

Book of Reports 185th Annual Meeting

The mission of Liberty Association of Baptists: "To encourage and assist churches in fulfilling the Great Commission"

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WELCOME

Messenger Registration

Welcome to the 185th Annual Meeting of the Liberty Association of Baptists! If you haven't already done so, please stop by the registration table and fill out a registration card for the Annual Meeting. Thanks so much to Pastor David Purichia and Southside Baptist Church for hosting!

Getting Around...

Please see any of the Southside Staff for directions on how to get where you need to go.

Annual Meeting Materials

Please stop by the Registration Table for any handouts or materials needed prior to the meeting.

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Ministry Displays

Before the meeting, during the fellowship/meal break, and afterwards feel free to stop by the ministry booths and displays highlighting the opportunities for your church to be involved and gather resources for ministry!

Lynn Traylor Association Mission Strategist

TREASURER'S REPORT/PROPOSED BUDGET

Liberty Association of Baptists General Funds Receipts and Expenditures by Budget For the Year Ended August 31, 2024

Church Receipts

General Fund Disbursements

•	General Funds		2023-2024	Budget
Antioch	1,200.00	Administrative Expenses		
Browders Chapel	1,200.00	Copier Expenses	3,010.60	3,300.00
Calvary Baptist	1,565.66	Insurance	3,287.23	3,000.00
Cave City Baptist Church	720.00	Miscellaneous Expenses	1,133.82	800.00
Cave Spring Baptist	550.00	Website	0.00	500.00
Cedar Cliff Baptist	1,000.00	Postage & Delivery	753.69	500.00
Cedar Grove Baptist	5,586.50	Supplies	1,904.18	1,100.00
Coral Hill Baptist	5,000.04	Utilities	0.00	0.00
Edmonton Worship Center	1,200.00	Total Admistrative Expenses	10,089.52	9,200.00
Glasgow Baptist Church	500.00	Team Operations		
Grace Union Baptist	1,896.00	Team Church Strengthening	497.12	2,000.00
Hardyville Baptist Church	0.00	DOM Administration	11,553.54	11,600.00
Hiseville Baptist Church	1,800.00	Mileage - Church Strengthening	881.25	1,000.00
Horse Cave Baptist Church	5,272.02	Team Leadership & Development	1,283.32	2,000.00
Iglesia Emmanuel	0.00	DOM Administration	11,553.54	11,600.00
Immanuel Baptist Church	600.00	Mileage - Church Str	881.25	1,000.00
Lifeway Community	0.00	Conference Travel	3,211.10	2,000.00
Little Bethel Baptist	0.00	Team Evangelism Operations	4,587.14	4,000.00
Lonoke Baptist Church	391.00	DOM Administration	11,553.54	11,600.00
Mt. Tabor Baptist	0.00	Mileage - Evangelism	881.25	1,000.00
New Liberty Baptist	1,100.00	Missions Travel	2,500.00	3,000.00
Park City Baptist	1,142.21	Block Party Trailer	646.96	300.00
Pleasant Valley Baptist Church	3,040.47	Association Laundry Unit	122.27	0.00
Poplar Spring Baptist Church	1,200.00	Serve 309	-2,291.01	2,000.00
Riverpointe Church	1,333.60	Ministries (CJ, CR, NS, GCA)	4,800.00	4,800.00
Rowletts Baptist Church	2,682.93	Total Expense	62,750.79	67,100.00
Salem Baptist Church	3,432.99			
Shady Grove Baptist	1,800.00			
Siloam Baptist Church	1,000.00	Total General Funds Receipts		64,676.21
South Fork Baptist	0.00	Total General Funds Disburseme	ents	(62,750.79)
Southside Baptist	13,156.00	Change in General Fund		1,925.42
Three Springs Baptist	1,160.00			
Walnut Hill Baptist	0.00	Required Support to Meet Budge	t	5,591.67
Zion Baptist	400.00	Avg Monthly Support (12 Months	()	4,994.12
TOTAL	59,929.42	Average Monthly Shortfall		597.55
Miscellaneous Receipts:				
Trusts/Endowment - G/F	1.589.94	Disbursements		67.10 2.75
		Receipts		64.68
KY Bapt Foundation Trust	500.00 2,656.12			0
Miscellaneous Receipts:	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH	Above: the progress towards To	tal Budget	A
Interest	<u>0.73</u> 4.746.79	Right: % of Monthly Suppor	t Received	89%
	4,140.19	Might. 76 of Monthly Suppor		

Total General Fund Receipts 64,676.21



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PROPOSED BUDGET

Liberty Association of Baptists Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Annual General Funds Proposed Budget

Administrative Expenses	
Copier Expenses	3,100
Insurance	3,300
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,000
Postage and Delivery	850
Supplies	2,200
Total Administrative Expenses	11,450
Team Operations	
Team Church Strengthening	2,000
AMS-Administration	11,600
Mileage	1,000
Team Leadership & Development	2,000
AMS-Administration	11,600
Mileage	1,000
Conference Travel	2,000
Team Evangelism	4,000
AMS-Administration	11,600
Mileage	1,000
Missions Travel	3,000
Block Party Trailer	300
Association Laundry Unit	100
Serve 309	2,000
Ministries (CJ, CR, NS, GCA)	4,800
TOTAL EXPENSE	69,450
DECIDATE MEET DUDGET	

REQ'D MO.TO MEET BUDGET

Budget Team Motion: "To bring our budget reporting in line with accepted accounting practices, the Budget Team recommends showing current ministry team fund totals in the fiscal year they are granted. No accrued funds from previous years will be carried over to succeeding years."

5,787.50

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

The Administrative Team - consisting of the Association Mission Strategist, Moderator and/or Assistant Moderator, Treasurer and/or Assistant Treasurer, Clerk and/or Assistant Clerk, Parliamentarian, Team Leaders, Trustee Chair, Personnel Chair, Budget Chair, and Nominating Chair. This team provides assistance and supportive direction to the other three teams. The Admin Team also assists the AMS in carrying out his duties in serving the Association

This past Association year, seeking to make our meetings less burdensome on our Admin Team, we combined the quarterly Admin Team meetings with the Vision Team meetings, eliminating an extra night of meetings.

The Admin Team has no recommendations at this time.

Proposed Constitution Changes-None Proposed at this Time



NOMINATING TEAM REPORT

(Final as Approved during Annual Meeting)

The nominating committee met four times from July through September at Park City and Browders Chapel Baptist Churches. The committee began by contacting all persons currently serving to identify those that would continue to serve and to identify the open positions for the upcoming year. Prayerful consideration was given to seeking the LORD's direction to find candidates for the open positions. Throughout the process the committee tried to balance the nominations among church laypersons, pastors, candidates who had not served in the past, younger candidates and increasing the number of churches represented.

The committee is presenting nominations for the upcoming association year as listed in the book of reports. Each of the nominees have been contacted by the committee and have agreed to serve for the upcoming year. The nominations consist of 34 members from 22 different churches which is an increase of 2 churches since last year. Ten of the nominations did not serve during the previous year. Several positions, as noted in the book of reports, have not been filled including the following positions of note that currently remain open:

- Administrative Team Leader
- Treasurer
- Clerk and Assistant Clerk
- Church Strengthening Team Member
- Resolutions Committee Chair
- Personnel Committee Member (2 openings)

The committee would like to thank the individuals that have served during the past year and especially those that have served for multiple years. Realizing the time commitment involved in serving in these positions, the committee expresses our sincere appreciation to those that have agreed to serve for the upcoming year. May the LORD bless these nominations and their work that we may as one make Jesus Christ our Saviour known unto our Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria, and uttermost part of the earth.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Hoffman, Charles McCubbins, Donnie Wilson, Charles Wisdom, Nicholas Harlow (Chair)

Liberty Association of Baptists - Nominations 2024 - 2025 (Final)

Administrative Team

Admin. Team Leader Open

Moderator Benny Lile Coral Hill

Assistant Moderator Barry Harlow Browders Chapel

Treasurer Open

Assistant Treasurer Belinda Coulter Calvary

Clerk Open Assistant Clerk Open

Frank Rowland **Immanuel** Parliamentarian Chris Taylor **Immanuel** Church Strengthening Leader Coral Hill Evangelism & Missions Leader Jordan Woodie Wes Shipley **Immanuel** Leadership Development Leader Shady Grove Personnel Chair David McCubbin **Trustees Chair David Smith Grace Union**

Church Strengthening Team

LeaderChris TaylorImmanuelMemberMark JohnsonThree SpringsMemberDavid HawkinsHiseville

Member Dimas Miranda Iglesia Emanuel

Member Open

Evangelism & Missions Team

LeaderJordan WoodieCoral HillMemberPeggy DavidsonPleasant ValleyMemberBuddy GieseckeHardyvilleMemberChris JeterCoral HillMemberDebbie PenningtonHorse Cave

Leadership Development Team

LeaderWes ShipleyImmanuelMemberTimmy GarrettPoplar SpringMemberRobby WardPleasant ValleyMemberDuane MannPleasant ValleyMemberBen MeredithRowletts

Credentials Committee

ChairSam NorrodHorse CaveMemberMila RutledgeCave SpringMemberPam WilsonPleasant ValleyMemberBarbara ClarkCave SpringMemberErnest HayesCave Spring

Nominations 2024 – 2025 (Final) (cont.)

Budget Committee

Chair Treasurer to serve as chair

Member Jesse Brown Glasgow Member Belinda Coulter Calvary

Member Fritz Giesecke Pleasant Valley

Member Open

Resolutions Committee

Chair Open

Member Andy Brownfield Coral Hill
Member Beth Hope Pleasant Valley

Member Open
Member Open

Personnel Committee

Chair David McCubbin Shady Grove

Member Larry Noe Edmonton Worship

Member Larry Lowe Park City

Member Open
Member Open

Trustees

Chair David Smith Grace Union
Member Tony Clemmons Siloam
Member Brent Smith Southside

Camp Joy

Missionary Open
Men Open
Women Open

Pastor Robby Ward Pleasant Valley
Youth Brooke Waters Cedar Cliff

Kentucky WMU Executive Board

Representative Open

MINISTRY PARTNERS



Crossroads Life Center is a faith-based, non-profit ministry that exists to promote and defend life. We work to educate, equip, and empower women and men to make healthy and confident family choices; through providing FREE and confidential services which include:

- Pregnancy Test
- Accurate Information on Pregnancy Options
- Material Support
- Parenting and Life Skills Classes
- Post-Abortion Support
- Community Referrals

In 2023, we invested in updating our website to a mobile friendly format. Many times, before a girl in an unplanned pregnancy situation reaches out to anyone else in her life for support, she picks up her phone to search for an answer. And when she does, as of right now she encounters over 70 websites selling the abortion pill. But now in 2024, since our website has been updated, Crossroads Life Center is ranking amongst the top searches, providing her with a different option - support to choose life.

In addition, we have had the joy of celebrating our 20th anniversary this year! Crossroads Life Center first opened its doors in 2004. Over the past 20 years, through the work of many board members, executive directors, staff members and volunteers, we have had 2,000 clients come through our doors for over 14,000 appointments and receive over 85,000 diapers. All while experiencing, receiving, and hearing about the love Christ has for them. For 2024, to date we have given away 409 packages of diapers, 59 packages of pull ups, 374 articles of baby clothes, 178 packages of wipes, and 58 cans of formula.

Amongst many projects for 2025, we are researching and working toward developing a social media ambassador program for our 16-24 year olds to serve the community through Crossroads Life Center. We are also researching and working toward adding paid Google Ads. Both of these efforts will help us to continue to reach her where she turns first in crisis - her phone. And when she does, she will find Crossroads Life Center and we are ready to support her in choosing life.

Thank you, Liberty Association, for your continued support and partnership with Crossroads Life Center, as we work to educate, equip, and empower the families of our community! If you are interested in hearing more about Crossroads Life Center, we would love to share our story with you! Just give us a call to schedule a tour today!



Blessings.

CROSSROADSTILL CENTER









MINISTRY PARTNERS



Annual Report for Glasgow Christian Academy, Inc.

It is a blessing, Liberty Association, to serve the Lord alongside each of you. Glasgow Christian Academy would like to express thanks to the Liberty Association for partnering with us financially. GCA exists to partner with parents in their responsibility to educate their children. This responsibility is God-given in scripture. We believe the choice for an education at GCA is a wise decision due to every subject being presented with a biblical worldview. We also believe that GCA does the best job in educating the whole child in truth, God's truth. Glasgow Christian Academy is the only private school in Barren County to hold accreditation. This accreditation also allows us to be recognized by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission (KDE).

The mission of GCA is to assist parents in educating students intellectually, physically, socially, and spiritually in a Christ-centered environment and equipping students with a Christian worldview, thereby empowering them to engage the culture for Jesus Christ. Please continue to pray that we will all work toward this task with more passion than ever before. It is a critical time for our children to be able to distinguish, believe, and stand on God's Word.

As voting begins for our November elections, we would like to URGE & ASK you to VOTE YES on AMENDMENT 2. There is much miscommunication about the impact of voting Yes, so please find below some important facts.

What is Amendment 2?

On November 5, 2024, Kentuckians will have an opportunity to vote Yes on Amendment 2, Kentucky's Education Opportunities Constitutional Amendment, to allow for more educational opportunities for families, kindergarten-12th grade students and teachers. It puts students first, empowers parents and increases teacher pay. It will protect Kentucky's public school funding and structure.

Who Else Has School Choice?

46 states in the U.S., **including every state surrounding Kentucky**, have educational opportunities and programs as depicted in the following School Choice Regional Snapshot courtesy of **EdChoice**.



What Amendment 2 DOES:

Enable the General Assembly to provide increased resources for additional education opportunities in local communities.

Encourage healthy competition in education, improving quality and outcomes for students in public, private and homeschool.

Create an opportunity for the legislature to consider school choice policies that will work best for Kentucky families.

Empower more families to seek education opportunities that more closely align with their own values and beliefs.

Recognize the shortfalls of a one-size-fits-all approach to education by encouraging innovation and choice for the good of students.

What Amendment 2 DOES NOT DO:

Eliminate the General Assembly's constitutional obligation to adequately fund public schools or take money away from individual counties or rural schools.



Require the state to adopt a certain type of school choice program.

Increase government control or regulation over homeschool or private school instruction.

Require parents or private schools to accept school choice resources.

Again, we would like to ask you to PLEASE VOTE YES!

Thank you again Liberty Baptist Association for the prayers and continued partnership. Please continue to pray that God would send and reveal to us individuals that need to be involved at Glasgow Christian Academy. We would love to talk with you or your church about how you can make a difference with your time, talents, or a tax-deductible investment. Praying God's best for the Liberty Baptist Association.

Thanking God for you,

Mrs. Shaw

ASSOCIATION MISSION STRATEGIST REPORT

Liberty Association of Baptists exists "To encourage and assist churches in fulfilling the Great Commission." As you will hear from our teams, we have sought to provide resources and opportunities for all our churches this past Association year. Here are just a few highlights from this past year:

Serve 309

Serve 309 continues to be blessed by God as we gather together...next year is June 1-4, 2025 at Calvary BC in Glasgow.

Block Party Trailer

BP Trailer saw a lot of use this summer, and will be used later this month at Park City BC.

VBS

Attendance was up at a number of churches.

Mission Trips

Churches continue to increase their mission trip involvement...scholarship money available.

Disaster Relief

Our Association's Laundry is currently deployed in Brevard, NC. Another training this week!

Baptisms

We rejoiced with several churches in seeing baptisms this year.

Community and Outreach Resources

Community prospect and household information available at no cost to your church.

Hispanic Health Clinic

After a 3 year hiatus, Pastor Dimas Miranda and his church hosted a Hispanic Health Clinic.

New Church Plant

We rejoice to see Covenant Community Church come out of Coral Hill BC as a new church plant.

AMS Activities

Since last year's Annual Meeting, made at least 38 visits to churches; Led 4 Bible Studies; Attended the annual AMS Meeting and KBC annual meeting; Participated in Honduras Mission Trip; Attended Leader's Meetings and Participated in Serve 309; Attended the National AMS Meeting and the SBC in Indianapolis; Visited 12 Bible Schools; Trained in KBC Disaster Relief; Numerous other meetings, conferences with Pastors, etc. The next meeting of the LAB will be the Exec Bd at Park City BC, Jan. 21, 2025 at 6 PM for a meal, meeting at 7.

Brevard, NC

Recovery Operation with Public Laundry and Showers

Incident Management Chaplains

Assessors

4 Recovery Teams

3 Shower/Laundry Teams

KYDR Stand Down 10/15/2024



352 Volunteer Days

2,764 Volunteer Hours

263 Ministry Contacts

31 Gospel Presentations

37 Bibles

98 Heavy Equipment Hours

166 Laundry Loads

253 Showers

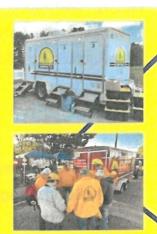
2 Tarping Jobs

29 Chainsaw Jobs

14 Flood Recovery Jobs

1,373 Meals Served

1 Profession of Faith





Valdosta, GA

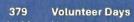




Mass Feeding Operation

Assisted with Recovery Assessments

Completed Chainsaw Jobs while staging for Hurricane Milton.



4,192 Volunteer Hours 189 Ministry Contacts

3 Gospel Presentations 194 Heavy Equipment Hours

42 Recovery Assessment 6 Chainsaw Jobs

51,275 Meals Served











DATE: 10.09.24

Submitted by: Ron Crow, KYDR Director

Incident: Hurricane Helene / Hurricane Milton

Disaster Summary:

HURRICANE HELENE

Hurricane Helene made landfall in Big Bend area of Florida just southwest of Perry as a dangerous Cat-4 Hurricane with wind speeds of 140 mph, life-threatening storm surge, and torrential rains. The storm was a fast-moving storm that tracked northward rapidly with impacts in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, and SW Virginia. The storm has caused historic rainfall flooding, wind damage, and generated some tornado activity.

130+ confirmed deaths across the Southeast have been reported from the storm and road closures, especially in North Carolina, have created challenges for those delivering necessary supplies.

HURRICANE MILTON

On Monday, **Hurricane Milton** strengthened into a Cat-5 storm with winds up to 180 mph. As of early Tuesday morning, it has weakened in intensity to a Cat-4 storm but is growing in size. It is projected to make a turn to the east and then northeast on Tuesday and Wednesday. It is projected to make landfall on Wednesday evening or early Thursday morning as a Cat-3 or Cat-4 hurricane with wind speeds of 125-140 mph. Current projections have Sarasota to be the center of the storm as it makes landfall which would stretch major impact from Fort Myers to north of Tampa.

Evacuations have been ordered for much of the west coast of Florida and this exodus has begun, which is causing fuel issues in some areas. Hurricane Milton continues to pose a grave danger to Florida, where its potentially historic strike will bring destructive, life-threatening storm surge, widespread wind damage, flooding rainfall and tornadoes beginning Wednesday. On Tuesday morning, the National Weather Service warned that "Milton has the potential to be one of the most destructive hurricanes on record for west-central Florida.

The latest forecasts call for Milton to continue to weaken gradually on approach to Florida because of increasing wind shear and dry air, but it should remain a major hurricane through landfall sometime later Wednesday into early Thursday. While this weakening is good news, it should not be overstated. Milton will still be a very powerful storm generating significant storm surge and winds regardless on its final in-tensity at landfall and likely to have catastrophic impacts.

The latest NHC forecast calls for storm surge to be as much as 10 to 15 feet above ground level if the peak surge coincides with high tide along the west-central Florida Gulf Coast, including Tampa Bay. Projections for the bay in Tampa continue to project at 15 feet. Storm surge could be as much as 6 to 10 feet as far south as Fort Myers Beach and in areas north of Tampa Bay. If the upper end of the storm surge forecast materializes for the Tampa Bay area, it would be the highest there in more than a century. However, expect adjustments to the storm surge forecast shown below based on future track updates for Milton.

KYDR Current Response:

Valdosta, GA: MASS FEEDING CLOSED

- The Valdosta feeding site closed on Monday evening, October 7.
- KYDR kitchen served 51,275 meals. volunt
- Currently the KYDR mass feeding Kitchen 001 & 005 is staged at Northside Baptist in Valdosta, GA waiting for deployment to Florida following Hurricane Milton which will make landfall later this evening tomorrow morning.

Brevard, NC: RECOVERY CLOSING

- KYDR has been serving in Brevard, NC following the remnants of Hurricane Helene. Although there is damage in Brevard, KYDR recovery teams have been able to complete most of the jobs that have come in.
- KYDR has 4 recovery teams, chaplains, assessors, shower units, laundry unit, feeding team, and heavy equipment.
- This site will be closing on Saturday, October 12 and teams will return home on Saturday/Sunday.
- There are continued needs in other parts of North Carolina, but most of those sites are full or have continued plans for recovery and rebuild needs.

Lakeland, FL: MASS FEEDING OPENING

- As all eyes are on Hurricane Milton, KYDR has been asked to send a mobile mass feeding kitchen to Lakeland, FL.
 First meal is projected to be Saturday evening (remember, things can change quickly in disasters).
- KYDR volunteers can sign up through VicNet to serve on the feeding team.
- Recovery teams may be needed, but we will address that as we get on the ground and determine the needs.

Training Opportunity:

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- Due to the overwhelming need for more volunteers, KYDR will host an additional official KYDR training.
- Friday, October 18 from 1:00 5:30 pm at Highview Baptist East Campus
- Introduction to Southern Baptist Disaster Relief, Mass Feeding, and Flood Recovery will be offered.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary donations are desperately needed. It gets expensive transporting and operating equipment, food, supplies, and repairs. Your gifts are very much appreciated. Visit www.kybaptist.org/dr for a donation link.
- Funds for rebuilding will also be needed.
- Gift cards are needed: Lowes, Home Depot, Walmart, Target, Dollar General
- Visit www.kybaptist.org/hurricanerelief for more information.

Current Prayer Needs:

- Pray for the safety of our teams as they travel, work and serve.
- Pray for the opportunity to have gospel conversations.
- Pray for the opportunity to encourage the families, neighbors, and the volunteers who are serving.
- Pray for those who have lost friends and family.
- Pray for our pastors and AMS's as they care and minister on the ground in the long term.
- Pray for the emotional stress of those affected, especially at this has been catastrophic.
- Pray that God will be glorified in all things.
- Pray for the local churches as they love on their communities and meet needs. They are the front lines of ministry.
- Pray for the local pastors as they care for their church family, many who have been affected and experienced great loss.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

KBC ONLINE Annual Church Profile/Workspace Database Training

Details: We will learn how to easily complete the Annual Church Profile and how to update leaders as they change. We will also learn about the wonderful reports available for each church. **Tuesday, October 29, 2024 from 2:00 PM EST - 3:30 PM EST**Registration link is below:

https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/21c0e44f-d728-4b2e-b424-53966031c18b@3c66c078-9b93-4d90-ac58-8b95624ad82c

Disaster Relief...how you can help...Laundry Unit Deployed

A Reminder:

...Salem Pastor Jeff Wells is organizing a trip in connection with a pastor in NC for supplies...see info below and contact Jeff if you have questions...

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Clean-Up Supplies Box Cutters Hammers Pry bars Shovels (all types) Scoop Shovels Brooms Push Brooms Masks Tyvek Suits Leather Gloves Rubber Gloves Safety Glasses	Paper & Personal Care Toilet Paper Paper Towels Disinfectant Wipes Laundry Detergent Dryer Sheets Hair Brushes & Combs Feminine Hygiene Products Shampoo Body Wash Conditioner Deodorant Toothpaste Toothbrushes Mouth wash Dental Floss Baby Wipes Dispers	Perishable Items (not out-of-date) Bottled Water Gatorade/Powerade Baby Formula Canned Food Individually Wrapped Snacks Food With Long Shelf-Life Oatmeal Poptarts Benadryl Cough Drops

CHURCH STRENGTHENING TEAM

The Church Strengthening Team has continued to utilize the church prayer calendar as a means to provide each church with specific prayer requests for individual churches and pastors and unite the Liberty Association in prayer for each church in our association.

NEXT EVENT SPONSORED BY THE CHURCH STRENGTHENING TEAM...



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM

The Leadership Development Team has had an active and fruitful year, marked by a series of impactful events, partnerships, and initiatives aimed at equipping and encouraging church leaders across our association. We are grateful to God for the opportunities He has provided to invest in the development of our pastors, small group leaders, and ministry workers. Below is a summary of our key activities over the past year:

Practical Preaching Workshop

In our first event of the year, we welcomed Jason Lowe from the Kentucky Baptist Convention who led us through a Practical Preaching Workshop, a focused training designed to enhance the craft of sermon preparation and delivery. This workshop was well-attended, with over 30 participants, including pastors, lay preachers, and ministry leaders. The event provided practical insights and tools that have already begun to bear fruit in the pulpits of our churches. The feedback from attendees has been overwhelmingly positive, and we are exploring ways to offer similar opportunities in the future.

Small Group Leader Training

Our second event was centered on equipping small group leaders. Darryl Wilson, also from the KBC, guided us through his book Caring: Caring for Members and Friends In Sunday School and Bible Study Groups. This training emphasized the importance of mobilizing group members to actively care for one another, creating a culture of discipleship and spiritual growth. Darryl's teaching underscored how intentional care within small groups fosters a deep sense of community and enhances the discipleship process.



Pastors Conference

For our third event, we had the honor of hosting Dr. Hershael York, who conducted a three-session retreat aimed at pastors and those discerning a call to pastoral ministry. Hershael's sessions covered essential topics, including soul care for pastors, calling out the called in our congregations, and practical strategies for church leadership. These sessions were timely and encouraging,

offering much-needed support to pastors as they navigate the demands of ministry while caring for their own spiritual health. The retreat was a resounding success, providing spiritual refreshment and actionable takeaways for all in attendance.

Additional Ministry Support

In addition to our events, our team has been actively promoting key ministry development opportunities throughout the year:

- Church Ministry Essentials Conference: Hosted by First Baptist Hendersonville, this conference has become a staple for many of our ministry leaders. Several from our association attended this year and returned with valuable insights for their churches.
- **KBC Shepherding Conference**: This conference continues to be a favorite among our pastors. Many have expressed how rejuvenating and encouraging the sessions are, and we are committed to promoting this event for years to come.



- Scholarships and Educational Support: We were blessed to offer two scholarships this year to pastors in our association who are furthering their theological education. These scholarships provide critical support to our leaders, allowing them to grow in knowledge and ministry effectiveness without being hindered by financial burdens.
- Seminary Extension Course: Bro. Robby Ward once again led the annual Seminary Extension Course at Pleasant Valley. This course continues to be a valuable resource for lay leaders and ministers in our association who are pursuing further theological training.



Preaching Mentoring Group: We are excited to announce the formation of a Preaching Mentoring Group, designed for pastors, preachers, and those discerning a call to the ministry of proclamation. This group will focus on developing gospel-centered sermons and refining the craft of preaching. Rooted in the charge of 2 Timothy 4:2 to "preach the word," the group will meet once a month for eight months, beginning in October, and will center on three key areas: Sharing, Studying, and Sharpening. Participants will engage in rich conversations, exchange practical preaching ideas, and draw from personal pulpit experiences. Additionally, they will read and discuss insightful preaching resources like The Passion Driven Sermon by Jim Shaddix and On Preaching by H.B. Charles. Participants will also listen to sermons from seasoned preachers like Adrian Rogers and Allister Begg and have opportunities to practice preaching within the group for constructive feedback.

The cost is \$30 per participant, which includes books, materials, and meals. Scholarships are available, and the group will be facilitated by Ray Woodie, Pastor of Coral Hill Baptist Church, and hosted at Immanuel Baptist Church. We encourage all interested to register and join us for this enriching time of learning, fellowship, and growth in the ministry of the Word.

Respectfully Submitted, Leadership Development Team

PERSONNEL TEAM REPORT

According to Article Nine of our Association Constitution, the Personnel Team is a standing committee. Each year, the Personnel Team meets twice with the Association Mission Strategist (AMS), and evaluates how well he is performing the expectations and duties listed in the Job Description. The Job Description for the AMS says:

II. JOB DESCRIPTION:

A. Responsibility to the Association:

- The AMS shall be an officer of the Association in a non-voting capacity.
- 2. He shall serve as an ex-officio member of all Association committees.
- 3. He shall work to maintain a spirit of unity within the Association.
- 4. He shall be the chief editor of the monthly Associational newsletter.
- (a) He should encourage a volunteer team from Association churches to produce and distribute the newsletter.
- 5. He shall report to the Executive Board and to the Annual Meeting of the Association. The annual meeting report should include where we have been, but primarily focus on where we are going as an Association
- 6. He shall work with the various teams of the Association to develop a total plan for the Association, both short term and long term in the areas of missions, evangelism, church growth, etc.
- I. To insure the organization and implementation of this plan, he should meet monthly with the four Associational leadership teams. These teams include: Church Strengthening Team, Evangelism and Mission-s Team, and Leadership Development Team.
- II. An established regular monthly schedule should be followed for these meetings when possible.
- 7. He shall, with the aid of the officers of the Association, prepare the Associational Calendar of Activities: and ensure that it is distributed to the churches.
- I. This Calendar is to be distributed regularly through the monthly Associational newsletter, or another form of consistent & timely communication.
- 8. He shall lead the Association in implementing the vision of the Liberty Baptist Association.
- 9. He shall have regular daily work hours at least five days a week.
- I. His work week should consist of 40 hours, with compensation time available for any week he works over 40 hours.
- II. He should count Sunday in his work hours when he is speaking or representing the Association.
- III. For personal accountability, he shall email the personnel team weekly with his work hours.

PERSONNEL TEAM REPORT (continued)

The Personnel Committee of the Liberty Association of Baptist would like to submit the following report into the minutes of the October 2024 Annual Associational Meeting. We met with Bro. Lynn Traylor on Thursday, July 25, 2024, for review and evaluation.

During the meeting the committee was updated on relevant topics including: efforts in assisting churches in planning, conducting, and evaluating church leadership search teams, church revitalization opportunities, church planting, vision planning, and statistical data related to our associational churches. We also reviewed information related to growth and changes expected in our communities over the next decade.

The personnel Committee would like to recognize Bro. Traylor in the following areas of ministry:

- During his years of service in our association, he has consistently demonstrated an exemplary standard of personal morality and conduct.
- He has worked to gain familiarity with individual churches and their leadership by actively attending their services and events.
- Attending men's meetings, serve 309 planning, attending VBS's, National Day of Prayer events, preaching funerals, etc.
- He faithfully models servant leadership and fidelity to God's word to our pastors and churches.
- Filling pulpits, leading Bible Studies, assisting with ordinations, etc.
- He has shown the gracious ability to love and relate to people in our community.
- He routinely updates the Personnel Committee on his daily/weekly activities via email .
- We commend his recent efforts to identify, and implement strategies for church growth, church revitalization, and local ministry in Liberty Association and KBC.
- We are grateful that he is actively involved with the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Southern Baptist Convention, and various committees of both entities.

The personnel committee members are thankful for the ministry of Bro. Lynn Traylor.

Respectfully Submitted

LAB Personnel Team

David McCubbin, Chair

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

Liberty Association Executive Board 2/20/2024

Opened by Barry Harlow

The Liberty Association of Baptist met on 2/20/24 for our quarterly meeting at Poplar Springs Baptist Church. We had 17 members and needed 20 to have a quorum. Pastor Timmy Garrett shared a devotional from 1Cor 6:19-20 and led in prayer. Barry Harlow, assistant moderator, presided over the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting: No questions

Treasurer report: Questions? Receipts were more than our disperse. Good trend that we have going. Covers 4 months ending dec. 31. January receipts were good, but we are staying more in black than in red. Funds of each team are available in report that are dated Dec. 31. Those funds will be available through this year.

Kentucky Baptist Foundation \$1579 less from balance. What is it? Can we find out? Lynn will ask the bookkeeper about that. He will make a note and send an email to let us know. Lynn will get that completed.

Reports:

Association mission strategies: Lynn Traylor

Do business electronically possibly in the future. Lynn read **Galatians 6:7**

Lynn introduced new members: Larry Lowe -new pastor at Park City Baptist church; Taylor Pike called to Southside- administrative pastor; David Robbins: recently called to Zion Baptist Church.

KBC Regional Consultant- Jeff Crabtree

Consulting services, provides resources, training opportunities, pastors to network with other pastors.

Deacon training: and has extra deacon handbooks for those who need it. Pastor search book, he works with many across the Liberty Association. Can help with resources for that.

2 ½ year- Calling out the call. Currently, there are 51 churches in the region without pastors. We do not have enough pastors to fill those pastors. We need to join and pray to call for men to pastor these churches. Seminars are provided across the state to help those who feel like they have that call and identify if they do have that call. 6 stop tour with practical preaching material which was put together to those who have never been to seminary. A great tool to help Pastors with their seminaries. It is a practical preaching handbook that can be used, or it can be used for the next group. Important dates: Evangelism process and now is Reach and evangelism and mission- Elizabethtown Severin's Valley Baptist Church March 11 & 12.

KBC Mission Board- Robby Ward

KBC May 6 & 7. Annual in Paducah at the First Baptist Church of Paducah will be coming up. KBC wants our churches to disciple and mentor. There are about 2300 Kentucky Baptist Churches and currently about 300 without pastors. Over 10% without pastors. KBC in may met and they are available to us. Need new church plants and church revitalization. All our churches need it and there are resources for it. Ky population is growing currently with about 4 ½ billion people in the state of KY. Ministries - rich conference coming up, Shepherding the Shepherd, that is a wonderful opportunity is provided Thursday, Friday, Saturday this year to network with pastors. There are breakout sessions, preaching, and worship. \$500 and there are scholarships available. Rowlett's Baptist church is having a Men's meeting currently. There are 66 associations serving the board.

Next Step- Wes Shipley

Nominated as chair for the past 3 years. Speaking on Becky Baise's behalf. Christ centered ministry that helps those personal, financially, and spiritually. There is a counselor that helps. 54 people came in last meeting and 54 meeting were prayed for. Founded to help those who need help, and it began with a store and moved to those in other ways. Assisted 7k families as of last month 70 families since the beginning of year. Finance classes, bible study, thrift store which is 100% donations. Made affordable to help those who need it. Funded through store sales and the churches who give. Several voices on board from different churches. Can use assistance with partners and volunteers. Currently there are 2 staff members and majority are volunteers which need help. Food drives are always needed. Nonprofit organization.

Team Reports:

Evangelism & Missions: Opened by Lynn Traylor

Mission 4-7 planning again for 2024 promoting for more participation.

Lottie moon over \$100k in 2023.

2/1 coral hill medical mission's webinar- shared how medical missions take place over seas on mission trips or doctors embedded in countries to serve and share the gospel. Mission and evangelism team \$500 scholarship and Iglesias Emmanuel. Demas is joining the Honduras mission trip volunteer team 16 churches represented and 35-36 folks joining. Missions and evangelism team are busy.

Leadership Development-Wes Shipley

Members met at vision meeting in January and began with members identifying specific needs in local church. What area/areas of need does church need strengthening. 3 specific areas:

- 1. spiritual discipline Is lacking in our churches and people. (Bible study, prayer, worship, scripture) Intentional discipleship on a personal level 1:1 relations discipleship. Many are not being discipled 1:1.
- 2. Happens in our church ministries Sunday school, Wednesday night bible study, etc.
- 3. Intentional gospel centeredness in everything we do including our church, preaching, and everything we do.

We suggested continuing what our church strengthening team is to do teachings and trainings to cover that. Begin with planning and scheduling planning which will begin March 21 at 6 pm at Immanuel and Kenny Rager will be coming and doing a practical training to share your faith. Reaching out with bubba Stewart to equip on personal cand corporate worship. Will come late summer. Discuss someone to come in the fall to offer something on church revitalization for Sunday school small groups etc.

Church Strengthening Team--Chris Taylor

Robby Ward, Lynn Traylor Chris Traylor,

Seminary extension at Pleasant Valley 14 people enrolled and are going through Galatians. Brother Robby is leading this as the bible teacher. Shepherding conference- 165 couples three from our association. Conference for pastors and their wives. Scholarships are always available. Scholarship - calling out the call has a scholarship for those who qualify. Church ministry essentials conference 100% free in Hendersonville, lodging, food, resources are provided. 3-day conference. Will happen again in April but when he knows exact dates it will be sent out. Practical preaching workshop: will lead one for our association.

Dr. York will be done like at Eastwood: Dean of Theology - soul care, general church leadership, and calling out the call. He will be doing one for our association.

Pastors who have left are due to burn out and he will talk about that who has retired from being a full-time pastor.

Lynn Church essentials conference April 15-17 & Aug. 6-8 begin on Monday at 1 pm and conclude on 11pm on wed.

Standing committee reports: no volunteers to speak

Lynn spoke that we do not have a quorum, so vote on the copier by mail his will be sent out to pastors and executive board members.

Copier lease is up, and a plan was pulled up. Proposed to get a new copier. If no objections, then it will be pursued.

Announcements, praise reports

FCA July 18-19 camp is being hosted (60-70 kids last year) and 89-110 kids this year. Elementary age kids to participate in sports and camp is \$50 every kid to sign up and go. Character coaches involved in school. Volunteers that go into the schools to share gospel to different clubs. Can use help with scholarships and volunteers. Snacks provided would be great and any donations are welcome. More information at the April meeting.

I AMs mission at Knob Lick everything is free, and everything is given free. Also send them out to east Kentucky with the mission's program. 803 open on Friday and Saturdays. About 300 people come in. Ted Martin to speak in our churches (270)576-8866 is his cell number.

Lynn June 2-3 serve 309 planning that 9 youth and 20 kids who made known a desire to pursue their faith. Early bird registration is through the end of Feb. must be leaving 6th grade. Projects will be looked for.

Pray for our association, for Brother Lynn, and all our churches. Thank Popular Springs for hosting the meeting tonight. Next meeting will be April 16th and we will be sent more information from brother Lynn Traylor.

Closed in prayer

Barry Harlow

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

Liberty Association Executive Board 4/16/2024

The Liberty Association of Baptists met on 4/16/24 for our quarterly meeting at Antioch Baptist. Pastor Todd Davis brought a devotional from Psalm 133 and stressed the importance of unity and led in prayer. Bennie Lile, moderator, presided over the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting were presented; motion to accept, 2nd, approved

Treasurer report: In the April Treasurer Report, it was noted the Kentucky Baptist Foundation had \$1579 less from previous balance. This was due to a change in value in market funds, and not from any money being spent out of the fund.

Reports:

Association Mission Strategist: Lynn Traylor

Bro. Traylor provided a summary of activities in the handout. Read from Lk. 7:35 and spoke about Biblical wisdom. He noted plans for Serve 309 were going well, with over 139 youth signed up.

Camp Joy: John Evans, Dir.

John noted 33 salvations took place at Camp Joy last year. They have a need for lady staffers. He mentioned upcoming camp dates and the opportunity to support the camp and facilities.

Team Reports:

Evangelism & Missions: Jordan Woodie

Jordan reminded all of the upcoming offerings for the North American Mission Board, the work of the Cooperative Program, and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. The Missions and Evangelism team has funds available for mission trips, scholarships, etc.

Leadership Development-Wes Shipley

Leadership Development Team sponsoring a Practical Preaching Workshop on May 14 at Immanuel BC, led by Jason Lowe. A meal will be provided.

Church Strengthening Team--Chris Taylor

Team is working on having Dr. Hershael York come conduct a gathering on soul care, general church leadership, and calling out the called for our association.

Announcements, praise reports

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The next Exec. Bd. Meeting will be July 16, location TBA. Meeting adjourned in prayer.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

Liberty Association Executive Board 7/16/2024

The Liberty Association of Baptists met on 7/16/24 for our quarterly meeting at Pleasant Valley BC. Pastor Robby Ward brought a devotional from Psalm 1 and led in prayer. Bennie Lile, moderator, presided over the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting were presented; motion to accept, 2nd, approved

Treasurer report: Copies of current deposits were provided by Belinda Coulter. Update:

Fund Balances as of July 22:

Leadership Development

3,312.32

Missions & Evangelism

2,552.58

Church Strengthening

1,758.31

Reports:

Association Mission Strategist: Lynn Traylor

Shared updates on Serve 309 and SBC Annual Meeting. Encouraged Pastors and church leaders to involve their churches in missions. Noted a planning meeting for 2025 Honduras Mission Trip to be held August 11 at Salem BC, 2 PM.

Refuge BG, RJ Baise

RJ spoke at length about the possible relocation of refugees to Glasgow. There will be a total of 30 individuals, all Hispanic. She encouraged churches to explore the possibility of ministry to these folks.

Team Reports:

Evangelism & Missions: Jordan Woodie

Attached

Leadership Development-Wes Shipley

Leadership Development Team sponsoring Darryl Wilson of the KBC on Small Groups in Church.

Church Strengthening Team--Chris Taylor

Team is working on having Dr. Hershael York come conduct a gathering on soul care, general church leadership, and calling out the called for our association.

KBC Mission Board—Robby Ward

Robby reported on Shepherding the Shepherd, 360 in attendance. KBC working to reclaim churches, 67 returned to KBC rolls. Calling Out the Called continues to be fruitful. Announcements, praise reports...several revivals to be held in July and Aug; 3 saved at Shady Grove revival; Horse Cave has a pastor coming in view of a call July 28; Coral Hill pursuing a new church plant with 30 members in the new work.

The next Association Meeting will be the Annual Meeting, Oct. 15 at Southside BC. Meeting adjourned in prayer.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

With praise and thanksgiving to God through our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we have gathered and in whose resurrection we live,

We, the messengers of the 185th meeting of the Liberty Association of Baptists, in our annual meeting taking place at Southside Baptist Church in Glasgow, on October 15, 2024, do hereby make it known that:

We express our gratitude to Southside Baptist Church for their gracious hospitality.

We commend all the volunteers and staff of Southside Baptist Church for all they have done to facilitate this annual meeting.

We give thanks to the Association Administrative Team for planning and conducting this meeting.

We commend all the program participants for their positive and inspiring contributions. We are grateful to the staff of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, and to Dr. Todd Gray and the Team Leaders for their continuous, committed service to our churches, ministers, and lay people.

Finally, we, the messengers and churches of the Liberty Association of Baptists, commit to work together *to encourage and assist churches in fulfilling the Great Commission* in obedience to the One who was, is, and is to come!



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The 187th KBC Annual Meeting will be held at First Baptist Church in Paducah on November 12, 2024.