



# Ohio River Baptist Beacon



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## Annual Meeting

**October 21, 2024**

**7:00 p.m. @ North Livingston Church - Meal at 6:00 p.m.**

## Ministry and Missions Fair

**5:00-6:00 p.m.**

Come to the fair and learn about the different ministries in our association and area.

## Annual Sermon: Rev. Andrew Sexton

Each church shall be entitled to two (2) messengers and one authorized messenger for each 50 members or major fraction thereof, but no church shall have more than fifteen (15) messengers. In addition to the above, the pastor and executive board member shall be ex-officio messengers by virtue of their office.”



October is  
**Pastor Appreciation**



Month

- 1) Affirm & encourage your minister.
- 2) Pray for, defend & support your minister.
- 3) Give a gift card to your minister for a special night out with spouse. Be sure to take care of their kids.
- 4) Surprise him with a personalized gift basket.
- 5) Have your youth group wash his car or mow the grass.
- 6) Have a special church wide dinner honoring your ministers & staff.
- 7) Send a card affirming his work in your church.

## State Missions Eliza Broadus Offering



**Goal: \$ 1,250,000**  
**Luke 8:39 (NIV)**



**Christmas Backpacks deadline** to get them to the association office is **October 25th**. You can bring them to the Annual Meeting on October 21st. More info on our website: [orbassociation.com](http://orbassociation.com), or contact the association office.

## Associational Information

### A Word from Bro. Mark

1 Timothy 5:17 says, "Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching". The emphasis for the month of October is "Pastor Appreciation". I am so thankful for the pastors of Ohio River Baptist Association. We are blessed to have pastors who faithfully preach the Word of God, and who love and care for the people God has called them to serve. I hope every church will take the opportunity this month to show appreciation and encourage your pastor and his family.

I'm excited about what God is doing in our association and in our part of the state. I will be attending the new AMS orientation training at the KBC building in Louisville on October 10th.

Sunday, October 20th, is the "Day of Prayer for Associational Missions". I'm asking all our churches to take time to have a special prayer for the work of Ohio River Baptist Association. Pray for our associational leaders, and for the search committee as we seek the next AMS to lead us. Pray for the annual meeting and for the "Hope for West KY Crusade".

I hope you are planning to attend our annual meeting at North Livingston Baptist Church, Monday, October 21st. The "Ministry & Missions Fair" will begin at 5:00pm. Walk around and visit each of the booths and learn more about what God's doing through these associational and local ministries. The meal will begin at 6:00pm, and the annual meeting will be at 7:00pm. Load up your car or church van and come celebrate what God's doing in ORBA.

Two things every church can begin to do now to prepare for the "Hope for West KY Crusade", November 10th. First, pray, pray, pray! Every day at 11:10 stop and pray for the crusade. Second, invite lost people to attend the crusade. The emphasis of the crusade is to reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ. If you go to [kbc.regfox.com](http://kbc.regfox.com) you can register and volunteer to serve on a crusade team.

Let's get excited about what God's doing in and through ORBA!

To God be the glory,  
Bro. Mark

### FINANCIAL RECEIPTS FOR AUGUST FROM THE CHURCHES

<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>
Birdsville	60.00
Caldwell Springs	128.28
Calvary	100.00
Cave Springs	200.00
Central	
Corinth	50.00
Crooked Creek	
Deer Creek	391.00
Dycusburg	200.00
Dyer Hill	114.42
Emmanuel	395.75
Emmaus	
Friendship	
Good Hope	266.75
Grand Rivers	250.00
Iuka	101.00
Lake City	922.24
Lola	177.45
Marion Baptist	1,123.24
Marion Second	
Mexico	2,084.63
North Livingston	181.66
Ohio Valley	546.21
Old Salem	300.75
Pinckneyville	
Potter's House	
Repton	100.00
Salem	435.57
Shady Grove	539.67
Smithland First	150.00
Smithland Second	227.88
Sugar Creek	300.00
Sulphur Springs	100.00
Tiline	
Union	
Miscellaneous	<u>1,953.78</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,400.28</b>



### News From The Pews



**Iuka** - celebrated Homecoming on August 25th. They had music by KT&T, a potluck meal and a great worship service.

**Pinckneyville** is finishing up on remodel of Sanctuary and returned having service in Sanctuary September 22. Have one joined, Baptism waiting. They had 53 total in VBS.

**Potter's House** - All associational churches and their veterans are invited to our annual Veterans' Program on Sunday night, November 3. The dinner is at 5 pm and the program begins at 6 pm.

**Smithland First** - 5K Walk/Run will be October 19th. Theme is: Hometown Hero & First Responders. Anyone wanting to sign up call 270-601-1509.

Also, Smithland Octoberfest on October 19th with "For Heaven's Sake," gospel singing at 11 a.m., free to the public. Bring a lawn chair.



**Day of Prayer for  
Associational Missions  
October 20, 2024**

**Pray for:**  
Our Associational Leaders  
AMS Search Committee  
ORBA Annual Meeting  
Hope for West KY Crusade



# 2024 BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD DAY of PRAYER

**Monday, November 4**  
**Ohio Valley Baptist Church, Ledbetter**  
**Potluck 6 pm - Program 7 pm**

## Mission Opportunities

**Arizona Shoe Boxes** deadline to get them to the Association Office is **Friday, November 15th**. You can bring them to the World Day of Prayer meeting on Monday, November 4th.

Kentucky Baptist Convention

# Annual Meeting

Together for the Mission

November 12 First Baptist Church of Paducah

Pastors' Conference  
November 11 @ First Baptist, Paducah

# HOPE

For West KY



Jason Lovins Band



Ken Freeman



Local Choir & More!

**SUN, NOV 10 | 6:30 PM**  
**PADUCAH, KY**

We need you! Go to [kybaptist.org/hope](http://kybaptist.org/hope) to serve as a volunteer or sing in the regional choir.

**McCracken County Expo Center**

The purpose of **Crossover: Hope for West Kentucky** is to bring glory to God through cooperative evangelistic events designed to impact the west region with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:3 (KJV)

## CROSSOVER

PADUCAH 2024

There will be Crossover evangelistic events November 4-9th for KY Baptists to come alongside local churches in engaging their communities including Youth Evangelism Rallies, Spiritual Survey on campuses of Murray State University and local community colleges, and more!

### HOPE FOR WEST KY STUDENTS

**WED, NOV 6 | 6:30 PM**  
**Expo Center**

Featuring Christian illusionist Jared Hall, 270 Worship Collective & evangelist Ken Freeman

### HISPANIC EVANGELISTIC FESTIVAL

**SAT, NOV 9 | 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM**  
**Twelve Oaks Baptist Church**

Food, music, & family fun!

If your church would like to participate in any of these evangelistic events, please email [crossover@loneoakfbc.org](mailto:crossover@loneoakfbc.org).



[HOPEFORWESTKY.COM](http://HOPEFORWESTKY.COM)



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**6th Cooperative Program  
Sunday  
13th Pastor/Staff Apprecia-  
tion Day  
20th Day of Prayer for  
Associational Missions  
21st Ministry & Missions  
Fair, 5-6 pm, North Living-  
ston Baptist Church  
21st Annual Meeting, Meal  
6 pm, Session 7 pm, North  
Livingston Baptist Church  
25th Deadline for Christmas  
Backpacks  
25-26th Cultivate, Severns  
Valley, Elizabethtown**

**October is Cooperative  
Program Month**



### Retriever Hunt Test Ministry

On Sunday August 11, of this year I turned sixty-two and preached my last sermon as pastor of Mexico Baptist Church and officially considered myself retired. Let me just say what a blessing it has been for me to have pastored Mexico Baptist Church for the last twenty-one years! It is a special church with special people, and they will always hold a special place in my heart.

Upon retiring I am now free to devote my time and attention to the Retriever Hunt Test Ministry and its outreach to sportsmen and women who handle dogs and participate in hunt test all around the country. The response from people to this ministry has been nothing short of amazing!

With the ending of this falls hunt test season, I will have attended more test in a single season than since this ministry began. There is so much to do! More invitations to fulfill! More test to attend! More writing and devotionals to do! More souls to save!

Lastly, I would like to share how the Lord continues to open doors for this ministry! I have been blessed to hold services for the AKC National Open. The Hunting Retriever Club's Fall Grand. Most recently and something I had hope to do one day, is hold services for the AKC Master National. Well, that has happened! My invitation to speak and conduct a worship service was accepted. So, on September 29, 2024, I will conduct services, for all who want to come. A special thank you to the Master National Committee for allowing me this privilege.

Tim Burdon, RHTM