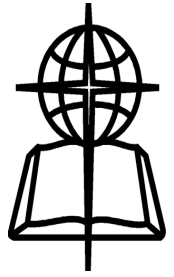




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- 1 New Year's Day**
- 2 Association Office Closed** (New Year's Day Observance)
- 2-6 Winter Bible Study**
- 15 Revive, 2:30 p.m.**
- 15 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**
- 16 Executive Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Assoc. Office**
- 16 Association Office Closed** (Martin Luther King Day)
- 19-21 Shepherding the Shepherd Conference**
- 21 Disaster Relief Training, Buck Creek, Calhoun, KY**
- 29 Day of Prayer for the SBC**



## Rodney's Renderings

### WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

A recent discussion of Christmases past went something like this:

"When we were kids we got fruit, and maybe some new socks.", "When I was a kid Christmas was when mom and dad gave us a new pair of jeans, socks and underwear, fruit was in the stocking and maybe one toy was under the tree.", "When I was a kid what I remember about Christmas was fruit in the stocking, getting an orange was a big deal."

Now I am not trying to point out how pitiful life was for those of us who are now in our 50's rather than Christmas was more about going to family gatherings, having everyone together and being thankful, than about getting the newest electronic gadget. Somewhere materialism has crept in and even we Christians have allowed that to permeate our Christmas season.

While our children have received electronic devices for Christmas, they have also learned to appreciate getting new boots or a heavy jacket for Christmas. We still stop and read the Christmas story on Christmas morning. We still look to help neighbors who will appreciate getting a bag of food or clothing for their children at Christmas, all from Jesus (not Santa).

It is not my intention to speak poorly about Christmas, our kids grew up with thoughts of Santa coming down the chimney, but they could also tell you the "Reason for the Season", and that Jesus was the greatest gift ever given.

So this Christmas morning please take time to initiate a new Christmas tradition or remember to practice an old one; focus on God, family, and the birth of Christ. Remember to be thankful for the presents gathered around the tree, not just the ones under the tree. **See you in church Christmas morning!**

*Serving is our call, Obeying is our answer  
Cooperating is our Method!*

## FINANCIAL RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER FROM THE CHURCHES

| <u>Church</u>    | <u>Missions</u> |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Baker            |                 |
| Birdsville       | 60.00           |
| Caldwell Springs | 260.61          |
| Calvary          |                 |
| Carrsville       |                 |
| Cave Springs     | 19.00           |
| Central          |                 |
| Corinth          | 50.00           |
| Crooked Creek    | 51.22           |
| Deer Creek       | 690.94          |
| Dunn Springs     | 35.00           |
| Dycusburg        | 200.00          |
| Dyer Hill        | 241.18          |
| Emmanuel         | 705.00          |
| Emmaus           | 20.00           |
| Fellowship       | 92.60           |
| Friendship       | 200.00          |
| Good Hope        | 361.70          |
| Grand Rivers     | 306.19          |
| Iuka             | 280.00          |
| Lake City        | 852.00          |
| Lola             | 139.90          |
| Marion Baptist   | 833.33          |
| Marion Second    |                 |
| Mexico           | 2,518.69        |
| Mint Springs     |                 |
| Mt. Calvary      |                 |
| North Livingston | 382.75          |
| Ohio Valley      | 613.13          |
| Old Salem        | 261.15          |
| Pinckneyville    | 448.27          |
| Potter's House   | 725.91          |
| Repton           | 240.00          |
| Salem            | 250.00          |
| Shady Grove      |                 |
| Smithland First  | 400.00          |
| Smithland Second | 123.49          |
| Sugar Creek      | 596.70          |
| Sulphur Springs  | 120.00          |
| Tiline           |                 |
| Union            |                 |
| Miscellaneous    | <u>1,987.73</u> |
| Total            | \$ 14,159.49    |

## Upcoming Events, Reports, and Announcements

### Executive Board Meeting January 16 - 7:00 p.m. Association Office

Your presence is greatly appreciated.



2012 Associational Calendars  
are available at the  
association office.

### Shepherding the Shepherd Conference

January 19-21, 2012

Hilton (Downtown), Lexington

Shepherding the Shepherd is designed to be a time of refreshment and renewal for ministry couples. This special weekend features a variety of workshops, multiple sessions of worship and times of fellowship. Offered by the KBC's Leadership Development Department, Shepherding the Shepherd is funded each year through a grant from the Baptist Healthcare System, and through the Cooperative Program. The cost is \$240 per couple. Contact the Leadership Team of the KBC to register or go on-line to the KBC website.

### Winter Bible Study

January 2-6

*"The Pursuit: Chasing Answers to Life's Questions"*

Based on the book of Ecclesiastes

This study can be done anytime.

Materials can be picked up or ordered at LifeWay bookstores.

### Revive Prayer Walk

January 15 - 2:30-3:30 p.m.



### 25th Annual Western Kentucky Evangelism Conference

February 6, 2012

Three Sessions:

9:00 am – 1:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Hosted by Southside Baptist Church  
205 Nichols Street – Princeton, KY

Preaching by: Dr. Frank Page, Dr. Paul Chitwood,  
Dr. Bob Morrison, Evangelist Rick Corum  
Music by The Childress Family

Provided as a Ministry of the Caldwell/Lyon Baptist Association. For more details call 270-365-9919, email [clbaptist@bellsouth.net](mailto:clbaptist@bellsouth.net) or visit [www.clbaptists.org](http://www.clbaptists.org).

### Kentucky Changers for Youth & Young Adults

Western Kentucky, Paducah

June 23-29, 2012

Early Registration Ends January 28, 2012

All Registration Ends April 30, 2012

Register online at [www.kybaptist.org/kychangers](http://www.kybaptist.org/kychangers) or call 866-489-3527.

### ANSWERS IN GENESIS EVENT

March 4 & 5, 2012

KEN HAMM: Special Speaker

March 4 @ Heartland Worship

Center in Paducah : 4 PM

March 5 @ Mid-Continent Campus

9 AM

Sponsored by

Mid-Continent University

Let me encourage our churches to

send groups to this event. Take

your youth on Sunday.

Special conferences will be held

between sessions.

Visit the Association's  
WEB SITE at

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

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### Items Needed for IICE Missionary House

Paper supplies (paper towels, napkins, toilet tissue), Laundry supplies (detergent, all fabric bleach, fabric softener), Fire extinguisher, Carbon monoxide detector  
Contact Van & Margie Yandell at 545-3429.

## “What Makes Us Southern Baptist”

What makes a church Southern Baptist, as compared to an Independent Baptist, or General Baptist church. While there are some doctrinal differences, most Baptist churches believe in the Trinity, the inspiration of Scripture, that Jesus is the Son of God who came to earth through the womb of a virgin, lived a sinless life and died for man’s sins on the cross, then was resurrected on the third day. Sounds familiar doesn’t it. They believe that every individual needs to come to a personal relationship with Jesus as their Savior. Some Baptist’s believe in apostasy (that one can lose their salvation) while others, including Southern Baptist, believe in the security of the believer. We also believe in immersion as the proper form of baptism following one’s salvation. So what makes us Southern Baptist?

In my opinion the **one** distinct feature that makes a Baptist church a Southern Baptist church is the mode of mission support, the Cooperative Program. It is this method of jointly combining our mission giving which allows Southern Baptists to support over 10,000 missionaries worldwide. This also allows us to work together on supporting institutions of education like Bible colleges and seminaries that train new ministers and missionaries for service. We also cooperate in homeless shelters, medical ministries, children’s homes, disaster relief training, agricultural missions, water/well missions, and so much more.

As you look at your church’s budget for the new year does it reflect that your church is Southern Baptist? What percentage of your undesignated gifts go toward supporting the Cooperative Program or the association’s ministry? You may have all of the correct doctrine and beliefs in your church, but that just makes you a conservative evangelical Baptist church. **Cooperating through our giving to reach the world** makes your church a true Southern Baptist congregation.

Bro. Rodney Cude

## News From The Pews



**Potter’s House** has called Ken Cummins as interim.

**Churches without pastors:** Baker, Crooked Creek (Interim Tommy Brown), Emmaus (Interim Brodie Ambrose), Pinckneyville (Interim Jim Wring), Mt. Calvary (Interim Tim Sandahl), North Livingston, Potter’s House (Interim Ken Cummins), Salem (Interim Lee James), Smithland FBC, Sugar Creek (Interim Fred Lowrance)

**Bro. Desi Ginn** is available for pulpit supply. His telephone is 270.816.0225.

**Lake City Baptist Church** is getting involved in the 2010 God’s Comforter ministry project of making hats, scarves, gloves and mittens for Owsley County and River City Mission residents. We need donations of yarn and fleece for completing these items. Please contact: Nancy Ettinger @ 928-4211.

### Beacon Newsletter

If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter (Beacon) from the association by email please let us know. You can call 988-2204 or email Debbie at orba@tds.net. Email helps us reduce costs.



**Disaster Relief Training**  
**January 21, 2012**  
**9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
**(Central Time)**

**Buck Creek Baptist Church, 3788 US Highway**  
**431 N, Calhoun, KY 42021**

**Courses Offered:** Phase I for new volunteers, Phase II for Recertifications - First Aid, Assessment, Safe Food, Chainsaw Safety, Mud-Out, Child Care, Communications  
Chaplaincy Training Jan. 20 & 21st (two-days)

Registration is \$20.00 (call 1-866-489-3527).

Transportation available for 8 to attend the training.

Call Eddie Osburn at 965-2159 or the association office at 988-2204.



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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

The Association Office  
will be closed  
December 26-January 2nd.

## Blueprints for Sunday School Growth March 2nd 6:30-9:00 PM March 3rd 8 AM-Noon

**WHO:** KBC leaders will come and share with Pastors. Sunday School Director, and key Sunday School leadership from your church.

**Where:** TBD at a later date, but some central location in the association.

**Cost:** \$15.00 per person to cover materials.

**Please promote this and make plans. We will begin receiving reservations (which are essential) in January.**

## *On the Trail with Happy Trails Ministry*

### Upcoming events:

1/1 Preach at KY Lake Cowboy Church, Draffenville, 10:30 a.m.  
1/6-8 AQHA Horse Show, Martin, TN (Cowboy Church, 7 a.m.)  
1/13-15 AQHA Horse Show, Murray (Cowboy Church, 7 a.m.)  
1/15 Preach at Kentucky Lake Cowboy Church, 10:30 a.m.  
1/22 Preach at Kentucky Lake Cowboy Church, 10:30 a.m.  
1/29 Preach at Kentucky Lake Cowboy Church, 10:30 a.m.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> year of full-time equestrian ministry is now complete. We were in Murray for a ministry weekend Dec. 9-11; our Cowboy Church attendance was 25. I also had an opportunity to share about our ministry at Oneida Baptist Church and Oneida Baptist Institute. For the year we had a total of 26 equestrian ministry events (including assisting with 3 Paul Daily Horse Whisperer events). Not counting the Paul Daily events, we had an average attendance of 45, which is an 18% gain from 2010. Praise the Lord for the increase! We also spoke about our ministry to 21 churches and church-related groups.

We're excited about the opportunities which God has in store for us as we begin our 9<sup>th</sup> year of equestrian ministry. We already have 7 ministry weekends scheduled for January - March.

Please continue to pray for our safety as we travel from site to site. Also, please pray that God will prepare the hearts of those who need to hear His message of love and grace. Finally, please pray that God will continue to bless our new work at Kentucky Lake Cowboy Church in Draffenville. (I preached there a total of 22 times in 2011. We also became an "official" Southern Baptist congregation in 2011!!) If you have lost/unchurched friends in the lakes area, please encourage them to join us in this relaxed atmosphere! Thanks for praying – prayer is the KEY to our success(!) – and for helping to make our ministry possible through your continued financial support!!!

Happy Trails! Chris Clarke and family

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