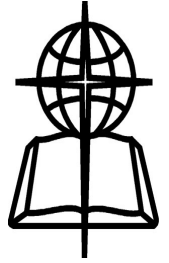




# Ohio River Baptist Beacon



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## Church Security Team Training

**March 1st @ Marion Baptist Church  
Family Life Center**

**9:00 am-12 noon**

8:30 am Donuts & Coffee

**Jim Wilcox will be leading the training.**

For pastors, church staff members, church security teams, anyone in your church who is concerned about church security.

**No cost. Register by February 15.**

**Call 270-988-2204 or email  
orba@tds.net**

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STEP INTO THE  
**STORY**



**March 2-9, 2025**

**National offering goal is \$78 million**



**Sunday School**  
*still matters*

**March 6 @ Walnut Memorial Baptist  
Church, Owensboro - 6:00-8:45 p.m.**

**Cost: \$5.00 per person**

**Register at [kybaptist.org/sssm](http://kybaptist.org/sssm)**

**REACH 2025**

Together for the Mission

**MARCH 10-11 FIRST BAPTIST SOMERSET**

**For more info & to register go to:  
[kybaptist.org/reach/](http://kybaptist.org/reach/)**

KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION



**March 15 @ Eastwood Baptist Church,  
Bowling Green - 8:30 am-12:30 pm**

**<https://www.kybaptist.org/event/vbs-clinic-3/>**



**Disaster Relief Training**

**March 22, 2025**

**Southside Baptist,  
Princeton**

Registration opens 7:30 am & fee \$30  
Training 8:30 am-4:00 pm (lunch included)

**Register @ [kybaptist.org/dr](http://kybaptist.org/dr) or call  
502-489-3527**

## Associational Information

### A Word from Bro. Mark

I can't believe how quick this year is going by. I've always heard the older you get the faster time passes and I'm learning how true that is. My official job title is "Part-time Transitional Interim AMS". I want to emphasize the word "transitional". The word transition means, "a change or shift from one form, subject, place, etc. to another". I see my role as leading our association from where we've been to where we're going in the future. With that comes change, not only in who leads us as AMS, but also in the direction we are heading in the future. The Associational Leadership Team had our first meeting on January 25th, and we discussed the direction and goals we want to see our association meet this year. Please continue to pray for us as we seek God's direction for Ohio River Baptist Association.

An event coming up soon that I hope every church will plan to attend is the "Church Security Training" at Marion Baptist Church on Saturday, March 1st from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. There will be coffee and donuts in the Family Life Center at 8:30am. Jim Wilcox will be here to lead this training. This is for pastors, church staff members, church security teams, anyone in your church who is concerned about church security. **PLEASE call the associational office by February 15th and let us know your church is planning to attend.** Jim will be sending you some information before the training event.

Continue to pray for our search committee and for the associational leadership team.

To God be the glory,  
Bro. Mark

### FINANCIAL RECEIPTS FOR DECEMBER FROM THE CHURCHES

<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>
Birdsville	60.00
Caldwell Springs	136.60
Calvary	100.00
Cave Springs	100.00
Central	
Corinth	50.00
Crooked Creek	
Deer Creek	504.85
Dycusburg	200.00
Dyer Hill	116.13
Emmanuel	
Emmaus	
Friendship	400.00
Good Hope	247.50
Grand Rivers	250.00
Iuka	133.00
Lake City	938.48
Lola	180.65
Marion Baptist	1,123.24
Marion Second	102.50
Mexico	1,821.87
North Livingston	194.14
Ohio Valley	458.64
Old Salem	271.45
Pinckneyville	
Potter's House	
Repton	95.00
Salem	887.85
Shady Grove	501.03
Smithland First	150.00
Smithland Second	91.23
Sugar Creek	357.70
Sulphur Springs	
Tiline	
Union	
Miscellaneous	<u>1,101.97</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,573.83</b>



### News From The Pews



**Crooked Creek** called Hank Cayce as pastor.

If you have any Church News or things happening you would like to put in our Newsletter (Beacon), please email or call the office by February 21st.

**Churches without pastors:** Caldwell Springs (John East, Interim), Marion Second (Donald Winders: Interim)

**Supply list on website: [www.orbassociation.com](http://www.orbassociation.com)**

Mark Gill 270-493-0665/ Larry Purcell 270-445-2449

Mike Davis 270-227-9484 /Roger O'Bryan 270-955-4177

### California Wildfires

If you or your church would like to give to the California Wildfires, please do so by sending a check marked for "Fire Relief" to:

Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief, PO Box 950295, Louisville, KY 40295-9900


You can give online at: [www.kybaptist.org/dr](http://www.kybaptist.org/dr) and select "Fire Relief" in the dropdown menu.



**The 2025 Calendars  
and 2024 Minute**

**Books can be  
picked up at the  
Association Office.**

# February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
					Yes - Youth Evangelism Summit Severns Valley, E-town	
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
					<b>Valentine's                      Day</b>  Shepherding Feb. 13-15, Lexington	
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
Focus on WMU Sunday				Worship & Music Table Talks First Baptist, Lone Oak 9:30-1 pm		
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	
Racial Reconciliation Sunday		Discover KBC 10 am - 2 pm KBC Louisville				



**SUNRISE CHILDREN'S  
 SERVICES**  
**FOOD DRIVE**  
**MARCH 1- APRIL 1**

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1 Corinthians 16:14

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*Thank  
you!*

We express our deepest appreciation to the Associational Disaster Relief Team representing the KBC for coming to our home and cutting up a tree, clean up, and the gift of a Bible.

Bro. John & Bonnie East

**Practical Preaching  
Workshop  
March 17, 2025  
Graves County Baptist  
Association, Mayfield  
6:00-8:30 pm**

## Retriever Hunt Test Ministry

What a wonderful encouraging report from Chris Clarke and the Happy Trails Ministry in January. How great it is to see all that God is doing through the equestrian ministry. May this year be another great year for you as you seek to impact the lives of others for the cause of Christ. Also, thank you for all the kind words of encouragement and including RHTM in your prayers.

I too am hoping for a great year in ministry. This will be my first full year in this ministry. I am so excited to see what God has in store for this ministry. Retriever Hunt Test Ministry has restocked its supplies and created new for 2025, a "Gospel Pin" to accompany the Gospel Ribbon in recognizing owner and handler title accomplishments. Each pin comes with a card describing the gospel and what God has done for us through Christ. Response to this news has been very favorable, with many already sharing their desire to receive the pin.

After a brief winter hiatus from the testing season, March begins a new season for the Retriever Hunt Test Ministry and its ministry across the country.

I will be at Ohio Valley Baptist Church on February 19th at 7PM for a youth event. If you have any youth that would be interested and would like to attend, I'm sure Ohio Valley would love for you to join them. I would encourage you to reach out to them and let them know of your interest, that they can plan accordingly.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.  
Tim Burdon (RHTM)