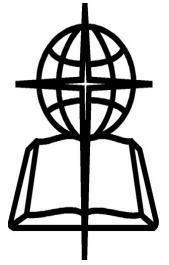




Ohio River Baptist Beacon



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Semi-Annual Meeting



April 21, 2025

**Caldwell Springs Baptist Church,
Marion @ 7:00 p.m.**

Doctrinal Sermon: Rev. Wesley Curtis

Each church is entitled to two messengers and one additional messenger for each 50 members. No church shall have more than 15 messengers. The pastor and Executive Board member are ex-officio messengers by virtue of their office.

Your presence is appreciated and expected in order to conduct the business of your association. We will vote on our nominating committee report.

Associational Emphasis Week

May 11-18, 2025

Debbie Padgett Offering

This year the Debbie Padgett Offering for Associational Emphasis will be divided between our Disaster Relief Ministry (50%) and Tim Burdon's Retriever Hunt Test Ministry (50%). Bro. Tim travels across the country sharing the gospel to people who attend the hunt test events where hunting dogs are tested and compete in their ability to retrieve a bird out in the field. He also holds Sunday morning worship services at events.



Arizona Christmas Shoe Box Ministry

We will be collecting Christmas shoe boxes for the Arizona mission points again this year.

Please purchase a plastic shoe box from Walmart or Dollar General Store in which to place your items. We do ask that you put colored tissue paper inside to cover the items or you wrap the boxes, top and bottom separately so that it is more like a Christmas gift.

Please **affix the prepared labels on the end of the box which indicates the age level of your box.** The labels are available at the association office or on our website.

We ask you to **include a gift of \$4.00 to help cover shipping.** This should be either placed in an envelope in the box or a church can send a check to cover the expenses.

For a list of items to include and the prepared labels go to our website at www.orbassociation.com or contact the association office. **Deadline to bring items to the association office is Friday, November 14th.**

#FillTheTank

Baptism Sunday

APRIL 27, 2025



Associational Information

A Word From Bro. Mark

I have enjoyed the opportunity to speak about the Ohio River Baptist Association in several of our churches. Along with sharing a personal testimony about what this association has meant to me over the past 30 years, I share about the work and ministries of our association, and about some of the exciting things God is doing in our churches. If you would like for me to come and share in your church, please give me a call at the associational office on Monday or Thursday or call my phone at 270-493-0665.

At the "REACH Evangelism Conference" a few weeks ago, God clearly confirmed what I believe is His mandate for ORBA. It is to make the "Great Commission" (Matthew 28: 18-20) the primary focus in everything we do as an association. I want to do everything I can to help churches reach people for Christ. I believe the "heartbeat" of the church, and therefore of the association, is evangelism. Several of our pastors have shared with me about the excitement they are experiencing in their church because they are seeing people come to Christ and be baptized. I love to hear reports from pastors about how God is working in their church. My prayer is for every church in our association to celebrate "Baptism Sunday", April 27th, by baptizing at least one new believer. Let's get excited about sharing our faith and leading people to Christ !! I read a shocking statistic on the NAMB website..."174,076 people die without Christ every day". Jesus said, in Matthew 9:37-38..."The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few." The problem isn't a lack of lost people, but it's a lack of believers who are willing to go out and reach them. I'm praying the people of ORBA [starting with myself] will have a burden for the lost, open doors to share the gospel, and have the boldness to share. I pray we'll get excited about reaching people for Christ. Continue to pray about an associational revival the weekend of the Annual Meeting in October.

Also, I hope you are planning to be at the Semi-Annual Meeting at Caldwell Springs Baptist Church, April 21st at 7:00 PM.

To God be the glory,
Bro. Mark

FINANCIAL RECEIPTS FOR FEBRUARY FROM THE CHURCHES

<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>
Birdsville	60.00
Caldwell Springs	142.40
Calvary	100.00
Cave Springs	100.00
Central	
Corinth	50.00
Crooked Creek	
Deer Creek	372.13
Dycusburg	400.00
Dyer Hill	88.68
Emmanuel	395.75
Emmaus	
Friendship	400.00
Good Hope	262.90
Grand Rivers	500.00
Iuka	166.00
Lake City	942.32
Lola	193.60
Marion Baptist	1,123.24
Marion Second	163.25
Mexico	1,973.92
North Livingston	207.92
Ohio Valley	518.58
Old Salem	195.03
Pinckneyville	1,500.00
Potter's House	
Repton	80.00
Salem	
Shady Grove	
Smithland First	150.00
Smithland Second	105.00
Sugar Creek	326.80
Sulphur Springs	100.00
Tiline	
Union	
Miscellaneous	<u>485.73</u>
Total	\$ 11,103.25



News From The Pews




Iuka FBC recently started a children's Sunday School class and baptized a new member.

Marion Baptist will have a CommUNITY Picnic on April 13, 3 pm-Dusk at the Marion City County Park with free food, live music and fun games for all ages. Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 19th, 10 AM at the Crittenden County Lions Club & Fair grounds.

Pinckneyville Revival will be April 13-16 with Evangelist Carl Nelson and Worship Leader Jim Parks. Sunday services 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday-Wednesday 7 p.m.

Repton ACTS Youth Group will be at the Calvert City Drive-In theater on Wednesday, April 2nd to see The Forge. Box office opens @ 4:00 pm. Movie starts around 7:45 pm. Proceeds will benefit the ACTS Youth Group.

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
					KY WMU Missions Celebration & Annual Meeting Central Baptist, Winchester	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			Association Children's Bible Drill Time: TBD Ohio Valley		Good Friday  Assoc. Office Closed	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Easter 	Semi-Annual Meeting 7:00 p.m. Caldwell Springs					
27	28	29	30			
Baptism Sunday		Boomer & Senior Celebration 9 am-3 pm Grapevine Madisonville				

Annie Armstrong
Easter OfferingSM
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

STEP INTO THE
STORY

 **North American
Mission Board**

Celebration



The event is \$20 per person by April 15 and \$25 after April 15. Cost includes program and lunch.

Boomer & Senior

LEARN MORE:
kybaptist.org/celebration

APRIL 29
Grapevine Baptist Church
Madisonville

MAY 1
First Baptist Church
Richmond



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Associational Children's Bible Drill Wednesday, April 16 Ohio Valley Baptist Church, Ledbetter

Please let us know if you will have participants in the associational drill. You are encouraged to have your church drill at least two weeks before the Associational drill. The Associational drill will be held if we have participants.



Supply list on website:
www.orbassociation.com
Van Yandell available
352-445-2061

Retriever Hunt Test Ministry

The spring hunt test season is well under way. My schedule is full through the end of May, with Easter Sunday weekend being the only open date.

The Lord continues to lead and do wonderful things in this ministry and show me where he wants me. For example, as I was planning my schedule and trying to decide whether to return to Alabama or go to Tennessee? I get a messenger notification asking me would I come to a test in Tennessee. My answer was, yes, I sure will! I took that request, which was completely unexpected, as God's way of directing me where he wanted me.

The other thing I wanted to share, is how God can show up big, despite who we are or what we think. All he wants from us is a willingness to Go and answer the call. That's exactly what happened in Alabama. The attendance was low, there were no junior or senior events running on Sunday. It was my first time there and it was the weekend of the time change, which meant everyone would have to be there even earlier. Honestly, I was not expecting much, but I was wrong. Sixteen individuals showed up, plus a van with correctional inmates who got out and listened from a distance. Praise the Lord! One of those inmates came over and requested a bible.

The chairman of the hunt test invited Retriever Hunt Test Ministry to return any time. Praise the Lord, another door opened to share the gospel.

Thank you for your support of this ministry.

He is Risen from the dead!
Tim Burdon, RHTM