



Ohio River Baptist Beacon



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Semi-Annual Meeting April 20 2026



Iuka Baptist Church, Grand Rivers

7:00 p.m. (Dessert fellowship following the meeting)

Doctrinal Sermon:
Rev. Kirk Greenfield

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 expected in order to conduct the business of your association. We will vote on our nominating committee report.

WMU Missions Celebration & ANNUAL MEETING

April 10-11, 2026

Highland Baptist Church, Shelbyville

For more information go to:
wmu.kywmu.org/missionscelebration

Associational Emphasis Week May 10-17, 2026

Debbie Padgett Offering

This year the Debbie Padgett Offering for Associational Emphasis will be used for the Ramp (Wheelchair) Ministry. The goal of the ramp ministry is to aid our local churches in assisting their neighbors during a time of need, without having a heavy financial burden on either the church or the recipient.

Boomer & Senior

April 21st

Southside Baptist,
Princeton

Cost: \$20 per person
by April 14; \$25 after the 14th

Learn More:
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Boomer & Senior

REGISTRATION 8:45am • PROGRAM 8:45am-3:15pm

APRIL 21
Southside Baptist Church
Princeton

APRIL 23
Immanuel Baptist Church
Lexington

KBC COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Associational Information

A Word From Bro. Mark

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend the Kentucky Fellowship of Associational Leaders meeting and REACH Evangelism and Missions Conference in Louisville, Ky. Eric Allen, who coordinates the work of Baptist Associations and Associational Mission Strategist and has served our Kentucky Baptist Convention for the past 26 years, will be retiring the end of May. Eric has been such a great blessing and helpful resource to the AMS's across the state. He has been a friend and a great help to me over the past two years. Please pray, not only for Eric as he starts a new chapter in his life, but also pray for the man God will call to fill this important place of leadership with the KBC.

I hope you will make plans to attend the Semi-Annual Meeting on Monday, April 20th at Iuka Baptist Church. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm. Bro. Kirk Greenfield will preach the Doctrinal Sermon. There will be a dessert fellowship following the meeting.

If your church has an active Senior Adult Group, I highly recommend they attend the "Boomer & Senior Celebration" on Tuesday, April 21st at Southside Baptist Church, Princeton. The event starts at 9:00am and ends at 3:00pm. They will have lunch for everyone in the Family Life Center. I have been to this event many times and have always enjoyed it. Your seniors will enjoy great music, preaching, and entertainment along with food and fun. Christian comedian, Dennis Swanberg, will be providing the entertainment in the afternoon session. If you are familiar with "The Swan" you know you are in for a lot of laughs! You can get more information about this event at "kybaptist.org/celebration".

PLEASE continue to keep the AMS Search Committee in your prayers, along with the churches without pastors: Caldwell Springs (Interim John East), Lake City, Marion Second (Interim Leroy Driver), Mexico (Interim Ken Cummins), Smithland Second.

To God be the glory,
Bro. Mark

FINANCIAL RECEIPTS FOR FEBRUARY FROM THE CHURCHES

<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>
Birdsville	60.00
Caldwell Springs	95.80
Calvary	100.00
Cave Springs	100.00
Central	
Corinth	
Crooked Creek	
Deer Creek	484.69
Dycusburg	200.00
Dyer Hill	71.01
Emmanuel	
Emmaus	
Friendship	400.00
Good Hope	214.50
Grand Rivers	500.00
Iuka	112.00
Lake City	659.60
Lola	162.10
Marion Baptist	1,150.00
Marion Second	
Mexico	1,416.45
North Livingston	200.98
Ohio Valley	296.33
Old Salem	169.50
Pinckneyville	
Potter's House	
Repton	85.00
Salem	521.00
Shady Grove	
Smithland First	150.00
Smithland Second	157.86
Sugar Creek	273.90
Sulphur Springs	200.00
Tiline	
Union	
Miscellaneous	<u>365.61</u>
Total	\$ 8,146.33



News From The Pews



Marion Baptist will host an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th, 10 a.m. at the Crittenden County Fair Grounds in Marion. Age groups will be divided. Everyone invited.

Grief Share Support Group at Marion Baptist on Mondays 5:30-7:00 pm April 13-July 6. Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. For more info go to <https://find.griefshare.org/groups/270685>.

Union has called Matt Fowler back as their pastor.

Pray for our Churches without pastors: Caldwell Springs (John East, Interim), Lake City, Marion Second (Leroy Driver, Interim), Mexico (Ken Cummins, Interim), and Smithland Second

Available for Supply: Tommy Dutton 270-349-9727

LBL Ministry at Hillman's Ferry Campground

Dates Available:
April 13-19
July 13-19
September 14-20

You do not have to be a pastor to serve and lead worship on Sunday at 9 am, email or call the office if interested.

April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Good Friday Office Closed 	4
5 Easter 	6	7	8	9	10 KY WMU Missions Celebration & Annual Mtg. Highland Bapt., Shelbyville	11
12 Baptism Sunday	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Semi-Annual Meeting 7:00 p.m. Iuka Baptist	21 Boomer & Senior Celebration 9 am - 3 pm Southside	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



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Retriever Hunt Test Ministry

We are back home from our trip through Alabama. The trip was a huge success it began with stopping in Brilliant, Alabama for the North Alabama Retriever Club hunt test. Next, we drove to Lillian, Alabama for the Lower Alabama Retriever Club test. Then it was on to the Black Warrior Retriever Club test in Greensboro.

Our ministry 5-gallon buckets that we gifted each club was a huge success. These buckets with our logo will serve to remind everyone of this ministry long after we are gone. All the clubs were so glad to get them. We will continue gifting buckets throughout the spring testing season until they are gone.

We preached Sunday with a beautiful sunrise over the technical ponds and a cool 40 degrees. This is what one man wrote after attending the service.

"I started a new devotional tonight. If anyone gets a chance to attend a RHTM (Retriever Hunt Test Ministry) service that Tim Burdon and his wife hold on Sunday mornings before a hunt test, please take the time to go. I did for the first time this last Sunday and it was great! I met Tim a while back but got to spend time talking with him over the weekend and picked up his 60-day devotional book he wrote. I've often said I hate missing church when I'm at a hunt test and this is a great opportunity for us hunt test folks. I know we are all exhausted on Sunday morning after an all-day event on a Friday and/or Saturday, but I promise you it's worth it to get up one hour earlier and go if you can."

This trip has no doubt broadened the RHTM influence in Alabama. We gave away lots of Bibles, sold Devotional books and other merchandise, made some new friends, saw lots of new people joining and following our Facebook group.

To God be the Glory for the great things he hath done!
Tim Burdon