



Ohio River Baptist Beacon



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Executive Board Meeting Rescheduled for Monday, February 16 - 7:00 pm Association Office

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

We have several items of business to discuss. Your presence to needed in order to conduct business.

Association Planning Meeting Rescheduled for February 7

For all Associational Leaders, Department Officers, and Committee Chairman you are urged to attend a planning and fellowship breakfast from 9:00am to 10:30am on **Saturday, February 7** at the association office. We will discuss the vision and direction of our association, along with some goals for the year.

Church Audio/Video Training

Thursday, February 19 - 6:30 p.m.

Marion Baptist Church Sanctuary

See Bro. Mark's article for more information.

2026

DISASTER RELIEF KENTUCKY

MARCH 21 Henderson

SEPTEMBER 12 Shelbyville

APRIL 25 Nicholasville

OCTOBER 10 Russell

DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING
Bringing Help, Hope, and Healing

Introduction to KYDR & Ministry Area Training

First Baptist Church, Henderson—March 21, 2026

Register at: <https://www.kybaptist.org/disaster-relief/>

Sunday School *still matters*

EVENT DATES

MARCH 2:
FBC Walton

MARCH 3:
Immanuel Baptist Church
Elizabethtown

MARCH 5:
FBC Princeton



March 5 @ First Baptist, Princeton

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

KENTUCKY BAPTIST

SENT ONES

Sent from Kentucky. Sustained by you.

Kentucky Sent Ones is a weekly focus that provides a connection with and prayer support for missionaries from Kentucky. See Bro. Mark's article to see how your church can be involved in this important ministry.

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 YES—Youth Evangelism Summit, Bowling Green	7 Assoc. Leaders Mtg 9-10:30 am Assoc. Office
8	9 AMS Search Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Association Office	10	11	12	13	14  Valentine's Day
15 Focus on WMU Sunday	16 Executive Board Mtg 7:00 pm Meal 6:15 Association Office	17	18	19 Church Audio/Video Training 6:30 pm Marion Bapt Sanctuary	20	21
22	23	24 Discover KBC Louisville	25	26	27	28



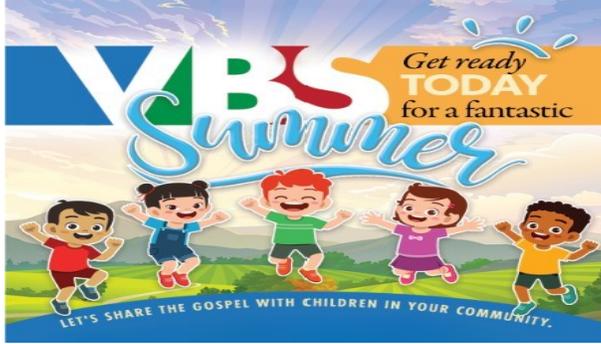
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FOOD DRIVE
MARCH 1- APRIL 1
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Mail Gift Cards to: Sunrise Children's Services
Attn: Food Round Up Program, P O Box 1429,
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MARCH 9-10, 2026
Westport Road Baptist Church
Louisville, KY

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



March 14—Eastwood BC, Bowling Green
8:30 am—12:30 pm
Training for the entire team. Register at <https://www.kybaptist.org/event/vbs-clinic-3/>

Associational Information

A Word From Bro. Mark

“What Does the Association Do?” is a question I have been asked many times since becoming the Interim AMS. I have discovered there are a lot of people who have no idea what our association does. Therefore, I have printed a brochure to help answer the question of what the Ohio River Baptist Association does. Copies of the brochure is available at the associational office. You are welcome to copy the brochure and make it available to your church family.

If you haven't been by the associational office building lately, be sure to come by and see our new two bay storage building. This will be used for the ministry trailer and for the ramp ministry.

The AMS Search Committee will meet at the associational office on Monday, February 9th at 7:00pm. Please keep the Committee in prayer as we seek God's will concerning the future leadership of our association.

There will be a training session for all church audio/video and live streaming volunteers on Thursday, February 19th at Marion Baptist Church. We will be dealing with specific issues and problems churches are having with audio/video systems and live streaming. Also, myself and Kristi Beavers, from Marion Baptist Church, are willing to come to your church and meet with your tech team.

“Kentucky Sent Ones” is a weekly focus churches can incorporate into their services to connect with and offer prayer support for missionaries from Kentucky. We have several missionaries serving both in our country and overseas who are from Kentucky, that need to know there are churches here at home who are praying for them. Churches interested in being involved in “Sent Ones”, will receive resources each week that provide prayer requests and ways your church can connect with a missionary from Kentucky. I hope churches will set aside a “Kentucky Missionary Moment” in your worship service each week to highlight a missionary family from Kentucky and have a special time of prayer for their work. I will be sharing more about “Kentucky Sent Ones” over the next few months.

I am excited about what God's doing in the Ohio River Baptist Association and I am looking forward to a great year!

To God be the glory,
Bro. Mark

FINANCIAL RECEIPTS FOR DECEMBER FROM THE CHURCHES

<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>
Birdsville	60.00
Caldwell Springs	191.72
Calvary	100.00
Cave Springs	100.00
Central	
Corinth	50.00
Crooked Creek	
Deer Creek	518.20
Dycusburg	200.00
Dyer Hill	310.86
Emmanuel	
Emmaus	
Friendship	400.00
Good Hope	297.22
Grand Rivers	500.00
Iuka	181.00
Lake City	1,016.54
Lola	136.65
Marion Baptist	1,150.00
Marion Second	50.00
Mexico	2,221.11
North Livingston	194.96
Ohio Valley	394.38
Old Salem	475.30
Pinckneyville	
Potter's House	
Repton	95.00
Salem	1,071.73
Shady Grove	481.44
Smithland First	150.00
Smithland Second	227.56
Sugar Creek	465.35
Sulphur Springs	
Tiline	
Union	
Miscellaneous	<u>288.00</u>
Total	\$ 11,327.02



News From The Pews



Mexico received \$22,869.96 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Ohio Valley baptized 5 on the first Sunday of 2026. Two additional individuals joined by statement earlier in December.

Tiline has called Tanner Hickson as pastor.

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



**The 2026 Calendars
and 2025 Minute
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Offering
March 1-8, 2026**

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 **North American
Mission Board**

Retriever Hunt Test Ministry

After a brief hiatus over the holidays and some rest, it's time to begin focusing on the new hunt test season. Clubs are beginning to post their events, and I am beginning to plan for which events I will be trying to attend.

I am waiting on a few orders to be finished up and all the RHTM merchandise should be fully restocked and ready to go for the new season.

I must confess there are times when I wonder if I really am making a difference with the normalcy of this task and if the Lord is accomplishing his purpose through me. Then I'll get a phone call or text message from someone saying what a difference this ministry is making and has made in their life and to keep up the good work. This reminds me of my favorite Christmas movie; It's a wonderful life and George Bailey's struggles. In the end it was all about his friends who loved and appreciated him for what he did for them.

Everywhere I go, I continue to meet new people and make friends and build rapport. With so much to do, and so many places yet to go, it is obvious that patient love, kindness, generosity, and a persistent determination in this ministry will be key attributes for the years going ahead. Hopefully I am building confidence and gaining their trust, that in that moment when they call out to God, he will allow me to be there to help them.

Tim Burdon, RHTM