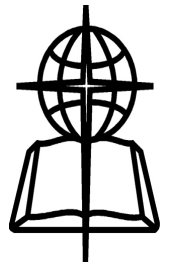




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Semi-Annual Meeting



April 15, 2024

Lola Baptist Church
710 Ditney Rd., Salem

7:00 p.m.

Doctrinal Sermon:
Rev. Bobby Lady

Each church is entitled to two messengers and one additional messenger for each 50 members. No church shall have more than 15 messengers.

Your presence is appreciated and needed in order to have a quorum to conduct business. We will vote on our nominating committee report.



Arizona Christmas Shoe Box Ministry

We will be collecting Christmas shoe boxes for the Arizona mission points again this year.

Please purchase a plastic shoe box from Walmart or Dollar General Store in which to place your items. We do ask that you put colored tissue paper inside to cover the items or you wrap the boxes, top and bottom separately so that it is more like a Christmas gift.

Please **affix the prepared labels on the end of the box which indicates the age level** of your box. The labels are available at the association office or on our website.

We ask you to **include a gift of \$4.00 to help cover shipping.** This should be either placed in an envelope in the box or a church can send a check to cover the expenses.

For a list of items to include and the prepared labels go to our website at www.orbassociation.com or contact the association office.

Deadline to bring items to the association office is Friday, November 15th.

Associational Emphasis Week

May 12-19, 2024

Debbie Padgett Offering

This year the Debbie Padgett Offering for Associational Emphasis will be divided between office maintenance (75%) and the ramp ministry (25%). We need to update lighting, new air conditioners, new front door, etc., at the association office.

Used Literature



You can bring used or unused literature, up to 3 years old, to the association office anytime. Do not include WMU/GA/Acteens and RA/Baptist Men magazines. They do not use missions material. The literature will be sent to Love Packages Ministry in Butler, IL or Decatur, AL. If your church would like to help with shipping you may do so through the office. Material is sent worldwide.

Associational Information

Missions

The church of Jesus Christ was never meant to be an institution that we just attend, but a movement we are a part of. Over the years that has been forgotten by many believers. Currently, our church is studying through the book of Acts. Something that became very apparent early in the study is that Jesus gives His mission in Acts 1:8, well before the church is established in Acts 2. So, Jesus didn't simply give a mission to His church, but He gave a church to His mission. In fact, if a local church isn't involved in His mission the question then becomes, "is it truly His church?" Let me offer some practical ways your church can get engaged in missions regardless of the size.

#1. Pray! Plead with the Lord to burden believers in your local church to live on mission for Christ. Until we each realize that individually we are commissioned by Christ, we will not partner with other believers in missions. When you study Acts you pick up very quickly how connected prayer is to being empowered by the Spirit with boldness to engage people with the gospel.

#2. Participate in the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. This is the first special offering this year. Every penny that your members give goes toward mission endeavors and church planting in North America. Your giving will support 2900 missionary families.

#3. Plan simple ways for your church to adopt an Acts 1:8 strategy. Think about how your church can uniquely fulfill God's mission locally, regionally, and impact the uttermost. For your Jerusalem and Judea emphasis develop a local mission partnership with a pregnancy care center, a youth camp, a senior citizens center, or a nursing home. There are plenty of ways to partner locally if we take the time to look. In your Samaria emphasis pray about going on a vision tour with the North American Mission Board so that your church can connect personally with a church planter in an area that desperately needs the gospel. Connecting with missions on the other side of the world seems unrealistic. However, did you know that your church can contact the International Mission Board and personally connect with a missionary serving overseas? You can personally pray for their family and their needs even if you can't go to the other side of the world personally. Email info@imb.org to see how you can connect.

As an association of churches, we can also partner together in unique ways to accomplish Jesus's mission. Be in prayer as our association searches for a new Association Mission Strategist to lead us in these ways. But don't neglect being on mission for Christ right now. Jesus is worthy. Let's make Him known in the world.

Andrew Sexton, Missions Development Chairperson

FINANCIAL RECEIPTS FOR FEBRUARY FROM THE CHURCHES

<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>
Birdsville	120.00
Caldwell Springs	102.80
Calvary	100.00
Cave Springs	100.00
Central	
Corinth	50.00
Crooked Creek	
Deer Creek	422.20
Dycusburg	200.00
Dyer Hill	112.50
Emmanuel	
Emmaus	
Friendship	400.00
Good Hope	248.82
Grand Rivers	250.00
Iuka	95.00
Lake City	932.01
Lola	195.40
Marion Baptist	1,123.24
Marion Second	97.65
Mexico	2,049.20
North Livingston	171.40
Ohio Valley	
Old Salem	244.40
Pinckneyville	1,500.00
Potter's House	
Repton	125.00
Salem	
Shady Grove	
Smithland First	75.00
Smithland Second	75.00
Sugar Creek	351.50
Sulphur Springs	
Tiline	
Union	
Miscellaneous	44.00
Interest Earned	<u>619.04</u>
Total	\$ 9,804.16



News From The Pews



Iuka pastor Thomas Williams resigned.

Pinckneyville will have Revival on April 21-24 with Kenny Rager as Evangelist and Jim Parks, Worship Leader. Sunday 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Monday -Wednesday 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. They had one baptism in March.

Sulphur Springs will have Revival on April 14-18. Sunday Morning at 11:00 am, Sunday through Thursday Evening at 6:00 pm. Different speaker each service and special music as well. Everyone is welcome. Information about the services can call or text (270) 625-3512.

Churches without pastors:

Caldwell Springs (John East, Interim),
Crooked Creek, Iuka,
Marion Second (Donald Winders: Interim)

Supply list on website:
www.orbassociation.com

Thomas Williams
supply list 270-331-1495

Associational Children's Bible Drill



Wednesday, April 17 - 6:00 p.m.
Ohio Valley Baptist Church,
Ledbetter

Please let us know if you will have participants in the associational drill. You are encouraged to have your church drill at least two weeks before the Associational drill. The Associational drill will be held if we have participants.

State Children's Bible Drill

Saturday, May 4th

Marion Baptist Church, Marion

If you are interested in being a judge, caller, timekeeper or help with registration at the state drill please contact the association office.



SUNRISE CHILDREN'S SERVICES

FOOD DRIVE
MARCH 1- APRIL 1

Mail Kroger & Walmart Gift Cards to:

Sunrise Children's Services

Attn: Food Round Up Program

PO Box 1429, Mt. Washington, Ky. 40047



April 25, 2024 - 9:30-3:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church, Dawson Springs

<https://www.kybaptist.org/celebration/>

\$20 per person by April 15 and \$25 after April 15. Cost includes program and lunch.

Mission Opportunities



WMU
Missions Celebration
& ANNUAL MEETING

April 12-13, 2024

First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville

Keynote Speaker: Connie Dixon
President National WMU

<http://www.kywmu.org/missionscelebration.html>

CHURCH
MULTIPLIED
VISION TOUR

CATCH THE VISION FOR
MULTIPLICATION

Church Multiplied Vision Tour coming to
ASHLAND, BOWLING GREEN AND LOUISVILLE

April 30, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Meet at South Central Baptist Association
6448 Scottsville Road, Bowling Green, KY

Register at <https://www.kybaptist.org/event/church-multiplied-vision-tour/2024-04-16/>

Block Party trailer and inflatable training is online at www.orbassociation.com.

Call the office if you are unsure if you have someone certified. Certification for inflatable operation is good for 3 years.

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7th Baptism Sunday
12-13th KY WMU Annual Meeting & Missionary Commissioning,
First Baptist, Hopkinsville
15th Semi-Annual Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lola Baptist
17th Association Children's Bible Drill, Ohio Valley Church
25th Boomer & Senior Celebration, 9:30-3 pm,
First Baptist, Dawson Springs
30th Church Multiplied Vision Tours, Bowling Green

Retriever Hunt Test Ministry

The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club hunt test is in the books. Things went very much as I anticipated. There was caution, hesitancy, and uncertainty from those attending the event, concerning who I was and what RHTM was all about. Someone said to me, "I didn't know if you were one of those religious quacks." Keep in mind this is a total new concept for everyone in the deep south. I will say, I was never treated badly or rudely. Most were respectful of me and by the end of the event some had warmed up to me and I was invited to come back for a future test. Would I call it a success? Yes, I made some new acquaintances and got my foot in the door, as the old saying goes. Whether the Lord leads me back or not, I don't know. Will I go back? If he calls me to, most definitely!

The next two tests are local and will be over by the time you read this report. These tests highly publicize the RHTM, posting information about the worship service and my attendance there, unlike the Florida test where they did not advertise my presence.

A special thanks to Chris Clarke and Happy Trails Ministry for his kind encouraging words, financial support, prayers, and friendship as we serve together as Mission Service Corp missionaries. Together we share the gospel with as many people as we can through horse and dog. It amazes me the lives God has touched through these animals and peoples love for them.

In Jesus' Name and for His Glory,
Tim Burdon, RHTM