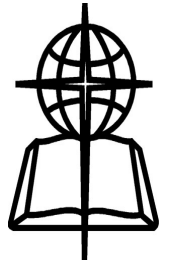




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Executive Board Meeting

January 27, 2025

Meal 6:15 p.m. provided by Deer Creek

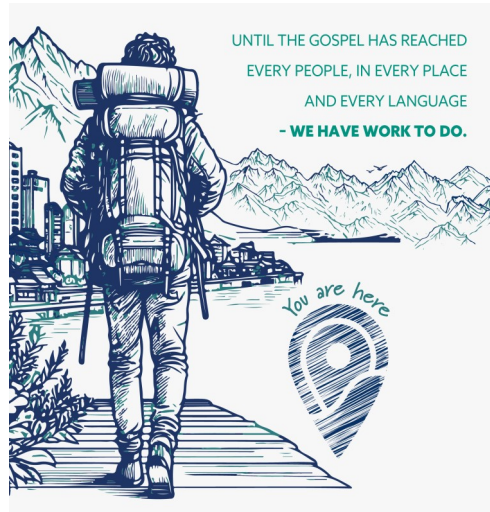
7:00 p.m. meeting

Association Office, Salem

Associational Planning Meeting

For all Associational Leaders, Department Officers, and Committee Chairman you are invited to a planning and fellowship breakfast from 9:00am to 10:30am on Saturday, January 25th at the associational office. We will discuss the vision and direction of our association, along with some goals for the year. We will also be planning the associational calendar and “brainstorming” some ideas for future events. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering



National Goal: \$ 205 million

Sanctity of Life Sunday

January 19, 2025

“I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.” Psalm 139:14

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REACHING THE NOW GENERATION

January 28, 29 and 30 Simulcast Available

kybaptist.org/refocus

Marriot Griffin Gate Resort
 2025
SHEPHERDING
 @
 Lexington
FEBRUARY 13-15
 Registration opens October 1.
 For Pastors and their Wives - Register at kybaptist.org/shepherding/

Associational Information

A Word from Bro. Mark

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Years. God has sure been good to me and my family this past year. He has blessed me with a new grandson, who just learned to crawl and pull himself up. He has blessed me in every area of my life and I am looking forward to what He has in store for 2025 !

There are a few events I mentioned last month that I hope you have put on your calendar. The first is the **“Fellowship Breakfast” for all Associational Leaders, Department Officers, and Committee Chairman on Saturday, January 25th at the associational office beginning at 9:00am.** We will be discussing the vision and direction of our association and sharing some plans for future events. Another event I hope every church will participate in is the **“Church Security Team Training” on March 1st at Marion Baptist Church. It will begin at 8:30am with donuts and coffee and will end at noon.** I believe every church needs to have a security plan in place. The one statement that is always made after an active shooting takes place is “We never thought something like this would ever happen here”. Your church does not have to have a security team already in place in order to attend this training. It is for pastors, staff members, security team members, and anyone in your church who is interested in putting together a church security plan. There is no cost for the event, but we do ask that you register by February 15th by calling the associational office. Some other events we hope to have this year is a “hands on” workshop for your church’s audio and video volunteers.

I know the search committee appreciates your prayer for them as they continue to seek God’s guidance and direction for a new AMS to lead our association. Once again, if I can ever be of help to you or your church, please let me know. I can’t wait to see all the blessings God has in store for Ohio River Baptist Association in 2025 !

To God be the glory,
Bro. Mark

FINANCIAL RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER FROM THE CHURCHES

<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>
Birdsville	60.00
Caldwell Springs	134.96
Calvary	100.00
Cave Springs	200.00
Central	
Corinth	50.00
Crooked Creek	
Deer Creek	524.20
Dycusburg	200.00
Dyer Hill	102.90
Emmanuel	395.75
Emmaus	
Friendship	400.00
Good Hope	266.20
Grand Rivers	250.00
Iuka	143.00
Lake City	991.04
Lola	180.47
Marion Baptist	1,123.24
Marion Second	401.10
Mexico	1,999.75
North Livingston	170.96
Ohio Valley	519.69
Old Salem	322.15
Pinckneyville	
Potter's House	1,466.42
Repton	85.00
Salem	
Shady Grove	
Smithland First	150.00
Smithland Second	86.10
Sugar Creek	394.70
Sulphur Springs	
Tiline	
Union	
Miscellaneous	<u>3,281.09</u>
Total	\$ 13,998.72



News From The Pews



Deer Creek had 400 visitors for their Walk thru Bethlehem. All food and money received goes to the Food Bank in Marion.

Iuka FBC gained two new members, by promise of letter, on Dec. 15th.

Marion Second shared the Christmas nativity story at the Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center. They also prepared 17 Christmas shoe boxes.

Pinckneyville had one saved at Salem Springlake nursing home service. They distributed roughly 50 Christmas food baskets. Also, Bro. Samuel Kiguli came and shared about Light and Truth ministries.

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Christmas shoe boxes being handed out in Arizona.

Thank you for being a part of this ministry.

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Happy New Year! Association Office Closed	2	3	4
January Bible Study Joshua: The Faithfulness of God						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Sanctity of Life Sunday	Office Closed Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday			Conclave: Student Ministry Training (Chattanooga) January 23-25		Associational Leaders, Officers, Committee Chairman Planning Breakfast 9-10:30 am
26	27	28	29	30	31	Association Office
	Executive Board Mtg 7:00 p.m. Meal 6:15 pm Association Office			Worship & Music Roundtables ----- Refocus First Baptist Bowling Green		



YES!

YOUTH EVANGELISM SUMMIT 2025

NEW! LOCATION: SEVERNS VALLEY ELIZABETHTOWN

FEBRUARY 7-8, 2025

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

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Thank you!

Arizona Shoe Box Ministry

This year 565 shoe boxes were received for the Pima & Papago Peoples in Arizona. There were eight association churches and three churches outside the association that participated in this ministry. A special thank you to all the churches from Sulphur Springs Baptist Church. We thank you Sulphur Springs for processing the boxes!



On the Trail with Happy Trails Ministry

Our 21st year of equestrian ministry is in the history books and year #22 has just begun! We finished out an exciting 2024 with 2 horse show cowboy church events, co-sponsored 2 Paul Daily Horse Whisperer events, spoke in 2 churches about our equestrian ministry, and shared our horseback faith presentation (with my equine partner, “Chip”) at 6 churches and 2 Christian schools... what a blessing! One report I filled out recently wanted me to estimate the number of people that were impacted by our ministry. When I put the pencil to our calendar of events, it revealed that we impacted an estimated 1,600 people with the good news of Jesus Christ at these events. Praise God for each opportunity!

At the time of this writing (December 17), it appears that we are going to have our best year ever at Kentucky Lake Cowboy Church... another huge blessing! Our November average attendance was 93; with 2 Sundays remaining, our December average is 99. Our previous highest yearly average attendance was 86; this was in 2019 (Pre-Covid). We averaged 80 for the year in both 2022 and 2023. This year we are averaging 91 for the year. Best of all, we have baptized 7 precious souls this year while adding a total of 17 new members... Praise God!!

We appreciate the continued prayerful support of our ORBA friends as we continue to follow God’s call to share the love of Jesus in the equestrian community! I can’t wait to hear news of even more growth in the Retriever Hunt Test Ministry in 2025! Please continue to remember Tim and Joyce Burdon as God opens new and exciting doors for this unique ministry.

Chris Clarke