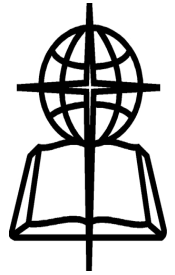




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- 19 Revive, 2:30 p.m.**
- 20 Executive Board Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Assoc. Office
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Rodney's Renderings

CHURCHES AND PASTORS (WHO IS IN CHARGE)

I recently attended a conference where I heard stories from both sides of the aisle concerning pastoral vs church authority. There seems to be some confusion in our churches as to who is in charge. I want to take a few lines in an attempt to clarify this issue.

When trying to define who is in charge of the local church it can be summed up in one word, JESUS! Perhaps our issue is that too many attempt to usurp the power and authority that is intended for Christ. If we as church members and pastors stay “in Christ” we will certainly have less problems than we do today. So our first step is the recognition that Christ is the head of the church.

Next in line would be the pastor, but not in a dictatorial manner. Rather the pastor is to serve as a shepherd who works with the flock, not lording over the flock. Before a minister accepts the invitation to be pastor, he should have read the church's constitution, by-laws, and job descriptions. Then if he can abide by those he should feel free to accept the church under the Lord's guidance.

The membership and leadership of the local church are the next level of authority. The local church has the authority to define certain aspects of how they will do church, and ministry. These decisions should be documented in by-laws and policy manuals so that every one is aware of the guidelines and do not have to stumble upon some infraction or operate under misconceptions.

Policies about money handling, trips, committees, fund raising, membership, discipline, vacations, etc should be in place to not only provide direction for staff and leaders, but to protect them from accusations of misconduct. If we are following Jesus, the Bible, by-laws and policies then everyone knows their place and the church functions well.

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

FINANCIAL RECEIPTS FOR DECEMBER FROM THE CHURCHES

Church	Missions
Baker	
Birdsville	60.00
Caldwell Springs	125.52
Calvary	
Carrsville	
Cave Springs	16.00
Central	
Corinth	
Crooked Creek	
Deer Creek	453.22
Dunn Springs	35.00
Dycusburg	200.00
Dyer Hill	173.34
Emmanuel	705.00
Emmaus	20.00
Fellowship	70.52
Friendship	
Good Hope	450.80
Grand Rivers	252.43
Iuka	192.00
Lake City	937.00
Lola	105.20
Marion Baptist	833.33
Marion Second	
Mexico	1,611.28
Mint Springs	
Mt. Calvary	
North Livingston	391.16
Ohio Valley	571.15
Old Salem	191.73
Pinckneyville	355.25
Potter's House	537.07
Repton	190.00
Salem	250.00
Shady Grove	251.47
Smithland First	400.00
Smithland Second	90.93
Sugar Creek	421.92
Sulphur Springs	141.00
Tiline	194.40
Union	
Miscellaneous	<u>613.52</u>
Total	\$ 10,840.24

Upcoming Events, Reports, and Announcements

Executive Board Meeting February 20 - 7:00 p.m. Association Office

Your presence is greatly appreciated.

Free VBS Clinic

March 3rd @ Lone Oak First Baptist Church, Paducah

Doors open at 8 AM training is from 9 AM– Noon

Receive comprehensive instruction in all areas of VBS. Have hands-on use of the LifeWay Christian Resources curriculum. Hear and experience this year's VBS music. Discover ideas for crafts, decorations, recreation and the worship rally. Network and share ideas with other VBS leaders.

(The Association will NOT host a clinic this year)



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

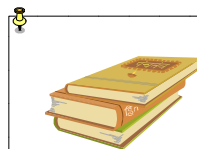
For more details call 270-365-9919, email clbaptist@bellsouth.net or visit www.clbaptists.org.

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 or call 866-489-3527.



2011 Minute Books are available at the association office.

ANSWERS IN GENESIS EVENT

March 4 & 5, 2012

KEN HAMM: Special Speaker

March 4th 4 & 6 PM@
Heartland Worship Center
in Paducah

March 5th 9:30 AM

@ Mid-Continent Campus, HWY 45
Mayfield, KY

Sponsored by

Mid-Continent University

Let me encourage our churches to send groups to this event. Take your youth on Sunday.



February 27–28, 2012 | Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington

February 27 - 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Vocational Evangelists Conference:
Van Yandell, Dr. Adam Greenway and Dale Rose

February 27-28

Sessions begin at 1:00 p.m. on February 27
February 28 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This year's speakers include: Paul Chitwood, Jeff Iorg, Bill Langley, Josh McDowell, Art McFarland, David Nassers, Dennis Pethers, Robert Smith, Larry Wynn
Worship Leaders: This Hope and Amanda Carter

Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington
The Kentucky Baptist Evangelism Conference is free because of church gifts through the [Cooperative Program](#).

God's Comforter Mission 2012



This year we will be focusing on making/buying scarves, hats, and gloves/mittens for the low income and the homeless. Our associational mission trip for 2011 was to Owsley County, KY, where we saw a great need for these items. We will deliver to them in late September 2012 as well as the homeless shelter in Paducah and any other places that are brought to our attention. Last years mission was a huge success, as we know this one will be. God will never let us down when we strive to do His will. Our mission verse: Phillipians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.!" Any questions call Vanessa Ramage 270-816-3549 or Pat Collins 270-559-9113.

Focus on WMU
February 13-19, 2012

FREE CHRISTIAN CONCERT
NO OTHER NAME
(2011 Dove Nominee)

Lead Me to the Cross is their single

March 18th @ 6 PM

Badgett Playhouse Theatre
Grand Rivers, KY



No Admission Charge,
Love Offering will be received.

Visit the Association's
WEB SITE at
www.orbassociation.com.
Feel free to e-mail suggestions to
bro.rodney@tds.net.

Building Deacon-Led Ministry Teams
February 9th 6:30-8:45 PM
Lone Oak First Baptist Church
\$10/person, maximum \$50/church
Register online or download a registration form @
www.kybaptist.org/deacontraining

News From The Pews



Calvary is looking for a music director. Please contact Bro. Nick @ 977.0362.

Lake City and Grand Rivers are working together to host *No Other Name* in concert March 18th @ 6 PM at the Badgett Playhouse in Grand Rivers.

Marion 2nd— Bro. Danny Starrick completed his Masters of Divinity in Pastoral Counseling Degree.

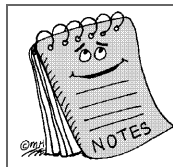
Salem will host speaker Harold Hunter in revival services March 25-28th.

Smithland 1st has begun a Wednesday evening children and youth program entitled C.L.I.C.K. Bro. Rodney will begin as their interim pastor on February 1st.

Smithland 2nd hosted Lisa Holland from Hope Clinic in Princeton, had Jimmy Cash on Jan. 22nd to do a presentation on the tabernacle and will hold their 5th Sunday Singing on Jan 29th.

Sulphur Springs baptized 2 new members in January.

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 (Interim Rodney Cude), Sugar Creek (Interim Fred Lowrance)



KEEP US UPDATED

Please contact the office (orba@tds.net) concerning upcoming revivals, homecomings, ordinations, and other special events in the life of your church. Bro. Rodney will attempt to attend such events and we would like to promote them in "News from the Pews".

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.

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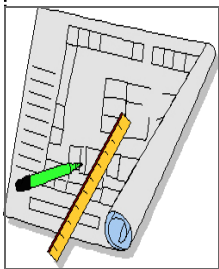


WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
North American Missions
March 4-11, 2012

Whatever It Takes

National Goal: \$70 Million

www.AnnieArmstrong.com



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

WHO: Pastors, Sunday School Directors, and other key Sunday School leadership from your church

Where: Associational Office

Cost: \$15.00 per person to cover materials. Call Debbie @ 988.2204 to make reservations or at orba@tds.net.

Please promote this and make plans.

Deadline for reservations is February 16th. We must have 5 churches participate to have this event.

On the Trail with Happy Trails Ministry

Upcoming events:

2/5 Preach at KY Lake Cowboy Church, Draffenville, 10:30 a.m.

2/12 Preach at Kentucky Lake Cowboy Church, 10:30 a.m.

2/19 Preach at Kentucky Lake Cowboy Church, 10:30 a.m.

2/24-26 AQHA Horse Show, Murray (Cowboy Church 7 a.m.)

2/26 Preach at Kentucky Lake Cowboy Church, 10:30 a.m.

We have embarked on our 9th year of full-time equestrian ministry and are already seeing more increases!! Our January 8th Cowboy Church service attendance at the horse show in Martin, TN had an attendance of 50, a 52% increase over our attendance at the same show last year! We also had a Cowboy Church service at the horse show in Murray January 15 with an attendance of 22. We only have one ministry weekend planned for February (Murray, 2/24-26).

We're excited about each of the opportunities which God has in store for us this year, including our opportunities at Kentucky Lake Cowboy Church (KLCC) in Draffenville where I serve as pastor. You may be wondering how I can be pastor at KLCC and carry out our ongoing ministry with Happy Trails Ministry (HTM) at the horse shows. It's simple... it works the same way as a pastor doing revivals away from his home church. My church (KLCC) supports the ministry of HTM and permits me to be away for our ministry weekends. In my absence, one of the other 3 "cowboy preachers" who helped us plant KLCC will fill in. It is a typical "win, win, win" situation as the church enjoys seeing one of its original preachers again, the preacher enjoys worshipping with the folks again, and I get to carry on the original work of HTM. Best of all, God wins as His Kingdom is advanced!! Thanks for your continued prayerful and financial support. Prayer is the KEY to our success!!!

Happy Trails! Chris Clarke and family

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