

JULY-AUGUST 2026

Daviess-McLean Baptist Association



NATHAN'S NOTIONS

Going Together for the Mission

God has had a desire for people all over the world to know Him and to love Him. We see this evidenced throughout both the Old and New Testaments. The book of Jonah tells a compelling story about the passion God has for people other than the Israelites to hear the good news of His love. He calls the prophet Jonah to go the people of Nineveh, the capital of the Assyrian Empire, to warn them of impending judgment. No Israelite, including Jonah, liked or even cared for the Assyrians, since they ruled their part of the world at that time.

Jonah disobeyed and God appointed a great fish to swallow him and hold him until he decided to listen to His instructions. At the conclusion of the book of Jonah God says, "So may I not care about the great city of Nineveh, which has more than a hundred twenty thousand people who cannot distinguish between their right and their left, as well as many animals?" (Jonah 4:11 CSB). Numerous other scriptures from the Old Testament point us to the fact that God wants His people to go and tell the truth about Him.

In the New Testament, not only do we have several scriptures that highlight the truth that He wants us to go and tell others, we have the command of Jesus Himself in the gospel of Matthew "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19 CSB). Some

translators interpret the command of Jesus to go "as you are going." In any circumstance, God's plan remains clear, we should GO!

What do we do when we go? We tell others how Jesus has changed our lives and share with them the good news that He can change their life too. We have the Great Commission to take the gospel from where we sit to across the street, around the world, and everywhere in between. I'd like to highlight two churches in the DMBA that do an excellent job of going: Bellevue and Walnut Memorial. These are not the only churches that go in the name of Jesus, several of our DMBA churches have embraced the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. If your church has not yet developed a plan for going into your Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth, let the stories of these churches and the truth of God's word inspire you to do so. Let's all heed the marching orders of our Commander in Chief, Jesus, when He says, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8 CSB).

Bellevue:

- Guatemala - June 13-20, 2026
- Lakeland, FL - July 3-11, 2026

Walnut Memorial:

Walnut Memorial Baptist Church is stepping into new opportunities to love its neighbors. Through a partnership with

the local non-profit Just People, volunteers prepare 200 meals each month for those experiencing homelessness, sharing Christ's love through conversation and prayer. Interested in joining us? Call the church at 270-684-7234.

Taking missions abroad also remains a focus. Walnut teams traveled to Brazil four times the past three years with Amazon Hope, based in Boaz, Alabama. Now, the church is assembling two teams to serve with Tapestries of Life Ministries in Juarez, Mexico—slated for first quarter 2027. One will support construction needs, while the other will minister to children who have been rescued from life on the streets. Translators who can help translate English and Spanish are needed for the trip.

To learn more about joining the Juarez trip, call or text Shane Kahkola at 765-506-2672. Also visit - <https://tapestriesoflifeministries.org/about>.

AMS Nathan Whisnant

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Daviess-McLean Baptist Association
May 11, 2026 - Board Meeting, Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

Call to Order (7:01) – The meeting was called to order by Conner Reed who called Bro. Justin Hunter to come welcome the members.

Welcome, Scripture, and Prayer (7:01) – Bro. Justin Hunter welcomed everyone and expressed that it was a joy to host the meeting. He was thankful for each who had come to do business. He shared from Galatians 6:9 and challenged us to not grow weary in well doing. Many are ready to give up emotionally, spiritually and physically. We might not see the reward yet, but it is on its way. Let us continue because “in due season” (when God knows it is the best time) He will provide. He then offered prayer over the meeting.

Attendance Check (7:04) – Shea Hicks, as clerk, confirmed that as of the call to order, thirty-two (32) messengers as well and ten (10) guests had recorded their attendance and that quorum had been met.

Recognition of New Board Members and Staff (7:05) – The following new staff were recognized as new board members.

- Adam Roach of Sugar Grove Baptist as official pastor
- Tim Roberts of Crosspointe Baptist as interim pastor
- Nolan Wells of Buck Creek Baptist as youth pastor (not a board member)

Guest Speaker (7:08) – Bro. Conner Reed welcomed Latricia Duckworth, of Care Net. She shared that she grew up in McLean Co. Care Net has been in operation for a little over 20 years. They are a Christ-centered, pro-life agency, medical clinic serving women and men in unplanned pregnancy. The medical clinic offers pregnancy tests, ultrasound, STI testing and treatment, options and counseling at no cost to the clients. She recognized two staff members who are part of the DMBA. Care Net is both a medical clinic and ministry. The ministry offers prenatal and parenting classes served by volunteer advocates. Clients attend weekly and after doing the education earn diapers, wipes and other essentials. In 2025, they served 1,247 visits to the center. In July of 2024, they started a Fatherhood program, realizing the importance of having something for the men. Seventy percent of women stated that they chose abortion because the man was not supportive. Since it began, there have been 479 opportunities to speak into the lives of young expectant dads. Care Net is involved in the middle school and high school classes in Daviess, McLean, Ohio, and Hancock counties. The ministry also offers post abortion care for those needing abortion recovery support. Information and cards were available on the table in the foyer. Latricia shared that post-reversal of Roe v Wade has been made worse with the availability of abortive pills. She shared the short-term and long-term effects of the pills. Care Net helps those in crisis understand they have options. Care Net will help them be prepared to parent; they will help them write an adoption plan; and they help them understand the risks of abortion. She shared a few testimonies and statistics. In 2025, Care Net saw 11 babies rescued from abortion. One woman stated she was 50/50 on a decision, but walked out choosing life. An expectant dad heard a godly man pray for him, and he and his girlfriend chose life. A mom with a disabled child was pregnant again and overwhelmed. She was being pressured by the father to abort, and then heard an ultrasound tech say “Your parents will help” and she chose life. A man disheartened by church found a rekindling of his walk with Christ. A young lady gave her life to Jesus Christ at the Care Net office. A young lady called to say that she just graduated from college and is headed to graduate school, and she did it with a child. She invited pastors and others to come take a tour of the center on 18th street. She encouraged pastors to invite Care Net to come share at churches. Bro. Conner prayed for Latricia and Care Net.

Approval of the Previous Minutes (7:24) – A **motion** was made by Matt Boyd and seconded by Tim Moss for the approval of the minutes of the March meeting. The motion was **approved** by bright pink ballot.

Finance Report (7:25) – Bro. Tom Pelphrey brought a report on behalf of the finance committee. Report was made available on pages 10-14. He began by apologizing for not fulfilling the promise that a full report would be made available by email. He made note of page 13 and the designated funds as an example of what the report to come would look like. He noted that balances are not yet available because he is asking that all ministry leaders review their reports for accuracy before a formal report is submitted to the board. He reminded the board that there is an email address for any questions or needs regarding finances and reports. He made note that the report on pages 12-13 is not formatted as planned but provided clarity stating that expenses were \$10,000 more in March and \$1,000 in April. A question was raised regarding clarification on future format of report. Bro. Tom stated it would be cleaned up and look more like page 13. A motion was made by Justin Hunter and seconded by Larry Baker for the approval of the Financial report. **The motion was approved by bright pink ballot.**

AMS Report (7:32) – Dr. Nathan Whisnant shared his report from pages 15-18. He shared regarding the following upcoming events.

- May 17th - Rededicate 250 will be a time of prayer, praise and thanksgiving in Washington DC. Renewing our commitment to be one nation under God.
- May 17th - Will be doing training outreach at Bethabara Baptist Church in the evening.

- May 18th - Jason Hay from the KBC will be here for a planning event for Crossover 2026. They are going to tour the Convention Center and Sports Center. They are seeking input; what would be some good evangelistic event ideas that could be incorporated into Crossover? He needs help choosing a name. They need 12-15 people to be a part of this discussion time. Jason will be at the September meeting to report on Crossover.
- May 21st - He will be attending a Missions Cohort, learning more about what others are doing in missions and how we can improve our Missions.
- June - He will be attending the SBCAL and SBC in Orlando, Florida.

There were no questions.

Committee, Ministry, and Program Unit Reports (7:37-8:07)

(7:37) Missions Development - Bro. Silas Deane shared the committee's report from page 19. He outlined the following items:

- Outlined the 8 Things the Committee is tackling.
- Reminded everyone of the October Missions Trip to Eastern Kentucky on October 11-16. There will be an informational meeting on August 4.
- Praying for Eastern Kentucky and Cincinnati missionaries - He called them out by name and shared their ministry.
- Goal #1 is to have an effective communication system between the committee members and the DMBA churches. They are looking for ideas and suggestions.

There were no questions.

(7:37) **Personnel Committee** - Ms. Sara Schroader shared the committee's report and presented two items of report without a vote.

- Agreed to lower the age of workers at Schafer Baptist Camp to 14 yrs at the request of Cortney. She is familiar with labor laws and will abide by them.
- Ms. Sara approved the editing of the Travis Estate Fund application to add a section for the name, address, and account number at the request of the finance committee.

She also presented two proposals for vote.

- Changes to be made to the Policies and Procedures manual to address outdated information. Coming from the committee it did not need a second. Ms. Cindy Street clarified that this is ***a request from the committee to present a motion to present these same changes to Bylaws at the Annual meeting.***
 - ***The Clerk raised a point of order*** requesting clarification as to what is being voted on. There were two active items to address - Changes to the policies and procedures and changes to the bylaws. Tim Moss echoed that the policies and procedures could be voted on today and the bylaws would be presented at the annual meeting.
 - **The policies and procedures changes were approved by vote**
 - **The presentation of changes to the bylaws at the Annual meeting was approved by vote.**

A question was raised as to whether the staffing at Schafer Baptist Camp was informational or needed a vote. It was intended to be informational.

(7:51) **Nominating Committee and Jail Ministry** - Ms. Marijane McNeil provided new names for those who will serve on some program units. The Approved Workman Scholarship Fund should consist of the DMBA AMS, Nathan Whisnant; an Administrative committee person, Matt Boyd; and a finance committee person, Conrad Francis. She will be stepping down from the nominating committee to serve on the Travis Estate Fund. Coming from a committee, it did not need a second and was approved by pink ballot.

(7:53) **Schafer Baptist Camp** - Ms. Cortney Brown shared that Tim has been super busy as they have now poured 133 yards of concrete for a basketball and pickleball court. Camp season will start June 15th and go through July 20th. Page 7 lists the camps available this year. Many of these are filling up fast. They have built a bridge in the woods for a tractor. They will be picking up 3D targets soon. She also provided an update on Wyatt. He has finished his senior year and will graduate May 21st. He will still undergo treatments until March of 2027. A question was asked regarding everything being ready for camp season. Bro. Tom added that the finance committee had been asked for a way to track funds coming in for individual camps, and the new report system will make this possible. Bro. Tom also shared about a \$2,500 donation to help with camp fees and other donations set aside for the camp. He expressed his thanks. There were no other questions and comments.

(8:01) **Baptist Center** - Ms. Penny Lambert shared her appreciation for the prayers while she and her husband were gone to Honduras for the week. Since the March meeting, the center has put in 341 ½ volunteer hours, seen \$2,429.75, gave out 90 boxes of food to serve 327 people. They continue to appreciate all the churches who continue to bring donations. Fields committed to 500-1000 lbs. of meat, but they ended up providing 3400 lbs. What could not be stored or used was donated to the Ohio county food pantry. An anonymous donation of \$5000 was given. She and Terry are going to be Kentucky missionaries which will put a spotlight on the food pantry and the Baptist Center so they can reach more people. They tried a Thursday night, and they will try that every other month. They gave clothing assistance to 25 people. They donated 67 boxes of leftover clothing to a charity in town. They received a donation from Good Shepherd who provided shelves, diapers and other various items. The carpet has been installed; she invited everyone to come check it out. The smoke alarms have been installed.

(8:01) Jail Ministry - Connie Hardison shared the ministry's report. The Easter project provided all 600 inmates with socks, a gospel tract, a Hershey bar, and a 10 minute phone card. She read a letter from one of the inmates expressing thanks from the Christmas carols and gifts. The letter expresses how it reminded them that they are not beyond redemption. The chaplain also sent a letter of thanks for the gifts, and shared how the various tracts were discussed among inmates during the prayer circle time. The next project will involve shower shoes and additional cards of encouraging words. This involves 600 cards and they are encouraging churches to take some of the cards to be a part. There were no questions.

Old and New Business (8:07) -

There was no old business

(8:09) Trustees - Bro. Michael Ponton brought a **motion to evaluate and contract a new insurance provider** in response to Brotherhood being discontinued. There are currently two- Church Mutual and K&K Insurance. A question was raised as to why we were dropped. The answer was given that this was due to excessive claims. Coming from a committee, it did not require a 2nd. It was **approved** by pink ballot.

(8:13) Finance Committee - Bro. Tom Pelphey brought a **joint motion** with the Trustees to **provide funds not to exceed \$24,000 to replace the air conditioners at the Baptist Center**. The money will come from the Legacy Fund. They have received quotes of approximately \$10,000 each. Coming from a committee, it did not require a 2nd. It was **approved** by pink ballot. Bro. Tom also brought a **motion** on behalf of the finance committee to provide an **additional \$1,000 to the youth ministry fund budget** to fund fall activities including the retreat. The money will come from the Legacy Fund. Coming from a committee, it did not require a 2nd. It was **approved** by pink ballot.

(8:15) Moderator - Bro. Conner established a new committee - **Crusade 2028**. He provided a brief explanation regarding the possibility of a crusade. In order to better steer possible future events, a committee is being established as follows - Tim Moss of Maceo Baptist, Clive Bell of Livermore, Richard Sams of Calhoun, Brian Tillman of Pleasant Grove, and Matt Boyd of First Baptist.

(8:18) - General Information -

1. Bro. Conner shared general information addressing the anonymous donations. The donations remain anonymous; that information cannot and is not shared. And when money is specifically designated for a ministry, that money cannot and is not used for anything other than what it was designated. Any money that is given to the association that is not designated is then able to be brought to the Executive board to be allocated as the board sees fit.

(8:20) - Correspondence - Bro. Shea Hicks shared the following correspondence.

- A thank you note from the Opportunity Center and the executive director in response to the \$100 donation.
- A note of appreciation from Nickole Underwood for the staff appreciation dinner.

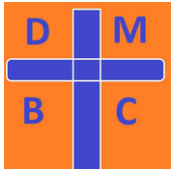
(8:22) - Motion to Adjourn - A motion to adjourn was made by Robert Carter and Seconded by Tim Moss. Bro. Conner closed the meeting in prayer.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MODERATOR

It is no secret that being the moderator involves a lot of work! As your moderator, I have learned a great deal about our association. I have met many different people from many different places. One of the things that stands out to me is how faithful God is to the churches of our association. Many churches that were without pastors now have pastors. Many churches that have not held baptisms are now holding them. Attendance is up in many of our churches. If this doesn't make you say Praise the Lord, I do not know what will. It is clear and evident to me that God is continuing to do great and wonderful things in the life of our association.

In this season of ministry, I want to encourage you to look around and see all that God is doing! Take the walks around the properties; have conversations with the directors! Let us continue to be faithful to the King of kings! Let us continue to be faithful to his word and the mission he has entrusted to us.

Conner Reed, Moderator



May has been an exciting month for the center. The new carpet was installed, it looks great. The front bathroom vinyl floor was replaced and a new toilet installed. The epoxy floor was installed in the food pantry hall and kitchen. The new AC was installed in the Food Pantry. The new roof and gutters are done. The three storage units were roofed and sided. There is one more AC unit to be installed. The building is like brand new. We invite you to come take a tour.

Love in Christ, Penny Lambert, Director of the DMBC



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 may be available for churches with limited receipts.

Register by calling 270-684-2377 or email minadmin@dmba.org

Matt Boyd - Chair

Jail Ministry

The Jail Ministry is preparing for the summer project. We will be providing a hand written card and a pair of shower shoes to all 600+ inmates. If your church took cards to complete at the last meeting, please bring them to the July meeting. If you need cards to complete, please text Connie Hardison at 270-929-4243. Thank you for the continued support of the Jail Ministry.

Connie Hardison, Chair (270-929-4243)

Missions Development Committee

The Associational Fall Mission trip to Eastern Kentucky is planned for October 11-16 to assist 7 missionaries in the Tri-city area of Lynch, Benham and Cumberland. Informational meeting will be held Tuesday, August 4th at 6:30pm at the DMBA Office.

Daviess-McLean Baptist Association Mission Trip

October 11 - October 16, 2026

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.

Questions?

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

**Information Meeting at DMBA Office:
Tuesday, August 4th at 6:30pm**

Collecting items for mission trip:

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



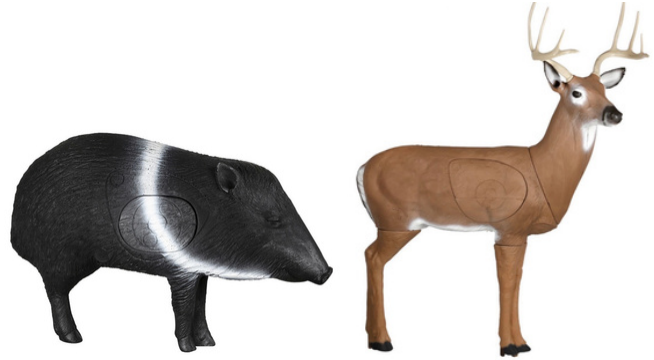
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Schafer Baptist Camp & Retreat Center

Thanks to a generous donation, we were able to put in a full court basketball/ pickle ball court and purchase 3D archery targets. We hope the campers enjoy the new additions to Schafer Baptist Camp!

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 utilized.

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

BOOKLINK INTERNATIONAL

Book-Link is seeking donations from our association churches who are contributing used Bibles, Sunday School materials, pastor's libraries and reading eyeglasses for shipment to Africa. The cost to ship a container is about \$20,000 and is dependent on donations received. Our Association has contributed 27.5 tons of materials in the past 12 years. The materials are shipped to seminaries in Africa, and distributed through them first to students of the seminary, and then to churches.

Donations can be sent to: Book-Link International, 100 Boo-Link Way, Eubank KY 42567

Thank you, Jerry Poynter - Karns Grove Baptist Church

DMBA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The July 13th meeting will be held at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 5215 Hwy 764. Meal at 6:15pm. Call to Order at 7 pm.

Voting ballots will be issued only to Sr. Pastors and Church Board Members reported on the Leadership Profile of the Annual Church Profile portal.

Contact Cindy at 270-684-2377 for assistance if needed to update the Church Leadership.

GUIDESTONE - MISSION:DIGNITY

Together for the Mission through the Cooperative Program. Because churches give through the Cooperative Program, Kentucky Baptists are able to come alongside Mission:Dignity and care for those who served our churches for decades. Mission:Dignity provides practical support for more than 2,600 retired Southern Baptist pastors, ministry workers, and widows. This includes help for essentials like housing, food and medicine. Last year, this ministry distributed more than \$10 million, including assistance for 66 Kentucky Baptists. Learn more or make a referral at kybaptist.org/missiondignity.

KBC 2026 CHRISTMAS BACKPACK PROJECT

Over 15% of Kentucky households live below the poverty line. Let's exceed the goal of collecting 10,000 backpacks from Kentucky Baptist churches! Many of the backpacks collected will be distributed directly to children living in poverty in Kentucky, while others will go to needy children in our partner SEND City, Cincinnati. 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 26 - 29th.

For more information and to register: www.kybaptist.org/christmasbackpacks/

KBC 2027 CROSSOVER EVENTS

The Kentucky Baptist Convention is coming to Owensboro for the annual meeting November 9, 2027. The DMBA will be hosting Crossover events the weekend prior to saturate our community with gospel opportunities. Currently we have five events tentatively scheduled: Brad Bennet Real Encounter Stunt Motorcycle evangelist, a one-night crusade with a special speaker, a basketball/volleyball clinic, a multi-language event, and an apologetics event. Prior to this weekend we will be doing door-to-door evangelism and invites in October. We are asking you to do two things: one, pray for a plentiful harvest of souls during this time, and two, make plans now to be a part of at least one of the Crossover events.

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. The Ministry Assistants Workshop is at the 12 Stones Baptist Church in Elizabethtown. Early bird registration rates end July 10th. <https://bit.ly/42UScn8>



LEMONADE AND JESUS EVENT

A "Lemonade and Jesus" event is planned to occur at Moreland Park - tentatively set for Saturday, September 19th. Any churches interested in providing treats, games, information tents/tables please contact Brenda McKinney at 270-256-9174



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JULY

5-9 DMBA Youth Camp at Schafer Baptist Camp

13 - Executive Board Meeting - Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Meal at 6:15pm, Call to Order 7pm

13-16 DMBA Missions Camp at Schafer Baptist Camp

17 - Baptist Ministry Assistants of Kentucky Workshop in Elizabethtown, KY

17-20 DMBA Limitless Camp at Schafer Baptist Camp

AUGUST

4 - Fall Mission Trip to Eastern Kentucky Information Meeting at DMBA Office, 6:30pm

SEPTEMBER

3 - KBC EQUIP at First Baptist Owensboro 5-9PM, Register through your church

7 - Labor Day - DMBA Offices Closed

14 - Executive Board Meeting - Life Community Baptist Church, Meal at 6:15pm, Call to Order 7pm

15 - Annual Church Profiles Due

23 - Annual See You At The Pole Youth Event at Livermore Baptist Church



"CONNECTING CHURCHES TO REACH
THE WORLD FOR **CHRIST!**"

MATTHEW 28:19-20, ACTS 1:8