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A Note to you,

-February 13, 2017 Executive Board Meeting at Cow Creek Baptist Church in Ravenna. We will eat at 6pm and meet at 7pm.

-I would like to thank each of you for your participation in the association and to wish each of you a very Happy New Year.

Food For Thought: Total Abortions in the United States from 1973 thru December 31, 2016: **59,665,752**. I've compiled the following in part from ChristianAnswers.Net. "There is a small but influential circle of prochoice advocates who claim to base their beliefs on the [Bible](#). They maintain that "nowhere does the Bible prohibit abortion." Yet the Bible clearly prohibits the killing of innocent people in **Exodus 20:13 "You shall not murder"**.

All that is necessary to prove a biblical prohibition of abortion is to demonstrate that the Bible considers the unborn to be human beings. A number of ancient societies opposed abortion, but the ancient Hebrew society had the clearest reasons for doing so because of its foundations in the scriptures. The Bible teaches that men and women are made in the image of God. **Genesis 1:27, "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."**

As the climax of God's creation mankind has an intrinsic worth far greater than that of the animal kingdom placed under His care. Throughout the Scriptures, personhood is never measured by age, stage of development, or mental, physical, or social skills. Personhood is endowed by God at the moment of creation - before which there was not a human being and after which there is. That moment of creation can be nothing other than the moment of conception. The Hebrews did not have or need a separate word for unborn children. They were just like any other children, only younger.

In the Bible there are references to born children and unborn children, but there is no such thing as a potential, incipient, or "almost" child. To Isaiah, God says, in **Isaiah 44:2 "Thus says the LORD who made you and formed you from the womb, who will help you"**. What each person is, not merely what he might become, was present in his mother's womb. God tells Jeremiah, in **Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you"**. He could not know Jeremiah in his mother's womb unless Jeremiah, the person, was present in his mother's womb. The Creator is involved in an intimate knowing relationship not only with born people, but with unborn people.

Meredith Cline observes, "The most significant thing about abortion legislation in Biblical law is that there is none. It was so unthinkable that an Israelite woman should desire an abortion that there was no need to mention this offense in the criminal code." Every Israelite knew that the preborn child was indeed a child. Therefore, miscarriage was always viewed as the loss of a child and abortion as the killing of a child. As we intervene on behalf of His littlest children, let's realize it is Christ Himself from whom we intervene. He said in **Matthew 25:40, "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."**

I encourage each of you to thank your representatives for protecting the lives of the unborn by calling the following number: **Kentucky's Toll-Free Legislative Message Line (1-800-372-7181)**. The message line takes calls from citizens wishing to express their point of view on legislation.

Yours in Christ,
Bro. John

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

1. Disaster Emergency Relief Volunteer's needed. For more information call the office at 859-744-0037.

II Corinthians 8:20-21

**20-Avoiding this, that no man should blame us in this abundance which is administered by us:
21-Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.**

You can donate to the Boones Creek Baptist Association Camp or Camp Building Fund in MEMORY of or in HONOR of a Love One. Please write on your CHECK MEMO if you have restrictions on the use of the funds.

CHURCHES SEEKING A PASTOR -Please pray for Clay City Baptist Church in Clay City; Faith Baptist Church in Beattyville; First Baptist Church in Irvine; Ivory Hill Baptist Church in Irvine; Jeffersonville Baptist Church in Jeffersonville, Providence Baptist Church in Winchester, Providence Baptist Church in Irvine as they seek a pastor for their church.

February Calendar:

- 3-4-Disaster Relief Training , Hazard
- 11-Pastors/Wives Prayer Breakfast, Kathy's, Clay City 9am
- 13-19-Focus on WMU week
- 13-Executive Board Meeting, Cow Creek Baptist Church, Fellowship Meal-6pm, Meeting-7pm
- 18-Children's Ministry Day
- 24-Association WMU Family Missions Night

News & Upcoming Events from the Association and our Churches

Camp– The camp will open on March 1. If your church will like to schedule a time to skate, please call the office. Volunteers are needed to help get the camp ready after March 1. If you can help, please call and schedule a time to work.

Executive Board Report–Thank you to Bro. Charles Dixon and Boones Creek Baptist Church for hosting the Executive Board meeting and Christmas Dinner. The food and fellowship was wonderful. There were 93 in attendance representing 16 churches. A motion was approved to spent up to \$4000 to clean out the wastewater treatment plant. A motion was approved for the association to form a partnership with a ministry, missionary or another association for mission work.

Boones Creek–Join us for our Upward Celebration Sunday, March 5 at 6:30pm. We will be celebrating our 3rd season of Upward Basketball and Cheer.

Central-The LLL Out-to-Lunch group went to Shaker Village on Tuesday, December 6th; on Sunday, December 11th, the adult choir performed their Christmas musical; the deacons’ hosted their annual Christmas dinner Monday, December 12th; Central held their annual Christmas Eve Service Saturday, December 24th, at 5pm. The LLL Out-to-Lunch group will be going to Claudia Sanders on January 3rd. We are hosting the Boones Creek Associational Meeting on January 9th; Kirk Cameron will be at our church for a Love Worth Fighting for Marriage conference on January 29th. The IF: Gathering will be held here at Central Baptist Church for the community on February 3rd and 4th. We will also have Big Daddy Weave and Zach Williams on Thursday, February 16th.

Clay City-Christmas Dinner at Michael’s in Ravenna with 42 present. Future plans are to work for growth in reaching people for Christ.

Cow Creek-Enjoyed Christmas Caroling and children’s Christmas pageant. Plan to visit the Hope Center in Lexington and help with meal preparation and serving.

First Baptist Irvine–Youth have been skating and are planning an event for each month. Work on the front steps are at a standstill due to the recent weather.

Friendship-Met goal of \$600.00 for the Lottie Moon Offering. Went Christmas Caroling with good attendance. Enjoyed the Christmas play put on by the youth group. Youth will attend at First Baptist, Richmond a Christian themed illusionist show put on by Brian Drake.

Heritage-We celebrated two baptisms on Christmas morning. We ended the year with eight baptisms and we are looking forward to even more in 2017. Planning to start “Counseling Group on Grief” in the near future. Our goal is to help those who have lost a loved one and help them cope with the pain of that loss through Biblical Counseling. Our building project is coming along great and we hope to have our new restroom facilities open for the May Executive Board Meeting. Planning a high attendance Sunday (Sunday School and Service) for March. If you haven’t invited someone to church lately, maybe it’s time to get started. Hope to see you and your guest in a pew soon.

Jeffersonville– Annual Christmas Parade on the 5th was great! Several of the children and adults rode on the float, passed out candy and had a wonderful time. Junior/Youth along with the adult chaperones went to the Southern Lights at the Horse Park in Georgetown with 33 participating. The Christmas program on the 18th was a real blessing about Christmas and what it’s meaning really is. The children that participated in the program did a good performance. Christmas Sunday, 25th, with Bro. Marion Brewer went splendid. We had a time of singing of Christmas songs, some testimonies and a spiritual message of faith. Twenty eight came out to worship on this day. On December 31st, we had a chili supper, soups, sandwiches with special singing by Steve Lesler from Central Baptist. There were 46 in attendance to celebrate the ending of 2016 and praying for a prosperous 2017 New Year. January 14th will be Movie Night with sandwiches, snacks and refreshments. The featured movie will be “God’s Not Dead 2”; refreshments at 5:00 pm and movie at 6:00pm. Promotion for World Hunger Missions! Goal is set at \$300. On February 18th, we will be going to Michael’s in Ravenna for the Sweetheart’s Dinner. The cost is \$13.00 per person plus tip. We have several signed up already, but you are welcome to come join us. Keep our church in your prayers as we are still in search for a pastor. See you in Sunday School and Worship Services. May God Bless You!

Macedonia-We had our Thanksgiving/Christmas meal on December 4th. We delivered several Christmas food baskets. We had our Christmas program, “The Not So Silent Night: on December 18th and a special visitor for the children. We are getting organized for this year’s Vacation Bible School. We are going to be Galactic Starveyors!

Mt. Olive-We enjoyed watching the Christmas play together. We look forward to what God has in store for us in the future!

Northside–December began sad with the passing of our long time member, Mrs. Sue Greene. We extend our sympathy to Curtis, Doris and their family. Then we rejoice and welcome Morgan Baum to our church family by profession of faith and baptism. We enjoyed the fellowship and food at our Thanksgiving/Christmas dinner on the 4th. Thirty supported our choir by attending the Hymn Sing at Allansville. We all received a blessing from the play the youth and children did on the 11th and the choir’s cantata, “A Night to Remember” on the 18th. We appreciate and thank them for the many hours of practice they put in to present such a wonderful message in song and their play. Our WMU had a fun night at their special meeting. Twenty-six bags of food was delivered to the Community Center this month. The Lottie Moon goal was passed with a total of \$1,440.00. Thanks to Bro. Jesse and Sharon for providing the meal on New Years Eve. Everyone celebrated the New Year by Praying with friends at church.

Panola-Everyone had a very Merry Christmas. Had a blessed worship on Sunday, Christmas Day, December 25th. Looking forward to great things in 2017. Already had 3 baptisms. God is working at Panola Baptist Church.

Powell’s Valley-On December 11th, we had our Christmas meal after the morning service. The Christmas program was in the morning service on December 18th and the candlelight service was in the evening service. January 28th will be our meal ministry. The 5th Sunday Hymn sing will be January 29th.

Providence, Clark-Enjoyed Christmas fellowship lunch after services on December 18th. Recognized Pastor Linville Spangler’s resignation on December 31st. Hired Brother Wendell Phelps as a 3 month interim pastor. At the end of three months, he and the church will discuss his pastorate.

Providence-Estill-The ladies had a Merry Christmas Jesus party and it was a wonderful fun time of fellowship. The Christmas Cantata and Children’s Programs were a blessing as always, We welcome Bro. Johnny Baker and his wife Leasa as our interim pastor on December 28th.

Reid Village-The CIA/Mission Friends went caroling at Windsor Care on the 10th. The children’s Christmas Play and the Christmas Choral Cantata was on the 18th.

Salem-Hanging of the Greens was very impressive with the whole church taking part. Women on Mission and “Sunshine Gang” (Adults on Mission) enjoyed a Christmas brunch and entertainment. Didn’t forget to pray for the Missionaries. Twenty six cast members and 6 stage crew performed :A Very Real Christmas” to a packed house. Twenty five members went caroling and delivered food boxes in the community. The Lord blessed Salem during 2016, our prayer is that He will bless us again in 2017.

Spears Mill-The Cantata was beautiful. Some of the children participated and were a great addition. Our children are the future of our church. We are praying for a youth leader and that God will send one our way.

Spring Street-We took our youth to Arby’s in Camargo and they presented a Christmas program of music and hand bells. We now have a new pastor, Larry Robinson, and he will be organizing new studies etc. We also have a 5th Sunday Sing on January 29th.

Thomas-Provie Kirby, member of our church since 1959, wife of 58 years to deacon Doug Kirby, mother of Pastor, Bro. Rick Kirby, went home to be with the Lord on January 12th. VBS scheduled for June 19th thru June 23rd.

Williams Memorial-Our Christmas program was well done and a blessing to all of us. They did a great job.

Boones Creek Baptist Association Revival

May 15-19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

**Northside Baptist Church
Evangelist-Bro. T.A. Lester**

Youth Night-May 13, 2017

Cookout at 5:00 p.m. and Revival Service at 7:00 p.m.

MONTHLY CHURCH PRAYER LIST

**Friendship Baptist Church, Irvine; Rev. Scott Rogers, Pastor
Greenbriar Baptist Church, Irvine; Rev. Delmar McGee, Pastor
Heidelberg Baptist Church, Irvine; Rev. Douglas Canter, Pastor**

The Spears Mill Baptist Church is in search of a youth minister for our church. This is a paid position. All interested persons, please send resumes to: Spears Mill Baptist Church, C/O Bro. Phil Ronk, 868 Spears Mill Road, Paris, KY 40361 or email us at: pdron11@roadrunner.com or phone: 859-326-4422 and leave a message.

Emmanuel Baptist Church needs a pianist for their Sunday morning and evening church services. If interested, please call Bro. Ron Montgomery at 859/749-3960

Boones Creek Baptist Church needs a pianist for Sunday AM and PM worship services, choir practice and special occasions. Resumes to Boones Creek Baptist Church Personnel Committee, 185 N Cleveland Rd., Lexington, KY 40509, 859/263-5466, boonescreekchurch@gmail.com.