



Laurel Link

Quarterly Newsletter & Highlights



We have been in preparations for Gospel to Every Home for a while now. Some churches have already begun

to reach out to their community and are having success. Our Association has set the months of Aug, Sept, and Oct as our main timeline to launch our evangelistic efforts. Some of the best ways you can involve your church is through the 40 days of prayer emphasis prior to your churches launch time. You can also have a packing party of the resources that you'll be using to engage your community. Have fun with this! Evangelism needs to be exciting and capture the churches imagination on how to share Christ more creatively and intentionally.

Here at the Association office, we have all the needed materials to help get you and your church started. As Covid restrictions are lifting, there is no better time to begin re-engaging your community. Before Covid many of our churches were tired, and lacked vision for reaching the community. Now, we should be well rested and ready once again to champion the name of Jesus, as we reach our communities. If you are reading this and you have not yet committed to Gospel to Every Home, my prayer is that you will look around and see the needs around you, and respond by leading an effort to share Christ with others. I'm here to assist you in any and every way that I can.

Although I know many in our association don't usually attend the Southern Baptist Convention. I do want to share about the

upcoming convention this year as it will be in Nashville. Nashville is not a far drive for us to attend, and more than ever this is a time to unify around the right things as Baptist brothers. The convention will be June 15 and 16th respectfully, but the NAMB send conference is the 13-14th. I always look forward to going when I can. These times encourage me and help me to better understand the work of Southern Baptist. If you are considering attending please let me know. I would enjoy connecting with you at the convention.



Pastor Birthdays

June Birthdays

1st Vince Mullins
7th Terrell Bradley

July Birthdays

1st Trevor Brummett
12 Steve Wilkerson.
13 Johnny Jervis
22 Tommy Tapscott

August Birthdays

8 Ronnie Owens

June Anniversaries

7 Geral & Tammy Wells
13 Claude and Donna Maggard
22, Tommy & Holly Tapscott
23 Johnny & Phoebe Jervis
29 Norm & Tonya Brock

July Anniversaries

24 Kenny & Beverly Johnson
25 Wilmer & Mayrean Evans
29 Steve and Doris Wilkerson

Aug. Anniversaries

6 Denny & Sandy McCowan
20, Terrell & Vallene Bradley
21 Joe & Kim Arnold

Laurel Lake Baptist Camp

We are excited about this year's camp, our camp date is set for **July 26-30**. The association office has the brochures and applications/ medical release forms available. Reminder that the cost for camp is \$100. That cost includes all program cost, lodging, 3 meals a day, t-shirt, and snack from the "canteen" after evening worship. Camp is designed for those students who have completed 3rd grade through 12th grade. If you are interested in serving as a camp counselor this year please see Bro. Greg Deaton



**SOLES
FOR
SOULS**

This **August** we will once again lead the effort for Soles for Souls. This ministry is a needed one for our local school's Family Resource Centers. Our schools are always needing new closed toed shoes for their students. Keep in mind we have elementary, Middle school and High School students who are in need. During the month of August collect the shoes through your church and **bring them to the Association office by September 3**. We will be distributing them the week of September 6-10th.

Baptist Bikers of Kentucky Benefit Ride

Many of you have seen and heard of the recent challenges that Sunrise Children's Services is having with our Governor, in that the State is not renewing the contract with Sunrise to serve Ky children. Sunrise has been serving children in Ky since 1869, and is one of our Ky Baptist agencies. Since the breaking of this news, Ky baptist have been seeking ways to help Sunrise. One of these ways is with Baptist Bikers. Baptist Bikes have put together a benefit ride called "Ride to the Ranch". The Benefit ride has set a goal of \$10,000. To reach this goal the Baptist Bikers are asking churches to give \$100 as a gift to Sunrise. If one hundred churches will participate the goal can be reached. Our association will be joining together with other near by associations to help reach this goal. If you are a Biker and would like to participate in the ride, the date of the Ride is September 4 beginning at 10:00am. The starting location will be at the Rockcastle Baptist Association office. The group will travel HWY 25 N to Berea and stop at the Liberty Avenue Baptist Church to join additional riders and have prayer. From there, continuing on HWY 25 to Richmond and then toward Irvine and travel to the Boonesville Baptist Association, where they will be greeted by Sunrise team members. If you desire more information please contact Bro Tommy at our office. Consider donating a gift to Sunrise through the association.



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SAVE THE DATE

August 16 Mayfield
August 17 Bowling Green
August 19 Walton
August 24 Corbin
August 26 Crestwood

August 30 Elizabethtown
August 31 Russell
Sept. 2 Richmond
Sept. 7 Madisonville
Sept. 9 Prestonsburg

Practical Training for Kentucky Baptists

EQUIP

*\$10 per person with a maximum fee of \$50 per church
Schedule 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m., local time. (Doors open at 6 p.m.)*

Ephesians 4:11-12

One of the biggest challenges coming out of COVID for many churches is re-equipping the lay leaders for service. Many of our leaders have been out of practice for so long that they are simply not prepared to lead coming out of Covid. The Ky Baptist Convention has put together a solution to retrain our volunteer ministries and to re-tool and refresh leaders to serve. I hope you will join me on **August 24 at Central Baptist in**

Corbin for the Equip tour. The KBC Equip tour is coming to 12 regional locations in KY to help leaders and volunteers to face the new challenges that lay ahead. Your church can register at this link <https://www.kybaptist.org/stories/equip-2021,4570?> Cost for individuals is \$10, cost per church (unlimited) is \$50. Mark your calendars and plan on attending.

WMU
Quarterly
Meeting

July 15, 7:00pm
@ Lily Baptist Church

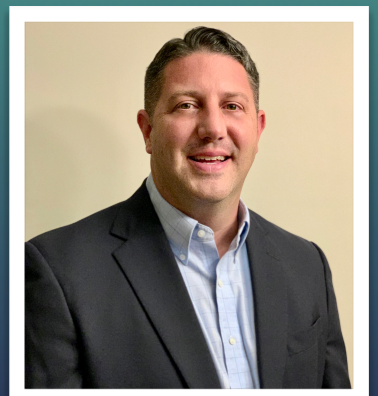
ASSOCIATIONAL

BROTHERHOOD
MEETING

August 5 at 7:00
Location TBA

EVENT LESS, CONSULT MORE

Pastors, over the last few months I have been more convinced than ever that the new era of associational work will be less event driven but will be more directed to consultation with localized churches. So, if you are wanting some specific helps or strategy in a specific area of ministry I want to assist you. Maybe you are trying to re-invent Sunday night ministries, or attempt something unique for Wednesday nights. This is a perfect time to do some strategic planning and take advantage of one on one planning with myself. Sometimes its nice to know that you have someone you can bounce an idea off of before you share it with the whole church. If I can be a help to you please call me 606-875-7298. Or reach me by email; tommy@lrbaky.com





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