

### Worry, Worry, Worry



While driving to work this morning, Dr. Adrian Rodgers was on the radio and he made a comment I think is worth our giving consideration to. It went something like this, "anytime we give in to worry it makes us a part-time atheist, meaning, God this is just too big for you to handle".

Likely, most if not all of us are guilty of allowing worry to be our lot from time to time.

\* Where are the Children, are they safe?

\* Job loss, how am I going to provide for my family?

\* A loved one is ill, will they recover?

Now here is another of those we are reluctant to talk about, I will call it relationships. No longer are we children pulling the petals off a flower while repeating the phrase, he/she loves me, he/she loves me not, and yet relationships reach us in all areas of life.

Relationships in the family, husband and wife, siblings, etc.

Relationships at work, a difficult co-worker, a difficult supervisor.

Relationships at our place of worship,

I asked Google about difficult relationships and it gave me far too much info, but I want us to go back hundreds of years and check out just one of the most difficult relationships I can think of.

Her name is Esther and she is the chosen Queen in a Persian Kingdom. Problem is, the King doesn't know she is Jewish and the enemy of the Jewish people is one of the King's hence men, out to destroy God's chosen people, talk about your relationships, remember the hence man is playing what he thinks is an ace to destroy the Jews which would include the Queen, King Ahasuerus is totally in

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the dark as to wicked Haman's plot until God enters the game plan.

When relationships get tough you want to be on God's team. This short letter doesn't allow me to tell the complete story, you find it in the book of Esther and I see it as how God can take a relationship heading to disaster and turn it around to one of triumph and victory.

Moral of the story, got any problems too hard to solve, try God's plan, His plan has never failed and never will.

Blessings, Pastor James



### Alpha Baptist Association Men's Conference



#### **Calvary Bible**

##### **Pastor Kenny Stone**

Calvary Bible is preparing and praying for increase. Pray for them as they embark on a new calling program

## “Men After God’s Own Heart”

#### **First Baptist Church Linden**

##### **Pastor Keith Fulton**

May 20<sup>th</sup> we will have our joint Pentecost Service outside with dinner on the ground---June 18<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> will be our VBS week 9AM-Noon Theme this year is “Time Lab” Discovering Jesus from Eternity Past to Eternity Future!—

August 17-18

#### **Fairfield Baptist Centerville**

##### **Pastor Mark Walton**

Over \$5,000 was raised at the annual Youth Dinner Theater. This will help offset the cost of Fuge camp and World Changers.

**Celebrate Recovery** Every Tuesday and Thursday night at 6:30

**Prayer Initiative** The sanctuary is open for prayer every Thursday night at 6 pm

Hickman Co AG Pavilion  
Hickman County Fair Grounds

#### Speakers:

Steve Holt	Friday Night
Willie McLaurin	Saturday Morning
Phillip Chambers	Saturday Morning

#### **New Beginnings Missionary Baptist**

##### **Pastor JJ King**

Homecoming June 3rd will kick off a week of REVIVAL! Monday thru Friday 7 pm with Bro Tim Hanback from Lexington preaching.

Meals will be provided

Dinner Friday Night 6 pm  
Breakfast Saturday Morning 8-9:30 am  
Lunch at the close of sessions noon Saturday

An offering will be taken both days

## The Ants Go Marching On



Today, a beautiful day in middle TN, uncovered a most disturbing invasion in the sub-floor of the Alpha Association Meeting room floor. TERMITES,

I bet you thought I was going to say ants!

The pale white critters of destruction had taken the opportunity to join our space through the cement back porch under the threshold of the rear door and had taken up quite a comfortable established colony.

It seemed a little thing at first, damage under one tile but moving further out it was discovered that they not only extended quite a bit further on the floor but down the wall destroying quarter round, mopboard and even into the drywall!

What had seemed like just a small spot, later revealed a much larger rot hiding just underneath the surface.

The Termite guy came and blasted poison everywhere in the vicinity and the next day he drilled holes in the concrete porches and sprayed.

It was now time to assess the damage and begin repairs.

The men of New Hope were quick to respond. Bro Jerry, Bro Tom and a host of other gentlemen took it upon themselves to replace the subfloor and repair the damage done by the invaders.

They didn't wring their hands and wonder how this was going to be taken care of or who might be called upon to take on this challenge, they put on their tool belts, arriving in their Ford and Chevrolet chariots and saved the day (or at least the wooden sub-floor)!

So a big shout out to the men of New Hope Baptist Church in Hohenwald for their faithfulness in following through with this chore, and they did it with such humor and grace.

They are truly a fun bunch to be around; they do have a knack for making work fun!

Ruth Rodenberg



June kicks off VBS activities all around the nation and we are no exception,

### SAY YES TO VBS!!!

#### June:

Cross Roads	4-8
Fairfield	4-7
FBC Hohenwald	4-8
FBC Lobelville	11-15
FBC Linden	18-22
Highland	18-21
Pine Grove	18-22

#### July:

New Beginnings	11-13
Tom's Creek	9-13

Please let this office and Beverly Smith our VBS Director know of your VBS dates and if you are in need of help with your VBS plans this season.

Let's not waste this valuable opportunity to reach the youngest (and some of the oldest) members of our community for Christ!

### MISSIONS

The Livengood Fund has already experienced a brisk Spring. There have been 11 requests granted for funds and several request forms sent out to prospective mission volunteers.

God is so good.

If you are a member of an Alpha Baptist Church in good standing and you are planning a mission trip this year, call or email this office for additional information and a copy of the request form.

Funds are allocated in order of appeal and in accordance with the Livengood Fund guidelines.

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WE  
WALK  
BY FAITH  
NOT BY SIGHT

2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



MAY 2018

- 13 Mothers' Day
- 21-25 Associational Emphasis Week
- 28 Memorial Day

JUNE 2018

- 3 New Beginnings Homecoming
- 4 Executive Board Meeting 7 pm Alpha Office
- 4-8 Revival New Beginnings
- 17 Father's Day
- 21 First Day of Summer

May

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

- 10 Rev & Mrs. Sam Livingston, Highland
- 12 Stan Vespie, Tom's Creek
- 21 Rex Reed, Piney
- 28 Rev & Mrs. Rex Reed, Piney
- 30 Rev. & Mrs. Keith Fulton

APRIL RECEIPTS	2018	LIVENGOOD
Bread of Life		
Calvary Bible	\$50.00	
Centerville, 1st	\$149.51	
Cross Roads	\$100.00	
East Hickman		
Edgewood	\$150.00	
Fairfield	\$787.36	
Faith	\$192.70	
Flatwoods		
Garrett		
Highland	\$374.00	
Hohenwald, 1st	\$831.00	\$56.84
Lick Creek	\$208.48	
Linden, 1st	\$294.90	\$18.29
Lobelville, 1st	\$118.30	
Maple Valley	\$139.74	\$400.00
New Beginnings		
New Hope		
New Life	\$30.00	
Pine Grove	\$158.34	
Pinewood, 1st		
Piney		
Swan Creek	\$280.00	
Tom's Creek		
Wrigley		
<b>Total Church Giving</b>	<b>\$3,864.33</b>	<b>\$475.13</b>

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