# Beulah Baptist Association

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### **BRO. MARSHALL'S MESSAGE**

### **Bible Intake**

In our monthly pastors' conferences, we are discussing Donald Whitney's book, Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life. This book is designed to help Christians of all ages and spiritual maturity levels walk more closely in line with biblical principles. Most Christians know of the topics covered in the book and would agree that we should be actively pursuing them, however it is a good reminder.

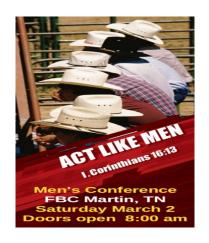
February's topic is Bible Intake. What does that mean? For lack of a more flowery definition, it means, reading the Bible. Now, there's much more to it than that, but that's the short answer. The sad thing is that research shows that only about 10% of Christians in America read their Bible daily. 10%! Wow! I pray that we, in Beulah Baptist Association will strive for more than that in 2024. How do we do this?

Decide to do it! We have to make an effort to read our Bibles each day; set a time and stick to it (knowing that life happens), find a place that is quiet and allows for focus, have a Bible, journal and pen, you may also choose to use a reading plan, devotional, etc. Read thoughtfully and prayerfully, listening to the Spirit speak to you through His Word. Some days you may read a lot and some days you may need to pause on one verse or even one word. It's not about "getting through it", it's about growing in Christ. Meditate on scripture. Roll it over and over in your mind throughout the day. Listen to various pastors' sermons on the scripture. Read different translations of the passage. Pray over it. Discuss it with family and friends. Memorize scripture. I know this is difficult for some of us, me being one. However, we are told to hide God's Word in our hearts. We must do this to fight off temptation. The Word of God must be ready to roll off our tongues at a moment's notice. Bible intake is terribly important. Possibly one of the most important spiritual disciplines because if we do not know God, we cannot become more like Him! And becoming more like Him should be the goal of all christians. Please let us know if you need help getting started. We can point you to resources that can help.

Till all hear!

Bro. Marshall





### **FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES**

- 10 BBA—WMU Celebration—Second Baptist
  10 AM-12 PM Lunch provided
- 12 Pst Conf 10 AM w/ Mike Hickman on Bible Intake w/meal
- 15 Executive Board Meeting 6PM—Meal 6:30 Meeting
- 21 Deadline to register for New Life Mission
  Trip—Nashville
- 26 Pst Conf 6 PM w/Hickman video & meal

### **Beulah Spotlight Church**



Obion First Baptist Church 128 Palestine Ave. Obion, TN

Interim Pastor: Phillip Senn

"It is an honor to be serving the Lord and First Baptist Church, Obion as their Interim Pastor. The Pastor Search Committee is meeting regularly and is screening resumes as they become available. Our congregation is very resourceful in seeking the needs of our community, and in trying to meet those needs, as the Lord directs. The past two months have been exciting as we celebrated Thanksgiving, then Christmas, and now having begun a new year, we look forward to seeing what the Lord has in store for our church, as we focus on reaching Obion and the surrounding area with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### NEED

Woodland Mills First Baptist is seeking a piano player. Please contact the church at 731-885-2033.

Woodland is not the only church needing a piano player.
Piano teachers are still teaching!! Age is not a factor if you can play and want to serve!

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### PASTORS, WIVES & BEULAH STAFF

### EEDDIIADV BIDTUDAVS

- 5 Ralph Winters—Sunswept
- 8 Connie Murdock—Antioch
- 8 Patricia Baker—Cypress Creek
- 14 Justin Hiens—Second
- 16 Lana Davis—Lake Road
- 17 Brenda Poor—Wynnburg
- 18 Cindy McPeak—Beulah Land Cowboy
- 22 Janice Clark—New Concord
- 25 Larry Clark—New Concord

### **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

14 Chip & Lana Davis—Lake Road

## CELEBRATE!

