



Laurel Link

Quarterly Newsletter & Highlights

Recent tragedies and our response

At the time of this writing, May 26. Our country was hit with the tragic news of a gunman in Uvalde Texas shot and killed nineteen young children and two teachers at the Robb Elementary School. We are deeply grieved by this tragedy and our continued thoughts and prayers are with the victims, families and the community.

Also at the time of this writing the Southern Baptist Convention was hit with hard news from the independent investigation from Guidepost into mishandling sex abuse allegations. The independent investigation was requested by the messengers at the 2021 Annual Meeting in Nashville, in an effort to call for accountability and demand SBC executive committee to correct its failings of non-reporting and lack of oversight.

Both of these cases are extremely troubling, and measures need to be taken to stop both of these assaults. What does this mean for us in the Laurel River Association? Presently, it means that our church strengthening team will be looking at specific ways to help churches with church security on all fronts. Whether that is protection from assailants or predators, our goal will be to assist churches in planning for those scenarios so that we can protect the most vulnerable in our care. Very soon our Church Strengthening Team will be presenting trainings on church security and helping churches with prevention, response and care as it relates to sexual abuse.

Laurel Lake Baptist Camp Week (July 25-29)

It is that time of the year again! We are excited about what God is going to do in the lives of our children and teens at this years Laurel Lake Camp Week. Camp is for students who have completed **3rd grade thru 12th** grade. The cost per camper is \$125 this year. This is an increase in years past but this change is due to the rising costs on products and resources used during camp week. Camp Packets for churches have been sent to churches for convenience. The association also has camp medical release and parent info brochure on the website at www.lrbaky.com/resources If you have additional questions on camp please direct them to Greg Deaton or Bro. Tommy Tapscott



Pastor Birthdays

June Birthdays

1 Vince Mullins.
7 Terrell Bradley

July Birthdays

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

August Birthdays.

8 Ronnie Owens

Pastor Anniversaries

June. Anniversaries

7 Geral & Tammy Wells.
13 Claude & Donna Maggard
22. Tommy & Holly Tapscott
23 Johnny & Phoebe Jervis

July Anniversaries

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

August Anniversaries

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

Shoe Collection in August.

For the past several year now, our association has been meeting a specific need for our school's Family Resource and Youth Service Centers by providing new shoes for students in need. This year we will be doing our shoe drive during the month of August and will be giving those shoes out early in September after Labor Day. This is a big need in our area and in our school systems, and your church can be a part of the ministry. I want to encourage our churches to take part and to make this year's collection one of the best we have seen yet.



Upcoming Activities in our Missions Organizations



The WMU project from now until the end of June will be collecting cleaning supplies to assist Laurel Lake Camp prepare for camp weeks. They are in need of Dawn dishwashing liquid, Windex, Bounty paper towels, cloth dish towels, Gift cards for Dairy Queen or gas cards (treats for counselors) Those items can be brought to the LRBA Ministry center by Monday June 27.

The next meeting will be July 21 at Slate Hill Baptist Church beginning at 6:30pm.



The Brotherhood's next meeting will be on August 4th, at Baldrock Baptist Church. There will be a meal served. We will be beginning at 6:30 then we will move to our meeting time at 7:00. We encourage our men to come be a part of our men's ministry gathering.

Cincinnati Vision Tour (August 29-30)

Our Association wants to help your church be on mission! One of the ways we achieve this goal is by providing opportunities for our pastors and church leaders to partner with church planters and missionaries. This Summer we will have the opportunity to connect with Cincinnati missionaries to develop gospel partnerships. We will see the city, meet church planters and hear their vision of reaching Cincinnati with the Gospel. If you are interested in being a part of this year's vision tour. Please register through kybaptist.org/vision There is a cost of \$75 for this event; that will cover our lodging and meals. Need to register by July 29.



Annual Church Profile & Your Church's Participation

Each year in August, we will send a multi-page document that will ask for various information about your church, from attendance patterns, missions giving and support, as well as salvations, baptisms that your church has seen over the year. The Annual Church Profile captures data from the months of September 1 2021 thru August 31 2022. When you submit your information through the association, it gives us a better picture of the association's health as a whole. Equally the ACP will also help your church by ...

- Telling the story of your church over time
- Maintains an up to date record of your leadership
- Keeps a record of important milestones in your church's life like baptisms and membership
- May help leadership assess church progress
- Helps our association celebrate with you what your church does during the year.

I want to encourage you to be prompt in completing the data, it will require the combined effort from the clerk and the treasurer and the pastor. The association will enter the data for you into the sbc workspace website, all you need to do is accurately complete the form. Please note, if you need help in the process, Bro Tommy will be more than happy to assist.

CHARTING WHATS NEXT. (BE ON THE LOOKOUT)

Association Deacon Training: I am very excited about our upcoming Deacon training event. We are still firming up some details, about time and location but, tentatively **September 13** is our date. Bro Alan Dodson, Regional consultant with the KBC will be our keynote addressee. He will be sharing from research compiled about the healthy, Biblical roles of Deacons. This training will be geared for current and active deacons as well as prospective deacon candidates your church may be considering.



Chicken Festival 2022: Its hard to believe that the Chicken Festival is right around the corner, we could use people to serve at the Association Booth this year, you can volunteer with us through our website or by calling the office (606)864-9441



Disaster Relief Training: On **October 8th** our association will be hosting the KBC Disaster Relief training. This event is geared for those who wish to be certified as Disaster Relief Volunteer. Laurel Co is in one of those areas, that has seen floods, tornadoes, along with other forms of disaster. We need to be better prepared to respond when such tragedy comes. You will have opportunities to learn about, Damage assessment, Basic CPR, First Aid, Feeding ministry, evangelism in crisis, flood recovery, water purification, Chainsaw safety and roof tarping, Emergency child care, and mobile communications. **Corinth Baptist Church** is the host church for this training. 9:00am -3:30pm



LRBA Annual Meeting October 9th at Hart Baptist Church beginning at 5:00pm



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