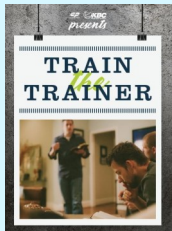


June 2018



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Shelby Baptist Association Communicator



There is Still Time to Register!

You can still register for the Train the Trainer event sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Shelby Baptist Association. Highland Baptist Church is the host church. To register for this free event that even includes dinner, go to www.kybaptist.org/trainthetrainer. The date is **Thursday, June 7, 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

What is Train the Trainer? It is designed to equip leaders to train others in personal evangelism. During Train the Trainer, Kentucky Baptist Convention (KBC) staff will walk attendees through the newly released KBC material.

This year's material is named ReachKY.today and is an excellent tool for mobilizing the approximately 90% of church members who seldom engage far-from-God people with the Gospel message. ReachKY.today helps believers share their faith in Christ in a personal and non-threatening way. It begins with something many believers already hold precious: the story of when they met Jesus! Every believer has a story and God can use every story as a bridge to the Gospel.

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The Southern Baptist Convention's Annual Meeting

For more than 170 years, Southern Baptists have sought to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people everywhere. The Southern Baptist Convention was formed with a Gospel vision. Its founding charter identifies its singular focus: *...for the purpose of eliciting, combining, and directing the energies of the Baptist denomination of Christians, for the propagation of the Gospel...* But what actually happens at the Annual Meeting scheduled for Dallas on June 12-13?

At each year's SBC annual meeting, representatives from cooperating churches, called messengers:

- Elect trustees to serve each of the eleven SBC ministry entities;
- Adopt the SBC Cooperative Program Allocation Budget;
- Elect the Convention's two standing committees;
- Elect five SBC officers;
- Consider recommendations from the SBC Executive Committee;
- Listen to reports and presentations from each SBC ministry entity;
- Consider proposed resolutions from the SBC Resolutions Committee;
- Provide open-microphone business sessions during which any messenger may introduce business items;
- Hear inspirational sermons from the SBC president and a Convention preacher;
- Enjoy periods of singing, worship, praise, and prayer; and
- Experience other elements of inspiration, encouragement, and challenge.

These messengers represent cooperating churches composed of numerous racial, ethnic, language, and socioeconomic people groups.

Please pray that the Annual Meeting is honoring to the Lord, focused on the main thing, and inspiring to the messengers and guests. (sbc.net contributed to this article.)



Mission Moments

Dr. Jim Slack, missiologist and longtime missionary with the International Mission Board, contends that most Bible readers have an inaccurate understanding and interpretation of the Great Commission. He especially developed this theme from Matthew 28:19-20 and Acts 1:8. He said that the confusion comes because the transliterated Greek words *panta ta ethne* are rendered in our English language as "nations." Slack disagrees with this one-word translation found in Matthew 28:20.

Also, Acts 1:8 is understood by many Christians in a geographical way. Taken to the extreme, this verse might be understood to mean that a witness should focus on his own kind of people and language wherever he goes.

However, *panta ta ethne* (nations) is more accurately translated as, according to Jim Slack, "all ethnic peoples." That means people of all language groups. The following lengthy quotation explains Slack's position, "when a Christian goes out of the door of his or her home, as Jesus' disciples did from the Upper Room in Jerusalem, he or she is immediately, primarily, and forever responsible for evangelizing and discipling each and every ethnic person who lives on the street, in the town, county, country and world. That is the message of the Great Commission. Immediately after leaving the Upper Room, those first disciples began fulfilling the Great Commission as they began evangelizing to the *ta ethne* and not their own kind of people, in Jerusalem."

If Dr. Slack's conclusions are accurate, we need to be sharing the gospel with people like us without forgetting to evangelize those who are not just like us. There is an amazing lesson for us to learn from Jim Slack. We must become spiritually sensitive to those who do not look like us, speak our language, and have different customs. If we begin to see the world through the eyes of Christ who is inclusive of all people, we will see scores of people come to Christ. Reflect on the above paragraphs and let me know what you think.

It is my joy and honor to serve as your Director of Missions. Please keep me and the work of the Association in your prayers.

Because He lives,

Brother Steve

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Jennifer Rothschild and friends with Fresh Grounded Faith are coming to Shelbyville on September 28-29, Friday 7-9:30 p.m., and Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The host church is Shelby Christian Church at 2375 Frankfort Road. This is an exciting event that is happening right here in our hometown. If a church purchases 20 tickets at one time they can be a co-host church and the cost of the ticket would only be \$39 but must be purchased by August 1st for this great deal. After that, the prices go up. Tickets are non-refundable but fully transferable. Tickets can be ordered on-line or by phone at freshgroundedfaith.com or 800-859-7992. If any questions, please email kallieconway@yahoo.com or call 738-9620 and ask for Karen Conway.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Clayvillage Baptist, Bro. Tony Hough, Interim Pastor

We are participating in the Baby Bottle Boomerang campaign for A Loving Choice Pregnancy Center. The baby bottles are due to be turned in on June 17, Father's Day.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 24-29.

"Company Coming" meals will be delivered on June 28.

Regular services are Sunday School (for all ages) at 10:00 a.m. with Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m., the adults/students meet for prayer time and Bible Study.

Dover Baptist, Bro. Ben Early, Pastor

Every Sunday, we have Bible Study for all ages at 10:00 a.m., and exciting worship with Bradley Gray and Pastor Ben at 11:00 a.m.

Each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., Dover Church at Prayer and Bible Study. Adult Choir rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. The adult choir is preparing a cantata for the 4th of July.

Vacation Bible School will be held June 11-14, 6:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. The theme is Rolling River Rampage "Experience the Ride of Lifetime with God!"

Sunday, Family and Friends Day, to celebrate Bible School. There will be a free barbeque and dinner on the grounds.

Our Deacons are actively working on the Family Ministry Plan.

Connect with us on the web at www.doverbaptist.net, on Facebook, or call 502-633-0502.

Finchville Baptist, Bro. Davey Ladner, Pastor

June 3 at 11:00 a.m. - Graduate Recognition Service. Six High School Graduates and 5 College Graduates!

June 3 at 6:00 p.m. - Deacon's Meeting

June 10 at 12:15 - Youth Fundraiser Lunch after the 11:00 a.m. Worship. Contributions are for youth camp.

June 16, 8:30-10:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast and Bible Study with Pastor Davey.

June 17 at 9:30 a.m. - Doughnuts with Dad in the Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by Children's Ministry.

June 24 at 12:15 p.m. - VBS Training in the Fellowship Hall.

Little Mount Baptist, Bro. David Clay, Pastor

GAME ON - Vacation Bible School, July 15-20, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. nightly. Family Night will be on June 20.

New Life Baptist, Bro. Greg Nimmo, Pastor

Vacation Bible School, June 18-22, 6:00-8:30 p.m. VBS Kickoff on June 16, 3:00-6:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided.

Shelbyville First Baptist, Bro. Maurice Hollingsworth, Pastor

Shelbyville First Baptist Church will be taking a group of 22 to Guatemala City to work among children in the slums on the outskirts of the city. This is an ongoing effort of the church to augment the church planting work undertaken by students at the Guatemala Baptist Theological Seminary working in conjunction with Dr. Waldemar Morales, President.

**Church-wide Corn Hole Tournament and Picnic
June 2, 2018, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

The Corn Hole Tournament begin at 4:00 p.m. Bible Study classes can enter up to three teams (Male, Female, Coed). Team sign ups due by May 20, 2018.

Additional points will also be awarded for:

- Each dish from a class (over three dishes)
- Most spirited Bible Study Class
- Highest percentage of class attending

Prize for winners of tournament. Boomer Plus Ministry will cater a class meal featuring the pastor's BBQ. Wild & Rare Bluegrass Band will be the featured entertainment.

AMPED - June 24-28, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Family Night Kick-off will be on Sunday, June 24, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Families should stay together for the kick-off on Sunday night as we will have a fun night of games, a hot dog supper, music, and fun!!! For children entering kindergarten this August 2018 through completed 5th grade. Pre-registration will begin on May 13. Amped-Summer Experience is our week-long, nightly time of fun, Bible stories, snacks, and games for children this summer. John 10:10 says "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." Jesus wants us to live our lives excited, or "AMPED," and we will focus on that during this week. New things are being added for this special week as we seek to minister to all kids and families of Shelby County.

Indian Fork Baptist, Bro. Steve Adams, Pastor

We will honor our fathers on Sunday, June 17, during our 11:00 a.m. Worship Hour.

Vacation Bible School will be held June 18-22 from 6:00 p.m.-8:15 p.m. This year's theme is Rolling River Rampage. Join us as we kick-off VBS on Saturday, June 16, 2:00-6:00 p.m. with a bouncy house, water slides, games for all, a cookout and more. Fun for the entire family!

Friday, July 13, 5-7:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 14, 5-7:00 p.m. Pastor Steve will be sharing a slide show of his walk through the stepping stones of history from his recent trip through Jerusalem and Galilee. Come join us in discovering the Holy Land. There will be finger foods and refreshments both nights. All are welcome. Please join us for this "two day walk through the Holy Land and Israel sites." Everyone is invited!

Pigeon Fork Baptist, Bro. Vernon Carpenter, Pastor

Pigeon Fork will have a Homecoming on Sunday, June 24. Former pastor Charlie Brogan will be preaching in the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. Victory Road will be signing in the Worship Service and in the afternoon. There will be a potluck meal following the Worship Service with the church providing the meat. Ya'll come!

Simpsonville Baptist, Bro. Steve Boyd, Pastor

Vacation Bible School - June 10-14, 6:30-8:45 p.m. 1 year-5th Grade completed.

Classic Worship - Thursday, June 7 at 10:00 a.m. Guest Speaker: Toni Moore. Come at 9:30 a.m. for fellowship and snacks.

Women's Bunco - Thursday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Prayer and Encouragement

Psalm 8 is a wonderful Psalm. When I start to read it I can hear in my head Sandi Patti singing the first verse; "O Lord, our Lord, How majestic is your name in all the earth." And we all understand the feeling of awe and worship expressed in verse 3 when we go outside on a clear night and look up at the moon and the stars. We are into the big stuff. But it is easy to skim through verse 2; "Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger." (NIV) How do children and infants give glory to God establishing a stronghold and silencing the enemy? Isn't that an adult job? But just look at the little rascals. They are amazing with their new life and energy. Even the hearts of crusty old men soften when they hold that little baby for the first time or that three year old runs up shouting "Grandpa." Whittaker Chambers, an ardent atheist, was wiping the oatmeal off his infant daughter's face and as he looked with awe at her tiny little ears thought for the first time that there must be a God. And who hasn't been walking along with a small child immersed in adult thoughts and concerns and oblivious to the world around only to be called by the child to squat down and look at an amazing beetle crawling on the sidewalk? Maybe it's true that through the weak and the small that God gets glory to Himself, blesses us and silences the enemy.

Steve Price

Church	Offering YTD	April Received	I/P YTD 17-18
BAGDAD	\$ 972.46	\$ 286.47	
BEECHRIDGE	\$ 545.33		
BETHLEHEM			
BUFFALO LICK	\$ 550.47	\$ 134.80	
BURK'S BRANCH	\$ 1,670.94	\$ 377.19	\$ 500.00
CHRIST COMMUNITY	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	
CHRISTIANSBURG	\$ 1,575.31		\$ 230.25
CLAYVILLAGE	\$ 536.64	\$ 134.16	\$ 120.00
CROPPER	\$ 379.00		
DOVER	\$ 600.00	\$ 150.00	
ELMBURG	\$ 375.00		\$ 650.00
EMMANUEL	\$ 938.55		\$ 324.43
FINCHVILLE			
GRAEFENBURG	\$ 2,773.17	\$ 1,088.77	\$ 100.00
HEMPRIDGE			\$ 335.00
HIGHLAND	\$ 2,540.60	\$ 608.99	\$ 200.00
INDIAN FORK	\$ 600.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,168.25
LITTLE MOUNT	\$ 800.00	\$ 200.00	
MT. MORIAH	\$ 2,203.00	\$ 857.00	\$ 615.00
MT. PLEASANT			
MT. VERNON	\$ 303.38	\$ 87.46	
NEW LIFE	\$ 704.66	\$ 138.28	\$ 98.00
PIGEON FORK	\$ 300.00		
SALEM	\$ 1,091.34	\$ 265.16	\$ 110.00
SHELBY 1 ST	\$ 2,201.89	\$ 457.55	\$ 1,870.00
SIMPSONVILLE	\$ 668.00	\$ 167.00	
SIMP. HISP	\$ 30.00	\$ 8.00	
VICTORY	\$ 115.00	\$ 30.00	
WADDY	\$ 2,780.89	\$ 1,234.28	
ALFA Y OMEGA			
MISC INCOME	\$ 108.55	\$ 2.31	\$ 35.75
TOTAL:	\$ 25,464.18	\$ 6,577.42	\$ 6,356.68



Ministers' Community Prayer Gathering

Living Waters Church

Thursday, June 28, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

All Pastors, staff and area ministry leaders are invited to a prayer gathering. This will be monthly and will rotate to a different church or ministry center each month.

Ministry Partnership Between Shelby Baptist Association and Victory Baptist Church/God's Kitchen

The Missions Team of the Shelby Baptist Association is leading an effort to help keep the food pantry stocked at God's Kitchen year round. Working on a rotating basis, churches will only be asked to collect food once or twice during 2018. During the Monday of June, **Elmburg Baptist, Emmanuel Baptist, and Graefenburg Baptist** will be collecting items to help stock the food pantry.

The following items are especially needed during the month of June to maintain the inventory: canned fruit, soup, tuna, green beans, Vienna sausages, cereal and peanut butter.

At this time, there is no need for spaghetti sauce or spaghetti noodles.

The food pantry collects and distributes any and all boxed and canned items. But the main staples of this ministry are: canned soup, fruit, tuna, corn, green beans, macaroni and cheese, cereal, Vienna sausages, spaghetti sauce and noodles, peanut butter, Ramen noodles, and boxed crackers. The food pantry also helps with small hygiene products such as toilet paper, soap and shampoo.

If your church would be willing to help with this ministry, please call the association office.

Mission Adventure for Kentucky Kids!

July 12-14, Frankfort, KY

Crestwood Baptist Church

Mission Adventure for Kentucky Kids is a mini-mission trip for children in grades 4-6 and their leaders. Ministry projects include serving lunch at Access Soup Kitchen, yard work at local women's shelters, working at a church clothes closet and visiting nursing homes and The Stewart Home and School. Kids will also enjoy swimming and a Capitol Tour!

Come join the adventure as we minister in Frankfort!

Visit www.kywmu.org/missionadventure



NEWS FROM RUSSIA

"As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me..." (Ac 13:2)

Dear brethren and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ,

I am glad to greet you and to give brotherly greetings from churches of Novgorod area that is one from associations of Northwest region of Russia. Today's letter is a story about my participation at ministries of local churches at this area.

Now is finishing school year and this visit was next milestone on a path of joint ministry with a purpose to increase ministries at today's reality of Russia. Two years ago several pastors decided to begin a process of a search of ways for a Development of Ministries and Church Growth. A main point of their decision was the beginning of meetings of a few pastors on a base of other local church.

So if in the past all teachings or trainings programs realized on the base of Novgorod Baptist church, which is Mother church for them, then from that time they try to revive life of their local churches through an involvement of members at a process of searching a vision and exercises at godliness (1Ti 4:7).

Pastors and teachers of this association know me from 1994 when we began here teaching of church leaders through a program of Pastor School and then continue the collaboration during all years through different projects. Therefore, pastors invited me to help them. I took their request as God's call and therefore current opportunities to help them are blessings for me.

When we had Pastor School then I coordinated entire process of a preparation of church leaders for those churches. Now I help senior pastor of Novgorod association at a realization of our joint project.

During last two years we had two places – additionally to Novgorod - where we organized training of pastors and their assistants: the churches of cities Chechulino and Borovichi. At this time, we enlarged places where we teach churches. I led a seminar for two local churches – Staraya Russia and Parfino. We met on a base of the church Staraya Russia.

The church of Chechulino began her ministry from buying of a house for rehabilitation center. You can see old green house which they use now for different needs too. The church of Staraya Russia has her rehabilitation center, which is located at rural district – far off a city but in fact with a purpose far from temptations of city life.

We plan to continue our meetings with those groups from September. We believe, this format of training allows us to decide two tasks: spiritual formation of members (Eph 4:13) and a separation of laborers (Mt 9:38) for a development of ministries. We ask you to pray for us about these goals.

We pray God continues to bless churches of your association by every gift and needed resources for the fulfillment of His commands and your families as well.

With best wishes and Christ's love, sincerely, Nicholai

Pastor Nikolai 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: June 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, Eddie Raizor, Delbert Yancey, Bonnie Early and Family, Tola Stevens, Gilbert Haydon and Family.

FINCHVILLE: Long Term Care: Kathy Ruble, Joyce Medley, Jill Bowen, Richard Tingle, Pam Walls, Sharon Jamison, Hazel Masterson, Ray Shults, John Frymire, Bill Pinkston, Robert Clark III, Sharon Carlile.

DOVER: 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: Those volunteers who 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, Lizzie Carper.

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.

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, July 16, 2018, at 7:00
p.m.

Emmanuel 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, June 11 - Highland

Colonial Hall at 2:00

Tuesday, June 12 - Graefenburg

Crestview at 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 14 - Shelbyville First