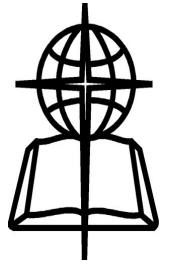




Ohio River Baptist Beacon



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Executive Board Meeting

March 17, 2025

Meal 6:15 p.m. provided by Iuka Baptist Church

7:00 p.m. Meeting

Association Office, Salem

Your presence is greatly appreciated!



Western Kentucky Evangelism Conference

Monday, March 3, 2025

9 am, 1:30 pm, 6 pm

Southside Baptist Church, Princeton

Guest Speakers:

Dr. Ian Carrico, KBC West Region Consultant

Dr. Tim Beougher, Senior Pastor West Broadway Baptist, Louisville

Bro. Ronnie Stinson, Sr.
Pastor Emeritus Trace Creek

Bro. Ronnie Sivells, Pastor Blue Springs Baptist Church

Tim Harvey, Music Evangelist

Lunch will be provided.

For details call 270-365-9919.

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Easter Offering®
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

STEP INTO THE
STORY



March 2-9, 2025

National offering goal is \$78 million

Offering envelopes, prayer guides & posters are available at the association office.

REACH 2025

Together for the Mission

MARCH 10-11 FIRST BAPTIST SOMERSET

For more info & to register go to:
kybaptist.org/reach/



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 or call
502-489-3527**

Associational Information

A Word From Bro. Mark

I was privileged to participate in an “International Mission Board Virtual Conference” on February 13th. The conference included a session by Mark Clifton on “Revitalizing a Dying Church”. Mark said....”There are more Baptist Churches in North America than there are McDonalds, Starbucks, and Waffle Houses combined, and yet over 50% of these churches will have less than 50 people on any Sunday. Our priority must be to win people to Christ.” Ed Stetzer led a session on “The State of the Church in 2025”. Ed said....”For the past 30 years, the rise of those who claim no religious affiliation and those who do not identify with Christianity has increased 1% every year, until 2020. Six things have changed since then; more Gen Z men (those born in the late 1990’s to early 2000’s) are attending church than women; teens are more spiritually open to the gospel; the rise of those with no religious affiliation has plateaued; large churches have become even larger; and there’s been a substantial increase in Bible sales. How do we respond to these changes? We should be encouraged about the future of the church. This is our time of opportunity to reach people for Christ. Disrupted times (like we’re experiencing today) lead to spiritual opportunity.” I completely agree with Ed Stetzer when I look at the future of our association. I believe we must make it our priority to fulfill the mandate Jesus gave us in Matthew 28: 19-20 to go and reach people for Christ. We now have copies of the NAMB gospel trac, “Eternal Life”. I hope you will pick up a pack of these trac’s and use them. I am looking forward to attending the “REACH Evangelism & Missions Conference” at First Baptist Church, Somerset, KY on March 10th – 11th. I hope our pastors and board members will plan to be at the next Executive Board Meeting at the associational office, March 17th. The fellowship meal is at 6:15pm and the meeting is at 7:00pm.

Help us promote to your church the “Disaster Relief Training” on March 22nd at Southside Baptist Church, Princeton. The training will begin at 8:30am and end at 4:00pm. This training is for anyone who is interested in being a Disaster Relief Volunteer.

I am excited about the opportunity we have as an association to connect with the mission work going on in Cincinnati, Ohio. Millions of people in Cincinnati are without Christ. Only 13% are affiliated with any church. There’s only one Southern Baptist Church for every 10,298 Cincinnatians, so there is a great need for planting new churches. Please pray for Bro. Andrew Sexton as he goes to the “Catch the Vision Tour” in Cincinnati April 28-29. I know he will return with a lot of information to help us know how we can be a part of what God’s doing in Cincinnati.

I appreciate more than you’ll ever know your prayers and support for Debbie and I as we continue the mission and ministry of ORBA.

To God be the glory,
Bro. Mark

FINANCIAL RECEIPTS FOR JANUARY FROM THE CHURCHES

<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>
Birdsville	60.00
Caldwell Springs	187.00
Calvary	100.00
Cave Springs	100.00
Central	
Corinth	50.00
Crooked Creek	300.00
Deer Creek	456.28
Dycusburg	200.00
Dyer Hill	101.94
Emmanuel	
Emmaus	
Friendship	400.00
Good Hope	352.00
Grand Rivers	500.00
Iuka	162.00
Lake City	1,396.80
Lola	168.60
Marion Baptist	1,123.24
Marion Second	
Mexico	1,699.60
North Livingston	222.02
Ohio Valley	456.41
Old Salem	318.30
Pinckneyville	
Potter's House	1,399.72
Repton	100.00
Salem	595.25
Shady Grove	
Smithland First	150.00
Smithland Second	99.39
Sugar Creek	410.55
Sulphur Springs	
Tiline	1,308.55
Union	
Miscellaneous	<u>1,892.64</u>
Total	\$ 14,310.29

God Is Good



News From The Pews



Calvary Baptist recently baptized 5 new believers. Praise God for the lives He’s changing through the ministry of Calvary Baptist.

Friendship Baptist is having around 30 youth each week attend the “Gospel Project” program and recently had one teenager saved. Over the past three years several have been saved and baptized through this program. Praise the Lord!

Sulphur Springs Revival will be March 16-20. Speakers: Sun. 11 am Michael Rust, Sun 6 pm Paxton Reed, Mon 6:30 Jeff Noffsinger, Tues 6:30 Jason Scott, Wed 6:30 Nick Duvall & Thurs 6:30 Aaron Brown. Music Sun-Wed Jason Funderburk & Thurs Cutter & Cash & the Kentucky Grass.

March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Church Security Training 9 am-12 noon Marion Bapt. FLC
2	3 Western KY Evangelism Conference Princeton	4	5	6 Sunday School Still Matters Walnut Memorial, Owensboro	7	8
Week of Prayer for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, March 2-9						
9 	10 Reach Evangelism & Missions Conference First Baptist, Somerset March 10-11	11	12	13	14	15 VBS Clinic Eastwood Bapt Bowling Green 8:30 am-12:30
16 Church Planting Emphasis Sunday	17 Executive Board Mtg 7:00 p.m. 6:15 pm meal Association Office	18	19	20	21 Disaster Relief Training Southside Bapt., Princeton Chaplaincy Training (2 days)	22 Volunteers 8:30 am-4 pm
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	 SUNRISE CHILDREN'S SERVICES FOOD DRIVE MARCH 1- APRIL 1				Mail Gift Cards to: Sunrise Children's Services Attn: Food Round Up Program PO Box 1429 Mt. Washington, KY 40047

News from the Pews:

Ohio Valley will have 5 Sunday mornings of Revival services at 11 a.m. in March with a different speaker each Sunday. March 2nd Tim Burdon, March 9th Dan Summerlin, March 16th David Fambrough, March 23rd Ronnie Stinson, Sr., and March 30th Terry Mitcheson. Homecoming Services on March 30th with no Sunday School, singing at 10:30, preaching about 11:15 with a meal to follow.

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

A meal will be served.
To register call Graves
County Association
270.247.7947 or email
gravesbaptist@bellsouth.net,
or text Bro. Mike Jones
270.704.3601



**If you have not picked
up your 2024 Minute
Books or want a 2025
calendar please do so at
the Association Office.**

On the Trail with Happy Trails Ministry

Isn't God amazing? After serving as minister of music and youth for 22 years, God did one of the most amazing things I've ever seen! On Friday, October 3, 2003 (about 10:00 am), God clearly showed me that my work was finished in traditional church ministry, and that He had a brand new direction for my ministry... the exciting world of equestrian ministry. I admit that I was initially afraid to make that transition; it was the fear of the unknown. The more He showed me, the more I realized that He had actually been preparing me for equestrian ministry for my entire life! Two days later, I said YES to God's plan... and what an amazing journey it has been for the past 21 years! As we begin year 22 of equestrian ministry, I'm reminded that I could have never imagined all that God would do, and it all happened simply because I stepped out in faith and obedience!

My friend, Tim Burdon, is beginning his first full year with his Retriever Hunt Test Ministry (RHTM). I'm so excited for Tim and for all of the exciting opportunities that await him this year as he begins to experience more of what I have experienced. We need to hear more from Tim... more than every other month; he's going to have LOTS of stuff to share with us! Therefore, I have made the decision to step away from writing this article 6 times per year, in order that we can hear more about the exciting things God is doing in and through RHTM!! If Debbie has room, hopefully I can give you a yearly update toward the end of the year, letting you know that God is still at work through Happy Trails Ministry and Kentucky Lake Cowboy Church!! (By the way, our average attendance at KLCC for February was 109... PRAISE GOD!!!

Chris Clarke