

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

Meals served 6,249. Assessments 528. Flood recovery jobs completed 155. Chainsaw jobs completed 184. Temporary roofing 790. Heavy equipment hours 253. Showers provided 1,646. Laundry loads 727. Bottles of water distributed 15,360.

If you want to go on a Kentucky Disaster Relief trip you first have to receive training. The next trainings available in 2025 are September 13th in Bowling Green and October 11th in Campbellsville. You can register for the trainings by going to www.kybaptist.org/dr.

needed to take classes. Each applicant must be an upstanding, dedicated, active member of one of the churches of the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association, and who gives promise of living their whole life to the glory of God. They also must have a letter of recommendation from their pastor, or chairman of deacons if their church does not have a pastor. Applicants can apply for four semesters of undergraduate studies. The Wilson Trust provided 11 Spring and 25 Fall Semester Scholarships for 2025.

Disaster Relief

Our Disaster Relief team, headed by Jeff Free, goes all over the country to help people going through a disaster. Someone must request our team to come help. They have served in several places in Kentucky and multiple states giving help and assistance when needed. They bring hope and help to people who are going through the most difficult time of their lives. They provide showers, laundry, chainsaws, flood recovery, feeding stations, heavy equipment, tarping, chaplaincy and counseling.

This is the result of those efforts so far for 2025: Volunteer days 2,906. Work hours 24,035. Professions of faith 16. Gospel presentations 344. Ministry contacts 2,607. Bibles distributed 343.

Travis Estate Fund

The heirs of Eunice Cary Travis established the Travis Estate Fund who died on September 20, 1961. She wanted it used to help elderly Baptists (62 or older) who are members of churches in the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association. In 1987 the executive board approved a recommendation that the fund can also be used to help ministers and their families in times of need.

Wilson Trust Fund

Rev. Herman S. Wilson & Hattie L. Wilson established the Wilson Trust Fund to help students wishing to attend college. They intended the fund to help pay for textbooks

AMS Nathan Whisnant

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Daviess-McLean Baptist Association
July 14, 2025 - Board Meeting
Karns Grove Baptist Church

Call to Order (7:00) - The meeting was called to order by Bro. Tony Shouse who called Bro. David McCarthy to come give a welcome as the host church.

Welcome, Scripture, and Prayer (7:00) - Bro. David provided a few housekeeping items regarding restrooms and shared Scripture from Jeremiah 29:11-14. Bro. David shared how God blessed through prayer, the Experiencing God weekend, and how God blessed as we seek Him. He then opened us in prayer.

Attendance Check (7:04) - Shea Hicks, as clerk, confirmed that as of 7:00 fifty-two (52) board members and pastors as well and nine (9) guests had recorded their attendance and that quorum had been met.

Recognition of New Board Members and Staff (7:04) - The following new staff was recognized as new board members. Sam Rafferty from Pleasant Grove Baptist - Steve O'Neal from First Baptist Church - Ethan Skimmerhorn and Karlton Robinson from Karns Grove.

Approval of the May Minutes (7:06) - A motion was made for the approval of the minutes of the May meeting reports. The motion was made by Larry Barker and received a second from Tim Moss and the motion was approved by "our fancy new ballots."

Finance Report (7:07) - Bro. Conrad Francis brought a report on behalf of the finance committee. Report was made available on page 10. He highlighted giving and expenses for May and June, and year to date. Receipts of \$195,155 vs Budgeted of \$209,800 reflecting a \$14,645 deficit. Expenses of \$203,960 resulting in actual deficit of \$8,805. The Committee is working on next year's budget and the heads of committees have been contacted. The committee report was approved.

AMS Report (7:09) - Dr. Nathan Whisnant was absent due to scheduled family vacation. His report was available in the book of reports. Reminder that ACP's are requested to be submitted by September 15th.

Committee, Ministry, and Program Unit Reports (7:10-7:23)

(7:10) Admin Committee - Bro. Tony shared a report regarding the Flood Relief event in Livermore on Tuesday, July 22nd from 2p-7p.

(7:12) Personnel Committee - Mrs. Sara Schroader shared a letter from Gail Boling regarding a formal resignation as director of the Baptist Center effective December 31st, 2025 due to health reasons. Ms. Gail has served for 25 years. The committee asked churches to let others know this position is opening. The intent is to hire someone before the end of the year in order to take over in 2026. Currently it is a 20 hr. a week position but may be increased.

(7:15) Nominating Committee - This report was made available on page 17 of reports. Ms. Marijane McNeil shared that the committee has filled most positions but that there are still 7-8 positions yet to fill. If you have suggestions, please let the committee know.

(7:17) Jail Ministry - Ms. Marijane continued by sharing the report regarding the Jail Ministry. Last month, the board voted to make changes to the Jail Ministry in order to be a year long ministry rather than just a Christmas ministry. The committee meet with the Jailer and staff and most recommendations came from them. The committee will provide 5 min phone card and Gospel tract. The phone company will be donating the call on behalf of the association. They will also receive a video call with family one time a year. They will also receive Gospel tracts, devotions, and other material. Upon release, kid packs will be provided for those with children. Kids packs will have material and candy as well as a children's bible and adult bible.

(7:19) Baptist Center - Bro. Andrew Harrison brought the report on behalf of Gail Boling. The Baptist center received \$1,384 and provided 42 food boxes. They helped families with dishes, sheets, curtains, towels, washrags and clothes. Gail expressed gratitude to Pat Fuqua for the donation to the food pantry. She also expressed appreciation to all the churches in faithfully donating each month. The floors have been fixed and look great.

(7:20) Credentials Committee - Bro. Andrew Harrison provided an FYI announcement regarding a vote to be taken regarding Third Baptist Church and its fellowship with DMBA. The association voted to send a letter to Third Baptist regarding concerns of alignment with associational beliefs and practices. That letter has been sent and will be a matter of discussion at the annual meeting.

(7:22) Evangelism Committee - Bro. Tony shared on behalf of Clive Bell and the evangelism committee that there will be an evangelism event on November 2nd in Calhoun. We will walk and door-to-door evangelism.

Old and New Business (7:23) -

(7:23) There was no Old business to address.

(7:23) There was no New business to be presented.

(7:23) - Correspondence -

The clerk acknowledged 4 items of correspondence.

1. The Daviess County detention center acknowledged and expressed appreciation for the donation of approximately 400 bibles.
2. Newburgh Theological Seminary acknowledged and expressed appreciation for the donation to the T.A. Prickett Scholarship Fund.
3. First Baptist Church of Owensboro acknowledged and expressed appreciation for the \$150 gift to the Benevolence Fund in memory of Bro. Paul Strahan.
4. Martha Prickett and family acknowledged and expressed appreciation for the gift given to Newburgh Seminary in memory of Bro. Prickett.
5. Leigh Ann Strahan and family acknowledged and expressed their appreciation for the \$150 to the FBC Benevolence Fund on behalf of Bro. Paul Strahan.

(7:25) - Motion to Adjourn — A motion to adjourn was made by Bro. Conner Reed and Seconded by Bro. Tim Moss. Bro. Tony closed the meeting in prayer.

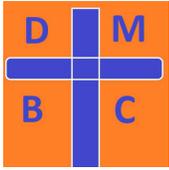
THROUGH THE YEARS, TOYOTA MANUFACTURING IN GEORGETOWN HAS OFFERED TOURS OF THEIR FACILITY AND PROCESSES. OF COURSE, IT IS ALWAYS FASCINATING TO SEE HOW THINGS WORK BEHIND THE SCENES. THIS PAST YEAR HAS BEEN LIKE THAT FOR ME AS YOUR MODERATOR.

I HAVE ENJOYED SERVING THIS PAST YEAR ALONGSIDE BROTHER NATHAN, CINDY, THE REST OF THE STAFF, AND THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES THAT MAKE THE WORK OUR ASSOCIATION DOES POSSIBLE. I HAVE A NEW APPRECIATION FOR THE MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE DMBA AS I HAVE SEEN THE "BEHIND THE SCENES" WORK DONE WITH DILIGENCE AND INTEGRITY. YOUR COOPERATION IN MINISTRY IS UNPARALLELED AND FOR THAT, I GIVE THANKS TO GOD. AS I TRANSITION OUT OF THE ROLE OF MODERATOR, I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PATIENCE. THANK YOU AS WELL FOR THE KINDNESS YOU'VE SHOWN TO ME.

I LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE AS WELL, KNOWING THAT OUR ASSOCIATION WILL CONTINUE TO BE USED BY GOD TO CHANGE LIVES IN DAVIESS AND MCLEAN COUNTIES AND BEYOND.

GOD BLESS!

TONY SHOUSE, MODERATOR



- Back to School Backpack Giveaway held in July handed out 171 Backpacks.
- September 8th and 11th will be FREE Days at the Baptist Center Store as supplies last.
- The Store will be closed September 15th as we change over to the Winter Season and Reopening on September 22nd.
- The Annual Coat Giveaway will be held in October TBD.
- The Quarter Store Christmas Sale will be held Dec. 5th and 6th from 9am to 1pm.

Donations are appreciated and may be delivered either to the Baptist Center or Baptist Building.

It has been a pleasure serving as the Baptist Center Director for these past 6 years.

Gail Boling, Baptist Center Director.



The Block Party Trailer is available for any DMBA Church use this Fall.

Call or email the DMBA office for the application packet.

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

Depending on reservation the Trailer will be placed into winter storage November 1st.

Matt Boyd - Chairperson

Jail Ministry

The Jail Ministry Committee would like to thank each and everyone of you who have supported this ministry for many years. What a blessing you are and what a great opportunity this is to bless someone else. With the Jail Ministry now being a year-round opportunity to support, either financially or through volunteering our time, we wanted to share what is coming up in the next few months.

We are in the process of collecting items for Inmate Christmas gift bags. Your prayers for each inmate that will receive this gift are greatly needed and appreciated. With God's Grace, our past does not have to define who we are today. This is our chance to show these inmates that their future does not have to be defined by past mistakes. God loves us all where we are and with all of our problems and baggage.

If anyone is interested in helping, items suggested by Jailer Art Maglinger and Jail Chaplain Emil Herzog for the bags are:

- Black or white crew socks (no other colors allowed)
- NIV Bibles - larger print (also Spanish versions needed)
- Flex pens (must be flexible for inmates)
- Composition notebooks
- Christian activity books and puzzle books
- Small packages of tissues

The gift bags will be prepared around the end of November 2025 and delivered to the jail for distribution.

We would also like to get a group of people together to Christmas Carol at the Jail.

Missions Development

We currently have 21 people signed up to go on our mission trip to Eastern Kentucky representing ten churches. We will primarily serve seven missionaries with whom we have developed a relationship. Please pray for them by name: George & Robin Lewis with Freedom Center Ministries, Terry & Angie Burkeen with Club 180, Jeff & Linda Sim with Heritage House and Empty Stocking, and Julie Pitts with Willing Hearts. Our accommodations can sleep 100 people, so many more people can join us on the trip! It is not too late to sign up. Just come by the office at 1003 Scherm Road Monday-Thursday 8:00-12:00 or 1:00 -4:00 or call Nathan at 270-302-9115 to set up a different time.

Collecting items for mission trip:

- Toddler Boy: Clothes 2T-5T
- Housewares: Silverware, Pots & Pans, Coffee Makers and Baking Pans
- Sheets/Pillowcases & Blankets/Comforters: In all sizes
- Towels & Wash Clothes, Dish Rags, Dish Towels, Potholders
- Bed Pillows: OK if lightly stained
- Throw Rugs in all sizes
- Winter Clothing items - all ages (NOT Summer, dress, church or fancy clothes) - jeans, plain T-shirts and Tops (not with Church or School names on them - scripture/Jesus sayings ok)

Bring to the DMBA Office by October 9th.



Daviess-McLean Baptist Association Mission Trip
October 12 - October 17, 2025
Mission Field: Eastern Kentucky (Lynch, Benham, Cumberland)

Mission Opportunities

- Construction
- Clothing drive
- Teaching
- Christmas Gifts for children
- Arts & Crafts

Mission projects available for all ages/physical abilities. Just come with a servant's heart!

Cost for Lodging: \$100

Cost to lodging is \$20 per night. We also ask those coming to bring extra money for groceries and local dining.

Collecting items for mission trip:

- New and gently used clothing
- Christmas gifts for children (all ages)
- Twin bed sheets

Questions?

Please contact:
Joanna Kendall - 270-316-4606
DMBA Office - 270-684-2377

Information Meeting at DMBA Office:
Monday, August 11th at 6:30pm

DAVIESS-MCLEAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



Schafer Baptist Camp & Retreat Center

We had a wonderful camp season with 6 week long camps. I was able to be at camp for the most part, only one week I was back and forth with Wyatt in Louisville. My sister-in-law Crystal took care of the camp in my absence.

Camp Season was great for our family, as it provided a normal summer routine for us to participate in. We haven't been able to experience that since last November. Thank you all so much for continuing to pray for our family. We really appreciate all the love and prayer.

Wyatt started maintenance treatment on Friday, August 15th.

We ask you to continue to pray for him and us as we try to get back to somewhat normal things although we still have to be careful.

Tim & Cortney Brown, Administrators

General Association Announcements

ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE (ACP)

The Annual Church Profiles are to be recorded into the SBC Workspace by September 15th. Church Messengers for the DMBA Annual Meetings in October must be in Workspace by 8am on Monday, October 20th to ensure your Messengers are vetted to receive Voting Cards for Night 1 of the Annual Meeting.

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

COMMUNITY HYMN SING

Location has changed to Eaton Memorial Baptist Church Sanctuary from 2:00 - 3:00pm. There is access to the sanctuary via elevator front right entrance of building. Congregational singing of traditional hymns and 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 at 270-314-3615.

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

KBC CHILDRENS, YOUTH AND HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE DRILL COMPETITIONS

This is the time of year to start preparing children, youth and high school students for the Annual Western Kentucky Area Regional Competitions scheduled for April/May of 2026. Competitors must qualify on the local Church Level, then Association Level competitions held in March/April to qualify for the Regional Competitions. Drills are given in either the CSB or KJV Bible Version - Green Cycle for 2026. For more information and resources go to -

Children (4th, 5th, 6th grades) www.kybaptist.org/childrens-bible-drill/

Youth (7th, 8th, 9th grades) www.kybaptist.org/youth-bible-drill/

High School Bible Drills and Speakers Tournament - www.kybaptist.org/high-school-bible-drill-speakers-tournament/

KBC 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/

KBC EQUIP BOWLING GREEN

Tuesday, Sept 9th at Hillvue Heights Baptist Church. The cost is \$15/person with a maximum of \$75/church (dinner is included). For more information and to register: www.kybaptist.org/equip-2025

EQUIP will cover training in each of the following areas: Children's Ministry, Church Communications, Deacon Ministry, Evangelism, Finance, Men's Ministry, Missions, Revitalization, Students, Sunday School, WMU, Women's Ministry and Worship and Music.

REFUGEE MINISTRY NEEDS

For the Holidays: Thanksgiving and/or Christmas kitchen towels, Holiday soaps, Hygiene items, Socks. You may bring to the DMBA office.

Paula Settle, 606-481-4037, Paula5005@bellsouth.net

TRASH FOR CASH

Trash for Cash is a fundraising opportunity for non-profit organizations to collect roadside litter in Daviess County. The application portal now stays open year-round for clean-up days. Groups can expect to be assigned 5 miles, including both sides of a road, with a reimbursement rate of \$130 per mile. Trash for Cash is open to federally-recognized non-profit organizations. The group must be located in Daviess County and submit a W9 form. Applications will be reviewed and approved by Daviess County Fiscal Court on a first-come, first-serve basis. Upon acceptance into the program, Fiscal Court will assign a clean-up date and route based on the preferences in your application. Group leaders are responsible for collecting liability waivers from each participant prior to the group's assigned event date. For more information: www.daviessky.org/trashforcash/. Some DMBA churches have already participated.

The McLean County Trash for Cash program runs from April to November and will start advertising in the paper around late March 2026. For more information you may contact Shelley Wood at 270-273-5307, swood@mcleanky.com

WINTER BIBLE STUDY

“James: Living Like We Are Supposed To ...”

Led by Dr. Don Mathis - Evangelistic Ministries - donmathis.faithweb.com

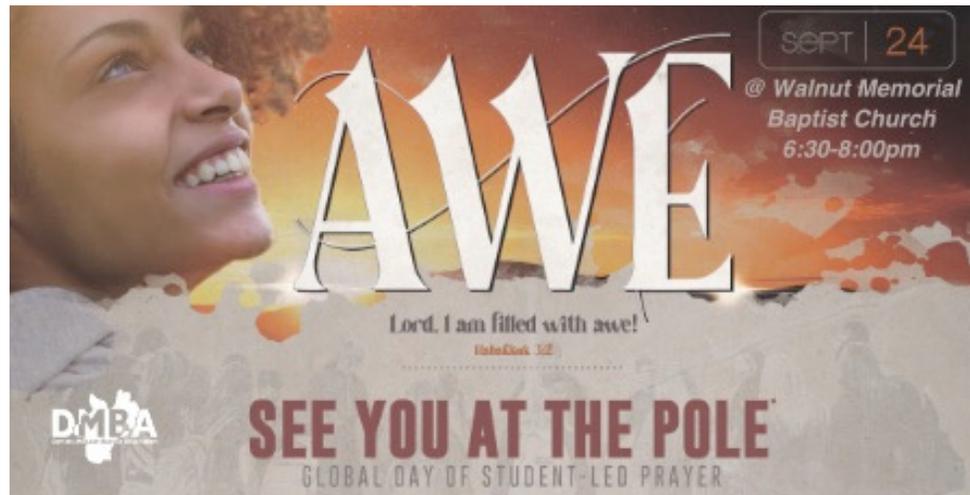
Dr. Mathis is currently Staff Evangelist at Eastwood Baptist Church in Bowling Green, KY. He has served over 30 years as a Southern Baptist Minister as well as being President of the KBC for 2 terms. This event is for everyone not just pastors! Monday, Sept 22 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the DMBA Office. Cost is \$15 per person. (Price includes printed overview and sermon outlines). Please call the DMBA office to RSVP at 270-684-2377.

WMU ADULT CHANGERS

Adult Changers is coming to Ohio County Sept 17 - 20th. Focus will be to help the Ohio County Habitat and local churches on needed renovations. Cost is \$55 - Minimum age 18. Lodging will be at Providence Baptist Church in Fordsville. Bring own cot or air mattress. For more information and to register: www.kywmu.org/adult-changers

YOUTH MINISTRY

Wednesday
September 24th



One Hundred Eighty-Second Annual Meeting of the Davies-McLean Baptist Association

October 20th, Monday at First Baptist Owensboro
October 21st, Tuesday at Livermore Baptist Church

Worship Music - 6:00pm Call to Order - 6:15pm



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SEPTEMBER

- 1 - DMBA Offices Closed - Labor Day
- 3, 10, 17, 24 - Wednesdays, KWC Collegiate Lunches on campus
- 8 - Executive Board Meeting - Glenville Baptist - 6:15pm Meal, 7pm Call to Order**
- 9 - EQUIP training in Bowling Green, register through your church
- 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 - 6:30pm

OCTOBER

- 12 - 17 - Eastern Kentucky Mission Trip to Lynch-Benham-Cumberland
- 20 - **Night 1 - 182nd Annual Association Meeting** at First Baptist Owensboro
- 21 - **Night 2 - 182nd Annual Association Meeting** at Livermore Baptist
- 20 - 23rd KBC Christmas Backpack Collection Week at Baptist Building

NOVEMBER

- 1 - Wilson Trust Scholarship Application Portal Opens for Spring 2026
- 2 - DMBA Evangelism Gathering at Calhoun Baptist Church 6:30pm
- 3 - Baptist Women World Day of Prayer
- 11 - **KBC Annual Meeting in Cold Spring**
- 27 - DMBA Offices Closed - Thanksgiving
- 30 - Last Day Wilson Trust Scholarship Applications Accepted

DECEMBER

- 19 - Jan 4 DMBA Offices Closed



"CONNECTING CHURCHES TO REACH
 THE WORLD FOR CHRIST!"

MATTHEW 28:19-20, ACTS 1:8