



Star trek fans mourned last week the passing of Leonard Nimoy who played Spock in the original TV series. His signature hand salute was a raised hand with the palm forward and the thumb extended. The fingers are straight with a part between the middle and ring finger forming a "V". The tag line with the salute is "Live Long and Prosper."



The origin of this is interesting. Nimoy was Jewish. He admits to peeking during the benedictory blessing of the synagogue services. It was at this time he saw the rabbi with his arms extended toward the congregation, both hands forming this sign. When Nimoy was asked to develop a greeting for an episode of the show, this sign came to his mind.



The rabbi's make this hand sign because it resembles the Hebrew letter we would pronounce with an "s" sound. It reminds the knowledgeable of the Hebrew for God (El **Shaddai**), glory (**Shekinah**), and peace (**Shalom**). It is also the first letter of the Hebrew word **Shema** (hear). The blessing of Deuteronomy 6:4 is "Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord!" Or "Shema O Israel . . ."

I draw two truths from this story:

- One - what a child learns early stays with him/her. It will come to mind, even when they are old. Let us teach our children well. Let us teach them the truth of Deut. 6:4.
- Two - to live long and prosper, one needs to understand the Lord is the True God. Only Jesus is Lord. It is in him alone real life may be found. Only in our relationship with Him will we live long and prosper. (John 14:6)

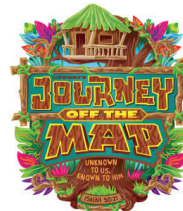
Your co-laborer,

Bro. Mike T.



VBS ORDERS March 10-25, 2015

All Lifeway VBS materials (anything in the VBS catalogue — books, T-shirts, etc.) may be order through the Resource Center. Your cost is the same, but the association receives a commission on the sales.



VBS CLINIC April 9, 2015

Pine Grove Baptist Church

For All, Directors, Pastors, Teachers, and Workers.
Learn from the best how to have a better VBS.



The **Executive Board** was cancelled due to the weather conditions. It will meet Thursday, **May 21, 2015, 7:00 p.m.** @ The Resource Center.



April 16, 2015
Location TBA

THE WELL

Worship Service
March 28, 6:00
@ Lexington Civic Center



BALANCE SHEET

Jan. 31, 2015
General Budget

Initial Bal.	\$ 13,614.31
Church Rec.	8,705.81
Other Rec.	+ 1,228.27
	23,548.39
Expenses	- 10,230.34
Budget Bal.	\$ 13,318.05

Other Funds

Designated	\$ 16,284.90
DOM Disc.	\$ 950.59
Missions Fd.	\$ 1,949.14
Contingency	\$ 14,018.96
Cent. Fund	Variable

YTD Activity

Inc.	\$ 24,218.93
Exp.	21,116.53
Bal. \$ +	3102.40

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BIRTHDAYS

1	Tim Fain		
2	Angela Henderson		
5	Judy Wyatt		
8	Cindy Buffaloe		
9	Hoyt Wilson		
13	Glen Kolwyck		
16	Diane Crowe		
16	Barbara Ray		
17	David Walker		
23	Janet Minor		
26	Jeanne Crocker		
27	Virginia Biggers		
28	Johnny Owens		

ANNIVERSARIES

15	Keith & Lori Runyon
21	Christopher Young

CHURCH RECEIPTS

(Jan. 1, 2015 — Jan. 31, 2015)

Thank you. Our Churches are our Association's primary source of income.

CHURCH	MONTH	YTD
Barren Springs		
Beacon		250.00
Bear Creek	75.42	133.71
Beech Lake *	150.00	150.00
Bible Hill	110.00	330.00
Bunches Chapel		23.00
Calvary	171.85	416.13
Chapel Hill		96.90
Corinth	100.00	200.00
Crossroads		226.47
Cub Creek Hall		
Darden		
Decaturville, 1 st	100.00	200.00
Fellowship		
Flatwoods	511.50	1,059.98
Hopewell	200.00	400.00
House of Wor.	113.73	303.02
Huron	270.72	270.72
Judson		100.00
Lexington, 1 st	1,666.66	4,999.98
Mt. Ararat	447.17	863.53
Mt. Gilead	325.00	650.00
Mt. Zion	163.62	163.62
New Beech G.		150.00
New Hope		100.00
Parsons, 1 st		1,413.00
Perryville, 1 st	50.00	150.00
Pine Grove	328.27	644.21
Poplar Springs	626.00	1,269.00
Ridge Grove		
Rock Hill	282.00	641.00
Salem		99.44
Sand Ridge	949.75	1,858.02
Sardis	139.20	307.74
Sardis Ridge		150.00
Scotts Hill	370.80	614.42
Southside		
Twin Oaks	267.12	533.31
Union *	1,041.13	2519.21
Union Grove	245.87	483.33
Wildersville		

TOTALS \$ 8,705.81 \$ 21,769.74

* multiple checks

Church News

CALVARY - Two joined our church recently. We have been singing at Westwood recently. Greg Stanford, pastor.

CHAPEL HILL - Two have joined our church by baptism. Our Young Adults have had 2 fellowship meals. The Youth Winter JAM in Branson was enjoyed by all. The Children's Valentines party was on Feb. 11. They had a lock-in on Feb. 20. The Adults had a Valentine's Banquet on Feb. 13. The Youth will attend YEC in March. Our Children have been bowling in Jackson. Tommy Smith, pastor.

HOUSE OF WORSHIP - We are very blessed to have had the Russell Trio visit and sing.

They did an outstanding job. We are looking forward to having them visit again sometime. Our fellowship meal was enjoyed by everyone. Please pray for the ones that have been sick or are recovering from surgery. Jeff Todd, pastor.

TWIN OAKS - Our Youth and some of The Adults cooked and served us a delicious Valentines Dinner. The Youth and Chaperones are planning to attend YEC in March. Bobby Crowe, pastor.

TEN CONGREGATIONS SEEKING PASTORS

Barren Springs	Huron
Bear Creek	1 st , Lexington
Crossroads	Mt. Zion
Cub Creek Hall	New Hope
Fellowship	Sardis Ridge



The Corinth Praise Team leads in song at the Beech River Baptist Associational Women's Conference February 28, 2015, at FBC, Parsons. About 100 registered attendees were blessed by the singing and the speakers. Hannah Conway spoke on the issue of PTSD and the power of God. For information on making the mats for the ministry project, please contact Frances by e-mail at fmthrower@hotmail.com



Tennessee
Woman's Missionary
Union
**Missions Get-together
& Connection**
March 20-22, 2015
Gatlinburg, TN
Register at
www.tnwmu.org.



Check "Upcoming Events" on
www.brbaweb.org
for changes and additions

March

- 2 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. Tim Bearden
- 3 R. G. Lee Class
- 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins 🕒
- 9 Pastors' Conf. - Dr. G. Cubbison
- 10 R. G. Lee Class
- 13-14 Youth Evangelism Conference
- 16 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. J. Chumney
- 17 R. G. Lee Class
- 20-22 WMU Get-Together/Connection
- 23 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. J. Burroughs
- 28 The Well Worship Service
- 30 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. Micah Renfro

April

- 3 Good Friday - Office Closed
- 5 EASTER - HE IS RISEN !!
- 6 Pastors' Conf. - Dr. Todd Brady
- 9 **VBS Workers and Leaders Clinic**
- 13 Pastors' Conf. - Bro. Charles Gentry
- 16 **Assoc. Children's Bible Drill**
- 20 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. Danny Ray
- 25 **State Regional Bible Drills**
- 25 The Well Worship Service
- 27 Pastors' Conf. - Dr. Chris Young

May

- 4 Pastors' Conf. - Dr. Mike Thrower
- 7 National Day of Prayer
- 10 Mother's Day
- 11 Pastors' Conf. -
- 18 Pastors' Conf. -
- 21 Ex. Board @ Resource Center
- 23 The Well Worship Service
- 25 No Pastors' Conf. - Memorial Day

June

- 1 Pastors' Conf. - Dr. Mike Thrower
- 8 Pastors' Conf. -
- 15 Pastors' Conf. -
- 21 Father's Day

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