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**Serving, Encouraging and Supporting Christ's Churches**

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**A note to you:**

-February 12, 2018 Executive Board Meeting at Jeffersonville Baptist Church in Jeffersonville. We will have a fellowship meal 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:**

“When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.”

Randy Alcorn, of Eternal Perspective Ministries [wrote this](#): “Horatio Spafford, a prosperous lawyer, real estate investor, and devout Presbyterian elder, lived comfortably in Chicago with his wife, Anna, and their children. The year of 1871 was a difficult one for the Spaffords. Much of Horatio’s real estate investments disappeared in the great Chicago Fire. Not long after, they lost their 4-year-old son to scarlet fever. But worse still was to come.

Knowing that his friend D. L. Moody would preach in England in 1873, Spafford’s family decided to vacation in Europe. Last-minute business detained Horatio, so Anna and their four girls sailed on the ocean liner *S.S. Ville du Havre*. En route, a British vessel rammed the ship, and it sank within minutes. Rescuers picked up an unconscious Anna on a floating spar, but all four daughters drowned. When Anna arrived in England, she sent a telegram to Horatio with the words, ‘Saved alone.’

Horatio immediately left Chicago to bring his wife home. On the Atlantic crossing, the captain called Horatio to his cabin to tell him that they had nearly reached the spot where his four daughters had perished. As he passed over their watery grave, Spafford wrote a hymn of profound depth that has touched millions: ‘It Is Well with My Soul.’ He later wrote to Anna’s half-sister, ‘On Thursday last we passed over the spot where she went down, in mid-ocean, the waters three miles deep. But I do not think of our dear ones there. They are safe, folded, the dear lambs.’

The pain was great, but God’s grace rose to the occasion. Despite his heartbreak, Spafford could say without pretense, ‘It is well with my soul.’ Only God can perform such a miracle of grace. And that kind of miracle is available to us all.”

“That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!—  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!”

**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.**

**FEBRUARY**

- 10-Pastors/Wives Prayer Breakfast-Cracker Barrel, Mt Sterling, 9AM
- 12-18-Focus on WMU Week
- 12-Executive Board Mtg-Jeffersonville Baptist Church-Fellowship Meal-6pm, Meeting-7pm
- 13-16-Regional Pre-Retirement Conference-KBC
- 16-17-Endeavor-College Retreat-Cedarmore-KBC
- 17-Children Ministry Day-WMU

**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 Boones Creek Baptist Church in Lexington; Central Baptist Church in Winchester; Clay City Baptist Church in Clay City; Faith Baptist Church in Beattyville; First Baptist Church in Irvine; Jeffersonville Baptist Church in Jeffersonville; Providence Baptist Church in Irvine; Providence Baptist Church in Winchester as they seek a pastor for their church.

**News & Upcoming Events from the Association and our Churches**

**Camp**– Please pray for the 2018 camp season.

**Executive Board Report**–January Executive Board was cancelled due to the weather.

**Allansville**–In November, Girls in Action took a road trip to Hopkinsville, Ky, to attend GA JAM. Acteens headed east to Ashland, Ky, to attend Acteens Winter Weekend. Kentucky WMU has great events for age level groups and we enjoy participating in them. We had a great time celebrating the Christmas season at Allansville. We has two Christmas plays on the evening of December 17th. The children’s play had to be postponed from December 10th due to weather conditions so we had it on the same night as the youth/adult play. A great time was had by all. Our worship service on the morning of Christmas Eve featured our choir cantata. Deacons delivered poinsettias to widows and shut-ins during the holiday season.

**Boones Creek**–Join us for our Upward Celebration featuring Remix Education on Sunday, February 25th at 6:30pm!

**Calvary**–Our children’s ministry (and a few adults) presented “It All Happened in the Country” as their Christmas play/musical. It was a huge success and everyone did a great job. Also we had 50 people attend a Watch Night service as we welcomed in 2018. Our VBS director, Vicki Singleton, is serving on the KBC VBS team and attended the Lifeway training at Ridgecrest in January. There will be a Free Training on March 3rd at First Baptist in Richmond from 9:00am until 12:15pm for all churches who want to learn how to better present the Gospel during VBS. For more information contact Vicki at 859-582-8138.

**Central**–We are hosting UPWARD basketball and cheerleading on Saturdays for the next few months. Wesley Curtis was ordained into the ministry on December 3rd. The Music Ministry led the congregation in a time of worship, “Joy”, on December 10th. Also for the month of December we had our Candlelight Service on December 24th which included communion. January, we will have our annual bowling night at Galaxy Bowling in Richmond on the 14th from 5-9pm, Youth will be having their annual “Elevation” weekend in March.

**Clay City**–Had our Christmas/Thanksgiving Dinner with 42 present. Ladies presented meal and gifts to a needy family of 9(3 gifts to each one). Continue to work toward building church attendance and reach others for Christ.

**Ephesus**–Mission of the month: collecting diapers, wipes and formula for the New Beginnings Pregnancy Center. Continuing to collect for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We enjoyed a Christmas Eve service on the evening of December 24 as well as a New Year’s Eve party and service on December 31st. Youth Group has a candy-making party scheduled for January 20th. Baptist Men’s Day breakfast and worship service planned for January 28th. Snow tubing trip to Perfect North Slopes will be February 10th. A Valentine’s Banquet will be held on February 17th. We continue to mourn the passing of Bro. Malcolm Stokley, 94, our long time Music Director here at Ephesus and also for Boones Creek Association. We know that he is singing the Lord’s praises in Glory, and we look forward to singing with him again.

**First Baptist Irvine**–Celebrated the Christmas season with inspiring messages from Bro. Tony Horn and Bro. Bill Van Winkle. In lieu of a cantata, many of our talented members shared Christmas special music. The church was beautifully decorated by our decorating committee. The congregation enjoyed a holiday meal together. Treats were given out on Christmas Eve and Candlelight service was in the Christmas Eve evening service.

**Heritage**–Planning a Block Party to promote Boones Creek Baptist Camp this coming Summer. Praying that Jesus will send twenty kids that have never been to our camp before through our efforts. Praying that this will open a window for us to make relationships with the parents and introduce the families to Jesus. Planning has started for this years VBS. The Missions kids are still delivering food to the good folk at Beverly White Towers. And two of our men are helping with the restoration of the parsonage at Cow Creek. “Even so faith, if it has not works, is dead, being by itself. (James 2:17 NASB) Love the way Heritage puts its faith into action. Love My Church!

**Jeffersonville**–On December 10th, Christmas dinner was blessed with fellowship, laughter and love. There was ninety three present. December 17th started out with ugly sweater day, several ladies wore their best or worst sweater. Everyone received awards for their sweater presentations. Sunday evening was the Christmas program. Very well presented with Heather Taylor directing. Showing Spirit of peace and love during a time of need. The children kept the tempo rolling. Very much enjoyed by all. Treats were given as everyone exited after the program services. Ninety six plus in attendance. Had a wonderful turnout for the December 24th morning Sunday School and worship services. Much emphasis on the meaning of CHRISTmas. December 31st, early watch night service. Singing, testimonies, a time of prayer, a spiritual message by Bro. Linville Spangler, and finished with a candlelight service. Everyone formed a circle, lit candles and several spoke what the last year meant to them and what they hoped for in the New Year. Circle of prayer. Closing with refreshments in the fellowship hall. Not a lot planned for January because of the inclement weather. However, there will be movie night, January 20th, 2018 presenting “Monumental” directed by Kirk Cameron. Starts at 6:00pm. Refreshments will be served. Come join us. Hope to see you in Sunday School and Worship services wherever you are. May God bless you!

**Macedonia**–We enjoyed our Thanksgiving/Christmas holiday meal on December 3rd. The children presented their Christmas play on December 17th and Santa stopped by to hear their Christmas wishes. We gave our food boxes to those in need in the community. We are praying for God’s guidance in 2018 and we want to share His message in everything we do.

**Mt. Olive**–Our children worked hard and did a great Christmas play. Everyone enjoyed it. We look forward to what God has in store for us in the future.

**Northside**–December began with our Thanksgiving–Christmas dinner on the 3rd. Lots of food and fellowship! Then each week there were meetings and get togethers. Dinner was served and the pews were packed for our Association Hymn Sing on the 7th. Our choir did an excellent job on their cantata, “Let There Be Light”. Bro. Curtis Green is the director. The Women on Mission delivered boxes of paper goods to the Beacon of Hope. This mission helped many people, not just for a day but for weeks. Many thanks to the children and adults for their part in the Christmas play “Sheep, Shepherds and a Savior”. It’s always a highlight of the season to watch their hours of practice turns into perfection. Several enjoyed caroling at the nursing home and returning to the church for food and fellowship on the 22nd. The year ended with Bro. Jesse and Sharon hosting their annual New Years Eve dinner! What a blessing everyone receives from the delicious food to the service at midnight of praying the New Year in.

**Panola**–Had a great holiday meal. Panola Baptist seeing more baptisms. Baptisms done in month of December. Looking forward to 2018 and giving God all honor for His plans.

**Providence-Clark**–Enjoyed a Christmas program by the children and musical numbers by others.

**Providence-Estill**–Made several fruit baskets. Made bags for nursing home residents. Christmas for the bus ministry kids. Singing at the Nursing Home. Had a Christmas Float. Had a Christmas play and Choir cantata. Prospects for new pastor in January.

**Salem**–Eighteen members traveled to Boone, NC to help pack OCC shoe boxes to be shipped to their final destination which was Tanzania and Uganda this year. The youth and children did an awesome job with the play, “A Very Missional Christmas” written by Salem’s member, April Stone. A group from Morehead Sunrise Children’s Service attended the play. Twenty-one members went Caroling and they also delivered thirteen out of fifteen food boxes in the community. Looking forward to what God has in store for 2018.

**Spears Mill**–Spears Mill had a wonderful Christmas Cantata. Our church is so blessed to have Wanda Morgan to lead the choir and a talented choir. Hope all who attended were blessed. Now to look forward to the New Year and all it brings. Pray you have a blessed one.

**Spring Street**–Youth put on a special Christmas program and also went to 3 or 4 homes for caroling and their program. A Christmas cantata was also preformed.

**MONTHLY CHURCH PRAYER LIST**

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

**PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES**

**International Mission Board Missionaries and North American Mission Board Missionaries names are listed in Mission Mosaic and Open Windows on their birthday. Pray for Kentucky Missionaries; 1st Brenda Carswell, Marie Taborda; 2nd Verulo Gorcia; 4th Robin Reeves; 5th Arlene Miller; 10th Jamie Reynolds; 12th Garry McKinney; 14th Kathy Henson; 16th Will Ruthven, Linda Webb; 22nd Timothy Ison; 25th George Chinn, Jason Towns. Pray for international missionary Daniel Wainright in France.**

