



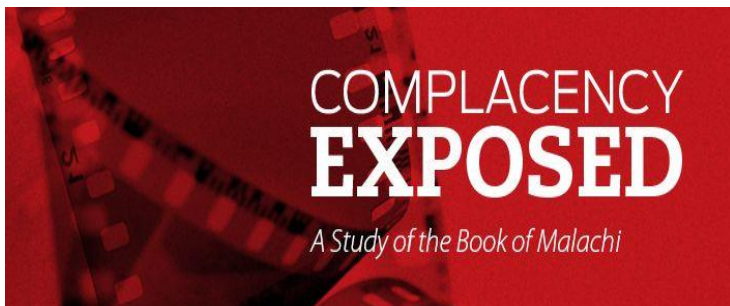
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“Forty one Churches on Mission Together in Crittenden and Livingston Counties”

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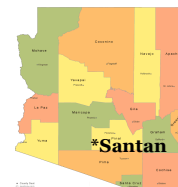
Lifeway’s new January Bible Study for 2017 focuses on the issues of God’s people lacking a commitment to serve God and others. In this current culture of apathy within the church, Malachi challenges us to be active, committed and involved.

2017 Executive Board Meetings

The ORBA executive board made a motion to change our meetings for 2017 to January, March, June and August. We will have the semi-annual in April and annual meeting in October. A monthly financial report will be emailed to those board members providing email addresses. This will be a one year trial.

2017 Meetings: January 16, March 20, June 26 and August 21

Arizona Mission Trip March 10-18, 2017 Information and Planning meeting Jan. 12th @ 6:30 PM in the Association Office.



We will conduct two Bible Schools, a week of revival services, community evangelism and various construction work.

Estimated cost: \$150 plus meals on the road. For those outside the association the estimated cost is \$200.00 per person, We will be housed at the church facilities.



This is a prayer emphasis called for by the Southern Baptist Convention during the month of January. I am sure that we all agree that prayer is an essential part of the Christian life and the development of a strong family, church, and community. If you would like more information on this you can go the website InAllThingsPray.net. The website also provides resources for this prayer emphasis including copies of the 10/20/30 prayer model.



Outstanding event for pastors and their wives. Go to the KBC website to register.

Save the Date!

**Western KY Evangelism Conference
March 6, 2017 - Southside Baptist Church, Princeton, KY**

Sessions Begin at 9:00am, 1:30pm and 6:00pm

Featured Speakers:

Dr. Jeff Iorg, Dr. Steve Hale, Dr. Kevin Hamm, Dr. Bob Morrison

Music: Sons of the Father

Associational Information

Rodney's Renderings

The Cooperative Program is our Bond

James Suggs told his friends, when he was in his early twenties, that his life goal was to see a million souls saved. Now that might seem impossible since he has spent his entire life in Cocke County, Tennessee which boast a population of thirty-five thousand. When asked if he has reached his goal Suggs' response is "...I figured that by participating in the Cooperative Program (CP) I've been able to see at least that many saved in these fifty years". (Above is from SBCLIFE Winter 2016)

This is an interesting perspective on how one can reach the world for Christ. While Pastor Suggs has lived his life in one county of Tennessee his impact for the Kingdom of God has been world wide through the Cooperative Program. I choose not to beat this drum too often, but what other avenue can you invest in which has such eternal returns. Not too long ago almost all Southern Baptist Churches set aside 10% of their undesignated offering to support the CP. Over the years we have diluted the CP pool by including such things as Project Graduation, St. Jude's Hospital, Relay for Life, our church building programs, youth ministries and more. While all of these are good things, do they fulfill the mission of your local church or should I say the Great Commission.

I am often baffled by how many churches have seen the CP as a budgetary pool from which they are free to withdraw when someone has a new pet project they want to have the church body fund. I know the term "sacred cow" carries negative feelings, but sometimes we need to protect that which is important. Since its beginning in 1845 the CP has impacted the world for Christ by supporting missionaries, training church leaders, helping with church plants, feeding the hungry, responding to natural disasters, and seeing souls saved. I pray that like Pastor Suggs your life's goal is to see people saved for eternity.

Serving is our call, Obeying is our answer, Cooperating is our Method!

FINANCIAL RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER FROM THE CHURCHES

<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>
Baker	
Birdsville	60.00
Caldwell Springs	190.04
Calvary	200.00
Carrsville	
Cave Springs	132.60
Central	
Corinth	
Crooked Creek	100.00
Deer Creek	599.80
Dunn Springs	35.00
Dycusburg	200.00
Dyer Hill	447.11
Emmanuel	395.76
Emmaus	
Fellowship	31.06
Friendship	200.00
Good Hope	328.50
Grace	50.00
Grand Rivers	262.59
Iuka	204.00
Lake City	1,489.00
Lola	125.76
Marion Baptist	1,125.00
Marion Second	108.99
Mexico	1,517.43
Mint Springs	
North Livingston	264.96
Ohio Valley	701.09
Old Salem	260.00
Pinckneyville	534.04
Potter's House	673.18
Repton	81.79
Salem	334.46
Shady Grove	
Smithland First	400.00
Smithland Second	190.62
Sugar Creek	187.75
Sulphur Springs	178.00
Tiline	
Union	
Miscellaneous	1,357.00
	\$12,965.53



News From The Pews



Deer Creek had another great year with their live Nativity. This year they had added a camel to the animals in Bethlehem. One evening they had 144 guests visit the Nativity.

Potter's House has called Bro. Rodney Cude to serve as their Intentional Interim while they search for a pastor.

This new year, please be sure to share upcoming events, revivals, special groups, etc., with other churches of the association by emailing us the information in advance so we can put it in "News from the Pews". Also any significant events that occur can be placed in this space.

Churches without pastors: Baker, Deer Creek, Mint Springs, Potter's House (Rodney Cude, Interim), Salem (Stephen Seaford, Transitional Interim), Smithland Second (Int. Fred Lowrance), Union (Interim Bob Orgeron)

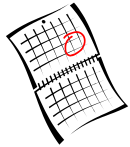




**Pastor's Fellowship
Breakfast**
Jan. 7th - 8:00 a.m.
Simply Southern Cafe,
Salem

Executive Board Meeting
January 16, 2017
7:00 p.m.
Association Office, Salem

Refreshments will be provided by Mexico Baptist Church from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m.



2017 Associational Calendars are ready and can be picked up at the Association Office or at the January 16th Executive Board Meeting.

IRS Auto Reimbursement Rate for 2017 is **53.5** cents per business mile.

BEWARE FALSE TEACHING



“The Shack” Movie

The best selling book “The Shack” was an attack on the theological views of conservative Christianity as found in Scripture. The upcoming movie does not appear to be any better. The author of “The Shack” had an agenda to promote universalism among the church. Universalism maintains that Christ’s death provided an immediate forgiveness to everyone no matter what they believe, or even if they believe in God. This heresy has been rejected by the church for centuries.

Young also presents God and the Trinity in somewhat disparaging portrayals of character. I know that many enjoyed the book, but remember this is fictional. It is not and should not be viewed as a “Christian” film because it is not. If it holds to the book, then it will be a piece of filmographic heresy and lies about faith and salvation.

Mission Opportunities



**Shoe Box Ministry
for Arizona**

The total number of shoe boxes shipped to the Pima & Papago Peoples in Arizona were 167. Thank you for helping with this ministry!

Mark Your Calendar
2017 mission trips

March 10-18: Santan AZ to work with Native American churches.

June 18-24: Blackey, KY Conducting Centershot, Bible School, and construction work in eastern, KY.

Estimated cost: \$200.00 / person

Revive - Prayer Walk
Crittenden County Schools
2:30 p.m. (Please be there at 2:30 sharp)

The Crittenden Co. Schools Prayer walks for 2017 will be the third Sunday of each month, rotating as follows.

January 15th, Crittenden Co. Middle School – Meet under the Rocket

February 19th, Crittenden Co. Elementary School – Meet at the front door

March 19th, Crittenden Co. High School

April 16th, Crittenden Co. Middle School

May 21st, Crittenden Co. Elementary

June 18th Crittenden Co. High School-The Prayer walk will be outdoors around the school.

July 16th Crittenden Co. Middle-The Prayer walk will be outdoors around the school.

August 20th Crittenden Co. Elementary

September 17th Crittenden Co. High

October 15th Crittenden Co. Middle

November 19th Crittenden Co. Elementary

December 17th Crittenden Co. High

All members in the association and other denominations are encouraged to participate and pray for our students, teachers, administrators and school.

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1-8th January Bible Study
2nd Association Office
Closed

7th Pastor's Breakfast, 8
a.m., Simply Southern Café,
Salem

12th Arizona Mission Trip
Meeting, 6: 30 p.m., Assoc.
Office

15th Revive

16th Executive Board Meet-
ing, 7: 00 p.m., Assoc. Office

16th Assoc. Office Closed
(Martin Luther King Day)

22nd Sanctity of Human Life
Sunday

26-28th Shepherding the
Shepherd, Lexington



On the Trail with Happy Trails Ministry

As I write this article (December 13), I have just returned home from one of our favorite eating places, Dixie Pan, which is located in downtown Nortonville, about 3 miles from our house. When I walked up to the cash register tonight, my wife, Shelia, noticed a sign: 12 days until Christmas. It simply doesn't seem real that this year is almost over! Didn't we just celebrate the new year a couple of months ago. The old folks told me when I was younger that the older you get, the faster they go. Now I'm the old folks, and they were RIGHT! Yes... Christmas is almost here!!!

We want to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas, filled with all of the hope, peace, joy, and love which Christ came to bring. Once we have fully celebrated his birth, let's remember that His birth was only the first step in His overall mission to free all of mankind from the bondage of sin and the law, and to restore the relationship between God and mankind. Then let's pledge together to share the greatest story ever told with all those who need to hear it! After all, you're a missionary, too!!!

Thanks for your continued support and encouragement as we serve ON MISSION together!

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. (Galatians 4:4)

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

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