$3,487.95		
Designated Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Total Receipts	\$770.73	\$1,066.92	\$1,650.30	\$3,487.95		
Balance ( <i>Ckbook Bal + Receipts</i> )	\$63,135.03	\$63,481.60	\$64,370.26			
Total Expenses	-\$720.35	-\$761.64	-\$12,907.40	-\$14,389.39		
<b>Ending Checkbook Balance</b>	<b>\$62,414.68</b>	<b>\$62,719.96</b>	<b>\$51,462.86</b>	<b>(\$10,901.44)</b>		
<b>CD's</b>	<b>\$41,158.05</b>	<b>\$41,158.05</b>	<b>\$41,158.05</b>			
<b>BGAV Foundation</b>	<b>\$38,783.75</b>	<b>\$38,783.75</b>	<b>\$38,783.75</b>			
<b>Total - All Accounts</b>	<b>\$142,356.48</b>	<b>\$142,661.76</b>	<b>\$131,404.66</b>			
				<b>YTD</b>		<b>%</b>
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
CenterFest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0%
Missions Grants	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	25,000.00	48%
Local Church Ministry & Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0%
Disaster Relief	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>	<b>\$31,600.00</b>	<b>38%</b>
<b>Personnel</b>						
Clerk's Expense Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
Secretary's Salary	215.11	215.11	163.10	593.32	5,000.00	12%
Treasurer's Mileage Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	63.70	63.70	250.00	25%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>271.94</b>	<b>279.89</b>	<b>291.58</b>	<b>843.41</b>	<b>\$5,250.00</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Associational Office</b>						
Office Supplies	22.60	55.83	189.90	268.33	1,500.00	18%
Website	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	0%
Computer Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0%
SBA Office Rent	300.00	300.00	300.00	900.00	3,600.00	25%
SBA Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	0%
Telephone & Internet	125.81	125.92	125.92	377.65	1,600.00	24%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>448.41</b>	<b>481.75</b>	<b>615.82</b>	<b>1,545.98</b>	<b>\$9,350.00</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>Other</b>						
Annual Meeting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0%
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$1,700.00</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$720.35</b>	<b>\$761.64</b>	<b>\$12,907.40</b>	<b>\$14,389.39</b>	<b>\$47,900.00</b>	<b>30%</b>

*“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is No Other Name under Heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”*

*Acts 4:12*

# Church News

## Bedford

- \*Bedford Baptist's Mission group "*Faithful Chargers For Christ*" recently hosted the Mission's Plant Sale at the church pavilion and collected \$1,500 for the Summer Missions Trip to Charlotte, NC, in June.
- \*The FCFC Mission's group is sponsoring a *Pre-Mother's Day Make-n-Take Floral T-cup* event on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Blue Lady from 1:30 until 3:30. The cost is \$10 to cover supplies.
- \*We are beginning to plan for **VBS** which will be held the week of June 9-13<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 until 8:30 pm. This year's event is "*Made To Magnify God*". Classes will be for ages 3 years old through 6th grade. You can call the church (540-586-9654) or go on our website ([bedfordbaptistchurch.org](http://bedfordbaptistchurch.org)) to register.

## Diamond Hill

- \*We had a Great Fellowship on April 4<sup>th</sup> with our Successful *BBQ & Bluegrass*, all donations went for the Missions Trip!
- \*We sent 9 people on a *Missions Trip* this year for them to Share the Gospel and Start Churches!
- \*On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, we are having a *Men's Breakfast* with a Skeet Shoot@ Pastor's House, 8:00 am.
- \*We are planning for **VBS** - June 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Timber Ridge

- \*Another **AWANA** year is in the books. We celebrated with recognizing our Clubbers with awards, certificates and gifts. We also enjoyed pizza, sweet treats, fun inflatables and other outdoor activities.
- \*Our children enjoyed an evening of hunting eggs and also enjoyed a special treat.
- \*On **Easter Sunday**, our folks were treated to a time of fellowship and connection with a lite breakfast and coffee. We enjoyed an uplifting and encouraging Easter message from Pastor Phil. We collected for the Annie Armstrong Offering as well. Our choir blessed us with a beautiful Easter cantata entitled, "Praise-An Easter Worship Experience". What a blessing it was to us all.
- \*We recently had "*The King's Players*" drama group host the Easter production of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ.
- \*Our ladies enjoyed an evening of fellowship and wonderful praise and worship music at the CeCe Winans, "*A Night of Worship*" concert at Thomas Road Baptist Church.
- \*We hosted a "**Wounded Warriors**" event. This event is sponsored by the "*Bedford Outdoor Sportsman Association*" (BOSA). What a special time it was to honor our veterans from all branches of the military.
- \*We participated in the *Baby Bottle Campaign* for the Bedford Pregnancy Center.
- \*Our Church is undergoing a facelift in a few areas. One of our foyer bathrooms has undergone a complete remodel. Our stairs have new step treads, and we will soon be getting new windows installed in our sanctuary. We are excited about these updates!
- \*We recently purchased a new American flag and a Christian flag for our flag pole at the front of the church.
- \*Our men enjoyed a time of food, fellowship, Bible study, prayers and praises at their monthly "*Men's Prayer Breakfast*."

## **Celebrate May - Mother's Day & Memorial Day.**

**Mother's Day** – the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday to honor our Mothers.

*Happy Mother's Day!*

**Memorial Day** – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday to honor Soldiers who Died serving our country.

*Thank You – All gave Some, but Some gave All!*

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## May

**5/1**      **National Day of Prayer**  
**5/6**      **Pastor's Meeting @ Shady Grove**  
**5/11**     **Mother's Day**  
**5/26**     **Memorial Day**