



Laurel Link

Quarterly Newsletter & Highlights

Lottie Moon Christmas offering

Lottie Moon was sent as a Southern Baptist missionary to China from 1873 to 1912. She saw firsthand the world's greatest problem – **LOSTNESS**. Meeting so many people who had never heard the gospel compelled her to write letters to American churches describing the need for a greater missionary presence.

She pleaded for increased prayer and financial support to send and sustain more missionaries. This challenge became known as the *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*. Every year, Southern Baptist churches collect an offering to send and support missionaries to be steadfastly present among those who have never heard the gospel.

100%

OF YOUR GIFTS TO THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENABLE GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION AMONG THE UNREACHED.

REACHING THE NATIONS, TOGETHER.

2021

YOUR GENEROSITY TRANSFORMED LIVES

- 3,650 missionaries supported with comprehensive care
- 592,408 people heard the gospel
- 22,744 new churches
- 176,795 new believers
- 107,701 baptisms
- 93 new people groups and places engaged
- 182,112 people received leadership training



Pastor Birthdays

December Birthdays

20th Randy Bingham

January Birthdays

28th Paul Cooper.

30 Barry Robinson

February Birthdays.

20 Craig Morgan

22 Geral Wells

Pastor Anniversaries

December Anniversaries

27 Robert & Kay Williams

January Anniversaries

2 Craig and Ruth Morgan.

4 Paul & Kim Cooper

15 Andrew & Corrie Dyer

31 David & Leslie Smith

February Anniversaries

9th Vince & Tricia Mullins

Holiday Office Closings

December 23

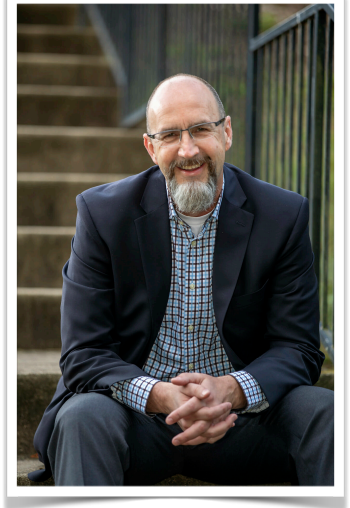
December 26

January 2, 2023

January 16 -MLK

January Executive Board Meeting

We are excited to announce that Dr Todd Gray the Executive Director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention will be joining us for our January Executive Board meeting on **Monday January 30, 2023**. You don't want to miss this opportunity to hear from him about all the wonderful things KY Baptist are involved in. This unique time with Dr Gray will allow you to ask questions about our convention, how the cooperative program works specifically and your churches role in all of this important work. Don't miss this meeting. We will have a brief business session before Dr Gray speaks. Remember each board meeting begins at 7:00pm at the LRBA Ministry Center.



Upcoming Activities in our Missions Organizations



Next WMU meeting will take place at Lily Baptist Church on January 19, 2023. Beginning at 6:30pm



Our next Baptist Men's Brotherhood meeting will be February 2 at East Pittsburg Baptist Church.

The Annual Meeting Minutes are now available at the office free of charge for each church. The minutes provide helpful information of each church and provides current constitution, bylaws, historical tables as well as info from our annual meeting. If your church would like multiple copies of the minutes for staff and leaders we are happy to supply them to you.

Every Church on Mission Workgroup Feb 16

EVERY
CHURCH *on*
MISSION

This practical training will help you lead your church with excellence and confidence in taking its next step toward fulfillment of the Great Commission. Workshop participants will

- Explore four primary areas of missional engagement
- Learn how to assess your church's level of involvement
- Discover resources to help your church take the next step.

Participants will receive a copy of the new mission manual, iGO²

The workgroup will be at **FBC East Bernstadt Thursday Feb 16**.

TO REGISTER AND SEE FULL DETAILS INCLUDING TIMES AND LOCATION ADDRESSES, PLEASE VISIT KYBAPTIST.ORG/ECOMWORKSHOPS.



Deacon Ministry Training Event February 23, 2023



Deacon Ministry Training

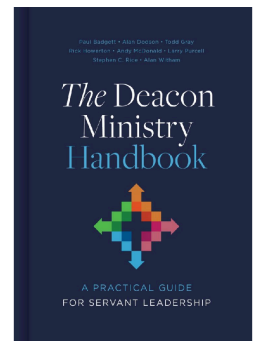
February 28, 2023 / 6:30-8:30pm
New Salem Baptist Church



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Baptist Association

If you ask any pastor what keeps their church moving forward, they will likely point to the serving work of the deacon. These special men are the foundation of healthy churches because of their unique servant leadership role, no matter the church size. Typically, they visit the homebound and the sick as they care and pray for those in need.

Seeing the actions of these servants assists aspiring deacons in understanding what a deacon does, but it does not equate to understanding what a deacon is.



This training event is designed to help your deacons understand the task of being lead servants. I have invited Alan Witham and Steve Rice from the Kentucky Baptist Convention to assist in leading this important training. As a bonus everyone who attends will receive the new book *“The Deacon Ministry Handbook”*. This book was contributed by various leaders in our KY Baptist Convention. Join us for this important time.



Every Church on Mission:
Taking Next Steps

March 13-14, 2023
Severns Valley Baptist Church
Elizabethtown, Kentucky

kybaptist.org/reach



The REACH Evangelism & Missions Conference is a two-day statewide gathering featuring top evangelistic and missional leaders from around the country. The purpose of REACH is to encourage and inspire Kentucky Baptist pastors, church staff, and church leaders, serving in every area of church ministry, to be more personally passionate about evangelism and missions, and to guide the churches they lead to become more evangelistically and missionally driven. REACH also provides a great opportunity

to get away, reconnect with friends, and network with leaders who get you and understand what you do

Last year we were able to send pastors and lay persons to the conference by providing for their hotel costs. If that is something you need the association will do that again this year. We believe this is one of the best ways to invest in our pastors by sending them to a great conference. See Bro Tommy for more details.



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