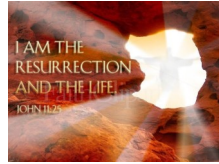


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Shelby Baptist Association



# Communicator

## Missionary Moments

An often-quoted Bible verse in the King James Version reads, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." However, other translations render the verse with a slightly different emphasis. For example, the New International Version reads, "Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint." The New American Standard translates the verse: "Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained." Whatever translation you prefer, it is obvious that every ministry should develop a clear, concise, and compelling vision. Our Revitalizing Associational Missions and Ministries Team (RAMM) is seeking to help Shelby Baptist Association do just that. I was thrilled when the following 30 people volunteered to help us develop our future direction. Please pray for the following Team members as they meet for the next several months.

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|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Steve Adams      | Dana Jenkins       | Debbie Slattery |
| Leah Aubrey      | Ernestine Jennings | Jim Smith       |
| Vernon Carpenter | Kevin Kimes        | Teresa Smith    |
| Tom Conway       | Blake Lawyer       | Carolyn Smither |
| Rick Durham      | Ryan Marcum        | Farryl Stratton |
| Ben Early        | Philip Meade       | Jerry Tracy     |
| Noah Gartland    | Bob Perkins        | Chuck Umholtz   |
| Steve Gouge      | David Orr          | Coy Webb        |
| Harry Hebert     | Chris Platt        | David Young     |
| Colleen Heflin   | Steve Scherff      |                 |
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## John and Paul Barnett Missions Offering



The annual Associational Missions Emphasis Week of Prayer and the John and Paul Barnett Missions Offering is **May 20-27, 2018**. Promotional materials will be available at the April 16, 2018, Association Missions Board Meeting.



Make your plans to attend the Quarterly Missions Board Meeting on Monday, April 16, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Elmburg Baptist Church. Pastors and messengers are expected to attend. Everyone is invited!

**Clayvillage Baptist, Bro. Tony Hough, Interim Pastor**

Easter Sunday—Resurrection Service at 7:30 a.m. with donuts and coffee served afterwards. There will be no Sunday School and Worship Service will begin at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited.

April 3 - Church Council meets at 6:30 p.m.

April 8 - Worship in Music with Josh Martin at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

April 10 - The Golden Rule SS Class will hold their meeting at the home of Judy Hill at 6:30 p.m.

April 11 - Quarterly Business Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

April 15 - Rick and Jill Thompson, IMB Missionaries serving in Brazil, will be our guests at 6:30 p.m. They will be presenting their ministry with the people in Brazil. Rick and Jill served at Clayvillage from 1993-1995 in our youth and music ministry. Everyone is invited to come and hear how people are accepting Jesus Christ on the mission field as their Lord and Savior.

April 22 - Communion Service will be held during the morning worship at 11:00 a.m. We will be accepting donations for the Benevolence Fund after the service.

April 29 - Offering received goes to the Building Fund.

Regular services are Sunday School at 10 a.m. for all ages with worship with Bro. Tony Hough at 11 a.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m., the adults and students meet for Bible study and prayer time.

**Dover Baptist, Bro. Ben Early, Pastor**

On Easter Sunday, April 1, the choir will present *I Will Rise*, a musical narrated by Janice Say, followed by an inspirational message by our pastor.

The Church just voted to put a steeple on our 206 year old church to match its historical life and in honor of all those who have led to make Dover a light in this community.

Each Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. - Dover Church at Prayer and Bible Study, and Children's Choir; followed by Adult Choir rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

Each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Bible Study for all ages and Worship at 11:00 a.m.

April 29, 5th Sunday Sing at 6:30 p.m. at Dover, a night of music.

Check us out on the web at [www.doverbaptist.net](http://www.doverbaptist.net), on Facebook, or call 502-633-0502.

**Christiansburg Baptist, Harry Hebert, Pastor**

Christiansburg Baptist was blessed to celebrate 3 baptisms in March! There's nothing like new life to help usher in Springtime. Speaking of new life ...we also saw the completion of our Fellowship Hall re-painting/remodeling project just in time for a baby shower for Ron & Ali Whittaker's soon-to-arrive first child.

All this excitement makes me think of the fervor that permeated Jerusalem in the buildup to Passover, when Jesus and His disciples arrived at the city. The Jewish people were eagerly awaiting the Messiah, with the expectation that he would drive off the Roman occupiers from the Promised Land. Matthew, in his gospel account of Jesus' arrival, notes the enthusiastic crowd that wanted to acclaim Jesus as King when they shouted *Hosanna to the Son of David*, but contrasts the true nature of the King by referring to the prophetic words of Zechariah: "*Look, your King is coming to you, gentle and mounted on a donkey.*"

As we celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ this month, I pray that we may also remember the true nature of our King. We follow Christ in a world divided and hostile, and our words, actions and motives either extend His kingdom or shrink it. We either embody the humble love of Jesus or fall prey to the dominant way of the kingdom of the world – coercion and manipulation. How we represent the truth of the gospel – Jesus' life without sin, His atoning death, His burial and resurrection – matters! If we wield our words with blunt force and angry hostility, we lose the credibility of our message. If we dilute the gospel call to cheap grace we lose the power of God and His Word.

Truth without grace is harsh and legalistic.

Grace without truth is weak and hypocritical.

Only truth with grace is the way of Jesus.

May we all walk in the way of Our Savior this Easter season!

**Mt. Moriah Baptist, Bro. Tom Conway, Pastor**

**The Great Round Up** - Great Family Fun and It's All Free! **May 19, 2018**, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Lunch - Chuckwagon meal, hot dogs and dessert. Pony rides, covered wagon, cowboy town and petting zoo with various animals.



Finchville Baptist has called Tyler Habberfield as Youth Pastor. Welcome Bro. Tyler!

**Finchville Baptist, Bro. Davey Ladner, Pastor**

Sunday, April 1 - Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.; Coffee and Doughnuts at 7:30 a.m.; First Easter Service at 8:00 a.m.; Fellowship Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.; and Second Easter Service at 10:30 a.m.

April 11 at 6:30 p.m. - New Ladies Bible Study - *Me, Myself & Lies*. See Tammy Swigert to sign up.

April 14, 8:30-10:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study and Breakfast led by Pastor Davey Ladner.

April 17, 6:30 p.m. - Worship and Communion at Amber Oaks.

April 22 - Deacon Sunday. Deacons will lead both services in worship and singing.

Fresh Grounded Faith Monthly Planning Meeting at Shelby Christian on April 17 at 6:30 p.m.

**Shelbyville First Baptist, Bro. Maurice Hollingsworth, Pastor**

Shelbyville First Baptist Church will be sending a team of adults and students to Baltimore April 2-7, 2018. We will be working with church planting partners from the North American Missions Board, as we engage in door-to-door evangelism in this NAMB Send City.

On Tuesday Night, April 12, 2018, our men's group will go to indoor go-carting, followed by dinner at Buffalo Wild Wings.

On Sunday, April 22, 2018, we will host a fund-raiser for the children who will be attending Centrikid Camp this summer. We will offer lunch and then proceed to a silent auction, followed by an energetic pie and cake auction.

Wednesday, May 2, 2018 - Night of Prayer for all ages at Shelbyville First Baptist.

Thursday, May 3, 2018 - Prayer Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Prayer vigil in the Sanctuary.



**KENTUCKY WMU MISSIONS CELEBRATION & ANNUAL MEETING**

Friday and Saturday, April 6-7, 2018, at Buck Run Baptist Church, 1950 Leestown Road, Frankfort. Do you love missions and wish you could learn more? Join a gathering of people who really care about missions! Visit [kywum.org/annualmeeting](http://kywum.org/annualmeeting) to register and get more information.



**REFOCUS 2018: Evangelistic VBS**

April 24, 2018  
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Louisville Regional Baptist Association  
960 South Third Street, Suite 100, Louisville

**Simpsonville Baptist, Bro. Steve Boyd, Pastor**

Classic Worship on Thursday, April 5 at 10:00 a.m. - Linda Otterback will be presenting a touching drama entitled *My First Day in Heaven*. Join us at 9:30 a.m. for fellowship and snacks.

Women's Self-Defense Class begins on Tuesday, April 10, at 6:00 p.m. 3 week class.

The Armor of God Men's Discipleship Class begins on Wednesday, April 11, at 6:15 p.m.

Colin's DREAM 5k Run/Walk, Saturday, April 14, at Equestrian Lakes in Finchville. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the event begins at 9:00 a.m. You can register for the event and read Colin's story at [colinsdream.com](http://colinsdream.com).

Women's Discipleship Class - *No Other Gods* by Kelly Minter, begins on Thursday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m.

Priscilla Shirer Simulcast & Women's Tea - Saturday, April 28, at 9:00 a.m. During our lunch break, we will host a Ladies Team. Cost: \$20. Tickets available online at [simpsonvillebaptist.com](http://simpsonvillebaptist.com)

Church	Offering YTD	February Received	J/P YTD 17-18
BAGDAD	\$ 470.06	\$ 274.35	
BEECHRIDGE	\$ 302.29	\$ 155.47	
BETHLEHEM			
BUFFALO LICK	\$ 291.45	\$ 119.45	
BURK'S BRANCH	\$ 862.01	\$ 394.58	\$ 500.00
CHRIST COMMUNITY			
CHRISTIANSBURG	\$ 852.11	\$ 344.14	\$ 230.25
CLAYVILLAGE	\$ 268.32	\$ 134.16	\$ 120.00
CROPPER	\$ 379.00	\$ 379.00	
DOVER	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	
ELMBURG			\$ 650.00
EMMANUEL	\$ 412.60	\$ 228.15	\$ 249.02
FINCHVILLE			
GRAEFENBURG	\$ 1,684.40	\$ 1,230.78	\$ 100.00
HEMPRIDGE			\$ 335.00
HIGHLAND	\$ 1,428.22	\$ 644.69	\$ 200.00
INDIAN FORK	\$ 300.00		\$ 1,168.25
LITTLE MOUNT	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	
MT. MORIAH	\$ 1,346.00	\$ 381.00	\$ 315.00
MT. PLEASANT			
MT. VERNON	\$ 134.60	\$ 45.76	
NEW LIFE	\$ 295.06	\$ 127.18	\$ 98.00
PIGEON FORK	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	
SALEM	\$ 570.43	\$ 299.97	\$ 110.00
SHELBY 1 <sup>ST</sup>	\$ 1,380.58	\$ 993.40	\$ 1,370.00
SIMPSONVILLE	\$ 334.00	\$ 167.00	
SIMP. HISP	\$ 14.00	\$ 6.00	
VICTORY	\$ 55.00	\$ 30.00	
WADDY	\$ 1,546.61	\$ 541.05	
ALFA Y OMEGA			
MISC INCOME	\$ 4.60	\$ 2.18	\$ 35.75
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 13,931.34</b>	<b>\$ 7,148.31</b>	<b>\$ 5,481.27</b>



## A Place of Prayer

“And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to a riverside, where we were supposing that there would be a place of prayer; and we sat down and began speaking to the women who were assembled there. “ Acts 16: 13. After I was born again at age 16 I found a wonderful place of prayer. My two older brothers had gone off to college and in the corner of their room on the back of the big farm house was a heater vent that came up through the floor. It was winter and I could sit there with a blanket and catch the heat in an otherwise chilly house. I'd have my flashlight and Bible. It was quiet, no one bothered me in that dark corner and I spent some blessed times in prayer there. Over the years I've had many different places of prayer—with my Bible and my favorite chair with some tea and toast while the house was still asleep, my car on the way to work, the garden or the shop on a sunny day where the hands are busy but the mind did not have to be entirely devoted to the task at hand. Sometimes otherwise humdrum jobs like washing dishes or ironing shirts make for a nice place of prayer. When the kids were small the noisy lawn tractor was actually a quiet place for prayer (My wife caught on to that one). Life keeps moving and so does the place of prayer as times, situations, relationships and abodes change. It can be a challenge to find a quiet place of prayer in our frantic, noisy lives, more so perhaps if you have small children or some other all-consuming responsibility. And now we have social and other media that can prattle on 24/7, if we let it. We are to pray constantly and we can pray while on the go (“Help me Lord!”) but we each need to find that special place of prayer too. Where is your place of prayer?



“Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of the mind, examining the Scriptures daily, whether these things were so” (Ac 17:11).

Dear brethren and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ,

I am glad to greet you and to add my previous letter by a report about assistance to local churches of Leningrad area. I give brotherly greetings from pastors, church leaders and teachers of many communities. Winter months are finished and now we are on a way to Easter. We have had the Lord's Supper and have begun a preparation to the celebration of Easter.

My letter begins from one verse which tells about unique spiritual state of new believers at Beroena. It tell about Russian Baptist churches then pastors and leaders are very joyful when members of their churches take up God's Word or biblical truths and continue to visit worships. A problem begins from pastors' call to study the Bible with a purpose of spiritual growth or growing at spiritual maturity. As we can see, those believers live with passionate desire “to examine the Scriptures daily, whether these things so”.

I believe any pastor or a teacher wanted to have like students who thirst “the bread of life”. Therefore a core of my ministry is help to churches at a realization of programs of different kinds, which are a part of church ministries or discipleship. Often pastors invite me and allow choosing a theme of a sermon. At those cases I use a pulpit for training of listeners to methods of Bible study and applications of biblical truths. Often I lead groups through pilot program with a purpose to help a leader at his dedication to leadership of new group.

This letter includes examples of things, which I tell at a paragraph higher about. I use different things from daily practice and the language of metaphors for an illustration of applications of eternal truths. I think every preacher does so because this way of teaching gave good results at all times and works now as well.

A continuation of my help through a pulpit and leadership of groups is a presentation of textbooks for pastors, teachers and leaders. I continue to keep contacts with pastors and teachers who were my students when we had Pastor Schools. I send different materials and those textbooks to them - sometimes at electronic kind and sometimes through regular mail because not all have a computer.

I thank you for your prayers, care and support of our efforts at the fulfillment of God's commands. We pray God continues to bless you, your families and churches by every His gift at any earthly need.

With Christ's love, sincerely,

Nickolai Syrovatko.

Pastor Nickolai is a Russian Pastor who trains other pastors. His letter is not edited but printed as he composed it. The SBA supports this Russian Ministry.



## ASSOCIATIONAL PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS—Updated: April 2018

Updates can be made only if our office is informed of any additions or changes for your church.

**BUFFALO LICK:** Barbara Ashby, Ruby Lewis, Helen Poole, Ryburn Weakley, Bettie Weakley.

**CLAYVILLAGE:** Virginia Gill Anderson, Kim Fallis, Millard Jesse, Eddie Raizor, Delbert Yancey, Bonnie Early and Family, Tola Stevens, Family of Bobby Wells.

**FINCHVILLE:** Susan Metts, Anita Pullin, Sharon Carlile, Ken Martin, Lonnie Eades, Bill Pinkston, Hazel Masterson, John Kaufman, Betty Ruth Bruington, Pam & Jerry Walls, Ruth & Robbie Briscoe, Linda Rucker, Lillie Lawson.

**DOVER:** Wayne and Linda Miller, Dorothy Kidwell.

**INDIAN FORK:** Curtis Huckeba, Dude Peyton, Catherine Neal, Jerry Watson, Carlene Messer, Robert Messer, Burton Cobb.

**LITTLE MOUNT:** Robyn Adcock, Deanna Shepherd, Stan Thompson.

**WHITNEY YOUNG JOB CORPS CENTER:** Donna Shouse, John Shuttleworth, Anita and Mike Bailey, and Judy Nethery, as they continue to minister with the youth at WYJCC.



### MILITARY PRAYER LIST

If you know of a service person who is currently overseas or stationed far from home, please submit his or her name and location for our prayer list.

**CLAYVILLAGE:** Dalton Adcock and Dakota Prewitt.

**DOVER:** Jamie and Angie White, Matt Anderson.

**FINCHVILLE:** Hunter Moore, Eric Bohannon, Mark Shirley, Mark Johnson, Todd Dillon, Taylor Matthews, Brandon McIntosh, Dustin Bennett, Jared Bentley, Zack Mitchell, Scott Doty.

**MOUNT MORIAH:** Ryan Marcum and Hunter Moore.

**SALEM:** David Patton and Alex Sells.

**WADDY:** Jett Adams

### MISSIONARY PRAYER LIST

Even though we cannot list international missionaries (in order to ensure their safety), please pray often for these brothers and sisters who place their lives in harm's way.

We encourage you to develop your own and your church's missionary prayer list. However, keep in mind that even putting their names on your website or in your newsletter may endanger them.

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

*- Philippians 4:6*

**"If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked way; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."-II Chronicles 7:14**



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### **Quarterly Meeting of the Shelby Baptist Association**

**Monday, April 16, 2018, at 7:00  
p.m.**

**Elmburg Baptist**

**Prayer Time at 6:25 p.m.**



### **Office Hours:**

**Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**Thursday 9:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**

**Fridays 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p. m.**

**(Call ahead to see if someone will be in the of-  
fice over lunch hours, etc.)**

### **Birthday Parties Schedule:**

*Masonic Home at 2:30*  
**Monday, April 9 - Simpsonville**

*Colonial Hall at 2:00*  
**Tuesday, April 10 - Highland**

*Crestview at 2:00 p.m.*  
**Thursday, April 12 - Waddy**