

Uniting for National Day of Prayer



Johnny Newby prays during a prior National Day of Prayer ceremony at the Farmers Market. Held the first Thursday in May, this year's event begins at noon at the Farmers Market next to the downtown water tower.

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Let us pray.
The 66th observance of National Day of Prayer is this Thursday, May 3, at the Farmers Market pavilion at 12 p.m. noon.
Six preachers from several denominations are on the schedule to pray at the local ceremony, which typically lasts about 30 minutes.
This year's theme is unity.
"Our society seems to be so divided racially, politically and socially," said Jeff Page, local organizer for National Day of Prayer. "Unity is a great thing to pray for."
Scheduled to pray are Ben Wiles, chaplain at Saint Thomas River Park, Jeff Owses of First Baptist Church, Adam Rush of

First United Methodist, Jeff Page of McMinnville Church of God, Richard O'Connor of Westwood Church of Christ, and Jackie Matheny, longtime preacher and current sheriff.
National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of Congress. It was signed into law by President Harry S. Truman.
National Day of Prayer organizers say prayer has a unifying allure and serves as a means to bring people together.
According to the National Day of Prayer website, "Prayer builds bridges between opposing persons and even political parties. Prayer reminds us that we are created in God's image and He desires for us to represent Him everywhere we go."

Gibson guitar files bankruptcy

NASHVILLE (AP) — The maker of the Gibson guitar, omnipresent for decades on the American music stage, is filing for bankruptcy protection after wrestling for years with debt.
A pre-negotiated reorganization plan filed Tuesday will allow Gibson Brands Inc. to continue operations with \$135 million in financing from lenders.
Gibson guitars have been esteemed by generations of guitar legends. After Chuck Berry died, his beloved cherry-red Gibson guitar was bolted to the inside of his coffin lid. David Bowie favored the 1989 Gibson L4 when he fronted Tin Machine. Slash swears by them.
"It is one of the most widely recognized brand

names on planet Earth," said George Gruhn of Gruhn Guitars, a world-famous vintage instrument store.
Gibson, founded in 1894 and based in Nashville, has the top market share in premium guitars. It sells more than 170,000 guitars a year in more than 80 countries, including more than 40 percent of all electric guitars that cost more than \$2,000, according to a bankruptcy filing.
Gruhn, an expert on guitars of all kinds, said the company's bankruptcy was predictable after it expanded into the home electronics business.
But that doesn't mean the Gibson brand will simply go away, Gruhn added.

Freshman open house scheduled Thursday

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The graduating class of 2022 is being invited to Warren County High School this Thursday, May 3, for what could be their first look at their future school.
A Freshman Open House is being offered from 5 to 7 p.m. for all current eighth-graders and parents in Warren County.
"This night will provide students and parents an opportunity to visit Warren County High School," said Federal Programs director Vickie Dodd. "They

can learn about the many opportunities that are offered to freshman students. It also gives them a chance to familiarize themselves with the school."
A short presentation will be given in the auditorium.
Topics include: Freshman Academy, graduation requirements, ACT importance, academic pathway options, and early post-secondary education.
Tours of the school will be available.
Departments and extracurricular activities will be represented.
For more information, call WCHS at 668-5858.



In addition to setting up for the traditional car show, classic vehicles are on display at the Foodland Plus parking lot during Back to the Strip.

Rules of road to be enforced on The Strip

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McMinnville Police Chief Bryan Denton would like to remind those gearing up for this Saturday's Back to The Strip the rules of the road still apply.
In its seventh year, Back to The Strip is scheduled for this Saturday, May 5. Participants are encouraged to have fun, but within legal limits, as law enforcement will have a significant presence.
"Our approach has to be if it's illegal on Friday night, it is still illegal on Saturday night," said Denton. "We support this event, but we also remind participants that The Strip, as it is called locally, is a state highway and the rules of the road apply. This event, that is enjoyed by so many and benefits a very worthy

cause, would likely shut down with one deadly mishap, like the one in Selmer a few years ago. We don't want that."
Increased enforcement began in 2015 due to the event progressively growing and some individuals suspending the rules of the road and creating safety issues with burnouts in close proximity of pedestrians.
There were also violations of the state's seat-belt law with children and other passengers riding unrestrained, under-age children riding in the bed of trucks, and some adults riding on — not in — the vehicles.
When the event started years ago, Denton hoped it would police itself, but that was not to be. Denton says about 5 percent of the people are causing problems and creating the need for police intervention.

OBITUARIES

Bruce Johnson, 63

Bruce Johnson, 63, a McMinnville resident and Detroit, Mich., native was born Oct. 28, 1954 and died May 1 at his residence following an extended illness.
He was a retired convenience store owner, member of the Baptist Church and son of Georgia Blackwell of Signal Mountain and the late Walter Alexander Johnson. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by brothers Wayne, Kent and Dennis Johnson, and sister Teri Johnson.
Mr. Johnson is survived by his spouse, Norma Jean Walker of McMinnville; children and spouses, Cindy and David Stokes of Harrison, Kenny and Amanda Johnson of Dalton, Ga., Larry and Bridgette Johnson of Chatsworth, Ga., James and Krystal Walker Jr. and Derrell Ray and Melinda Walker, all of McMinnville; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Ronnie and Linda Johnson of Dalton, Ga.; and several nieces and nephews.
Graveside service and interment will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, at Gardens of Memory Cemetery with Jeff Bruce to officiate. Visitation will be 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at High's. Online condolences may be made at www.highfuneralhome.com.
High Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
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Joe Garland Templeton, 86

Joe Garland Templeton, 86 of Franklin passed away April 30.
He graduated from McMinnville High School, received his bachelor's degree from Tennessee Tech, and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He retired from U.S. Tobacco after 38-plus years of service. He was a former elder at Franklin Cumberland Presbyterian Church.
He was preceded in death by parents Everette and Clara Duke Templeton and sister Bettye Cummings.
He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Jean Templeton, daughters Cindy Templeton Barnhart and Susan Templeton Jamison (Sammy) Garza; brother, Gerald (Bea) Templeton; grandchildren, William Michael Jamison, Joseph Clifton Jamison and Zachary Tyler Barnhart and great-grandchild, Trinity Dawn Barnhart.
Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Thursday, May 3, at Franklin Cumberland Presbyterian Church with Don Frost officiating. Visitation will be Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Williamson Memorial Funeral Home and Thursday one hour prior to the service at the church with interment at Williamson Memorial Gardens. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.
Williamson Memorial Funeral Home (615) 794-2289, www.williamsonmemorial.com, is in charge of arrangements.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Fairview CIC Benefit Supper
There will be a Benefit Supper at Fairview CIC on May 5 starting at 5pm. The meal will consist of Meatloaf or chicken strips, mashed potatoes, pinto beans, cooked cabbage, macaroni/cheese, cornbread or roll, dessert & drink. Carry out available. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under 9. All proceeds will go towards building repairs. Music will be provided Southern Breeze. Please come out and help support the community center.

Wanamker Reunion
The Wanamker Reunion will be held at Pearls of Christ on May 19. Plan on eating lunch at 12, so bring plenty of food and drinks to share. Plates, cups, utensils and ice will be furnished. Hope to see you there!

Generations 5K Color Run
The Generations 5K Color Run will be May 12 @ 8am. Entrants should arrive by 7:15am at the back parking lot of McMinnville Civic Center. The cost will be \$25. Runners can register at www.runsignup.com or USA Gym. Registration deadline to get a shirt is April 20. You can register the day of the race, but you will not be guaranteed a shirt. Dog friendly, activities for children, Kids of the Community, warm up party and DJ. For more info call 931-743-6628.

Decoration Day at Trousdale Jacksboro Cemetery
Decoration Day for the Trousdale Jacksboro Cemetery is set for May 5 from 8-noon. Committee members will be on hand to collect donations for mowing and upkeep of the cemetery. If unable to attend, please send donations to Teresa Pepper at 2249 Old Wells Road, Morrison, TN 37357.

The McGilliards
The McGilliards will be performing at McMinnville Independent Baptist Church from Apr. 30-May 6 @ 7pm nightly.

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