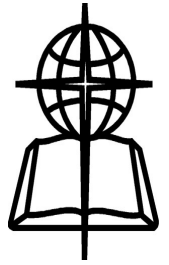




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State Missions
Eliza Broadus Offering



WHERE LOSTNESS IS GREATEST

Fill the Gap

Ephesians 4:15-16

Goal: \$ 1,275,000



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.

Annual Meeting

October 19, 2026

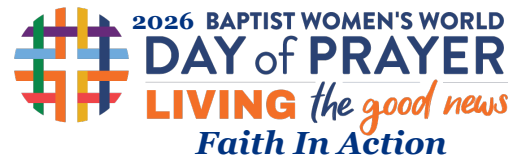
7:00 p.m. @ Mexico Baptist Church - Meal at 6:00 p.m.

Annual Sermon: Rev. Rodney Cude

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."

Guest Speaker: Dr. French Harmon
President & CEO, Kentucky Baptist Foundation

Your presence is greatly appreciated!



Monday, November 2, 2026

Friendship Baptist Church

Potluck 6:00 p.m. - Program 7:00 p.m.

Come and join us as Baptist Women all over the world are praying together for specific needs.

Livingston County Helping Hands Christmas Baskets

Livingston County Helping Hands is needing items to fill Christmas Baskets for those who need food assistance in Livingston County. Items needed: corn, green beans, chicken broth, tomato sauce, hamburger helper, sugar #5, flour #5, shampoo, toilet paper, etc. For a complete list contact Helping Hands in Smithland at livingstoncohelpinghands@yahoo.com.

Associational Information

A Word From Bro. Mark

This has been a HOT and BUSY summer, and things aren't slowing down as we head into the fall. Our focus now is on the upcoming associational annual meeting. I am so excited about this year's annual meeting on Monday, October 19th at Mexico Baptist Church. The fellowship meal will begin at 6:00pm. Several special guests will be with us from the KBC, including Ron Crow, Disaster Relief Director, and Dr. French Harmon, President/CEO of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation. It is an honor to welcome these two leaders from the KBC and I'm looking forward to them sharing about what God is doing across our state. Bro. Rodney Cude will be preaching the annual sermon. I hope you have marked October 19th on your calendar and plan to join us for this year's annual meeting. I guarantee you will miss a time of great fellowship, inspiration, encouragement, and worship. **SEE YOU AT THE FELLOWSHIP MEAL AND ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 19TH AT 6:00PM AT MEXICO BAPTIST CHURCH!**

October is "Pastor/Staff Appreciation Month". I hope you are planning to do something special to show your appreciation for your pastor and his family. I love and appreciate every pastor in ORBA.

The "Day of Prayer for Associational Missions" is Sunday, October 18th. Four ways you can pray for your association is to first pray for those who lead in the work and ministry of our association; second, pray for a spirit of cooperation so that by working together we can reach our communities for Christ; third, pray for God to give us a clear vision and purpose for ORBA; and fourth, pray for our ultimate goal, which is seeing people come to know Jesus Christ. Thank you for praying for your association.

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	146.08
Calvary	100.00
Cave Springs	100.00
Central	
Corinth	50.00
Crooked Creek	
Deer Creek	442.53
Dycusburg	200.00
Dyer Hill	129.69
Emmanuel	
Emmaus	
Friendship	400.00
Good Hope	
Grand Rivers	500.00
Iuka	160.00
Lake City	954.80
Lola	175.65
Marion Baptist	1,150.00
Marion Second	50.00
Mexico	2,877.60
North Livingston	199.76
Ohio Valley	919.95
Old Salem	682.90
Pinckneyville	
Potter's House	
Repton	90.00
Salem	150.00
Shady Grove	
Smithland First	150.00
Smithland Second	71.10
Sugar Creek	462.45
Sulphur Springs	100.00
Tiline	288.00
Union	
Miscellaneous	<u>730.94</u>
Total	\$ 11,341.45

DISCOVER TOUR COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

October 15, 2026, 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

All transportation and meals are provided.

To register contact

nicole.mccomas@kybaptist.org.

Tour includes a visit to Murray BCM, Jonathan Creek, two KBC churches, and hear an Association leader share how the KBC helps their ministry.

Bro. Andrew Sexton has volunteered to drive their church van. If interested in the tour contact Bro. Mark Gill 270-493-0665.



Church News



Pinckneyville had one salvation followed in baptism and enrolled 29 in VBS.

Sugar Creek will have VBS on October 3rd from 4 -7 PM. A community Fall Fest, hayride and side by side parade will be October 24th starting at 5 PM with chili, hot dogs and all the fixings. Their Homecoming will be November 8th with a meal after the morning service. Everyone is welcome!

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



Day of Prayer for Associational Missions October 18, 2026

Pray for:

Our Associational Leaders
Annual Meeting

Our Churches

Churches without Pastors

Disaster Relief Ministry

Retriever Hunt Test Ministry

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Cooperative Program Sunday					Bivocational Pastors & Wives Retreat Bowling Green	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Pastor/Staff Appreciation Day				Discover Cooperative Program Tour 8:30am-6pm		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Day of Prayer For Associational Missions	Annual Meeting 6 PM Meal 7 PM Mtg Mexico				Deadline Christmas Backpacks	
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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ANNUAL MEETING

October 19, 2026

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**Thanksgiving Offering
For Sunrise Children's
Services starts in
November**

**KBC Annual Meeting
November 10
First Baptist Church,
Richmond, KY**

**Pastors' Conference
November 9
First Baptist Church,
Richmond, KY**

**Week of Prayer for
International Missions
and Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering
Nov. 29-Dec. 6**

Retriever Hunt Test Ministry

It has been hot! A whole lot of sweating and panting has been going on. It has been miserable for the dogs in this heat (not to mention humans also) and keeping the dogs cool has been a real concern for all the handlers. People were very thankful for the shade of the Retriever Hunt Test Ministry tent and for the fan we provided to help try and keep everyone cool. Thankfully by the time you read this, cooler temperatures are arriving.

Once again, I would like to remind everybody of our new website and encourage you to go and explore retrieverhunttestministry.com if you have not done so yet.

Our largest attendance for the month of August was 23 individuals who came for worship at 6:30 AM at the Middle Tennessee Amateur Retriever Clubs Gunners Kennels event.

After a little time off in the month of September and fulfilling some speaking engagements, we will be back on the road throughout the month of October.

Thank you for praying and giving to support this ministry and helping us touch the lives of sportsmen and women across the country.

Till next time,
Tim Burdon, RHTM