



Ohio River Baptist Beacon



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January 2026

Executive Board Meeting

January 26, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Meal provided by Deer Creek Baptist Church at 6:15 pm.

Association Office, Salem

The 2025 Minute books will be available.

Your presence is greatly appreciated.

Associational Leadership Team Planning Meeting

For all Associational Leaders, Department Officers, and Committee Chairman you are urged to attend the planning and fellowship breakfast from **9:00am to 10:30am on Saturday, January 24th at the associational office.** Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend.




MARCH 9-10, 2026
Westport Road Baptist Church
Louisville, KY

Register at: <https://www.kybaptist.org/reach/>



2026

DISASTER RELIEF KENTUCKY

MARCH 21 Henderson

SEPTEMBER 12 Shelbyville

APRIL 25 Nicholasville

OCTOBER 10 Russell

DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING
Bringing Help, Hope, and Healing

Sunday School

still matters

EVENT DATES

MARCH 2: FBC Walton

MARCH 3: Immanuel Baptist Church Elizabethtown

MARCH 5: FBC Princeton



Associational Information

A Word From Bro. Mark

I appreciate all the prayers and encouraging calls and text following my mother going home to be with the Lord. I was abundantly blessed to have a godly Christian mother. She was a preacher's wife, Sunday School teacher, prayer warrior, and a wonderful mother to my two sisters and me. Although we will miss her greatly, we are so thankful to know we'll one day be with her and dad again.

It's hard to believe we're starting a new year. Time is going by so quickly. Which is why we have an urgency to share our faith and see people come to know Jesus Christ.

There are some associational events happening in January and February I want to mention.

Saturday, January 24th from 9am to 10:30am, the "Associational Leadership Team" will have a planning meeting at the associational office building. All general officers, department officers, and committee members are urged to attend this planning meeting.

Monday, January 26th will be our next executive board meeting at the associational office building. The fellowship meal will begin at 6:15pm. I can't stress enough how important it is for pastors and executive board members to attend our executive board meetings.

Monday, February 9th at 7pm at the associational office building the AMS Search Committee will meet. If you are a member of this committee and are unable to attend, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thursday, February 19th at 6:30pm (Place TBD) will be our next church audio/video team training. The purpose of this training is to address specific problems churches are having with audio and video systems. We will also cover live streaming issues. Please make sure your churches tech people know about this training. Also, if your church needs help with audio/video/live streaming issues please let me know how we can help.

I hope you will plan to be involved in the ministry of ORBA in 2026. I believe God has so many great blessings and spiritual victories in store for us this coming year. I love our pastors and churches and I am so grateful for the opportunity you have given me to serve as your Interim AMS and thank you for your prayerful support.

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	148.56
Calvary	100.00
Cave Springs	100.00
Central	
Corinth	
Crooked Creek	
Deer Creek	445.20
Dycusburg	200.00
Dyer Hill	68.67
Emmanuel	1,566.68
Emmaus	
Friendship	400.00
Good Hope	289.08
Grand Rivers	500.00
Iuka	172.00
Lake City	1,272.16
Lola	155.05
Marion Baptist	1,150.00
Marion Second	100.00
Mexico	1,932.54
North Livingston	181.80
Ohio Valley	337.86
Old Salem	232.50
Pinckneyville	
Potter's House	1,407.66
Repton	
Salem	
Shady Grove	
Smithland First	150.00
Smithland Second	
Sugar Creek	330.15
Sulphur Springs	
Tiline	348.00
Union	
Miscellaneous	<u>2,592.66</u>
Total	\$ 14,240.57

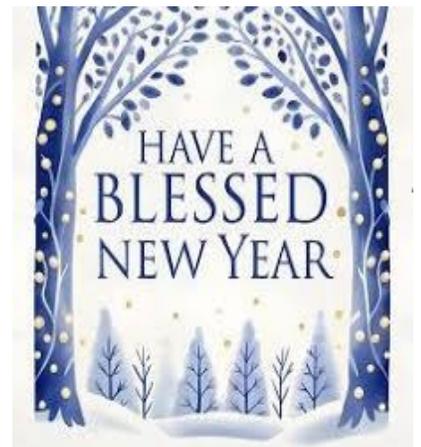


News From The Pews



Iuka FBC gave \$1,000 for the Sunrise Thanksgiving Offering. They also recently completed some construction work to the sanctuary and have some more remodeling work ahead.

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



January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy New Year! Association Office Closed	2	3
	January Bible Study The Gospel of John					
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Office Closed Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday	20	21	22	23	24 Associational Leaders, Officers, Committee Chairman Planning Breakfast 9-10:30 am Assoc. Office
25	26 Executive Board Mtg 7:00 p.m. Meal 6:15 pm Association Office	27	28	29	30	31
				Conclave: Student Ministry Training January 29-31, Chattanooga		
				Shepherding January 29-31 Marriot Griffin Gate Resort, Lexington		

FEBRUARY 6 & 7

YES!

YOUTH EVANGELISM SUMMIT

BOWLING GREEN

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If you haven't been by the Association Office lately, you might want to check out the progress on the new storage building for our Ministry Trailer and Ramp Ministry.



Retriever Hunt Test Ministry

A hopeful, excited and anticipatory spirit is upon me as we approach the cusp of a new year. Last year was a banner year for this ministry in many aspects. So, the spirit within me now, is filled with wonder of what God is going to do this year and how he is going to impact the retriever hunt world for Christ.

I can honestly say he has always done more than what I thought could be done with certain situations. "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." (Ephesians 3:20) So, to say I am excited about seeing what he is going to do this year would be an understatement.

Not only am I excited, but many who have talked with me are excited. They say things like, keep up the good work, how can I help, this is what retriever hunt test have needed for a long time, etc.

With so many invitations and new hunt test to attend, we have barely scratched the surface of retriever club events across the country. No doubt there are many new journeys ahead for this ministry, as we share the gospel.

Happy (excited) New Year, from the Retriever Hunt Test Ministry!
Tim Burdon