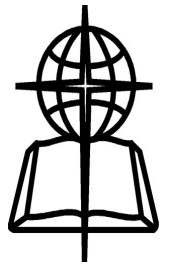




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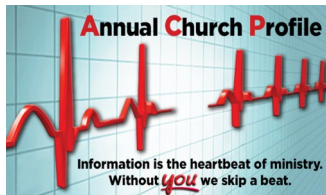
August 2026

Executive Board Meeting August 17th — 7:00 pm Association Office

Friendship Baptist Church will be providing the meal at 6:15 p.m.

The ACP's (Annual Church Profiles) will be handed out. Please have someone from your church present.

Your presence is greatly appreciated and needed to conduct business!



The ACP's will be handed out at the August 17th Executive Board Meeting.

The ACP's (Annual Church Profiles) paper form will be available for each church at the Executive Board Meeting on August 17th.

If your church chooses to complete the ACP electronically, you will still receive an associational page that we would like you to fill out and return to the Association Office.

The ACP's allow us to keep track of the health and history of the local church. It also provides information which allows the association to target what events and resources can better assist our churches.

The ACP is the only thing required by the association from each church.

THE ACP is IMPORTANT— So please complete them and return to the office ASAP. Deadline is September 25th.

**PRACTICAL TRAINING
FOR KENTUCKY BAPTISTS**

EQUIP

August 18 - 1st Baptist, Paducah
Register at kybaptist.org/equip

- CHILDREN
- COMMUNICATIONS
- DEACONS
- EVANGELISM
- FINANCE
- DISCIPLESHIP
- MISSIONS
- REVITALIZATION
- STUDENTS
- SUNDAY SCHOOL
- WMU
- WOMEN
- WORSHIP & MUSIC
- CHILDREN

Global Hunger Relief

Global Hunger Sunday

AUGUST 23, 2026

Bring relief to hungry neighbors—near and far.

Visit GlobalHungerRelief.org or text HUNGER to 888-123 to learn more.

Week of Prayer for State Missions & Eliza Broadus Offering

SEND HOPE

WHERE LOSTNESS IS GREATEST

September 13-20, 2026

Fill the Gap
Ephesians 4:15-16

MISSIONKY

Associational Information

A Word From Bro. Mark

It's hard to believe I began my third year as the Interim AMS on July 1st. I have truly enjoyed working with Debbie, our pastors and churches. Thank you so much for your support and prayers, and I look forward to what God has in store for us in the future.

I'm excited about this year's annual meeting at Mexico Baptist Church on Monday, October 19th. The meal will begin at 6:00PM followed by the meeting at 7:00PM. French Harmon, President and CEO of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, will be our guest speaker. Bro. Rodney Cude will preach the annual sermon. I hope every pastor, executive board member, and church will plan to attend the fellowship meal and annual meeting. Out of the 35 churches in the ORBA only 16 churches have associational board members. If your church does not have a board member to represent your church at the associational executive board meetings, I hope you will elect someone to serve in this very important position. It is important for every church in ORBA to be represented at our board meetings, semi-annual and annual meeting. There are only 4 regular executive board meetings each year, not including the semi-annual and annual meetings. Our next regular board meeting will be Monday, August 17th at the associational office building in Salem. The fellowship meal begins at 6:15PM and the meeting will follow at 7:00PM. Every pastor and board member is urged to attend.

I appreciate the opportunities I have had to fill the pulpit in many of our churches. Our association is so blessed to have, not only great pastors, but also great churches. You have made me feel very welcome and I have enjoyed worshipping with you.

To God be the glory,
Bro. Mark

FINANCIAL RECEIPTS FOR JUNE FROM THE CHURCHES

<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>
Birdsville	60.00
Caldwell Springs	140.08
Calvary	100.00
Cave Springs	
Central	
Corinth	50.00
Crooked Creek	
Deer Creek	516.25
Dycusburg	200.00
Dyer Hill	142.92
Emmanuel	483.89
Emmaus	
Friendship	400.00
Good Hope	315.15
Grand Rivers	500.00
Iuka	180.00
Lake City	986.80
Lola	170.40
Marion Baptist	1,150.00
Marion Second	50.00
Mexico	2,535.39
North Livingston	165.82
Ohio Valley	417.35
Old Salem	262.25
Pinckneyville	
Potter's House	
Repton	210.00
Salem	150.00
Shady Grove	526.38
Smithland First	150.00
Smithland Second	104.61
Sugar Creek	507.85
Sulphur Springs	100.00
Tiline	153.00
Union	
Miscellaneous	<u>3,942.00</u>
Total	\$ 14,670.14



Church News



Cave Springs recently had 3 additions. Praise the Lord!

Crooked Creek invites you to a Prophecy Conference on August 29th from 10AM-2PM. Lunch will be served. RSVP lunch reservations to 270-704-0914.

Pray for our Churches without Pastors: Caldwell Springs (John East, Interim), Lake City, Marion Second (Leroy Driver, Interim), Mexico

Sympathy

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of Bro. Jerry Thurman who passed away on July 11th in Glasgow, KY. Bro. Jerry worked in education for 30 years, having taught history and served as principle in Crittenden and Union Counties and was a track coach for Crittenden middle and high school. He also pastored churches for 45 years in Livingston, Crittenden, and Caldwell Counties. Bro. Jerry served as pastor and interim pastor in at least three Ohio River Baptist Association Churches. He served on several associational committees and served as Interim Director of Missions from February to October of 2007. Please keep his wife, Joyce, and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

WEATHER FORECAST



August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Send Relief Sunday	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 SBC Serve Sunday	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Executive Board Mtg 7:00 pm Meal 6:15 Association Office	18 Equip 2026 1st Baptist Paducah	19	20	21	22
23  Global Hunger Day	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

The Association WMU is sponsoring the 2026 Christmas Backpacks again to help minister to the impoverished children of Kentucky. Our goal this year is to collect 225 backpacks. To register and find more information concerning the backpack program go to: <https://www.kybaptist.org/christmasbackpacks/>

We will collect these at our Annual Meeting on October 19 and the final **deadline** to get them to the association office is **Friday, October 23rd**.



Arizona Shoe Box Ministry

Please purchase a plastic shoe box and put colored tissue paper inside or wrap the box top and bottom separately like a gift.

Include a gift of **\$5.00** to help cover shipping. For a list of items to include and the prepared labels go to our website or contact the association office.

Deadline to bring items to the association office is **Friday, November 13th**.

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Vacation Bible School

Marion Second

August 3, 4 & 5

6:00-8:00 PM

“Illumination Station”

Pinckneyville

August 29, 9AM-4PM

Lunch & Supper
provided, “Level Up”

At the conclusion of
your VBS be sure to fill
out the church report
online at [https://
vbs.lifeway.com/
church-report/](https://vbs.lifeway.com/church-report/).

Please recycle your VBS
material and bring it to
the association office. It
is helpful if you place all
your teaching material
in a large zip lock stor-
age bag so we can pass
them on to other minis-
tries.

Retriever Hunt Test Ministry

“Growth Adaptation and Opportunity”

For years hunt tests were run on weekends and usually in the spring and fall when temperatures are cooler, but with the rapid growth in hunt test and many wanting to get titles on their dogs early as possible to qualify for larger events, retriever clubs are trying to provide more opportunities for these individuals. The result is clubs are having hunt test during the summer months and midweek hunt tests. For example, I have not attended 4 or 5 hunt tests held in this past June and July. I am starting earlier than normal by attending 3 events in August, as I would normally not have started until September and continued through middle November. Retriever Hunt Test Ministry is adapting to try and meet these new testing times.

One of the biggest things that I have learned is that even though there is not a Sunday worship service at times, our visible presence on the test grounds is proving to be a powerful witness as more people are looking for us and stopping by our tent. The waterproof bibles, devotional book and Facebook posts are influencing people daily and not just on Sunday.

I continue to hear from people who have ideas for me in this ministry. Some have suggested that I post sermons that I have done so they can watch them at other times. This is something we plan to incorporate in the ministry.

Sharing His love with others,
Tim Burdon, RHTM