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I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly. Psalm 85:8 KJV

Nehemiah ~ Esther ~ Job ~ **Psalms** ~ Proverbs ~ Ecclesiastes ~ Song of Solomon



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Jim's Journal



One of my favorite Peanuts cartoons begins with Lucy at her booth (5 Cents) where Charlie Brown had stopped by for some advice. "Life is like a deck chair on the cruise ship of life Charlie Brown. Some people place their deck chair at the rear of the ship so they can see where they've been. Others place their deck chair on the front of the ship so they can see where they are going." Then she asks, "So, Charlie Brown, which way is your deck chair facing?" Without hesitating Charlie Brown replies, "I can't even get my deck chair unfolded!"

I don't know about you, but sometimes I think Charlie Brown and I are soul mates.

As a lead follower, I feel like I am looked to and expected to be a person who has it all together...who has the answers. I must admit I don't feel like that person most of the time. I aspire to be that person as I seek to do the best I can to follow Jesus every day, but following Christ is anything but tidy and neat, balanced and orderly.

Following Jesus is not a formula; it is not a test. It is a relationship. Following Jesus is not about perfection; it is about connection. (That is one that has taken me years to overcome)

If you take a good look at the Bible, it is FULL of messy people. Noah, David, Abraham, Solomon, Rahab, and Sarah? They were God-loving courageous, brilliant, fearless, loyal, passionate people who were also murderers, adulterers, and manic-depressives. And that's just a few in the Old Testament. In the New Testament Jesus hung out with prostitutes, tax collectors, adulterers, mental cases, penniless riffraff and other such losers. The disciples were committed to Jesus, ready to follow Him anywhere, but they were also troubled by infighting, jealousy, and suspicion, impulsive, selfish, lazy, and even disloyal. Sound familiar? (Think business meetings...)

I'm encouraged that Jesus is not put off with our imperfections. Life is messy. Following Him is not easy. And the communities around where each of you live and our churches are found are full of people like this. Ed Stetzer recently wrote, "The Christian life is not about safety and comfort, but rather about finding yourself in a dangerous place of vulnerable compassion."

Jesus came to save. In Luke 19:10 he says he came to seek and save the lost. And the same Jesus who came to serve and to save then says to us in John 20:21, "As the Father has sent me, I also send you." We have been sent by Jesus to join him in his mission. We are to serve others in his name, and we are to share the good news of salvation so that people might trust in Jesus' work on the cross—his death in our place, for our sin. Serving and saving were marks of Christ's life on earth. They should be marks of his people as well. But to do that, we must engage the broken and hurting people around us. That's hard. It's messy.

"A church without the broken is a broken church." (Stetzer)

I pray that you and your churches invite Jesus into your brokenness and that you follow Him. Go where he calls you to go, do what He calls you to do and engage with the lives of messy people who need Him desperately, so they can join us as imperfect followers of Jesus who can't even get their chairs unfolded.

Your Lead Follower,
JIM

NKBA Annual Golf Outing @ Hickory Sticks Golf Club

September 13, 2018

Registration and doughnuts at 8:00 a. m., Shotgun start at 9:00 a.m.

\$55.00 per person by August 31
\$65.00 after and at the door

Includes breakfast, lunch, soft drinks, snacks, course fee/cart and prizes.
 Send team payment and list of team members to the NKBA office:
 3001 Riggs Avenue, Erlanger, KY 41018

Proceeds Benefit

Life Recovery Center
 www.lrenky.org

Golf Hole Sponsorship

If you are interested in sponsoring a hole at our golf outing the cost is **\$100.00**.

This includes a sign on the tee at the hole and a thank you on the team rules and regulations given to every player.

You may also provide business cards, flyers or other promotional material to be given out at the outing if you are a sponsor.

For more information or to purchase a hole sponsorship, contact Lori at the NKBA office at 859-727-6522 or lorne@nkbaptist.org.

Church Security Workshop



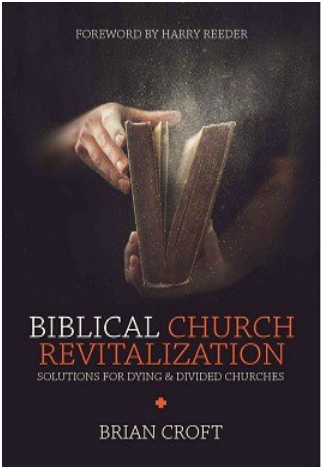
Saturday, September 15, 2018

9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Mentor Baptist Church

3724 Smith Road, California, KY

The Kentucky State Police will be leading a church security workshop that includes active shooter drills. The cost of this training is \$10.00 which covers NKBA expenses. Contact the NKBA office to register for this training. There is a limit on the number of attendees due to the drills, and this limit will be enforced. Another session of this training will be held in Boone County at a later date.



Brian Croft

Church Revitalization (Part 2)

Thursday, August 16th

10:00 a.m. at the NKBA office

Brian is available during the afternoon for individual meetings with pastors and ministry teams.

Call the NKBA office to register for the general session and to book an appointment, 859-727-6522.

Upcoming Music Events

Union Baptist Church Presents—The Isaacs

Saturday, August 18th, 7:00 p.m.

1985 Mt. Zion Road, Union, KY. For information: (859) 384-3855. A love offering will be taken.



Beaver Lick Baptist Church Presents—Hearts of Faith.

Sunday, August 12th, 6:00 p.m.

11460 US HWY 42, Union, KY. For Information: (859)384-3820.



Beaver Lick Baptist Church Presents—Kevin Spencer

Saturday, September 1st, 7:00 p.m.

11460 US HWY 42, Union, KY. For information: (859) 384-3820



Ministry Position Available

Director of Children's Ministries, Fort Mitchell Baptist Church

Purpose: To ignite a desire for a relationship with Christ, equipping children and parents to develop spiritually. To provide opportunities for ministry, leadership and outreach to the community and developing within them a heart for the mission of the Gospel. To teach a Bible based curriculum and promote spiritual developing activities (prayer, scripture reading, service opportunities) in a fun, relevant and personal atmosphere.

Qualifications: Born again Christian who feels called by God to shepherd the children of Fort Mitchell Baptist Church. Love for children and families. Strong organizational and leadership skills. This is currently a part-time position of at least 15 hours a week. For more information, please contact the church at (859) 331-2160 or email FMBC@fuse.net.

Mark Your Calendars Now



Monday November 5, 2018

Our guest speaker is Dr. Charles Kelley, President and Professor of Evangelism, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Leadership IQ (Pastors and Leadership Team)—

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., includes breakfast and lunch

General Session (all church members)—3:00 p.m.

Dr. Kelley will be speaking on the topic of his most recent book, ***Fuel the Fire, Lessons From the History of Southern Baptist Evangelism.***

Bi-Vocational Pastor Search

HighPoint Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY, is prayerfully seeking God's will in their search for a bi-vocational pastor to lead their church. This pastor would be responsible for the leadership and guidance of the church. This pastor will be given authority to lead the church as the Lord leads him. Decisions are made after discussion with the leaders through prayer and careful consideration, and if necessary- a church vote. HighPoint Baptist is a Southern Baptist Church with an average attendance of 65, and is located just 12 miles south of Cincinnati. HighPoint Baptist currently owns the church building, two parsonages, a large gym next door to the church, and the church van. To apply, submit resume to hppastorsearch@gmail.com with the subject line of First/Last Name Resume.

NKBA Income by Church Summary
January 1 to Present

Church	Giving	Church	Giving
Anchor	885.04	Iglesia Cristo La Luz del Mundo	548.00
Ashland Avenue	3,298.41	Kento-Boo	600.00
Beaver Lick	2,448.49	Kenton	345.18
Beechgrove	1,198.00	Latonia	2,169.89
Bellevue	7,376.39	Licking Valley	2,916.00
Bellevue, FBC	500.00	Living Church	600.00
Bethesda Community	1,155.00	Living Hope Baptist Church	1,400.00
Big Bone	7,718.81	Ludlow, FBC	0.00
Brooksville	984.08	Macedonia Missionary	0.00
Bullittsburg	2,333.85	Madison Avenue	1,000.00
Burlington	17,613.50	Main Street	16,632.02
Christ Baptist	4,506.97	Mentor	4,000.00
Church at the Garden of Hope	0.00	New Banklick	3,159.86
Cold Spring, FBC	3,412.58	Newport, FBC	600.00
Cornerstone	810.43	Ninth Street	0.00
Covington, FBC 4th Street	225.00	Oak Island	254.60
Covington, FBC 9th Street	300.00	Oak Ridge	10,481.59
Crescent Springs	1,498.55	Persimmon Grove	1,450.00
Crosspoint Church	595.00	Petersburg	2,702.00
Dayton, FBC	1,672.54	Piner	3,440.00
East Dayton	525.00	Pleasant Ridge	1,706.60
Elsmere	2,074.94	Redemption	0.00
Erlanger	1,802.07	Rosedale	1,031.00
Fairlane	1,800.27	Sand Run	0.00
First Twelve Mile	1,548.71	Second Twelve Mile	1,567.45
Flagg Spring	60.00	Silver Grove, FBC	1,319.76
Florence	0.00	South Side	0.00
Fort Mitchell	3,375.00	Union	5,888.00
Fort Thomas, FBC	0.00	Visalia	890.00
Good Shepherd Korean Church	350.00	Walton, FBC	6,068.90
Grace Dry Ridge	0.00	West Covington	700.00
Grace Independence	605.54	Woodhaven	708.26
Grants Lick	2,515.34	Zion Chin Baptist	1,300.00
Hebron	6,308.88		
Hickory Grove	7,357.50		
Highland Heights, FBC	4,404.61		
Highland Hills	0.00		
HighPoint	0.00		
		Total Budget Giving	\$164,739.61

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Upcoming Events**

- August 9—New Hope Center Pastors Lunch, 11:30am, FBC Cold Spring
- August 13—Missions Development Team Meeting, 1pm, NKBA Office
- August 16—Biblical Church Revitalization (Part 2) with Brian Croft, 10am session NKBA office (individual appointment times available after the group session)
- August 23—KBC Equip 2018, 6pm, Gano Baptist Church, Georgetown, KY
- September 6—Leadership IQ with Micah Fries, 10am, Gano Baptist Church
- November 5—Leadership IQ with Dr. Chuck Kelley, 9am, Piner Baptist Church
- November 5—NKBA Fall Meeting, 3pm, Piner Baptist Church

