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Daviess-McLean Baptist Association



NATHAN'S NOTIONS

Changed Lives Together for the Mission

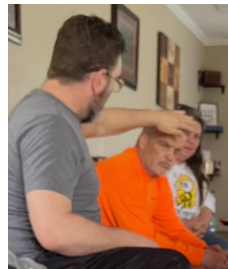
As we conclude our newsletter articles for the year 2026, we want to focus on changed lives together for the mission. Changed lives indicate that a church actively participates in Jesus' Great Commission. "Jesus came near and said to them, 'All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age'" (Matthew 28:18-20 CSB).

What examples from the Bible show changed lives? The Philippian jailer in Acts 16:20-34 who threw Paul and Silas into prison. After the earthquake when none of the prisoners escaped, "He escorted them out and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved'" (Acts 16:30 CSB)? He and his whole household changed so much that he washed their stripes and gave them something to eat. The Gadarene Demoniac in Mark 5:1-20 who lived among the tombs as a wild man crying and cutting himself. Jesus cast out devils from him and he sat calmly in his right mind. He asked to go with Jesus. "Jesus did not let him but told him, 'Go home to your own people, and report to them how much the Lord has done for you and how he has had mercy on you'" (Mark 5:19 CSB). The Apostle Paul in Acts 9:1-22 whom the high priest sent on a mission to destroy people who belonged to the Way and had a dramatic conversion experience on the road to Damascus. After Jesus changed his life, he immediately began to preach in the synagogues and became one of the greatest missionaries of all time. These three represent the many recorded in scripture.

A changed life exemplifies II Corinthians 5:17 - "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come" (CSB)! All of us experience change by the power of God when we accept Jesus as Savior. But some people have a prominent and promising change.

We will highlight two churches in this article who have seen a significant amount of people whose lives have radically changed: Bethel Baptist Church and Lewis Lane Baptist Church.

From Justin Hunter pastor of Bethel Baptist Church. Yes sir: Misty and Marcie Means were saved and baptized. They have been married to one another and recently decided to follow Christ and leave the lifestyle. Also, a man named Johnny Keelin. He lived his whole life without Christ. He was saved and baptized about 4 months before he passed away. God has changed their lives, and we are grateful to have been a part of that change!



Changing Lives at Lewis Lane

Over the last 2 years our church has seen significant growth. One major reason is the Celebrate Recovery program our church has started and embraced as a mission work. We have seen many people come to Christ and be baptized through this program. We have a significant number of adult new believers that have little or no church experience. Last year we saw our numbers grow by over 100 people with 65 being baptized and we are on track to see similar numbers this year. As a result of the many new Christians, we are emphasizing discipleship and spiritual growth.

One example of this is Destiny. She is a mom with 5 children. When she started CR she was newly sober. Most of her children were in foster care and she was living in a rehab facility. Over the next year she stayed on the recovery path and began growing in Christ.

When the people of the church found out she was getting out of rehab and working to get all her children back they set out to help her furnish her new home. Now, over a year later, Destiny is working, has her own apartment, her children are back with her, she's received her One Year Sober chip and she is an active member of our church. The change in her life is a blessing to her and her family and all her friends.

Another member who came to Lewis Lane about 2 years ago is Julie. She started coming because her daughter is a member of the church. Julie had very little church experience when she gave her heart to Jesus. Those first few months Julie asked a lot of questions. She became active in Sunday School and Wednesday potluck meals. She was hungry to learn more about God. Now she is an active servant in our church, frequently bringing family and friends with her.

Eric is another new believer and new member. His mother has been a faithful member for many years but is now unable to attend due to health reasons. On a visit to her home, our care pastor, Frank Cook, started talking to her son Eric and led him to Jesus. Eric has started coming, has been baptized, and is bringing members of his family with him. He has begun reading the Bible for the first time as he gets to know the God his mom has loved for many years.

AMS Nathan Whisnant

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Daviess-McLean Baptist Association
July 13, 2026 - Board Meeting, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church

Introductory Comments – Bro. Conner Reed welcomed everyone to the meeting and shared that the meeting is recorded and if there is ever a question or concern about the meeting, you may request the audio.

Call to Order (7:00) – The meeting was called to order by Conner Reed who welcomed everyone to the meeting and shared that the meeting is recorded and if there is ever a question or concern about the meeting, you may request the audio. Bro. Jim Bob Allen, pastor, was invited to come and share some words of welcome.

Welcome, Scripture, and Prayer (7:02) – Bro. Jim Bob welcomed everyone and expressed that it was a joy to host the meeting. He shared from Psalm 16:11, "In His presence is the fullness of joy; in His hands are pleasures forever." John Piper said, "God is most glorified when we are most satisfied in Him." Are we satisfied in our health, in our wealth, in our family or friends; or are we most satisfied in Jesus Christ our Lord? That is the call - to be satisfied in Jesus alone.

Attendance Check (7:04) – Shea Hicks, as clerk, confirmed that as of the call to order, forty-nine (49) messengers as well and eight (8) 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.

- Andy Crowe, Pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church
- Jimmy and Pat Burklow, Board members of Immanuel Baptist Church

Bro. Andy shared he has been at Immanuel for about a month and a half and stated that while they are a small church, they have big plans of trust in God to see good things to come.

Bro. Conner encouraged Jimmy and Pat to take care of Andy who is a "transplant" from Macedonia, and he is thankful God has called him to serve there.

Approval of the Previous Minutes (7:06) – A motion was made by Larry Barker and seconded by Tim Moss for the approval of the minutes of the May meeting. The motion was approved by the "Tennessee Orange" ballot.

Finance Report (7:07) – Bro. Conrad Francis brought a report on behalf of the finance committee. Report was made available on pages 10-15. He made a note regarding general fund income and expenses; there is a \$17,695.22 deficit. A motion was made by Andy Crowe and seconded by Larry Barker for the approval of the Financial report. The motion was approved by orange ballot.

AMS Report (7:09) – Dr. Nathan Whisnant shared his report from pages 16-18. He shared regarding the following upcoming highlights and events.

- A Text he received today from Bro. Richard Sams at Missions Camp – They have 66 children and approximately 15 chaperones.
- Cindy would like to remind churches that the ACP is due September 15th.
- August 4th – There will be an informational meeting for the Eastern Kentucky Trip. The trip will be Oct 11th through the 16th. This is the 5th year we have taken this trip- Same place, same missionaries we have learned to know and love. Meeting will be at 6:30 at the Associational office.
- November 2027 – We will be hosting the KBC Annual meeting. There will be crossover events taking place the week prior to the meeting. There will be a meeting on August 17th to plan. We have team leaders, but we need members. Bro. Nathan shared each team and leader. We will have people from all over the state here for the event.
- September 3rd – There will be Equip Training at First Baptist Church.
- September 14th – The next Board meeting will be at Life Community Church.
- September 16th-18th – Kentucky Changers will be at Camp Schafer to help do some work at the camp. Bro. Nathan plans to be there to express his thanks.
- September 19th – There will be a "Jesus and Lemonade" event in the park.
- September 23rd – "See you at the Pole" event at Livermore Baptist Church.

A question was asked when the next board meeting was again. – Bro. Conner stated it will be at Life Community on Sept 14th. There were no other questions. Bro. Conner expressed his thanks to Bro. Nathan for what he does and for his leadership.

Committee, Ministry, and Program Unit Reports (7:15-7:50)

(7:15) **Baptist Center** – Ms. Penny Lambert shared that her favorite verse is James 2:15 that states "if a brother or sister is poorly clothed and hungry, but if you do nothing, your faith is phony." She shared the following informational updates.

- We have 51 churches providing 10 of 18 items for our boxes.
- We continue to work with Tri-State Food Pantry; we get some free food, and other food we pay a reduced rate.
- 6 churches give monetary donations monthly, 12 churches in the association have a food pantry, and 25 churches that don't have a pantry - donate food. We are in this together.
- Since January 6th of this year, we have given out 391 boxes of food, serving 1,394 people. All across the community there has been an increase in those who need assistance and we have seen that at the Baptist Center.
- The building is open from 9-2 on Tuesday and Wednesday, and 9-12 on Thursday.

- We have been giving out free clothing, formula and diapers, and household items. There is a great need in the community.
- More and more people are knowing about us. This could be due to Facebook and other ways. We want more people to know. We are also on Feeding Owensboro.
- We are getting more people from McLean county.
- We always need volunteers - especially Wednesday 9-2 or 11-2, working the counter or praying with people. She told Bro. Nathan to pray for her to be able to pray for more people, and no sooner than asking, two people showed up who she was able to pray with and encourage.

Ms. Penny addressed a concern that had been raised regarding some extra hams that were donated to the Ohio County Food Pantry. We had extra hams and did not have a place to store them. The first person they contacted was "God's House of Hope" but couldn't get an answer. They called Apollo, but they didn't take perishables. Another church also stated they could not take it. The hams had been sitting for over 2 hours and so the Baptist Center contacted the Ohio County Food Pantry where Chris and Becky Baird serve (members of Living Faith here in our Association). If ever there is additional food available and you would like to be contacted, you may let Penny know. You must be able to immediately respond and come get it.

There were no questions for Penny and Bro. Conner encouraged the Board to visit the Center and see all the changes that have taken place.

Ms. Penny shared that people are watching us, and she shared a story about a lady in the neighborhood who saw her and said, "Are you the lady on Facebook? ... I've been watching the changes for the good."

(7:24) **Trustees** - Bro. Justin Hunter shared a report on behalf of Michael Ponton from the Trustees.

- Church Mutual was voted to replace Brotherhood insurance.
- The trustees have been made aware of a leak in the Schafer Baptist Camp pool, and they are working on scheduling repairs.
- All hail damage repairs are due to be complete after four windows are replaced at the Baptist Building on Friday.

There were no questions.

(7:26) **Jail Ministry** - Ms. Connie Hardison shared the ministry's report.

- They are still working on their project to provide shower shoes for all 600 inmates.
- They continue to write and collect cards of encouragement for the inmates. If your church is working on these cards, please return them by the end of July so they can be given mid-August.

(7:28) **Missions Committee** - Bro. Jerry Poynter shared information regarding upcoming events.

- A flier was distributed regarding the missions trip to Eastern Kentucky in the fall.
- July 25th - VBS in the neighborhood. Karns Grove is taking Bible school to an apartment complex.
- September 19th - "Jesus and Lemonade" at Moreland Park.
- If you are looking for missions ideas, Bro. Danny Gray at Bellevue is willing to share ideas and speak at your church.

The committee continues to ask that you share your outreach events so these can be promoted across our community.

(7:32) **WMU** - Ms. Brenda McKinney shared about "Lemonade and Jesus" in the Park event. Moreland Park was chosen for its diversity. They will be renting a shelter. It will provide a relaxed atmosphere where they will be handing out tracts. She shared that Immanuel has been a great help in the past. She jokingly shared with the new pastor that he had a lot to live up to. The WMU will be financing this event. Silas Deane has a presentation to help others know and have courage to share the gospel with others.

Ms. Brenda shared that Roosevelt said the way into the home is through the kids. This is a way to minister to the homes.

A question was asked when the event will be. It will take place on September 19th from 1:00-5:00.

(7:40) **Youth Camp** - Dustin and Audra shared how they have been doing this for 4 years now to lead youth camp at Schafer Baptist Camp. It was long days, a lot of chaos, but God moves through all of it. Highlights were as follows -

- The theme was Exchange - highlighting the greatest exchange through Jesus. The Gospel was shared from the very first day with Jesus' life and exchange of His life for our sin. Day two focused on His rescue plan. The third day focused on living beyond surrender. Day four focused on hope beyond God's final exchange in eternity.
- There were 16 chaperones, two were former campers. 6 returning; 10 new.
- There were 14 churches, 60 students, resulting in 3 salvations and 3 rededications.
- Audra shared about the teen challenge and the trophy "Wilson."

Audra expressed their joy and appreciation for Tim and Cortney for their leadership at Schafer Baptist Camp. Dustin invited others to come visit even just a session during camp; just sit in and see what God is doing. Dustin shared information about the fall retreat "Worth the Wait" on handling relationships the right way.

There were no questions. Bro. Conner shared his appreciation of the camp. He shared how it can be easy to get frustrated and ask at times "is it worth it" but God is still moving and using Cortney and Tim and Schafer Baptist Camp. He encouraged everyone to pray for Missions camp that kicked up that day, and Limitless is coming.

Old and New Business (7:50) -

There was no old business

(7:50) **Finance** - Bro. Conrad Francis brought a motion on page 19 regarding Tom Pelphrey and the Connections Group. A new contract has been presented for this next year. A contract from July 2026-Sept 2026 at the current level of \$925; additionally, from October 2026-October 2027 to increase to \$1000. Connections Group or the DMBA can end the contract at any time with a 30-day notice. Coming from a committee, it did not require a 2nd. Bro. Conner shared that this is a program we now own and Tom has worked to move information into the new database. ***It was approved by "Cincinnati Bengals" ballot.***

(7:53) **Nominating** - Ms. Marijane McNeil brought the committee's recommendation from pages 20-22 for the 2027 year. New names are in red. Page 22 provides the locations for the Executive Board meetings as well as who will preach and serving at the Annual Meeting. Coming from a committee, it did not require a 2nd. Bro. Conner shared that this will be presented for formal approval at the Annual Meeting. ***It was approved by ballot.***

(7:55) **Personnel** - Ms. Sara Schroader presented a motion on behalf of the committee. This motion was in response to a nominating committee request in their report and recommendations. The motion was for the 2nd Assistant Moderator to be designated as the Administrative Committee representative for the Approved Workman Scholarship Program. Coming from a committee, it did not require a 2nd. ***It was approved by ballot.***

A point of clarification was requested as to whether this was adding a fourth person to the committee. Bro. Tim Moss shared that this would begin in October with the AMS, Finance Committee member, the Administrative Committee member being the 2nd Assistant Moderator. This does not affect the previous meeting's naming of Matt Boyd as the administrative committee member, but will instead take effect with the official nominating committee report and recommendation to be voted on at the October annual meeting.

(7:56) Bro. Conner Reed passed the gavel to Tim Moss who recognized Conner for a motion from the Administrative committee.

(7:57) **Moderator** - Bro. Conner shared that the Administrative committee meets before each Executive Board meeting to discuss issues and concerns raised. The committee identified and recognized an opportunity for us as an Association. For those not aware, Life Community has sent out an intentional church plant, CrossView. This plant meets at both Apollo Heights and the Jack Wells Auditorium at KWC. It is remarkable what God has done in this last year; it is a story of faith and God's faithfulness. We want to join that work because we know church planting can be hard and churches need to be planted. We have a designated fund (page 12) for this very purpose. The Administrative committee makes a motion to present a \$5,000 check from this fund to CrossView at the September meeting which will take place at the sending church of Life Community. Coming from a committee, it did not require a 2nd.

A question was raised as to the goal or purpose of the funds. Bro. Conner shared that it would be used to help them with their expenses, ministry and start-up cost. There are many financial challenges to new churches that older and established churches don't always face. He shared that while not an official church of the DMBA, they are under the umbrella of a DMBA sending church and they belong to us and we want to support them. ***The motion was approved.***

(8:02) - Correspondence - Bro. Shea Hicks shared he was not aware of any correspondence to the DMBA.

(8:03) - Motion to Adjourn - Bro. Conner stated that in record time, the meeting had reached its conclusion. A point of order was raised by Bro. Tim Moss that he still held the record. A motion to adjourn was then made by Tim Moss to adjourn. Bro. Larry Barker gave a second. The motion was approved by standing.

Bro. Steve O'Neal led the board in the singing "Doxology" and Bro. Conner Reed closed the meeting in prayer.

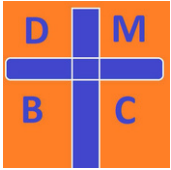
A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MODERATOR

As my time as the Moderator of the Association for 2026 is nearing the end I want you to know that I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your Moderator this year. It's been an honor to walk alongside many of you and your churches to discuss all that God has done this past year.

I want to take you on a brief journey, I grew up in a church in Morgantown, Kentucky in the small community of Aberdeen. One of the things I remember well is singing songs of praise as a young boy. There's a hymn that we sang that I want to use to encourage you. You'll probably sing this as you read this. The hymn was "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus." I think about the opening of that song. "O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see? There's light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free! Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace."

I love to be an encourager, and my encouragement is as you continue to serve faithfully to turn your eyes upon Jesus. Ministry is not always mountains. Sometimes you find yourself in the valley, but I want you to know and understand that the God of the Mountain is the God of the Valley. There will always be distractions, pressure and storms around us. There will always be moments where we don't understand what God is doing, and we will ask this, we may never understand or know fully where the road is leading no matter what happens. Keep your eyes on Jesus. Hebrews 12:2 says, "looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith." (ESV)

Conner Reed, Moderator



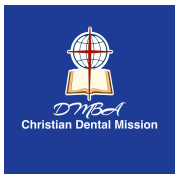
The Daviess-McLean Baptist Center and Food Pantry have been really busy lately. The Food Pantry since Jan. 6, 2026 have given out 452 boxes of food, serving 1573 people. Our Back to School Bash on Saturday August. 8th went well. We sold lots of clothes at buy one get one free. We gave out school supplies, pencils, and 2 gift certificates to Shoe Carnival, and one to the Baptist Center for Fall & Winter Clothes. We are still looking for 6 churches to supply us every month with 30 jars/cans of Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers, Pancake Syrup, Soup and Green Beans. If you can help in anyway please contact Penny at the DMBC Food Pantry.

Love in Christ, Penny Lambert, Director of the DMBC



The Block Party Trailer is available for any DMBA Church to use this Fall. Call or email the DMBA office for the application packet. Cost is \$100. Depending on demand the Trailer will be placed into winter storage in November.

Register by calling (270)684-2377 or email minadmin@dmdba.org
Matt Boyd - Chair



The DMBA Dental Mission continues to serve those with financial hardships and oral health needs, while seeking to have Gospel conversations and challenging them about their relationship with God. It is so rewarding to help our patients reach greater oral health and actually greater general health, in helping them remove disease from their mouth through oral surgery, periodontal care, and dental fillings. Along the way, we build that trust and connection to share spiritual truth and pray with them, and share our hope in the Lord!

At this time, we only have one team serving at the Mission on one Friday morning a month. Dr. Ward's team is on an indefinite leave of absence and we have lost our only clinic chaplain. We continue to have new patients sent to us through the Help Office of Owensboro and the need is great to raise up another team to serve at the Mission. If you are a dentist or dental hygienist with a heart for missions, you are needed! If you would enjoy meeting people and sharing the Gospel at our clinics, and just encouraging and praying with our patients, please consider joining as a chaplain! There is training available if you would desire to serve as a chairside assistant, an instrument sterilization technician or receptionist. Join us as we reach people for Christ through dentistry!

Our most recent clinic had challenges in that our suction system was found inoperable which compromised our ability to do the needed dentistry. We made the most of it and were able to help two patients with needed oral surgery and completed some dental examinations with radiographs and treatment planning, and actually succeeded in completing 3 fillings. One of our dental suppliers, the Henry Schein Corp., sent a technician to evaluate it and found that the failing suction system is the original system placed when the dental mission opened its doors in 1997. A decision was made to order a new suction unit and it should be installed and operational by the next scheduled clinic in September!

Making Smiles and Sharing Jesus! Chair - Ralph Thacker, DMD

Jail Ministry

The Jail Ministry is pleased to report that we have received enough handwritten cards of encouragement for all 600 inmates at the Daviess County Detention Center to receive an individual card! A huge thank you to everyone that participated in writing cards! We could not have done this without you. Due to some discounts, sale prices and donations, we were able to provide each inmate with shower shoes, socks, full size Hershey bar, beef jerky and a card of encouragement! Thank you!

Connie Hardison, Chair (270)929-4243

Missions Development Committee

How often have we prayed to ourselves the Prayer of Jabez "Lord broaden my horizon"? Now can be our time to act! The WMU and Missions Development Program Units have an answer, ***Lemonade with Jesus in the Park***. We will be located at Moreland Park on Parrish Ave across from Owensboro Sports Center on Saturday, Sept 19th from 1pm to 5pm. We have rented the shelter. WMU is providing the Lemonade - Ice - cups/straws, so no expense to a church or the DMBA. We want disciples of Christ to share Jesus. You can bring a table/tent for the event. Don't forget your lawn chairs, although we hope you won't be spending time in them. We hope churches will come up with some creative ideas for hand outs. Ideas include cookies, Bibles, New Testaments, books about Jesus for kids (can use ones in your church library). Hopefully there will be kids in the park. Don't forget information on your church, etc. If one person/child is saved or returns to church what a victory and rejoicing in heaven. Contact person for the event is Brenda McKinney (270)993-7695. Please let her know if you can come.

The next exciting event is the **Eastern Kentucky Mission Trip** during the school fall break October 11-16th. This will be the 5th year we have traveled to the Harlan, Ky area to assist seven local missionaries within their ministries. Bring your teenagers/grandchildren. What a learning disciple experience for teens. The needs are new and gently used clothing, clothes for men, women and children of all ages. Baby clothes for the girls who are expecting. Please fold and place nicely in a box. Other needed items: Christmas gifts for children of all ages, stuffed animals, action figures, toy cars, baby and barbie dolls, sports balls and twin bed sheets. Mission opportunities include construction, clothing drive, ceramics/stained glass, wrapping christmas gifts and organizing the Christmas storage house. It is a great opportunity to teach and love on kids. To sign up call Bro. Nathan Whisnant at the DMBA office or Jerry Robertson (270)499-4625, Joanna Kendall (270)316-4606. Please pray for these seven missionaries ministries and the exciting opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ.



Schafer Baptist Camp & Retreat Center

Weeklong camp season is officially done for 2026, but retreats are fast approaching! We will start with Adult KY Changers coming to help with some large projects in the middle of September. We do have a couple of weekend spots still available if you would like to bring your group. Call (270)922-0024 or (270)993-0463 to come look at the property or set up something for your group. We would love to host you at Schafer Baptist Camp!

Be looking for the annual report, we will have specific information about the camps and salvations! We want all campers to be drawn closer to Christ as they are here on property, that is why we do what we do.

Tim & Cortney Brown, Administrators

CAMP SCHAFER
DMBA FALL RETREAT 2026

WORTH THE WAIT
CAMP SCHAFER

GOD'S WAY IS ALWAYS BETTER
THAN THE WORLD'S WAY.

DATES NOVEMBER 6-8	COST \$100 PER CAMPER/ CHAPERONE	QUESTIONS? DUSTIN BLAIR (270) 903-5992
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BIG IDEA: Because He loves us, His design for relationships, sexuality, and marriage is worth waiting for.

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY:
tinyurl.com/Schafer-WorthTheWait-2026



While talking with our Women's Ministry/Women on Mission Director at Buck Creek Baptist I was reminded of the many ministries the women in the DMBA participate! These include book clubs, bible studies, sewing ministries, outreach to shut ins, food trains, funeral meals and the list goes on and on! To God be the glory!

Upcoming Events

Eliza Broadus 2026 theme - Fill The Gap Ephesians 4:15-16 Contact 502-489-3534, email kywmu@kybaptist.org or go online at kywmu.org Where brokenness leaves gaps, God fills them with grace. September 13-20 join Kentucky Baptist as we pray, give and go. ElizaBroadus.org

Proclaim - Missions & Evangelism Conference for Women September 11&12 KYWMU.org/PROCLAIM

GA JAM - A Missions Event for Girls Saturday, November 7 - Grades 1st - 6th learn about missions and grow spiritually as godly women. Annual missions event for girls and their Moms/Leaders! Missionary speakers, mission action, crafts, games, and more! Churches do not need to have a GA (Girls in Action) to attend.

Thrive - A Missions Retreat for Teen Girls Barefoot Republic, Fountain Run, KY November 20-22 Learn more & Register at kywmu.org/thrive

ADULT CHANGERS- is an intentional service and hands-on missions experience that helps adults 18+ put their faith into action. Serve for a weekend as you meet real needs, build meaningful relationships, and grow as followers of Jesus. **FALL Project September 16-19 Camp Schafer** Host contact email: joe.ball@kybaptist.org

December 2026 Lottie Christmas Mission study and offering

Opportunities are again endless to serve the Lord in our neighborhoods, cities, state, nation and the world!! Contact me if you would like to participate in some way with WMU through the DMBA what a blessing to have you come along side! Call me (270)993-0766 or email dlthack@aol.com! Diane Thacker

Youth Ministry

Join the DMBA Youth Ministry at the "See You At The Pole" event being held at Livermore Baptist Church on Wednesday, Sept 23rd from 6:30 to 8:00pm.



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 entered by 9am on Monday, October 19th 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 reports.

ARMED DEFENDER CONFERENCE

First Baptist Owensboro is hosting a safety conference on Saturday, September 20th from 8am-3pm. This is open to the public. The cost is \$75 per ticket and includes lunch. For more information and to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/armed-defender-conference-owensboro-ky-tickets-1989228295380>

EVANGELISM TRAINING

Logan Lake is the new pastor of Robards Baptist Church. He has invited AMS Nathan Whisnant to share Evangelism Training at their church in Robards. It is open to anyone interested in joining them.



KBC 2026 CHRISTMAS BACKPACK PROJECT

Be sure to register with the KBC to participate in this year's Christmas Backpack project. Guidelines for contents, age groups and how to prepare for drop off is found at the link below. The DMBA Office will be a Regional Collection Site from October 26 - 29th.

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

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 2027. Competitors must qualify on the local Church Level, then Association Level competitions are held in March/April to qualify for the Regional Competitions. Drills are given in either the CSB or KJV Bible Version - Red Cycle for 2027. 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/

IMPORTANT - There was no Association Level Competition in 2026 due to lack of church participation. Please notify the office if your church has candidates for an Association Level Meet.

KBC EQUIP OWENSBORO

Thursday, Sept 3rd at First Baptist Church Owensboro. The cost is \$15/person with a maximum of \$75/church (dinner is included). For more information and to register: www.kybaptist.org/equip-2026

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.

LADIES NIGHT - Rooted in Praise

Buck Creek Baptist invites all the women of the DMBA churches to a special ladies night with Guest Speaker - KBC Sara Robinson, Women's Ministry and Transition Consultant.



REVIVAL at BUCK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH - August 30-September 2

Music leadership by Brian Tadlock & Brian Elliot. Preaching by Dr. Charlie Goodman of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College. Sunday Morning - Wednesday evening. Evening services at 6 pm nightly. Everyone welcome to attend!

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 2027. For more information you may contact Shelley Wood at (270)273-5307, swood@mcleanky.com



ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-THIRD Annual Meeting of the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association

October 19th, Monday at Crosspointe Baptist Church
October 20th, Tuesday at Calhoun Baptist Church

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

Only vetted Messengers/Sr. Pastors are eligible to vote
Guests welcome to observe



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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, 6:30pm

OCTOBER

11-16 Eastern Kentucky **Mission Trip** to Lynch-Benham-Cumberland

19 - **Night 1 - 183rd Annual Association Meeting at Crosspionte Baptist**

20 - **Night 2 - 183rd Annual Association Meeting at Calhoun Baptist**

26-29th KBC **Christmas Backpack Collection Week** at the DMBA Building

NOVEMBER

1 - **Wilson Trust Scholarship Application** Portal Opens for Spring 2027

6-7 - **DMBA Youth Fall Retreat** at Schafer Baptist Camp

10 - **KBC Annual Meeting** in Richmond

26 - DMBA Office Closed for Thanksgiving

30 - Last Day Wilson Trust Scholarship Applications accepted

DECEMBER

18 - Jan 3 DMBA Offices Closed



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

MATTHEW 28:19-20, ACTS 1:8