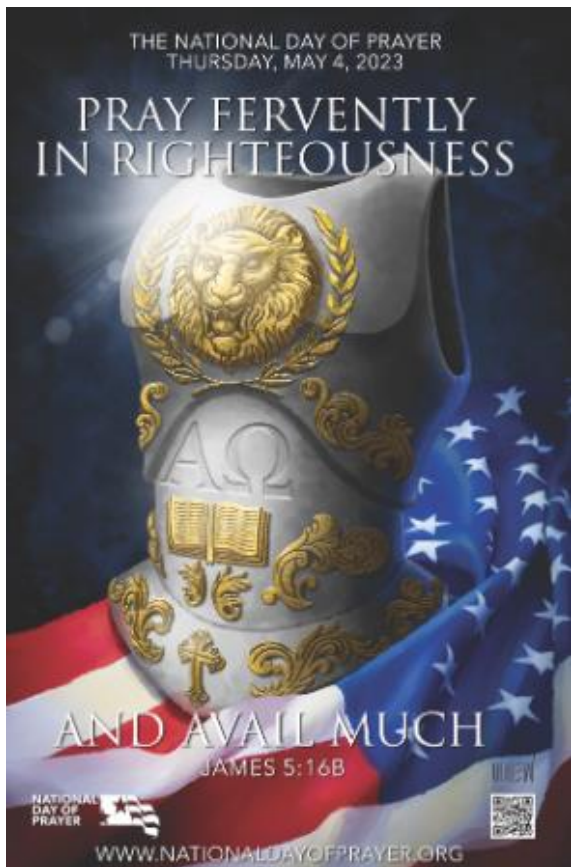




2023

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Rev. Jonas Perez,
 Association Missionary Strategist
 Mrs. Darcell Mangan, Admin. Asst.



**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
 THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023**

12:00 noon – 1:00 pm

**First Baptist Salisbury's Sanctuary
 223 N Fulton St. Salisbury NC**

Lunch will be served and to go will be available.
 If your lunch break is at 12 noon and you want to join us,

First Salisbury volunteers will provide you at 12.30 pm with a to go lunch



**OFFICE CLOSED Monday
 May 29, 2023**

OUR STRONG TOWER CONFERENCE

Reaching our neighbors with the love of Jesus.

My name is Pastor George Saieg. I am a full time missionary reaching out to Muslims in the US with the Gospel. By God's grace, we started the ministry in 2001. The ministry exists to train Christians how to share their faith with Muslims and to give every Muslim living in the US the opportunity to hear the Gospel. I have been training individuals and teams across the country and have recently established a branch of the ministry in North Carolina.

On May 5-6, our ministry is having a conference to equip the body of Christ to defend their faith to Muslims and challenge the Islamic teachings. The conference is the 2nd annual conference. It will be hosted by Charity Baptist Church in Kannapolis where I am a member. I hope you will join us and bring members of your congregation to receive this training.

Our speakers and teachers have many years of experience defending the faith, challenging Islamic teaching, and preaching the Gospel of Christ to Muslims.

Registration during the month of April is \$30, during the month of May is \$40. Please use promo code "Saieg" for 50% discount when you register online using this link:

<https://www.ministrytomuslims.com/ost---east-coast.html> .

Our speakers are available to teach at your Church on Sunday, May 7th, please let us know.

\$40
 INCLUDES SATURDAY LUNCH

2ND ANNUAL
EAST COAST

OUR STRONG TOWER

A NATIONAL APOLOGETICS CONFERENCE

Testimonies | Panel Discussion | Lectures | Workshops
 Reaching Muslims | Defending Christianity | Challenging Islam

MAY 5 6:30 PM - 9 PM | **MAY 6** 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM | **2023**

Speakers: Dr. Jay Smith, Rev. Anthony Rogers, Apologist Dlin Gibso, Laura Z. Powell, Dr. Tony Costa, Apologist Bryan Carr, Pastor Brent Finney, Pastor George Saieg

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Dr. Jay Byrd



Rev. Andrew Rojas



Laura Z. Ponce

Friday, May 5, 2023
6:30 PM - 9 PM

Saturday, May 6, 2023
9:30 AM - 5:30 PM
SATURDAY LUNCH INCLUDED

Location:
CHARITY BAPTIST CHURCH
2420 Brandegee Road
Kinston, NC 28583

www.stallingschurch.org
www.stallingschurch.com

[MystifytoMuslims.com](http://www.MystifytoMuslims.com)

REGISTER TODAY
ATTEND IN PERSON OR WATCH ONLINE



Ignite!

IGNITE YOUR PASSION. INFLUENCE THE WORLD.

Ladies BRUNCH

Brunch, Bar, Hot Coffee, Music, Fellowship, and Fun

SATURDAY, MAY 13 9:30 A.M.

STALLINGS MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
817 S. MAIN ST.
SALISBURY, NC 28144

GUEST SPEAKER

DR. NATALIE ATWELL



Clinical Mental Health Counselor Supervisor - Board-Certified Professional Christian Counselor - National Certified Counselor

- BOARD MEMBER FOR AN ANTI-SEX TRAFFICKING AGENCY
- ADJUNCT FACULTY MEMBER AT LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
- OWNS AND OPERATES A PRIVATE COUNSELING AND CONSULTING PRACTICE

DONATIONS

WE ARE COLLECTING ITEMS FOR CAPSTONE RECOVERY CENTER:

- LIQUID LAUNDRY DETERGENT
- LIQUID DISH DETERGENT
- DRYER SHEETS
- PODS FOR DISHWASHER



ENON BAPTIST CHURCH
1875 ENON CHURCH RD
SALISBURY, NC 20117

KIDS SUMMER CAMP

REGISTRATION \$30
1 CHILD: \$100
A WEEK

2 CHILDREN:
\$175 A WEEK
*3 DAYS OR
LESS \$35 A DAY





Some of our Field Trips are:
Swimming - Bowling - Patterson Farms
Dan Nicholas Park - Rescue Ranch & more!

We will also be doing a garden - growing
vegetables on site at the church!

PLEASE CALL 704-636-9337 IF INTERESTED IN ENROLLING
YOUR CHILD FOR THE SUMMER AND ASK FOR MS. STEPHANIE.
YOU CAN ALSO CALL HER CELL AT 980-330-9078.

FREE EVENT

Summer Together

Let's hang out this summer.

Kickoff

MAY 28TH
5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

STALLINGS

OUTSIDE AT OUR FIELD
817 S. MAIN ST.
SALISBURY, NC

INFLATABLES - YARD GAMES - FOOD & MORE

#SummerAtStallings



NEW PASTORS and CHURCH TO OUR ASSOCIATION

Rev. Jonathan Collins – Oakdale Baptist Church
Rev. Jeff Perry – Gospelway Baptist Church – under watchcare for one year



- 5 Rev. Jason Pierce, Pastor, Friendship
- 8 Rev, Robert Scercy, Pastor, Eastside
- 8 Rev Tom Fleming, Pastor, Find Your Way
- 13 Rev. Trent Drye, Pastor, First China Grove
- 16 Rev. Johnny Daniel, Pastor, East Corinth



27 Rev. & Mrs. Larry (Angela) Gilbreath, Pastor, Stallings




2023 Pastoral Conferences

Tuesday, May 23rd, 12 noon
at Lake Community Baptist Church
 7800 Bringle Ferry Road, Salisbury, 28146
 Please, call 704-637-3407 by May 18 to confirm your attendance.
 We want to have lunch for you!

<p>Aug 22 RSBA</p> <p>October 24 Calvary Baptist Church 2255 E Ridge Rd, Salisbury, NC 28144</p>	<p>September 26, Trading Ford 3600 Long Ferry Rd, Salisbury, NC 28146</p> <p>November 28 Location TBD</p>
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Please remember these churches and their Pastors in your prayers for May.

Friendship -Rev. Jason Pierce
 Gold Hill First – Rev. Toney Parsons
 Grace Baptist – Rev. Jon Sherrill
 Lake Community – Rev. Ronnie Pinyan
 Lakeview – Rev. Jeff Cole

Please send any information or advertisement for the June Newsletter no later than Thursday, May 25.



Pray for our pastors, churches and ministries:

Franklin Baptist Church, Joe Thomas, pastor.

Jack is the name of pastor Joe and Norma Thomas's grandson recently born in Raleigh. Baby Jack is now home with his parents. We praise God for numerous miracles in the Thomas family in the birth of Jack. Several churches were united praying for safety and God gave them victory.

Franklin Baptist rejoices in continuous discipleship and equipping leaders, as well as supporting

missionaries in England.

Grace Baptist Church, Jon Sherrill, teaching pastor. Glad because they are expanding their staff to have more time to disciple and send church members to serve and minister beyond China Grove and Rowan County.

Lake Community Church, Ronnie Pinyon, pastor.

Thankful for God to having now three Sunday services: 8 am, 9.30 am, 11 am. Pray for their leaders and many more people to join Lake Community.

They rejoice in their Zimbabwe partnership. God is opening doors, supporting and providing abundantly, so they can minister to villages and towns. Continue to pray for many that use the wells that will soon be built, listen and respond to the Gospel of Jesus through the lips of a local missionary in this African country,

Ministry to the Muslims, George Saeig had an accident and burned his hands and a leg. Pray for his recovery. Pray for the Conference to reach Muslims May 5 and 6. Charity Baptist Church. 2420 Brantley Rd #6402, Kannapolis, NC 28083

Crosslife of Salisbury. Pastor Thomas McDonald. Rejoices in reaching 51 new visitors in 2023. He is glad that they invited at least one thousand people to their Resurrection Sunday Service. Pray for plans to add 40 parking spaces at their facility in Newsome Road.

Lao Baptist Church. Pastor Vanpet Saysombath. Baptized seven believers on April 16. They were able to use the Main Street at China Grove Baptist Church. Thanks to pastor Billy Beaver and their generosity. Thailand, Myanmar, Lao people said "yes" to Jesus through Baptism.

A Message from our Association Mission Strategist

Living a Prayerful Life.

"I say then, walk by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh"... "Since we live by the Spirit, we must also follow the Spirit." Galatians 5:16 and 25

Prayer is one of the privileges Jesus conquered for us at the cross. He taught his disciples to pray, and he modeled a continuous prayer life before them. We may wrongly believe that prayer is a ministry where we sign up, like the nursery, a cleanup Saturday for the church facilities or a game coordinator at Vacation Bible School. Prayer seems like an activity performed by those called or gifted.

Andrew Murray begins his devotional, "Living a Prayerful Life", exposing the lack of prayer as a sin. He then goes to the cause and writes how to fight and win over this sin. Murray explains that the cause of not praying is because we fail to walk in the Spirit but choosing to walk in our flesh(1). Jesus conquered the flesh by taking it to the cross and making it obedient to God's will. Murray concludes that we do not pray, because we do not want to live the victorious life Jesus lead.

If we can all understand that prayer is not a ministry, but it is the life of the pastor, the life of the family and the life of the church. Praying is listening to God, as well as obeying his instructions, received by reading the Bible. We wait upon our Savior (individually and corporately) as we connect to our source. How can we pretend to live disconnected from God? How can we believe part of our congregation may connect to listen to God while the rest perform programs and activities without praying?

Most of our mobile phones run 8 to 10 hours but never more than 24 without charging. A power source is necessary if we want our phones to provide connection. We pretend to live 6 to 7 days without listening to God. We think that ministries can develop without being connected and listening to God. This sin of independence from God is what Murray unpacks in his first chapter. We are failing because we have no time for God. We have time for activities but little or no time to listen to Him. Our Lord is always ready to instruct us. Is prayer the moving force of your life? Do you rejoice in spending minutes, hours before the Lord? Let us build a humble culture of prayer and listening to God as we see Him doing what only He can do through us.

Jonas Perez
Association Mission Strategist
Rowan Southern Baptist Association

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(1)Andrew Murray: LIVING A PRAYERFUL LIFE. Bethany House, Bloomington, MN, 2002. P. 24

Word of God



Recently in my morning devotions, I found myself in the Book of Jonah and my heart was intrigued and excited to look around more in my Bible that started off with this sentence: "The Word of the Lord came to_____". Of course since I was in the Book of Jonah, Jonah's name was inserted in the blank. I started looking in other Books of the Bible and this is what I found. In the Book of Jeremiah, Chapter 1, vs. 2, it says, "The Word of the Lord came to him." Along with Hosea, Zephaniah and to the Zechariah as well. In these Old Testament Books, that sentence started things in motion...The Word of the Lord came to all of these people and God shared with them he has a specific task for them to do...He wanted them to go, He wanted them to do something, He wanted them to get something started. He's empowering them every step of the way.

So, here in Rowan county, our God is still telling so many of us the same...The Word of the Lord came to _____. Fill in the blank with your name, fill in the blank with your churches name as our Lord Words will go with us where ever He's wanting us to go, with whatever He wants us to do in His name. 😊

Putting a bug in our ears...

Red Box – We have signed up for Rowan County to be collecting lotions again this year. Our goal is 400. Here's the specifics in purchasing them: **Must be between 8 to 11 ounce/plastic bottle/NO PUMPS**. We will be taking these up at the fall banquet but you can also take them over to the Associational office.

Fall Banquet

Theme: "Adopt a Missionary" – Home & International (Pick a missionary and spoil them)

Date: Thursday, Sept. 14th @ 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Place: Enon Baptist Church

RSVP: Monday, Sept. 11th - \$10.00 (Will be catered by Debbie Suggs)

Details: We will actually hear a special message from a retired Missionary. Plus, you will have some things to take home for great suggestions how to spoil your missionary you will choose to be praying for.

Christ love,
Jeannie Y Patterson
WMU Director



Christ Calls Every Christian to be a Missionary. This doesn't mean we have to travel to another country. We can be missionaries in our own community. We each have God-given gifts and talents that can be used to help others. Baptists on Mission's volunteerism program connects adults and students with missions opportunities suited just for them. <https://baptistsonmission.org/mission-projects>





From Digital Animators and Graphic Designers in Thailand, to lifeguards in Greece, to ministry universities in Zambia and Canada, The International Mission Board <https://www.imb.org/opportunity-finder/> has projects for volunteer missionaries to bring Jesus to the world.

MEN'S OUTDOOR WEEKEND
MAY 5-6, 2023
@ CAMP CARAWAY
sponsored by Baptists On Mission

NOW IS THE TIME to sign the men of your church up for a tremendous weekend of fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth! We begin **FRIDAY NIGHT** at 8:00 pm with worship, featuring music and a challenging message from our guest speaker, Glenn Chappellear. Glenn is an ordained minister and has been a professional bass fisherman and outdoor speaker for many years. He is founder and president of Sportsmens Outreach, a ministry designed to help churches reach outdoorsmen for Christ. **SATURDAY MORNING** will include a fishing technique demonstration by Glenn, as well as other demonstrations on archery, skeet shooting, pistol shooting, tomahawk throw, and more. After a good lunch, **SATURDAY AFTERNOON** will provide opportunity for participation and competition in **SKEET, ARCHERY, PISTOL, TOMAHAWK, and .22 RIFLES**. We recognize a "Top Shot" each year, as well as winners from each shooting category. You can also enjoy the **ZIP LINE, CORN HOLE, and FISHING** during the afternoon. We conclude after an awards ceremony and supper Saturday evening at 6:00 pm. The men of your church will enjoy this time of fellowship, worship, and competition - whether novice or advanced!

Cost is \$90 per person, which includes Friday night lodging and three meals on Saturday at the beautiful Caraway facility. **Registration is required**. You can register online: www.baptistsonmission.org/outdoorweekend or call Melanie Crawford at 919-459-5596 and secure your space with a credit card over the phone. **A \$20 per person deposit holds your spaces**. Deposits are refundable up to three weeks prior to the event. Names can be changed out at any time right up to the day of. For more information contact Mark Abernathy at 919-459-5607 or by e-mail at mabernathy@ncbaptist.org

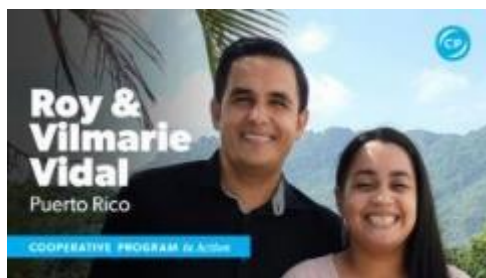
<http://baptistsonmission.org/Church-Programs/Men-s-Ministry/Men-s-Outdoor-Weekend>

Here are the missionaries you support in prayer:

Become a praying Missionary be interceding for them:

The Cooperative Program takes the Gospel to the nations and the neighborhoods. Your financial support through the Cooperative Program gives missionaries the opportunity to plant churches in areas that need to hear the Gospel.

May 7, 2023. Roy and Vilmarie Vidal. From Venezuela to Puerto Rico



When Roy and Vilmarie Vidal moved from Venezuela to Villalba, Puerto Rico, they couldn't find a church nearby. They attended a church far away from where they lived, but their pastor soon encouraged them to start a church near them.

With the help of other Puerto Rican pastors, they planted Iglesia Bautista Camino de Gracia in January 2021. The church focuses on building relationships with people in the community. They often send teams of men to local homes to share the Gospel and invite people to church and nearby home gatherings. The church has also been heavily involved in helping to rebuild homes of people impacted by Hurricane Maria. As they do this through Send Relief, they share the hope that can only be found through Jesus.

Pray alongside the Vidals for more missionaries to help reach Villalba and other neighboring towns and that God would help the new believers at Iglesia Bautista Camino de Gracia persevere in their faith.

May 14, 2023. Lena Eckhart. *Name changed for security



Eight women squeezed into the small private room at the mall. One held out her arm to International Mission Board missionary Lena Eckhart* who squeezed out a thin line of henna, a traditional plant dye used by many women in South Asia.

The women hid in this room at the mall for fear of anyone finding them as they studied the message behind the henna designs — Bible stories. Each week, Eckhart drew a new design and taught a new Bible truth. With the Scripture illustrated on their hands, the women referred to it all week, not only reflecting on it but teaching it to others.

Women began committing their lives to Christ. However, each decision to follow Christ came with persecution as relatives tried to get the women to change their minds. Despite this, the women remained steadfast and grew in their faith, thereby

furthering their witness.

Pray for Eckhart as she continues to share the truth of God’s Word to South Asian women, as well as perseverance despite persecution for both she and the women who choose to follow Christ.

For more about this story, visit: <https://www.imb.org/2022/01/06/beaten-not-defeated-south-asian-women-brave-persecution-fait>

May 21, 2023. Fred and Damaris Castro, Long Branch, New Jersey

Long Branch, New Jersey is a diverse community with people from a variety of Hispanic backgrounds, including both European-Portuguese and Brazilian backgrounds. God led Fred and Damaris Castro here, a couple with a passion to reach internationals, to plant Redemption Church among the Hispanic community.



Redemption Church is seeing God change the lives of people in the community as they plant the seed of the Gospel. The church started an English as a Second Language (ESL) ministry to help reach people with the good news. Since the church’s launch in 2019, the ESL ministry has helped them connect with more than 200 people in the community. Many of those participants have heard the Gospel and responded in faith to God’s free offer of salvation.

Pray for the Castros and Redemption Church’s work among their community as they continue to reach people with the Gospel.

May 28, 2023. Cody Vest, US Army Chaplain



Cody Vest serves on the staff of the Army Chief of Chaplains. He has seen firsthand how God can use the faithfulness of Christian soldiers to spread the good news of Jesus. In fact, Cody was saved through the witness of one of his Army friends.

Today, Cody helps train chaplains. He teaches others in the Army the impact that spiritual development can make in a soldier’s resilience and combat preparation. He also serves as a mentor to other chaplains. Many of those chaplains have seen traumatic experiences during war. Cody serves as a listening ear for them to talk about what they’ve experienced.

Pray for Cody as he helps chaplains prepare for their unique ministry assignments, specifically that God would help him provide effective counsel to these chaplains so they can be more effective in their roles.



<https://ncbminwives.wixsite.com/ncbmw/retreat-registration>



Speaker: Jodi Aiken

Raised in a small South Carolina town, Jodi grew up in a non-Christian religion, the youngest of five children. She is a mom to two adult sons and blessed with two daughter-in-laws. She is also a JoJo to two amazing grandchildren. Her passion is to help women move their relationship with Christ from doubting to fully trusting. Thirty-four years of marriage to her husband Chris have provided countless adventures, including life as a military spouse, a police officer's wife, and now the wife of a pastor. She has served the Lord alongside her husband in full-time ministry for over 20 years. They currently serve at Englewood Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. You can find her blog, podcast, and YouTube "Pennies in Your Path", at jodilaiken.com.

Worship Leader: Leah Willis



Leah is a native of Lincolnton, NC where she lives with her husband Dalton. They own and operate a personal training studio in Downtown Lincolnton and are the worship leaders at Salem Baptist Church. They have been playing and leading worship together for 15 years. Leah and Dalton were both homeschooled, and Leah grew up as a PK! Leah's goal for leading worship is that the Lord would help her to cultivate an atmosphere where people are able to truly love on and worship their King. We were all created to be in constant praise and admiration of our Savior. Above all, Leah desires for the Lord to be glorified through everything she does.

Caraway Conference Center
July 10-12, 2023



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More than 10 of our Rowan Southern Baptist Association churches provided food, paper products and gift cards for the Baptist Children's home. Thank you for your support.

VBS AT STALLINGS

Stallings Memorial Baptist Church
817 South Main Street, Salisbury, NC 28147



FOR CHURCHES

How do you partner with the church to minister to vulnerable children and support the families who have opened their homes to them?

- National Council on the Family (NCF) is a national organization that works to support the family as the best hope for our children.
- Family Support Center (FSC) is a national organization that provides support and resources for families.
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Visit our website at www.family.org for more information.

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Loving & living for eternity

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Visit Jodi's Facebook page for more information. Following Jesus Changes the Game. Following Jesus Changes the Game. Following Jesus Changes the Game.

Rowan Baptist Association							
General Fund Financial Report							
March	2023						
			Month	Month	YTD	YTD	Total
			Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
Administration							
Salaries, Allowances, Honoraria							
	1010	DOM Salary	\$2,155	\$2,155	\$6,466	\$6,466	\$25,862
	1020	DOM Housing Allowance	1,357	1,357	4,070	4,070	16,280
	1040	Adm. Assistant Salary	1,250	1,250	3,750	3,750	15,000
	1060	Clerk Honorarium	0	50	0	150	600
	1070	Treasurer Honorarium	0	50	0	150	600
	1080	Staff Christmas Bonuses	0	83	0	250	1,000
		Total Salaries & Allowances	\$4,762	\$4,945	\$14,285	\$14,836	\$59,342
Employee Benefits							
	2010	DOM Retirement	\$600	\$600	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$7,200
	2020	DOM Insurance	1,048	958	3,143	2,875	11500
	2030	Workers' Compensation Insurance	0	46	0	138	550
	2040	Payroll Taxes	260	275	781	825	3300
		Total	\$1,908	\$1,879	\$5,725	\$5,638	\$22,550
Ministry Support							
	3010	DOM Travel Expense	\$582	\$333	\$1,104	\$1,000	\$4,000
	3020	DOM Convention/Education Exp.	140	167	288	500	2000
	3050	Board of Directors	51	67	222	200	800
	4100	Pastors' Conferences	77	38	77	113	450
		Total Ministry Support	\$849	\$604	\$1,691	\$1,813	\$7,250
Operating Expenses							
	5010	Office Supplies & Expense	\$104	\$125	\$249	\$375	\$1,500
	5030	Office Equipment Maintenance	0	83	368	250	1000
	5050	Telephone	94	83	281	250	1000
	5060	Natural Gas	69	108	304	325	1300
	5070	Electricity	147	83	369	250	1000
	5080	Water	76	125	227	375	1500
	5130	Miscellaneous Expense	600	63	600	188	750
		Total Operating Expenses	\$1,090	\$671	\$2,398	\$2,013	\$8,050
Missions							
	4080	WMU	\$0	\$83	\$0	\$250	\$1,000
	4081	Community Outreach	0	83	0	249	1,000
		Total Missions	\$0	\$167	\$0	\$500	\$2,000
Association Assets							
	5100	Building Maintenance & Repairs	\$0	\$83	\$0	\$250	\$1,000
	5110	Lawn Care	0	83	0	250	1000
	5120	Insurance	0	167	0	500	2000
		Total Association Assets	\$0	\$333	\$0	\$1,000	\$4,000
Total General Fund Spending			\$8,609	\$8,599	\$24,099	\$25,798	\$103,192
Total General Fund Receipts			\$8,448	\$8,599	\$35,456	\$25,798	\$103,192