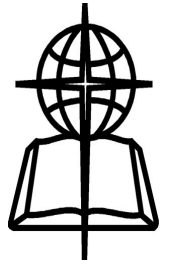




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**Ohio River Baptist Association
Associational Emphasis Week**

May 10-17, 2026

Debbie Padgett Offering

This year the Debbie Padgett Offering for Associational Emphasis will be used for the Ramp (Wheelchair) Ministry. The goal of the ramp ministry is to aid our local churches in assisting their neighbors during a time of need, without having a heavy financial burden on either the church or the recipient.

Southern Baptist Convention

Orlando, Florida - June 9-10, 2026

June 6 - Crossover Orlando

June 7-8 WMU Missions Celebration

June 8 - SBC Pastors' Conference

June 9 & 10 - SBC Annual Meeting

Register at: www.sbcannualmeeting.net



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 13th.**

Used Literature

You can bring used or unused Sunday School & VBS literature, devotionals, Bibles, etc., to the association office. 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 where it will be sorted and then shipped to other countries.

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 State Children's Bible Drill Liberty Point, Cadiz
3	4	5	6	7  National Day of Prayer	8	9
10 	11	12	13	14	15	16
Association Emphasis Week (DP Offering) May 10-17, 2026						
17 Children's Ministry Sunday	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25  Memorial Day Assoc. Office Closed	26	27	28	29	30
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Kentucky Sent Ones is a weekly focus that provides a connection with and prayer support for missionaries from Kentucky.

For more info go to: <https://www.kybaptist.org/sentones/>

Associational Information

A Word From Bro. Mark

If you missed the Semi-annual Meeting on April 20th, you missed a great blessing. Thank you, Iuka Baptist Church, for hosting the meeting and providing the dessert fellowship. Bro. Kirk Greenfield preached a great message, and we had 17 churches represented.

I want to encourage your church to participate in the "Associational Emphasis Week" and the "Debbie Padgett Associational Missions Offering", May 10th – 17th. This year's DP Offering will be used for the ramp ministry, which aids our local churches by providing ramps to people in the community during a time of need. If you need bulletin inserts to use for promotion on Sunday, May 17th, please call the associational office. I have also prepared a flyer with "Four ways Your Church Can Pray for Our Association". Debbie will be sending those out by email in case you didn't receive one at the semi-annual meeting. I also put together a brochure which helps to answer the question, "What Does the Association Do?" Copies are available at the associational office.

I will be attending the KBC "AMS Leadership Advance Conference" in Lexington, May 13th – 15th. The focus of this conference is to provide training, leadership development, and strategic networking for associational leaders.

The AMS Search Committee will be meeting on Monday, June 8th at 6:30pm at the associational office. Please continue to pray for this committee as we seek God's will for the leadership of our association.

Make sure to mark your calendar and plan to be at the next executive board meeting on Monday, June 15th. The meal will begin at 6:15pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00pm. It is important for all the churches of ORBA to be represented at the executive board meetings.

I am excited about what God has in store for the future of our association.

To God be the glory,
Bro. Mark

FINANCIAL RECEIPTS FOR MARCH FROM THE CHURCHES

<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>
Birdsville	60.00
Caldwell Springs	160.08
Calvary	100.00
Cave Springs	100.00
Central	
Corinth	50.00
Crooked Creek	
Deer Creek	522.90
Dycusburg	200.00
Dyer Hill	117.48
Emmanuel	274.32
Emmaus	
Friendship	400.00
Good Hope	341.44
Grand Rivers	500.00
Iuka	217.00
Lake City	939.52
Lola	122.70
Marion Baptist	1,150.00
Marion Second	50.00
Mexico	2,600.95
North Livingston	195.18
Ohio Valley	552.42
Old Salem	201.50
Pinckneyville	
Potter's House	1,642.15
Repton	75.00
Salem	300.00
Shady Grove	443.73
Smithland First	150.00
Smithland Second	90.66
Sugar Creek	427.90
Sulphur Springs	100.00
Tiline	297.00
Union	
Miscellaneous	<u>123.17</u>
Total	\$ 12,505.10



News From The Pews



Iuka Revival will be June 12-14; Fri.@ 7PM Bro. Jason Scott, Sat.@ 7PM Bro. Chris Damron, Sun.@11AM Bro. Brennan Randolph, and Sun.@ 7 PM Bro. Wesley Curtis. Music led by Bro. Dwayne Howell.

Sulphur Springs Revival May 31st 11 AM Bro. Dale Rose & 6:30 PM, June 1st 6:30 PM Bro. Ben Stratton, June 2nd 6:30 PM Bro. John (Butch) Day, June 3rd 6:30 PM Bro. Todd Gray, June 4th 6:30 PM, Bro. Bobby Sellers. There will be special music each evening. Everyone is invited.

Tiline had a gentleman to join the church recently.

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

Available for Supply: Tommy Dutton 270-349-9727

Cumberland River Homes
Presents

Gospel Concert

The Perry's on May 31st

Fohs Hall, Marion

4:00 p.m.

Free Admission!

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developmental disabili-
ties.

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**LBL Ministry at
Hillman's Ferry
Campground**

**Dates Available:
July 13-19
September 14-20**

**You do not have to be a
pastor to serve and lead
worship on Sunday at
9 AM, email or call the
office if interested.**

VBS Dates

**Please email or call the
association office with
your church VBS date,
time and theme. We will
list them in the Beacon.**



Retriever Hunt Test Ministry

“Trying to be Good Stewards”

Well, we did it! We have been talking about it for over a year now. After a lot of thought and prayer and asking the Lord what he wanted us to do, we purchased a small 13' camper to become our home away from home, as we travel from test to test ministering.

We have used our personal camper limitedly, but its size makes it difficult to navigate in tight spaces, traffic, etc. Seeing the advantage of our camper when we used it, we made the decision to purchase the smaller one for the ministry.

Simply put, Air B&B's, motels, fuel cost were eating our lunch and draining our financial resources. As much as we are traveling to test (21 last year) and many more invitations to come to hunt test across the country. We felt the camper was the way to go.

With our current funding from individuals, groups and corporate gifts, we were able to buy the camper outright, PRAISE THE LORD! We should have the money used to purchase the camper paid back in 2-3 years and then all the monies spent on lodging, fuel (traveling back and forth from motels to the test grounds. sometimes an hour drive one way) can be invested solely in the ministry instead of the lodging and fuel.

We hope, when we have permission, to boon dock and camp right on the hunt test site. If not, a \$30 camp site will beat a \$150 motel night any time.

A special thank you to all of you who through your prayers and support are helping the RHTM thrive and impact the hunt test world for Christ.

Tim Burdon, RHTM