



# IMPACT



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*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:11-14, KJV*



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# Jim's Journal



First, I want to wish you all the merriest of Christmases and a Happy 2022! After the last two years, I am hopeful as we move forward! I know that JESUS is the same yesterday, today, and forever. I KNOW that JESUS is building HIS CHURCH and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it. That DOES NOT mean that every local church is going to survive and thrive. Unfortunately, over 10,000 churches have closed during this pandemic and more to come. So, what is true for the CHURCH universal is not always true for the church LOCAL.

The difference between surviving and thriving over dying is THE FOCUS OF THE LOCAL BODY...what MISSION have you chosen? If it is for any other mission than the one JESUS gave to us “to go and make disciples of all nations...to seek and to save that which is lost...” then we are heading the WRONG DIRECTION. While many churches and pastors will give lip service to the above, the fact is, their budgets, their time, efforts and energies are INWARDLY focused not OUTWARDLY focused. It’s just that simple. The further we get away from the mission of Christ the closer we get to being just another statistic of a church closure.

At our annual meeting this year I made some proclamations I want to repeat here (because many did not hear them). Here are some things you can expect as we move toward a NEW YEAR:

**The Current Instability Will Continue.** If you are waiting for the “old normal” to return you are going to be waiting a long time...and you are going to be disappointed. Even before the pandemic, politics, economics, social and cultural influences were shifting and shaping our world to the point that COVID was just the final nail in normal’s coffin. So, when nobody really knows what’s going to happen next, what do you do?

I believe churches need to become more AGILE amid instability. COVID has taught us how we need to act/react. We need to be able to change our methods to reach a changing world. ONLINE/STREAMING is never going away and we must leverage it to connect to people who are in many cases not coming back to church.

**People Will Act More Selfishly.** Expect more adults to act like petulant children and teenagers, doing what they want to do when they want to do it. Self-centered people are angry people. Loyalty will be a trait seen very infrequently. Leaders need to see the world more broadly as JESUS sees it and if that change takes place, you’ll act less selfishly and lead more capably.

**Culture Will Remain Divided.** As selfishness divides families and friendships, it continues to divide organizations and nations. Hyper-individualism fuels division, which is the enemy of UNITY. UNITY is needed more than ever. We must follow JESUS example and rise above the division and focus on what UNITES us, NOT on what divides us. Our world/culture needs an alternative to itself, not an echo of itself. A divided culture needs a united church.

**Deep Leadership Will Be Up To The Challenge.** Shallow Leadership Won’t. As much as I began this journal on a positive note, I recognize that lots of things I have said don’t sound particularly encouraging. I am concerned that most of our churches are fully prepared for a world that no longer exists.

SO, what do we do? Well, I believe people/churches/leaders who are focused on the MISSION OF CHRIST will UNITE people when others seek to divide. Leaders bring MEANING when others bring confusion. Leaders FIND A WAY FORWARD when others stand still or just long to go back (to a time that no longer exists).

In January I will begin a FUTURE CHURCH cohort of Pastors and Leaders. We will meet LIVE on ZOOM weekly starting January 3 and study together for 12 weeks on preparing the way for our churches to ENGAGE the future and IMPACT our communities. It is an open invite to Pastors, Staff, and other leaders. The more the merrier. Just contact Lori at the office and let us know you want to be apart of this cohort.

You might be saying...didn’t you RETIRE? Yes, I announced my retirement from this role, but I am forever committed to the MISSION OF JESUS and will be here until God guides our search team, so I am going to continue to work, speak, pray and encourage our churches to JOIN JESUS IN HIS MISSION. It is the ONLY way forward!

I love you all...and am thankful to serve the MISSION OF JESUS and to do so in Northern KY!

Your Lead Follower,  
JIM



**Summer 2022 Mission Trip June 17th—25th**  
**Christ Baptist Church is going NORTH TO ALASKA.**



Join us this summer as we seek to confront the spiritual darkness in Alaska with the light of Christ.

**Destination:** Kenai, Alaska. 65 air miles and 155 highway miles southwest of Anchorage via the Sterling Highway, on the western boundary of Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. We will be serving in 3 small towns with a population of about 25,000.

**Projects:** 1.Children’s Ministry support, including HisPins and Park Ministry.  
2. Construction, including sober living houses and a new youth facility  
3. Community Outreach Projects, including Prayer walking and Evangelism

**Cost:** The anticipated cost including airfare, food, and lodging will be approximately \$1,000. This may change if the cost of airfare increases.

For a document with the complete trip details including payment schedule, packing information and more, please visit [Nkbaptist.org](http://Nkbaptist.org) and click on the “Summer 2022 Mission Trip” slider on our home page. This will take you to the full document.



**Free Piano**

Cornerstone Baptist Church, Burlington, KY, has a piano available to a good home. This piano was donated to Cornerstone several years ago and they are now looking to pass along the blessing to another church. If you are in need of a piano, or know someone who is, please share this information. For more information, please contact Pastor Tylor Mayfield of Cornerstone Baptist at 513-630-2574 .

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comprehensive evangelism strategy

January 24, 2022  
First Baptist Church  
Paducah

January 25, 2022  
Warren Association of Baptists  
Bowling Green  
High Street Baptist Church  
Somerset  
Parkway Baptist Church  
Bardstown

January 26, 2022  
Northern Kentucky Baptist Association  
Erlanger

January 27, 2022  
Allen Baptist Church  
Prestonsburg

Featuring

Allen Bonnell

Rob Patterson

Ian Carrico

Kenny Rager

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NKBA Office

Wednesday

January 26,

10:00 a.m.—

1:00 p.m.

Register at

[Kybaptist.org](http://Kybaptist.org)



# NKBA Fall Meeting November 1, 2021

Thanks to First Baptist Church of Highland Heights for hosting the 2021 fall meeting. Your hospitality and assistance are much appreciated!



Thank you Cassandra Patterson and Latonia Baptist Praise Team for leading us in worship!



Rev. Adam Crews, FBC Covington, brought us a stirring message.



Director of Missions, AMS, Jim Woolums gave his report to the churches. Jim announced his plans to retire from the NKBA at the Fall Meeting. Many, many thanks to Jim for his tremendous service to the churches of the NKBA for the last 7 years!



NORTHERN KENTUCKY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
Income by Church Summary  
January 1 - December 1, 2021

Church	Giving	Church	Giving
01 Anchor	2,098.84	42 Kento-Boo	1,100.00
02 Ashland Avenue	4,976.50	43 Kenton	0.00
04 Beechgrove	1,822.50	44 Latonia	3,004.83
05 Belleview	13,187.71	45 Licking Valley	5,631.00
06 Bellevue, FBC	300.00	46 Living Church	1,500.00
07 Bethesda Community	1,560.00	47 Living Hope Baptist Church	2,200.00
08 Big Bone	11,860.97	48 Ludlow, FBC	4,174.00
09 Brooksville	1,420.00	49 Macedonia Missionary	0.00
10 Bullittsburg	1,212.00	50 Madison Avenue	1,500.00
11 Burlington	28,166.86	51 Main Street	4,099.86
12 Christ Baptist Church	4,454.71	52 Mentor	6,380.00
13 Church @ Garden of Hope	0.00	53 Mercy Ridge	2,000.00
14 Cold Spring, FBC	7,751.22	54 New Banklick	4,576.54
15 Cornerstone	3,860.00	55 New Reality	500.00
16 The Cornerstone Fellowship	900.00	56 Newport, FBC	900.00
17 Covington, FBC 4th Street	400.00	57 Ninth Street	0.00
18 Covington, FBC 9th Street	1,300.00	58 Oak Island	731.60
20 Crosspoint Church	1,203.00	59 Oak Ridge	13,896.52
21 Dayton, FBC	3,006.01	60 Persimmon Grove	1,500.00
22 East Dayton	825.00	61 Petersburg	2,949.00
23 Elsmere	2,964.20	62 Piner	7,015.98
24 Emmanuel Chapel	200.00	63 Pleasant Ridge	3,099.80
25 Erlanger	1,650.00	64 Redemption	0.00
26 Fairlane	6,198.83	65 Rosedale	1,338.08
27 First Twelve Mile	3,649.02	66 Sand Run	0.00
29 Florence	0.00	67 Second Twelve Mile	6,721.21
30 Fort Mitchell	4,125.00	68 Silver Grove, FBC	1,477.86
31 Fort Thomas, FBC	581.79	69 South Side	100.00
32 Good Shepherd Korean Church	1,100.00	70 Union	10,681.00
34 Grace Independence	602.94	71 Visalia	3,075.00
35 Grants Lick	4,114.32	72 Walton, FBC	8,967.03
36 Hebron	10,745.84	73 West Covington	2,300.00
37 Hickory Grove	18,750.00	74 Woodhaven	603.64
38 Highland Heights, FBC	5,061.88	75 Zion Chin Baptist	1,800.00
39 Highland Hills	0.00	Calvary Chin Baptist	2,000.00
		Total	\$255,872.09

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**Address Service Requested**

**Mark Your Calendars  
Upcoming Events**

- December 23 & 24—NKBA office closed for Christmas Holiday
- December 30 & 31—NKBA office closed for New Years Holiday
- January 16—Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- January 17—Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 26—Refocus, NKBA office, 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
- February 10-12—Shepherding the Shepherd, Lexington
- February 21—Presidents’ Day

