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Serving, Encouraging and Supporting Christ's Churches

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A note to you,

- Christmas hymn sings are at Calvary Baptist Church in Irvine at 7pm on December 4th and at Northside Baptist Church in Winchester at 7pm December 7th. Please come to these times of praise and worship of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, as we celebrate His birth.

- Next executive board meeting is December 11 at the Boone's Creek Camp for the Christmas dinner which begins at 7pm. Everyone is invited to this time of fellowship.

Food For Thought:

After the church shooting in Texas , I decided to repeat this article, plus additions, to encourage our churches to develop emergency plans, if they haven't already done so:

From the more than 30 church shooting incidents that occurred over the last 15 years, very few patterns can be made from the known facts. Only five of the shootings were from members of the church, making it extremely difficult to predict this type of threat. In such cases, FEMA recommends that congregations run, hide, or fight according to the circumstances. However, we **think more can be done** to help in such a situation.

First, conduct congregational meetings to openly discuss the threat ahead of time. Active shooter incidents require an immediate response, so the importance of having a well-laid-out plan cannot be overemphasized. A church emergency team will have to be ready to act right away, so they need to know exactly what to do. Consider providing team members with radios to use during services so they can communicate with each other and direct people to safety areas.

Second, while fighting can be a viable option, churches need to carefully consider their policies regarding the **use of weapons**. Appointing a security team to include at least one uniformed law enforcement officer present at all services is a great idea and an effective crime deterrent. If you have law enforcement present and they respond to the crisis, it minimizes the church's potential liability.

You may also decide to allow conceal and carry for people in your congregation. However, this option is not as desirable as a police officer. If they respond to the crisis, it won't minimize the church's liability because they would be acting as an agent of the church and not as law enforcement. In this case, any use of what might be deemed "excessive force" could put the church at risk for litigation. For this reason, try to choose people with extensive training and use the same training that your area law enforcement requires. Examine their experience, licensure, and history.

Third, it was suggested to consider locking the entrance doors of the church at worship time with a responsible adult monitoring the doors. It has been determined that during worship time is when the congregation is most vulnerable because everyone's attention is directed to the pulpit/choir area.

Fourth, compare your emergency plan with what other local churches and schools are doing. With a solid plan of action in place, your church will be prepared to protect lives and minimize damage during an emergency. **A definite plan to deal with major emergencies is an important element of any church program.** Besides the major benefit of providing guidance during an emergency, developing the plan has other advantages.

You may discover unrecognized hazardous conditions that would aggravate an emergency situation and you can work to eliminate them. The planning process may bring to light deficiencies, such as the lack of resources (equipment, trained personnel, supplies), or items that can be rectified before an emergency occurs. In addition an emergency plan promotes safety awareness and shows the churches commitment to the safety of the congregation.

An attitude of "it can't happen here" may be present. People may not be willing to take the time and effort to examine the problem. Since emergencies will occur, preplanning is necessary. An urgent need for rapid decisions, shortage of time, and lack of resources and trained personnel can lead to chaos during an emergency. Time and circumstances in an emergency mean that normal channels of authority and communication cannot be relied upon to function routinely. The stress of the situation can lead to poor judgment resulting in severe losses. **Please consider adopting an Emergency Operations Plan for your church.**

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.**

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 3-Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (December 3-10)
- 4-Irvine Association Hymn Sing- Calvary Baptist Church, 7pm
- 7-Winchester Association Hymn Sing-Northside Baptist Ch-7pm
- 9-Pastor's Prayer Breakfast, Michael's, Ravenna, 9am
- 11-Executive Board Christmas Dinner- Boones Creek Baptist Camp-7pm

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 as they seek a pastor for their church.

News & Upcoming Events from the Association and our Churches

Camp- The camp will close December 1st for the winter and reopen in March, 2018.
Executive Board Report—Thank you to Providence Baptist Church, Clark County for hosting the November Executive Meeting and Women’s Day of Prayer. Food and fellowship was wonderful. There were 70 in attendance representing 16 churches. There were 9 pastors, 12 board members, 8 alternates, 2 officers, 2 program directors, the Director of Missions and 36 guests. A motion was approved to have a week of camp for Sunrise Children’s Services children.

Boones Creek—Join us for our Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6pm on Sunday Evening, December 24th.
Calvary-On, Thanksgiving, November 23rd, we will be hosting a Community Thanksgiving Meal from Noon to 4:00pm. Last year we fed over 300 people and we look to feed more this year. If any church or individual would like to partner with Calvary for this event, please call the church office at 606.723.2416. Join us Saturday, December 2nd for Christmas on Glory Street featuring the Calvary Heirs. This is a great event to kick off the Christmas season with chili supper at 5:00 pm and concert at 7:00pm. A love offering will be collected and all proceeds will go to Helping Hand Ministry in Irvine. Calvary Baptist will be hosting the BCBA Hymn Sing on Monday, December 4th at 7:00pm. Our Children’s Department will be presenting the drama, Christmas in the Country on Sunday, December 17th at 11:00am and 6:00 pm. We will be having a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6:00pm on Sunday, December 24th. Join us for all of our events and services.

Central-Well in September, we did several things including sending a group of men to Texas for hurricane relief. We had a marriage retreat in Gatlinburg, ten couples were able to participate. October rolled in with activities also. During the week of 16th-19th our senior adults went to Gatlinburg for the Celebrators Conference with 14 seniors attending. On October 22nd we had a wrap party which included staying after the service to wrap shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We held our annual Trunk or Treat on October 31st with greater than 1500 people coming through our parking lot. Also we said farewell to our longtime Associate Pastor Dennis Wainright as he completed his 40 years of service with us at Central Baptist Church. In November, the LLL Club went out to lunch at Natural Bridge with a tour of color changing trees on the way back. LLL Band will be performing in several different places during the holidays. The office of Central will be closed on Thursday November 23rd and Friday November 24th for Thanksgiving. In December our Worship Ministry will be performing their program on December 10th in the morning worship time.

Clay City-Church Appreciation Dinner for our Pastor. Went well and had a good attendance. Planning a Church Fish Fry.

Ephesus-We are involved with several missions projects this holiday season including: Sunrise Children’s Services, Operation Happiness, The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and a shoebox ministry drive for Owsley County. The Veterans Day service on November 12 was a huge blessing. We appreciate all the hard work by our volunteers and young people to recognize those who are serving and those who have served our country. We had another successful Thanksgiving Banquet on November 15 with a large crowd and lots of delicious food. We are extremely thankful for our kitchen committee for all the work they do for our church. Our youth group and volunteers will be attending the Hearts on Fire conference in Pigeon Forge on November 17-19. Deacon nominations and elections will be taking place over the next month. Bro. Todd will be preaching a revival message at Lighthouse Church in Winchester on November 28 with special music provided by members of our praise team. We will have a worship band from Southland Christian Church on December 1 to provide a concert and fellowship time for our young people. We will enjoy a Christmas Dinner at Michael’s Restaurant on December 16. We have scheduled a time for Christmas caroling on December 17th. A Christmas Eve service will be held on December 24 at 5:00pm.

First Baptist Irvine—Back Pack Ministry began helping to provide food for the hungry children. A faithful dedicated Christian, Lenvil Canter went home to be with the Lord. He served as Chairman of the Deacons and taught Sunday School.

Friendship— Had a wonderful homecoming with good food and fellowship. Enjoyed special music provided by the group “Praise Singers” on November 12th. Working on Christmas play. We will be fixing Christmas baskets again this year.

Heritage-We celebrated Miss Isabel Rader’s baptism on November 5th. We sent four messengers to the 2017 KBC. We’ve collected over thirty coats so far for our Annual Coat Drive. This is in memory of JR Johnson. More importantly, this is a mission work in the name of our Savior and Lord, Jesus. We will collect coats until December 10th. If you have a new or gently used coat that you would like to donate, drop it off during the day at the church. Our Holiday Meal will be held on December 1st at 6:00pm. The Oneida Baptist Boy’s and Girl’s Choir will perform for us on Sunday morning, December 17th at 11:00am. Heritage invites everyone to come and enjoy this Christmas event.

Jeffersonville—Children went to Evans Orchard in Georgetown for Fall Festival activities. Had twenty eight counting adults. Sunday, 22nd, took offering for Oneida Baptist Children’s Institute. Fall Festival on November 4, with chili supper at 4:00pm, activities for the children and adults. Silent auction, grab bags, cake walk, fire pit with hot dogs and marshmallows and a hayride to finish off the evening. On November 12th, we had our Veterans Day celebration with the parade of flags, honoring our veterans of all branches of the armed services. Display and folding of the American flag with the meaning of each fold explained in detail. On November 19th, offering is scheduled for the Sunrise Children’s Services. November 23rd, Happy Thanksgiving. Wishing all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving season in the Lord. Give thanks for the many blessings God has given each and every one of us this past year. Be forever thankful and give a little happiness to those less fortunate during this time of thanksgiving. It is better to give than receive. Hope to see you in Sunday School and Worship. May God bless you.

Macedonia-Everyone had a great time at our Fall Festival. We had a pot luck lunch, pumpkin painting, scavenger hunt, water spoon relay and a cake walk. God provided us with some great weather! Beginning a new Wednesday night Bible study entitled “Christian Character”. We are stocking up our food pantry for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. The children are practicing for their Christmas play.

Means-We were blessed to have Brother Ron Jones from Central Baptist in Chattanooga, Tennessee join us at 10:33 for a great day of ministry. Audrey Jones also hosted a Women on Mission conference this month, and several of the ladies have launched new outreach efforts as a result. LeAnne Reed has organized a new daily prayer team focused on the needs of the church and the community. Samantha Ferrell has stepped in as the county’s new leader of Project Worth which focuses on ministering to the daily need of suffering families in the community. We were also blessed to have Brother Anthony Daulton as a guest speaker on a Sunday evening. Our food box ministry continues to grow and we have seen a rise in needs not only in our county, but also in neighboring Bath and Montgomery Counties. Please pray with us that God continues to bless so we are able to meet the rising needs of hungry families in these communities. Brother Alan Heitzman has partnered us with the Morehead Soup Kitchen and we were able to help provide turkeys for their Thanksgiving meal and we have a team going over to help prepare and serve the food for the day. In December, we will be hosting a Bible Boot Camp with our small group leader, Dwayne Brewer, focusing on stepping out on faith to fulfill your mission. January 6th, we will be launching our new Agape Meal Ministry where we will be preparing hot meals and delivering them to struggling families and shut-ins in the community. In December, we will be assisting the Crysalis House for Women in Lexington with their Christmas program, as well as Menifee Project Worth with their angel tree and we will be having our annual Christmas program on Sunday evening the 17th. People often ask, “Why do you call Sunday morning worship service 10:33?”. It’s because of our church vision based on Luke 10:33, the story of the Good Samaritan. Our vision for 2018 is to expand our outreach to our community, and find new ways to help those who are struggling. We are so blessed to have a church full of serving, giving, loving people and we are excited to expand our outreach in 2018!

Mt. Olive-We enjoyed our evening with food and fellowship together. We look forward to what God has in store for us in the future.

Northside-Many thanks to Bro. John Ryder for a wonderful Homecoming message. We all enjoyed a great meal and song service afterwards. Then we welcomed Angela Poore to our church family thru baptism. The Women on Mission group prepared 18 backpacks with food, toys, clothes, and a leaflet of “The Christmas Story”. Half of these will be distributed in Ky and the other half in Cincinnati. The Kentucky WMU were trying to beat their goal of 5,000 backpacks from KBC churches. To thank Bro. Jesse and Sharon for their 23 years of service, an album was given to them with members pictures and cards of appreciation. We watched a film where the children were asked questions about Bro. Jesse and Sharon. Out of the mouths of babes came some great answers. Lunch was served after our morning worship service. We are blessed that God sent them to lead and guide us.

Panola-Trunk or Treat was a great success. Thanks again to Second Blessings (Carl and Patty Whitt). Getting ready to work on a new Christmas Cantata. Our OCC Shoeboxes are done and delivered.

Powells Valley-October 8th we had our homecoming service and dinner after. October 22nd, we observed the Lord’s Supper in our morning service. On October 29th, we had a hymn sing in our evening service. We will be collecting food for our food baskets during November and December.

Providence-Clark— Hosted Boones Creek Baptist Association Executive Board meeting on November 6, 2017. Will have a Thanksgiving luncheon on November 17th after the service. Visitors are welcome.

Providence-Estill-Our youth enjoyed a camp out at Boones Creek Camp. Enjoyed our fall festival even in the rain. Working on youth and adult Christmas plays. Filling shoeboxes for shoe box ministry. Planning for Christmas Float.

Reid Village-Gateway Children’s Ministry at the Gateway Children’s Services each Monday. Choir is practicing for the Christmas Cantata. Collecting Christmas shoeboxes. Collecting for Thanksgiving food baskets.

Salem-The Acteens delivered the supplies they and the church gathered for the homeless shelter in Clark County. The GA’s also delivered the snacks they gathered for the Pediatric Cancer Center at UK. This was in honor of Salem’s Kieran Fry, a three year old. We are thankful for the good weather the Lord provided for our Drama Drive, “The Body and the Bride”. Around 500 people came through. Heard good comments. Salem honored Bro. Jerry and Dianne for their 27 years of service with a dinner and a gift certificate. They both said it has been a blessing. Preparing for Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Project on November 13th-20th. Salem is the Drop-Off Center for the Irvine area. Eighteen members are planning to go to Boone, NC to help get the shoe boxes ready to be shipped.

Spears Mill-Spears Mill has been working hard to get the Samaritan’s Purse shoe boxes ready to ship out. Also the choir has started practicing for our annual Christmas Cantata. Really looking forward to it.

Spring Street-Thanksgiving dinner will be November 19th and Tuesday November 21st will have a praise service.

Thomas-Benny Ray Cox, a beloved member of our church passed on November 4, 2017 after a short illness. He was baptized on September 4th, 1948. He served as a trustee of our church and he checked on our church daily. He was a faithful servant and will be missed by all.

Williams Memorial-Gave treats and Bible verses to children on Trick or Treat night.

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. Kentucky Missionaries and their birthday for the month of December: 1st- Holly Decker; 5th- Cathy Chinn; 6th-Chris Clarke; 10th-Tarvis Lynch; 18th-Shirley Barlow; 19th-James McDonald; 24th-Bobbby Carnes; 25th-Tasha McWherter; 27-Mary Jo Radosevich; 29th-Joyce Decker; 31st-Shaughanessy Morris. Pray for international missionaries Daniel Wainright in France and Mark Dearing in Haiti.

MONTHLY CHURCH PRAYER LIST

**Corinth Baptist Church, Winchester; Rev. Jim Rediford, Pastor
 Cow Creek Baptist Church, Ravenna; Rev. Chris Greene, Pastor
 Emmanuel Baptist Church, Winchester, Rev. Ron Montgomery, Pastor**

BOONES CREEK ASSOCIATION HYMN SINGS

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH-DECEMBER 4, 2017-7PM

NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH-DECEMBER 7, 2017-7PM