

# Gospel Letter

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## THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

By Martin Holman

In the Christian World, the National Day of Prayer is often associated with the month of May. In 1775, the Continental Congress allocated a time for prayer in the forming of our nation. Over the years, there were calls for a day of prayer, including from President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. On April 17, 1952, President Harry Truman signed a bill proclaiming the National Day of Prayer into law in the United States. President Ronald Regan amended the law in 1988, designating the first Thursday of May each year as the National Day of Prayer.

Do you know what our nation needs today? It needs a national healing. America has been wounded over the last few years by a dozen or so “isms”, which would include materialism, hedonism, secularism, racism, factionalism, terrorism, extremism, consumerism, narcissism, and cynicism. Our nation has been wounded by crime, by corruption, and by scandal.

We do need a healing! We need a healing in our economy, in our businesses, in our schools, in our churches, in our cities, in our communities, in our government, in our families, and we need a healing in our hearts. Listen to God’s promise in II Chronicles 7:14.

*“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”*

My challenge to the good folks at First Baptist is this: Let’s join our hearts and hands together and ask God to heal our land as we meet His conditions!

# Missions Update

By Debbie Sams

## ROCK SOLID MINISTRIES

Please be praying for our volunteers that will be preparing and serving the free meal at Rock Solid Ministries on the third Tuesday of each month. We began serving in March and it went well. Those who volunteered were blessed. I would also like to ask that if you are interested in helping in this ministry that you contact Debbie Sams at 765-969-0254 for information about how you can serve those in need in our community. We still need volunteers. If you do not think you're able to cook and serve the food, you could give a donation to help with expenses of food and supplies. We would also like to have a list of people willing to be called to substitute, when the need arises.

## CROSS ROAD CHRISTIAN RECOVERY CENTER

One of the local missions our church helps support is Cross Road Christian Recovery Center for Women. In the February newsletter we received from Cross Road is an article entitled "The Power of the Gospel to Save and Restore Lives" written by Karon Rose, co-founder of Cross Road. She and her husband Paul are the founders. Karon writes, "Paul and I were saved from our sins and out of the pit and alcoholism in 1980 while listening to Rev. Frank Holman preach the simple gospel. Since 1985 after Bible School, we have ministered to the addicted, first at the Nashville Rescue Mission in Nashville, TN, and since 2000 at home in Richmond. In 2002 Shepherd's Way Christian Ministries was formed and opened the Transitional House for men. In 2010 Cross Road Christian Recovery Center for Women opened. For over 11 years now it has been the desire of our hearts to minister God's love and grace to ladies there. I know that has also been your purpose through partnering with us in this work. We have witnessed true miracles in this place. Our vision of what God can do has been fulfilled and so much more. When Paul and I were in TN, we dreamed of coming home to Richmond and ministering through local churches to people who had been caught in the snares of addiction. Only in heaven will we recognize what a difference God has allowed this ministry to make to this and future generations. We have been privileged to be a part of sharing the gospel with over 700 women since Cross Road opened. We have had many loyal and hardworking volunteers and staff who came along side us to help with this journey. And what a journey it has been. From beginning with a run-down apartment house to a place where women are saved, (some from death) and rebuilding their lives through the Holy Spirit. God has so blessed us. Continue to pray for Donald and Joni as they fight to rescue women from this lifestyle and sin. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you all for your partnership."

Karon S. Rose, MA



## FEATURING: Aaron Roberts, Director of Worship & Music



The purpose of Aaron's ministry is to preach the Gospel through music by encouraging and giving hope.

Aaron began singing at a very young age. He is a son of a minister. He grew up in Bedford, IN and attended Kentucky Christian University. Aaron started singing in church along with his family; father, Lowell, mother, Jean Ann, and his three brothers, Randy, Scott and Dan.

Aaron's professional career blossomed as he sang for several years with The Watchmen Quartet of Operation Evangelize Ministries out of Chesapeake, OH. He was ordained into the Ministry in 1994 at Mountain View Church of Christ in Winchester, VA.

In 1999, Aaron married his sweetheart, Lora. Lora grew up in Centerville, IN. She attended IU East and works for the Wayne County Sheriff's Office.

They have one son, Sam. Sam is such a blessing to both Aaron and Lora. He graduated from Centerville High School in Centerville, IN. Sam plays college golf and attends IU East in Richmond, IN.

Aaron is a police officer, insurance agent, golf coach and southern gospel recording artist. He has also served as Chairman of the Elders, Associate Minister and on numerous other committees at his church.

Aaron has been afforded the opportunity to sing with many other Christian artists and groups. Aaron was involved with Midnight Hour Trio, the Christianaires and Crystal Valley. He now continues to travel as a solo artist and joins The Watchmen for reunion concerts. God has really opened many doors for Aaron and his ministry. He looks forward in continuing his ministry through music as he travels and shares Christ with others. We are extremely blessed to have Aaron with us at First Baptist!!!

## May 2022

| Sun                   | Mon                    | Tue                  | Wed       | Thu                             | Fri       | Sat                                 |
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| <b>1</b>              | <b>2</b>               | <b>3</b>             | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b> National Day of Prayer | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>                            |
| <b>8</b> Mother's Day | <b>9</b>               | <b>10</b>            | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b> BOM                   | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b> Circle U Work Day 1:45-4P |
| <b>15</b>             | <b>16</b>              | <b>17</b>            | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b>                       | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b> Trustee Work Day 8A-12P   |
| <b>22</b>             | <b>23</b>              | <b>24</b> Rock Solid | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b>                       | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>                           |
| <b>29</b>             | <b>30</b> Memorial Day | <b>31</b>            |           |                                 |           |                                     |

## June 2022 (The One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering)

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| <b>12</b>              | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b> BOM Flag Day             | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b> |
| <b>19</b> Father's Day | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b> Rock Solid Summer Begins | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b> |
| <b>26</b>              | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>                          | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b> |           |           |

## July 2022

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| <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b> Independence Day | <b>5</b>             | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>      | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>                            |
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| <b>17</b> | <b>18</b>                 | <b>19</b> Rock Solid | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b>     | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b> Circle U Work Day 1:45-4P |
| <b>24</b> | <b>25</b>                 | <b>26</b>            | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>     | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b>                           |
| <b>31</b> |                           |                      |           |               |           |                                     |

BOM—Board of Managers' Meetings