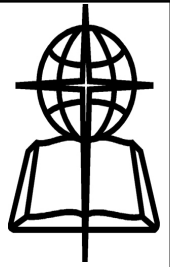




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"Thirty-five Churches on Mission Together in Crittenden and Livingston Counties"

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Christmas Backpacks for Kids in KY



460 backpacks were collected from the West KY, West Union, Graves County, and Ohio River Baptist Associations and delivered to Oak Grove Baptist Church in Corbin, Kentucky. These will be used on December 9th in a Christmas presentation and evangelistic event. Please pray for these tools of evangelism to reach the lost in the Corbin area. Thank you for your support of 227 backpacks from our association, which were part of the 460 delivered.

Week of Prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering December 3-10, 2023



Goal: \$200 million
imb.org/weekofprayer

Your Thanksgiving Offering Can Open Doors for our Children!

Sunrise.org



Associational Information

“Be Steadfast, Be Blessed”

I love this time of year! We have Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year celebrations, all within just over a month's time; and they all tie together, in a sense, for the Christian. Think about it! We have a special time of giving thanks followed by two of the greatest reasons in the world for doing so.

Reason #1 is found in Christmas. Jesus Christ came into this world to save sinners like you and me. It doesn't get any better than that!

That leads to reason # 2. New Year's Day is a reminder of a chance for a new start. Jesus coming into the world to pay our sin debt on the cross gives us the chance to be what He wants us to be and live an eternal, abundant life with, and for, Him, through the Holy Spirit who lives in all born-again believers in Him. Halleluiah!

But that doesn't mean there won't be tough times. The Apostle Paul would attest to that! He gave the answer to that in I Thes. 5:16-18 “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” For me, and hopefully you, that adds up to being steadfast. We are called to be steadfast always, even in the tough times. Especially in the tough times!

Paul gave us some great encouragement and motivation in I Cor. 15:58 “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”

A new year fast approaches, with new challenges and new opportunities.... God's man for our association's DOM, souls to be saved, and souls to be cared for! Pray for our search committee. Be steadfast. Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks to God and be blessed!

In His Love,
Bro. Mark Girten
ORBA Moderator & Family/Pastoral Ministry

FINANCIAL RECEIPTS FOR OCTOBER FROM THE CHURCHES

<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>
Birdsville	60.00
Caldwell Springs	122.60
Calvary	100.00
Cave Springs	200.00
Central	
Corinth	50.00
Crooked Creek	300.00
Deer Creek	394.73
Dycusburg	200.00
Dyer Hill	156.06
Emmanuel	395.76
Emmaus	
Friendship	400.00
Good Hope	261.47
Grand Rivers	250.00
Iuka	139.00
Lake City	877.12
Lola	209.40
Marion Baptist	1,417.60
Marion Second	78.03
Mexico	1,711.36
North Livingston	205.18
Ohio Valley	
Old Salem	248.45
Pinckneyville	
Potter's House	
Repton	60.00
Salem	403.62
Shady Grove	
Smithland First	75.00
Smithland Second	132.09
Sugar Creek	329.76
Sulphur Springs	256.00
Tiline	
Union	
Miscellaneous	<u>1,579.00</u>
Total	\$ 10,612.23



News From The Pews



Crooked Creek is under going a significant repair of the foundation and restoration of floors in the church. The original floors were tongue and groove boards over 150 years old! They're beautiful and We're praising God to be able to do this.

Deer Creek - Live Nativity, a Walk thru Bethlehem, Dec. 9-12 from 6-8 p.m. As you enter the Tax Collector will accept your non-perishable food items for the local food bank.

Pinckneyville - The church has elected 3 men to serve as deacons. An ordination service for 2 is scheduled for Jan 21, 2024 at 3 pm. Members have collected approximately 350 items for helping hands food pantry.

Churches without pastors: Marion Second (Donald Winders: Interim)


Jesus
 IS THE
reason
 FOR THE
Season

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

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/

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

Merry Christmas

May the blessing of the Lord be with you and your family as you celebrate Christmas. It is truly my joy to serve the Lord by serving you through the Ohio River Baptist Association. Thank you for the Christmas bonus and your prayers.

Debbie Padgett

Mission Opportunities



Thank You!

Arizona Shoe Box Ministry

Thank you to all the churches that prepared shoe boxes for the Pima & Papago Peoples in Arizona. Last year some shoe boxes were distributed in Mexico. We received 815 shoe boxes from 13 association churches and four churches outside the association. Thank you Sulphur Springs for processing the boxes!

Used Literature



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



Thank You!

Thank you ladies for participating in the World Day of Prayer. We received an offering of \$1,314.00.

Praise the Lord! A special thank you to our host, Emmanuel Baptist Church.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:
REGISTRATION OPENS OCT. 1
Marriot Griffin Gate Resort / Lexington, KY
SHEPHERDING
February 8-10
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**3-10th Week of Prayer for
International Missions &
Lottie Moon Christmas Of-
fering**
25th Christmas (Association
Office Closed Dec. 25-Jan
1st)



Retriever Hunt Test Ministry

In early October I traveled to Olive Branch, Mississippi and attended the Mid-South HRC hunt test. RHTM was received very well on the grounds. I gave away more gospel ribbons to handlers than any event I have been to so far. Sunday morning worship was attended by sixteen plus individuals on the back patio of a host couple at 6:30 AM prior to the start of the days test. The wife even baked a breakfast casserole for everyone. With the swimming pool staring at all of us, a few jokes were made about me baptizing some of those there. LOL

In mid-October RHTM conducted a worship service for those attending the HRC Fall Grand in Kevil, KY. One of the attendees suggested that I should come to Louisiana and do a service there, who knows, maybe one day the Lord will lead us there to do one?

In late October, RHTM returned to Kevil to serve on the grounds there and conduct a worship service for the Central Kentucky Retriever club fall test. RHTM has always been well received here and that was again the case. Lots of complimentary gifts were given away, some other merchandise sold, and a generous offering received.

In the month of October I saw an increase in my devotional book sales. Some being purchased at the events I attended and an order of six books that were shipped to Iowa. It is amazing to see how God continues to expand this ministry across the country.

The next few months are the slow months for retriever hunt test in our area as dogs are returning home to their owners for the hunting season. When the spring test season returns, I am anticipating being busier than I have been to date. Please pray for me to clearly hear the voice of the Lord, that I may know how to direct this ministry, to be influential and life changing for people.

Tim Burdon, RHTM