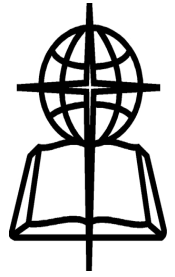




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- 2 Ministers' Christmas Banquet**, 7:00 p.m., Pinckneyville
- 4-11 Week of Prayer/ Mission Study for International Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**
- 5 Used Literature to Association Office**
- 18 Revive**, 2:30 p.m.
- 19 "NO" Executive Board Meeting**
- 25 Christmas Day**
- 26-Jan 2 Association Office Closed**



Rodney's Renderings

“Good or Great”

This time of year it is easy to be overwhelmed with opportunities to help people. If you go to Wal-Mart it is the ringing of the bells for Salvation Army, local school organizations entice us to assist local children who “won’t have a Christmas without your help”. The Marines ask us to give to provide “Toys for Tots”. Franklin Graham and even our association asks you to prepare a shoe box to show the love of Christ to others around the world.

Finding a place to be generous at this time of year is not hard to do; just turn on the television, radio, open a newspaper or go out shopping and they are front and center. Doing good is easy this time of year, the question is whether you want to go beyond Good to the level of Great.

Please understand that I am not saying to not to give to these charities or needs, but let me ask this question; “What is more important, a toy at Christmas or the salvation of a soul”? This time of year our churches focus on the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for the International Mission Board (IMB). While I am not sure of the percentage today, few years ago 50% of the International Missions money came from the Lottie Moon Offering. While I applaud the agencies which try to make sure that no child is left out at Christmas, let us work and give sacrificially to strive to make sure that no one is left out of God’s kingdom.

Please promote, teach, encourage, pray, and give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. You will be helping to support over 5000 IMB missionaries who not only share the Gospel of Christ year round, but also feed the hungry, help dig wells for clean drinking water, provide medical services to those in need, teach locals how to grow more and better crops in drought stricken lands, provide aid to the victims of disasters, and war and share the Gospel.

Give to something Great this year-God’s Kingdom!

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

FINANCIAL RECEIPTS FOR OCTOBER FROM THE CHURCHES

<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>
Baker	
Birdsville	60.00
Caldwell Springs	150.88
Calvary	
Carrsville	
Cave Springs	14.00
Central	
Corinth	100.00
Crooked Creek	
Deer Creek	543.83
Dunn Springs	35.00
Dycusburg	200.00
Dyer Hill	231.89
Emmanuel	705.00
Emmaus	20.00
Fellowship	70.49
Friendship	
Good Hope	389.40
Grand Rivers	234.29
Iuka	181.00
Lake City	734.00
Lola	113.71
Marion Baptist	750.00
Marion Second	
Mexico	1,379.19
Mint Springs	
Mt. Calvary	
North Livingston	345.78
Ohio Valley	515.91
Old Salem	206.11
Pinckneyville	353.21
Potter's House	735.43
Repton	192.00
Salem	500.00
Shady Grove	
Smithland First	400.00
Smithland Second	108.06
Sugar Creek	504.14
Sulphur Springs	141.00
Tiline	149.55
Union	
Miscellaneous	<u>7,952.63</u>
Total	\$ 19,361.50

Upcoming Events, Reports, and Announcements

Thank You!

Thank you ladies for participating in the World Day of Prayer. We received an offering of \$875.00. Praise the Lord!! A special thank you to our host, Emmanuel Baptist Church.

“No” Executive Board Meeting In December

Used Literature

Bring your used/unused literature to the association office by Monday, December 5th.

Revive Prayer Walk

December 18 - 2:30-3:30 p.m.



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 or call 866-489-3527.

The Adventures of Molly

Where in the world is Molly? You can find Molly involved in missions. She was at the World Craft Fair with the Assoc. WMU Council supporting the artisans around the world.

Molly went on a Mission Trip with Cindy Hurley to Ukraine.

There are books available on Molly and her adventures for children. For more information on Molly and her friend Mikey go to www.wmu.org.



**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.



Shoe Box Ministry

Thank you to the churches that participated in the shoebox ministry for Arizona.

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.

Church/ Community Defibrillator Program

Livingston County E.M.S. is encouraging every church to purchase an automated external defibrillator (AED) for their facilities. They are being made available for a cost of only \$1000.00.

If your church is interested in purchasing an AED or if you have any questions, you can contact the Livingston County EMS by calling 928-4212.



Attention Pastors!!



**MINISTERS'
CHRISTMAS BANQUET**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2ND
7:00 P.M.**

Pinckneyville Baptist Church

**The guest speaker will be Bro. Ricky
Cunningham.**

Bro. Rodney will be cooking!

Call 988-2204 to RSVP.

News From The Pews



Deer Creek will have Eric Horner presenting a "Christmas in America" Concert on December 17 at 5:00 p.m. Their "Live Nativity" runs December 17-20 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Bring a non-perishable food item for the "tax collector". All food will be donated to the local food bank.

Lake City will have Eric Horner presenting a "Christmas in America" Concert on December 18 at 11:00 a.m.

Salem has called Dr. Lee James to serve as transitional pastor.

Smithland First Baptist — Bro. Andrew Sexton answered the call to become pastor of Slaughters Baptist Church in Slaughters, KY. His last Sunday at Smithland First is December 18th.

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, Salem (Interim Lee James), Sugar Creek (Interim Fred Lowrance)

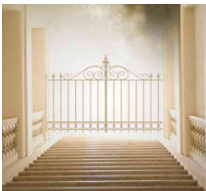
Bro. Desi Ginn is available for pulpit supply. His telephone is 270.816.0225.

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.

PrayerGate Ministry

A Brief Overview of PrayerGate



Larry Orr a Marion resident who knows first hand the benefits of prayer has felt led to develop a community

prayer ministry. PrayerGate will be a volunteer- staffed community ministry that will provide a phone number and web site for people to call or email for prayer. The volunteers will provide immediate prayer, and continue ongoing prayer for those who make contact.

Larry's vision is that the churches of the community will band together to provide volunteers for PrayerGate. PrayerGate is in its beginning stages. It will grow and develop as the body of Christ in our area catches the vision. You can contact Larry @

Larry Orr PO Box 406 Marion KY 42064 Or email info@prayergate.org. More information will be linked at orbassociation.com.



**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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2011 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering



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The staff would like to thank the churches of the association for their support. It is a blessing to serve such caring and concerned people. We also wish to thank you for the Christmas bonuses. They are always appreciated.

We pray that everyone has a blessed Christmas Season and that our hearts are turned toward Christ, and the forgiveness that he purchased as a gift for mankind.

Our prayers are that this upcoming year will allow us to work together to accomplish more for the kingdom of God, and that we may be able to assist your church family in achieving its goals for the kingdom.



Seasons Blessings,
Bro. Rodney Cude
and
Debbie Padgett

On the Trail with Happy Trails Ministry

Upcoming events:

12/1 Speak at OBI chapel service, Oneida, KY
12/4 Preach, KY Lake Cowboy Church, Draffenville, 10:30 a.m.
12/9-11 AQHA Horse Show, Murray, (Cowboy Church, 7am)
12/11 Preach, KY Lake Cowboy Church, Draffenville, 10:30 a.m.
12/18 Preach, KY Lake Cowboy Church, Draffenville, 10:30 a.m.
12/25 Preach, KY Lake Cowboy Church, Draffenville, 10:30 a.m.
Our 8th year of full-time equestrian ministry is quickly drawing to a close. We had 2 ministry outings in November. We were in Louisville for a horse show / Cowboy Church weekend Nov. 4-6; our attendance was 23. I also led a Cowboy Church service Nov. 13 in Greenville at the Kentucky High School Rodeo event with 53 present. My sister, Lori Clarke, represented our ministry at the statewide G.A. Jam in Bardstown, KY. There were over 500 G.A.'s and leaders present for the event! The girls all learned about the exciting things God is doing through our ministry and how they can be a missionary, too!! December 1st I will be speaking at the chapel service at Oneida Baptist Institute in Oneida, KY. Please pray for my safety as I travel. Our last ministry weekend of 2011 is Dec. 9-11 at the horse show in Murray. The Cowboy Church service will be at the MSU Expo Center Sunday at 7 a.m. I challenge you to make the short drive to Murray and join us for this unique worship experience! We will be finished by 7:30 a.m.; you can have breakfast after the service and still get to your Sunday School on time!!! Also, God continues to bless our new work at Kentucky Lake Cowboy Church in Draffenville. Who would have thought 8 years ago that God's calling to full-time equestrian ministry would have grown to what it is today? 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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