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**May 2023 Edition**

***Thank You for Giving to The Lord***

In our long drive back from the New England mission trip last month, I was thinking about the people, sights, and the accomplishments from the week. The words of a familiar song crossed thru my mind... *“Thank you for giving to the Lord, I am a life that was changed, thank you for giving to the Lord, I am so glad you gave.”* As many of you know, that song speaks of a tour of Heaven, where a man meets many people who are in heaven because of his love, service and giving. The various people share their appreciation to the man because had his giving or actions not happened, they wouldn’t be in heaven today.

Now I don’t know if that is how heaven might work or not, but the bible does speak about *“laying up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt...”* My thoughts about the song were more of an appreciation to the churches of Little River Baptist Association who gave from their hearts and pocketbooks to make this mission trip possible. In addition to the work that was done on the church, we witnessed four adults give their hearts to Christ on the Sunday evening service after Bro. Nick Clark preached. Those four precious souls might see you in heaven and thank you for giving to the Lord that made this mission trip possible.

Most of you know that May is our Associational Mission offering. Allow me to share a story with you in the closing of this article, I have titled, *“Thank you for giving to the Lord.”* In January of 2020, I learned of the passing of Ms. Mary Evelyn Fredenburg, a member of Cadiz Baptist church. Shari informed me she had served as a long-term missionary and was greatly loved in the community. While attending the funeral I heard heartwarming stories of her life and service as a missionary and managing a Christian bookstore later. Having never met Ms. Mev, as she was fondly referred to, I was saddened that I didn’t know such a Godly lady. *“Mev”* served 39 years as a Southern Baptist missionary nurse in Nigeria. First, as a teacher, then a nurse at ECU Baptist Hospital where she became *“Matron”* (Director of Nursing), and finally the Director of the only Southern Baptist nursing school in Nigeria.

A few days after her funeral I was given a copy of a biography written by Jack D. Amis. Mr. Amis said these words in her biography; *“It is my prayer that the Holy Spirit will take this story of this dedicated, committed, brave and compassionate woman and inspire Christians to be more committed to our Lord and seek also to find and do His will with their lives.”*

Ms. Mev’s story and her life inspired me, and in February of 2020, the churches of Little River Baptist Association voted to name our May Associational Offering after Ms. Mev Fredenburg. The work of Ms. Mev continues to this day in New England, the Philippines, Camp Cadiz and across our land in the future. Like the names of Lottie Moon, Eliza Broadus and Annie Armstrong before her, may the name of Mev Fredenburg continue to be an inspiration of mission efforts in Little River Baptist Association for years to come. Our **Mev Fredenburg Mission Fund** goal for 2023 is **\$15,000.00**.

*“Thank you for Giving to the Lord, I am a life that was changed.”*

In Christ,  
Bro. Bobby

**Mev Fredenburg Mission Offering Goal- \$15,000.00**

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### May Calendar of Events

- 1– Executive Team Annual Planning, 6:00 p.m.
- 1– Mission Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 4– National Day of Prayer
- 6– State Children’s Bible Drill, 9:00 a.m., Liberty Point BC
- 14– Mother’s Day
- 29– Memorial Day (Office Closed)

### **FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL**

	Regular	Special
Church		
Bethany	0	
Blue Spring	2,670.51	
Buffalo	0	
Cadiz	966.55	
Canton	980.56	650.00
Cerulean	378.00	
Crossroads	100.00	
Delmont	0	
Donaldson Creek	1,520.76	
East Cadiz	619.50	
Hurricane	400.00	
Liberty Point	841.85	750.00
Locust Grove	905.00	
Maple Grove	400.00	
New Hope	181.05	
New Jerusalem	0	
New Light	50.00	
Oak Grove	223.90	300.00
Ponderosa	467.84	
Rock Front	200.00	
Rocky Ridge	344.00	
South Union	235.00	
Wallonia	600.00	
Misc. Income	400.00	
Total	12,484.52	1,700.00
		14,184.52
Interest NOW Acc.	2.99	
Deaf Ministry		250.00
Mev Fredenburg Fund		1,450.00

Subtotals	12,487.51	1,700.00
Total income		<b>\$14,187.51</b>
<b>Monthly expense</b>		<b>\$14,191.97</b>

<b>Regular Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	37,097.87
Interest Received	2.99
Gifts	12,656.32
Trans– Contingency Fund	(100.00)
Trans– Van Replacement Fund	
Trans– Building Maintenance Fund	(100.00)
Trans– Mev Fredenburg Fund	
Expense Checks Written	(12,708.00)
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$36,849.18</b>
<b>Treasurer: Louise Fuller 4/25/23</b>	

PLEASE JOIN US  
FOR THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

**THURSDAY, MAY 4TH, 12:00 NOON**  
**TRIGG COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER**

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