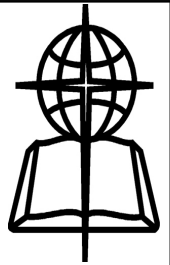




# Ohio River Baptist Beacon



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**Executive Board Meeting**  
 January 22, 2024  
 Meal 6:15 p.m. provided by Deer Creek  
 7:00 p.m. meeting  
 Association Office, Salem  
 The 2024 Calendars and 2023 Minute books will be available.

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

**100%**  
 OF GIFTS GIVEN TO THE  
 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®  
 SUPPORTS MISSIONARY PRESENCE.

**IMB**

**Goal: \$200 million**  
[imb.org/weekofprayer](http://imb.org/weekofprayer)

**Church Multiplied Workshop**  
 January 23, 2024  
 10 am-1:00 pm  
 Riverwoods Church, Benton

Learn what you and your church can do to partner in multiplying disciples, leaders, and churches.  
 Register online at [kybaptist.org/event/church-multiplied-workshops](http://kybaptist.org/event/church-multiplied-workshops)

**January Bible Study 2024**  
**Sermon on the Mount: Blessings of the Kingdom**

**CONCLAVE**

January 18 – 20, 2024

Chattanooga Convention Center

**A training event for youth pastors, youth leaders and volunteers.**  
<https://ymconclave.org/>

## Associational Information

### Welcome 2024!!!

Where did 2023 go? We will blink a few times and will be welcoming 2025. With the new year we are reminded of the phrase, "Out with the old, in with the new." We all ponder goals to reach in the new year. As the associational WMU Director, I would like to remind everyone of the associational mission opportunities. I would like to challenge every church to participate in helping these missions. Any amount helps tremendously. We also do two missions that minister to children in Kentucky and the Pima and Papago peoples in Arizona.

While all of these have designated times to donate to these, now is the time to start collecting things for backpacks and shoeboxes so you don't have to do it all at once. At Deer Creek we collect things for each age in different months so we have everything to fill them by October.

Below is a list of mission opportunities and the date they are due at the association office. Please make it a goal to participate in providing for our missionaries.

- March 3-10, 2024 - Week of Prayer for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- May 12-19, 2024 - Associational Emphasis Week (Debbie Padgett Offering)
- September 7-15, 2024 - Week of Prayer for State Missions & Eliza Broadus Offering
- Thanksgiving - Sunrise Children's Offering
- December 1-8, 2024 - Week of Prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- October 25, 2024 - Christmas Backpacks (Total for 2023 were 227 backpacks from 8 churches.)
- November 15, 2024 - Arizona Shoeboxes (Shoe boxes will not be provided) Total for 2023 were 815 boxes from 17 churches.

Thank you for all your support and may each and everyone of you be blessed in 2024.

Sandi Bell, Associational WMU Director

### FINANCIAL RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER FROM THE CHURCHES

<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>
Birdsville	60.00
Caldwell Springs	142.99
Calvary	100.00
Cave Springs	100.00
Central	
Corinth	50.00
Crooked Creek	
Deer Creek	502.03
Dycusburg	200.00
Dyer Hill	123.84
Emmanuel	
Emmaus	
Friendship	400.00
Good Hope	302.17
Grand Rivers	250.00
Iuka	154.00
Lake City	1,240.08
Lola	244.05
Marion Baptist	1,123.24
Marion Second	83.97
Mexico	1,653.70
North Livingston	240.66
Ohio Valley	594.72
Old Salem	303.60
Pinckneyville	
Potter's House	1,318.99
Repton	150.00
Salem	
Shady Grove	
Smithland First	75.00
Smithland Second	120.24
Sugar Creek	427.65
Sulphur Springs	
Tiline	
Union	
Miscellaneous	<u>4,112.39</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,063.32</b>



### News From The Pews



**Deer Creek** - Had 448 visitors and 37 workers each night at their Live Nativity.

**Lola** - Baptized 2 in November. Praise the Lord!

**Pinckneyville** - Deacon ordination service for Shawn Padon and David Kitchens is scheduled for January 21, 2024 at 3:00 pm. All ordained men are invited to the ordination council. Pinckneyville delivered 124 fruit bags during a community visitation.

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

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

I can do  
ALL THINGS  
through  
**CHRIST**  
Who  
STRENGTHENS  
ME Phil 4:13

## Mission Opportunities

### Used Literature



You can bring used or unused literature, up to 3 years old, to the association of-  
fice 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.

### *Worship & Music Roundtables*

**January 25, 2024  
9 am - 12 noon  
(Lunch provided)**

#### **First Baptist Church, Princeton**

There is no cost to attend. Register online at:  
[kybaptist.org/event/worship-roundtables/](https://kybaptist.org/event/worship-roundtables/)

Roundtables are discussion-based networking for full-time, part-time, bivocational, volunteer worship leaders, spouses and other church leaders interested in leading worship.



**February 2-3, 2024**

Parkway Baptist, Bardstown  
For Students and their leaders.

**Speaker: Ryan Fontenot**

**Music: Heartsong**

<https://www.kybaptist.org/youth-evangelism-summit/>

### **Friends of Life Luncheon & Open House**

**February 5, 2024, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, Hope Unlimited Family Care Center, 1101 Jefferson St., Paducah, KY**

At Hope Unlimited Family Care Center, we believe anything is possible—especially when Kentucky Baptist churches get involved!

We hope you will visit our Open House on Monday, February 5. Come enjoy lunch, a tour of our facilities and learn how your church can be a part of a ministry that is dramatically saving the lives of unborn children and changing lives for Christ.

#### **Guests include:**

- **Todd Gray**, executive director-treasurer, Kentucky Baptist Convention
- **Jim Ewing**, pastor, First Baptist Church Calvert City
- **Carley Thomas**, volunteer, Hope Unlimited and member of Lone Oak First Baptist Church ... and personal testimonials.

<https://friendsoflife.org/events/>

**IRS Auto Reimbursement mileage rate for 2024 is .67 cents a mile.**

### **Practical Preaching Workshop**

**February 12, 2024**

Liberty Point, Cadiz - 6:00-8:30 pm

<https://www.kybaptist.org/event/practical-preaching-workshop/2024-01-29/>



Register at: [www.kybaptist.org/reach](https://www.kybaptist.org/reach)



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## January

**1st Happy New Year**  
(Association Office Closed)  
**15th Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday** (Association Office Closed)  
**18-20th Conclave**, Chattanooga Convention Center  
**21st Sanctity of Life Sunday**  
**22nd Executive Board Meeting**, 6:15 meal, 7 pm Meeting, Association Office  
**23rd Church Multiplied Workshop**, Riverwoods Church, Benton  
**25th Worship & Music Roundtables**, First Baptist, Princeton  
**30th Worship & Music Roundtables**, First Baptist, Owensboro

### On the Trail with Happy Trails Ministry

Our 20th year of full-time equestrian ministry is now history and year 21 begins! what a ride this has been! As I continue to age, I find that I do much more reflecting about stuff than I used to do. I am reminded of the MANY ways in which God has been at work in our ministry over the past 20 years. So many lives have been positively impacted, simply because we said YES when God called us into the exciting world of equestrian ministry. Think about this! what if I had said NO when God called me into this new ministry back in October 2003? I hate to think of all of the joy, fulfillment, and blessings our family would have missed by not saying YES to God's call. Let me encourage you! as we begin 2024, make up your mind right now to ALWAYS SAY YES when God calls you to any job or position this year. You never know the blessings you might miss by saying NO to Jesus.

Things continue go well at Kentucky Lake Cowboy Church. Our average attendance for November was 75. With two Sundays remaining, our December average is 70=our average for the year is 81. We continue to experience a wonderful spirit in our church family, for which we are very grateful!! We are already looking forward to celebrating our 14th anniversary this coming June!!

We are so thankful for our ORBA friends! We appreciate your faithful support over the past 20 years as we have followed God's call to share the love of Jesus in the equestrian community! We ask for your continued prayers as we continue to look FORWARD IN FAITH! Let's serve Him more in 2024!!

Happy Trails!  
Chris Clarke