

JULY - AUGUST 2025

# Daviess-McLean Baptist Association



## **Nathan's Notions**

Together for the Mission! Each newsletter article will highlight one or more ministries of your Daviess-McLean Baptist Association.

January - the Baptist Center and the Christian Dental Mission

March - Schafer Baptist Camp

May - The missions committee, evangelism committee, and youth committee

July - The collegiate committee and jail ministry committee

September - Disaster Relief, the Travis Estate Trust Fund, and Wilson Estate Trust Fund

## **The Collegiate Committee**

The Collegiate Committee has stayed active for several years now after Shea Hicks appointed them when he served as moderator. Since that time the association has made them a permanent group by making them one of the Missions Performance Program Units. They serve as the hub for college ministries within our association to network, share resources, grow in relationship with one another, and contribute to the mission of reaching young adults in the community.

They have had a presence at the Owensboro Community & Technical College. They have currently put that project on hold while waiting for someone who can fill the role.

They have an active presence at Kentucky Wesleyan College. Many people remember the day when students would come over to our building for food and fellowship. The committee tried to rekindle that for a couple of years, but it has not panned out. They have since developed Post Chapel Pizza. This has brought some success in connecting with students, showing a presence on campus, and creating opportunities for further connections with churches and pastors. If you would like to help with this aspect of the ministry, they serve pizza right after 12:12 chapel time on Wednesdays. You can either donate the pizza, give toward purchasing the pizza, or show up to help serve.

The committee has done other things in the past including helping new students move into the dorms and providing snack bags during finals week.

## **The Jail Ministry Committee**

This ministry started several years ago to help the children of inmates at the Daviess County jail enjoy Christmas a little better and introduce them to Jesus. Jerry Carter served as the chairperson of this committee for a great number of years helping our association to connect with those least fortunate in our community. I want to personally thank him for his many years of faithful service.

The jail ministry got approval at an executive board meeting to move to a year-long ministry. They plan to provide inmates with a five-minute phone card along with a gospel tract in July, a 15-minute video call to talk with family, gifts, and a gospel tract about the birth of Jesus in December, Armor devotional books with puzzles, candy, socks, and a gospel tract about the resurrection in April, and a children's gift pack with several appropriate items for kids when the inmate is released. You can help by donating age-appropriate Bibles, gift cards/stuffed animals, gospel tracts, socks, candy, or money to purchase those things.

AMS Nathan Whisnant

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**Daviess-McLean Baptist Association**  
**May 12, 2025 - Board Meeting, Station Baptist Church**

**Call to Order (7:00:36)** - The meeting was called to order by Bro. Tony Shouse who gave thanks to the host church and for the food provided.

**Welcome, Scripture, and Prayer (7:01)** - Bro. Dan Yeager provided some housekeeping items regarding restrooms and shared Scripture from John 14. Bro. Dan opened us in prayer.

**Attendance Check (7:04)** - Shea Hicks, as clerk, confirmed that as of 7:00 forty-three (43) board members and pastors as well and twelve (12) guests had recorded their attendance and that quorum had been met.

**Recognition of New Board Members and Staff (7:04)** - Bro. Nathan recognized Bro. Adam Roach as interim pastor of Sugar Grove Baptist.

**Approval of the March Minutes (7:05)** - A motion was made for the approval of the minutes of the March meeting reports on pages 3-5. The motion was made by Tim Moss and received a second from Andy Crowe and the motion was approved.

**Guest Speaker (7:06)** - Bro. Tony introduced Bro. Jerry Poynter of Karns Grove. Bro. Jerry shared a ministry with Booklink and the 10-12 years of providing used Sunday School material, bibles, and other church items to be sent to Eubanks, Kentucky. Items are then forwarded on to an African ministry that Bro. Van Thompson was a recipient for many years. They have now collected over 25 tons of materials. Bro. Jerry also noted that reading glasses are also needed along with materials.

**Finance Report (7:14)** - Bro. Tom Pelphey brought a report on behalf of the finance committee. Report was made available on pages 13-18. He highlighted giving and expenses for March, April, and year to date. Bro. Tom shared that expenses are normal and within range. Bro. Tom shared that the interest from the accounts with German American bank made it possible for the funds in DF9000.

**AMS Report (7:19)** - Dr. Nathan Whisnant's report was available on pages 19-22. A flooding disaster relief event was held today and will be addressed later in meeting. Bro. Nathan will be attending an AMS leadership meeting in Bowling Green and will be attending the SBCAL and the SBC meeting in Dallas, TX.

Camp Schafer cleanup will be May 17th. Need 100 volunteers for many projects to complete. Breakfast will be at 8:00 and work will be until about noon before lunch. Please take time to sign up for summer camps.

KBC has funds available for pastors and churches affected by the flooding.

**(7:21) - Baptist Center** - Bro. Nathan shared that the center handed out 36 food boxes and the quarter store received \$1,220 for March and April. The "free clothes day" was very successful. The center received \$150 from the Joy class for the food pantry. A Food donation from Pat Fuqua was made, and Ms. Gail asked that her appreciation be shared for all the churches who have adopted a pantry item for the year.

**Committee & Ministry Reports (7:45-7:54)**

**(7:23) Missions Development Committee** - Bro. Jerry Robertson shared regarding the mission trip to Eastern Kentucky to help 7 missionaries in the area. They need volunteers to do just about anything. The Juneteenth event will be at English Park on June 21st to celebrate the ending of slavery in the United States. We hand out fliers. He also shared that there will be a recommendation coming from the committee in New Business.

**(7:26) Evangelism Committee** - Bro. Clive Bell shared that there will be an Evangelism event at Calhoun Baptist Church on Sunday, November 2nd. Door to Door evangelism will take place on Saturday, November 1st. Offering at the event will be split evenly and be used to support both the McLean Co. Help Office and God's House of Hope.

**(7:28) Trustees** - Bro. Michael Ponton shared the committee's report addressing the inspections of DMBA buildings after recent flooding and hail damage. The Baptist Center sustained damage to the roof and gutters. The Dental Clinic sustained damage to the roof, siding, and gutters. The Baptist Building sustained damage to the roof, siding, and windows. The parking lot of the Baptist Building is scheduled to be resealed and striped.

**Old and New Business (7:54-?) -**

**(7:30)** There was no Old business to address.

(7:30) Anita West brought a **motion on behalf of the Jail Ministry** to expand ministry opportunities beyond Christmas to seek year round ministry. Anita shared how the Christmas event works by a form that is filled out. This event only helps approximately 250 of the 1,100 inmates that will pass through the Daviess County Detention Center each year. One option that has been discussed is the approximately 60 who attend church services each week. A similar form as the Christmas ministry uses could be filled out in this service. Bro. Robert Carter asked how this might affect others outside of the Daviess County area. The committee does not see this as having an effect. Anita and Bro. Tim shared that this allows a small vetting process. Paula Settle asked when this would start. The committee would begin immediately. Coming from the committee it did not require a 2nd. ***The motion was accepted.***

(7:40) Jerry Robertson brought a **recommendation on behalf of the Missions Development Committee**. Page 24 of the reports provides information regarding the recommendation that the DMBA adopt the Cincinnati area for a mission partnership with the NAMB vetted missionaries, to include Bill Sargent of Life Church in Monroe, Tyler Wiley of Refuge Church in Middletown, Amer Safadi of First Baptist Arabic in Cincinnati, and Andy Lowe of Faith Journey Church in Mason.

Bro. Dean Edmonson asked about the ongoing relationship. Coming from the committee it did not require a 2nd. ***The motion was accepted.***

(7:44) Matt Boyd brought a FYI report and **request from the Administrative Committee**. The committee allocated \$25,000 for McLean County relief. An event was held that provided \$250 per family to help meet needs after the severe flooding that took place. Damages ranged from inches to feet, with minor to major damages. Seventy-five families were helped and 5 McLean County churches were represented. The committee is requesting that the \$18,500 used to help these 75 families be replenished back to the \$25,000 so that additional families can be provided assistance. The question was asked regarding where the money would come from. Bro. Tom Pelphrey shared that the original funds were provided from the Special Missions fund (DF9000) and recommended that the additional funds be provided from the Executive Board Special Account (DF3000). Coming from the committee it did not require a 2nd. ***The motion was accepted.***

(7:52) Bro. Tony Shouse, as Moderator, shared that **Bro. Erdie Carter resigned** his position as 1st Vice Moderator and the position needs to be filled. Tim Moss nominated Conner Reed. As there were no other nominations, ***Bro. Reed was elected by affirmation.***

(7:53) Bro. Tim Moss brought the following **motion regarding the use of voting cards**...I move that the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association provide voting cards to all board members and messengers upon registration at Association meetings and the annual meeting. These cards shall be used to cast votes in place of verbal responses or a show of hands. After receiving a second from Jerry Poynter, Bro. Tim shared that verbal votes are often difficult to ascertain, and the use of voting cards would allow for more accurate voting. Bro. Robert Carter asked if cards would be kept by messengers between meetings or returned following each meeting. - Cards would be returned each meeting. Bro. Ray Barrow asked if it is just one card or set of ballots. - Intent is for one single voting card as ballots are already available should the need arise. Bro. Tom Pelphrey recommended an **amendment to provide moderator discretion** in the use of cards. The amendment received a 2nd and after voting was adopted. The original motion was voted on and ***adopted as amended.***

(7:58)- **Correspondence** — The clerk acknowledged 5 items of correspondence.

1. The Ohio County Baptist Association sent a gift of \$1500 to help in meeting the needs of McLean County families affected by recent flooding.
2. Bro. Nathan sent correspondence expressing his appreciation for the gifts and prayers following the death of Ms Tammy's great nephew.
3. Leslie Rice sent correspondence expressing appreciation for the gift given in honor of her mother, Ms Barnett.
4. Bro. Allen Shouse sent correspondence expressing appreciation for the gift sent to aid East Williamson Baptist Church.
5. A Thank you from Josh Grumley who was able to use the apartment.

Bro. Nathan shared a verbal correspondence from Bro. Wendell Wood who has been actively involved in the McLean Co relief. Bro. Wood thanked the Administrative Committee for the initial relief and asked that his appreciation be extended to the Executive Board and additional thanks should the board adopt additional relief.

(8:00) - **Motion to Adjourn** — A motion to adjourn was made by Tim Moss and Seconded. Bro. Tony closed the meeting in prayer.

Greetings,

Most of our churches are busy. That sounds like an understatement because it is, in fact, grossly understated. Summer brings so many opportunities for ministry from V.B.S, to picnic celebrations, church camps, etc...

So, during the busy-ness, I want you to know that your associational staff continually pray for you and your churches. We pray for peace. We pray for strength. We pray for effective ministry that brings further glory to the name of Christ. We thank you for your commitment to the gospel work in Daviess and McLean counties.

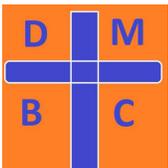
I am especially appreciative of your recent generosity to the flood victims in McLean County. We were able to assist numerous families with money, food, clothing and other items that were so desperately needed. You showed up and offered love in the name of Jesus and we are thankful for you.

Please pray for each of the summer camps happening at Camp Schafer. Also, be in prayer for our state youth camps through Crossings ministries. Our prayer is that lives are forever changed by the Grace of God.

We also ask that you pray for peace in the Middle East as things seem to continually escalate in that part of our world with global impact.

Finally, our Daviess County jailer, Art Maglinger, has let us know of a need for more male leaders to engage in bible study with the male population at the jail. If you're interested in serving, please see Brother Nathan for more information.

Blessings,  
Tony Shouse,  
Moderator.



Back to School Backpack Giveaway Event will be held the beginning of August - Details still to come. Child must be present at event - age Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Donations for the event is needed: Backpacks, notebook paper, composition books, folders, pencils and pencil bags, highlighters, Dry Erase pens and erasers.

Gail Boling, Baptist Center Director.



Call or email the DMBA office for the application packet. Confirmed reservations are on a First Come/First Served basis on receipt of completed application packets including a copy of church liability insurance and copy of Drivers License for person transporting trailer.

Equipment training required.

Cost is \$100 - EBO Scholarship funds are available for churches with limited receipts.

Matt Boyd - Chairperson

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## Missions Development

The associational Fall mission trip to Eastern Kentucky is planned for October 12-17<sup>th</sup> to assist 7 missionaries in the Tri-city area of Lynch, Benham and Cumberland. Informational meeting will be held Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at the DMBA Office.

The Community Changers sub-committee attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Minority Health Fair June 14<sup>th</sup> and the Juneteenth celebration on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Brochures about the Committee's mission were passed out to people attending.

Blessings, Joanna Kendall, Chair



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## Schafer Baptist Camp & Retreat Center



Camp Season has officially begun!!! What a blessing it is to share such a wonderful part in young (and older) folks lives. There was great deal of prep to get ready for the season. Adult KY changers came in March and we had a awesome DMBA workday in May. These people coming to help really allowed things to get done that campers don't even see but some that they do. Our big project was to remodel the oldest cabin on property, Crestview. This cabin sits behind the dining hall. We will be using this cabin at least twice this summer as numbers for campers are getting bigger. Tim has also worked on our new Schafer Baptist Camp sign. You need to come out at night to see it lit up!

We continue to covet your prayers as Wyatt is still in intense treatment for leukemia. He is doing well and our saying around the house is "August is coming." August will be when he starts maintenance treatment and can go back to being around more people.

Tim & Cortney Brown, Administrators,



# General Association Announcements

## ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE (ACP)

The KBC will be sending the annual ACP letters to each church by the end of July with information and instructions on how to complete the annual report online. The DMBA Constitution membership guidelines states this report is to be recorded in the SBC Workspace by September 15th.

Church VBS reports are entered on the KBC website at <https://vbs.lifeway.com/church-report/> This includes all KBC Churches, regardless of the curriculum used.

Please contact Cindy at 270-684-2377 for any questions and/or assistance in submitting the online report.

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## COMMUNITY HYMN SING

Summer Break will soon be over. Starting August 26<sup>th</sup> (4th Tuesday of each month) at Lewis Lane Baptist Church Sanctuary from 2:00-3:00pm. Congregational singing of traditional hymns accompanied by organ. Traditional selections by a choir will also be presented. Choral rehearsal will begin at 1:15pm each day of singing. If interested in participating in the choir call or text Steve O'Neal (270)314-3615.

Upcoming 2025 Dates: Aug 26, Sept 23, Oct 28, Nov 25, Dec. 23

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## KBC 2025 CHRISTMAS BACKPACK PROJECT

35% of Kentucky's children live in single-parent homes. Let's exceed the goal of collecting 10,000 backpacks from Kentucky Baptist churches! Backpacks are purchased and filled by the church with clothing, toys, food items and a copy of the "Christmas Story" leaflet provided. The DMBA Office will be an Associational Collection Site from October 20 - 23rd.

For more information and to register: [www.kybaptist.org/christmasbackpacks/](http://www.kybaptist.org/christmasbackpacks/)

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## KBC DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING - Fall 2025 Schedule

For more information and to register:  
<https://www.kybaptist.org/disaster-relief/>



## **KBC MINISTRY ASSISTANT WORKSHOP**

Ministry assistants hold our churches together every single week. Let's give back to them with a day of networking, learning and encouragement.

Discover the workshop at <https://bit.ly/3EviJ3Y> with over 20 different learning sessions.

Location is the Eastwood Baptist Church (Alvaton Campus) in Bowling Green.

Early Bird \$50 Registration by July 17th.



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## **MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES**

Our region has recently experienced several deaths through suicide. RiverValley Behavioral Health, Owensboro Health and the Green River Health Department have been working together to find ways to better inform the community about mental health resources available. These resources include the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline and CredibleMind, an expert-driven web platform where anyone can visit to get free mental health resources and support whenever they need it.

Free graphics and print materials are available for community members to pick up at any of their clinic locations, including posters, table tents, yard signs and window clings. They would love the opportunity to partner with our local churches to spread mental health awareness.



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## **MINISTER BOWLING LEAGUE**

The Minister Bowling League is open to any men attending DMBA churches. This league was started in 1985 at First Baptist Church when they first opened their Family Life Center with a bowling lane. They now bowl on Mondays from 3:00 to 5:30pm at the Midtown Bowling Center on Triplett Street. Teams consist of only 3 members in order to finish in 2 hours. Cost is \$12 per week.

The Fall season will start on Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> for 16 weeks ending Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. The league resumes on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> for 16 weeks until April 20<sup>th</sup>. The Annual Banquet will be held Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to join the league or have additional questions contact Rick Case at 270-314-2695. He can connect you with a team or if you have a full team of 3 from your church let him know.

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## **REFUGEE MINISTRY NEEDS**

Pencils and Underwear for both children/adults and male/female. Drop off at DMBA Office.

Paula Settle, 606-481-4037, [Paula5005@bellsouth.net](mailto:Paula5005@bellsouth.net)



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**JULY**

- 1-3 - DMBA Youth Camp at Schafer Baptist Camp
- 7-10 - DMBA Missions Camp at Schafer Baptist Camp
- 14 - Executive Board Meeting - Karns Grove - 6:15pm Meal, 7pm Call to Order**
- 18-21 - DMBA Limitless Camp at Schafer Baptist Camp
- 25 - Baptist Ministry Association of Kentucky Workshops in Bowling Green, 9am to 4:30pm

**AUGUST**

- 11 - Fall Mission Trip to Eastern Kentucky Information Meeting at DMBA Office, 6:30pm
- 26 - Monthly Hymn Sing at Lewis Lane Baptist Church, 2-3pm

**SEPTEMBER**

- 1 - DMBA Offices Closed - Holiday
- 3, 10, 17, 24 - Wednesdays, KWC Collegiate Lunches on campus
- 8 - Executive Board Meeting - Glenville Baptist - 6:15pm Meal, 7pm Call to Order**
- 13 - Disaster Relief Training in Bowling Green
- 15 - Annual Church Profiles Due
- 22 - Winter Bible Study on the Book of James - Dr. Don Mathis - at DMBA Office
- 24 - Annual See You At The Pole Youth Event at Walnut Memorial



"CONNECTING CHURCHES TO REACH THE WORLD FOR CHRIST!"

MATTHEW 28:19-20, ACTS 1:8