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*Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil,
but living as servants of God.*

1 Peter 2:16 ESV

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Jim's Journal



I don't often write about Southern Baptist Convention politics and it is not my intent to begin now...BUT, I DO want to reflect some thoughts about our denomination and am thankful that each level of our denomination provides autonomy...from the local church, to the Association, to the State Convention to our national convention (all four levels). As is often said, "Nobody can tell another Baptist what to do." And that is true...J Autonomy does not equal independence. I believe churches need other churches and that is why the local association exists. It is my great pleasure and honor to serve our churches.

I am mirroring (*italics for my voice*) and quoting elements for this from a post from Dr. Chuck Lawless (former Dean of the Billy Graham School at Southern, who at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and International Mission Board IMB), whom I respect greatly.

1. We're a hurting but hopeful denomination. We have painfully dealt with a lot of stuff over the past several months, and this SBC reflected that reality. At the same time, though, I still see life in those who love this denomination and want to see it strengthened. I see hope in older folks who want to leave a positive legacy and younger folks who want to make a genuine difference.
2. We're a denomination that needs to grieve sin more. We must deal with the realities of sin among us, but nobody has reason to celebrate when sin is confronted and addressed. Sin and fallenness—evident within each of us—should make us weep more than it seemingly does. AMEN?
3. We may not always like our system, but it somehow keeps us moving. (*JW: I believe that in this age of technology that we MUST find a way to involve MORE people in the decision making of our convention. I hope in the near future we see that become a reality so that the convention reflects even MORE of what makes up the majority of Southern Baptist churches (churches of less than 100 people) and not just those who can afford to travel.*) The system can always be improved, but it still works.
4. We're Baptists—and Baptists express their opinions. That heritage almost automatically means that we'll have disagreements. In fact, sometimes we will strongly disagree, and we have to work continually to treat each other as brothers and sisters in disagreement. (*JW: We need to lean heavily into God's word and speak the truth in love" and learn to agree to disagree agreeably."*)
5. We cannot respond to the few who act sinfully with our own sinful anger. (*JW: I have seen this play out in church after church as a pastor over the last 40+ years in church business meetings, state convention, and national. I am sure it's happened in the history of the NKBA, but am thankful that our people are focused on mission and don't allow other distractions.*) We must remember that the few don't represent the many.
6. We can still rally around missions. The International Mission Board sent 79 new missionaries to the ends of the earth—and people who will never hear about our Convention votes will hear about Jesus. (*JW: THAT is what its all about!*)
7. We need to take seriously the evangelism and discipleship task force reports. I fear we increasingly equate everything with evangelism, and thus never really address our lack of evangelistic fire and corresponding declines in baptisms. At the same time, we risk doing discipleship that leads only to a passion for knowledge – not a passion for Jesus that compels us to evangelize. We must deal with (a) our tendency to allow other things to distract us from Jesus and the gospel, and (b) our bent toward discussing theology among ourselves more than telling others about the good news. (*JW: AMEN!!!*)

Jim's Journal, Continued

8. We must pledge our prayerful support to J.D. Greear the new President of the SBC. (JW: J.D. is the youngest man to serve in this role and his church is a great example of what a strong, multiplying SBC church looks like in its exponential vision to SEND and make disciples, working with the local Association, the state, and the national entities.)


9. We must continue to work at facilitating conversations between generations. Conversations are happening, but I'm not convinced they're always strategic and intentional. J.D. and others from all generations have an opportunity to lead us in this direction. (JW: AMEN!)

10. We must pray regularly for our Convention. We're a denomination of fallen people who make up fallen churches, and that simple fact means we need to pray for each other. In fact, I invite you to join me in praying intentionally for the SBC at least weekly. (JW: Please follow our Facebook page, Pray for NKY and daily postings will be made to pray for our local churches and pastors, as well as the work of our state convention and national convention.)

I am looking forward to our NKBA Summer meeting at Walton First Baptist Church on July 9 at 6:30 PM. Our guest speaker will be Todd Gray, who heads up the Evangelism department for our state convention. God is doing great things in NKY! Plan to come, hear the reports, hear great music, and hear God's Word proclaimed with power! Mark your calendars for our fall meeting, which will be Monday, November 5 at Piner Baptist Church. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Chuck Kelley, President of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. His recent book Fuel the Fire: Lessons from the History of Southern Baptist Evangelism is sure to be a great tool to see a spiritual awakening come about in our nation and among Southern Baptists.

Our greatest days are ahead!

Your Lead Follower,
JIM

 Summer Meeting of the NKBA
July 9, 6:30 PM
First Baptist Church Walton
47 South Main Street, Walton, KY

Our guest speaker for the meeting is [Todd Gray, Team Leader of the KBC Evangelism & Church Planting team](#). The meeting is open to all NKBA church members. Come celebrate the great work that is happening in our churches and communities!

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 **Fort Mitchell Baptist** at (859) 331-2160 or email FMBC@fuse.net.



RESET EVANGELISM STRATEGY

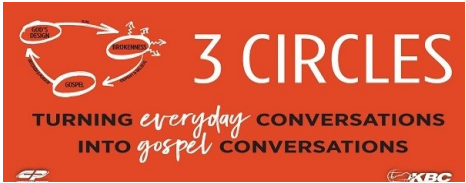
July 19, 2018, 11 AM-4:30 PM, at the NKBA office (Lunch included). The session will be led by Dr. Matt Queen, who serves as the L.R. Scarborough Chair of Evangelism ("The Chair of Fire,") associate professor of evangelism and associate dean for doctoral programs at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. He writes for Theological-Matters.com and is co-editor of A Passion for the Great Commission. The event is for pastors, church planters, student ministers, and church leaders .

You **MUST REGISTER** for this event at: kybaptist.org/reset or by calling Lori at the NKBA at 727-6522.

WMU Salad Supper
Tuesday, July 24, 6:15pm
Hebron Baptist Church
3435 Limaburg Road, Hebron, KY



Everyone is invited to join the celebration of this year's mission events and those of the coming year!



The NKBA has a limited number of the 3 Circles KITS available. This is another great tool being used by many churches in our Association to equip members to share their faith. The kit contains a jump drive, which provides all the video for training as well as a leaders guide to facilitate and other helps. There is no cost to this resource. Call Lori to reserve yours at 727-6522.

NKBA Income by Church Summary

	<u>Jan 1 - Jun 26, 18</u>		<u>Jan 1 - Jun 26, 18</u>
01 Anchor	885.04	36 Living Hope Baptist Church	1,200.00
02 Ashland Avenue	2,844.42	37 Highland Heights, FBC	2,975.83
03 Beaver Lick	1,989.72	38 Highland Hills	0.00
04 Beechgrove	1,038.00	39 Highpoint	0.00
05 Bellview	6,532.30	40 Kento-Boo	600.00
06 Bellevue, FBC	500.00	41 Kenton	272.38
07 Bethesda Community	1,155.00	42 Latonia	1,836.02
08 Big Bone	7,718.81	43 Licking Valley	2,455.00
09 Brooksville	798.67	44 Ludlow, FBC	0.00
10 Bullittsburg	2,087.80	45 Macedonia Missionary	0.00
11 Burlington	13,233.01	46 Madison Avenue	1,000.00
12 Christ Baptist Church	3,961.25	47 Main Street	15,656.75
13 Church at the Garden of Hope	0.00	48 Mentor	3,000.00
14 Cold Spring	2,942.80	49 New Banklick	2,660.24
15 Cornerstone	810.43	50 Newport, FBC	600.00
16 Covington, FBC 4th Street	150.00	51 Ninth Street	0.00
17 Covington, FBC 9th Street	300.00	52 Oak Island	227.30
18 Crescent Springs	1,498.55	53 Oak Ridge	9,044.77
19 Crosspoint Church	510.00	55 Persimmon Grove	1,450.00
20 Dayton, FBC	1,417.83	56 Petersburg	1,762.00
21 East Dayton	450.00	57 Piner	2,988.00
22 Elsmere	1,778.52	58 Pleasant Ridge	1,706.60
23 Erlanger	1,630.87	59 Redemption	0.00
24 Fairlane	1,566.03	60 Rosedale	952.00
25 First Twelve Mile	1,383.38	61 Sand Run	0.00
26 Flagg Spring	30.00	62 Second Twelve Mile	1,349.50
27 Florence	0.00	63 Silver Grove, FBC	0.00
28 Fort Mitchell	3,000.00	64 Southside	0.00
29 Fort Thomas, FBC	0.00	65 Union	5,041.00
30 Grace Dry Ridge	0.00	66 Iglesia Cristo La Luz del Mundo	503.00
31 Grace Independence	605.54	67 Visalia	890.00
32 Grants Lick	2,168.68	68 Walton, FBC	6,032.90
34 Hebron	5,608.08	69 West Covington	600.00
35 Hickory Grove	7,357.50	70 Woodhaven	608.77
		71 Living Church	600.00
		Emmanuel Chapel	0.00
		Good Shepherd Korean Church	300.00
		<u>Zion Chin Baptist</u>	<u>1,300.00</u>
		<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 143,564.29</u>

Kentucky Changers Giving

<u>CHURCH/INDIVIDUAL</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Ashland Avenue	\$100.00
Bellevue, FBC	\$330.00
Bethesda Community	\$205.00
Big Bone	\$508.00
Cornerstone	\$500.00
Covington, FBC 9th St	\$200.00
Crosspoint	\$250.00
Fort Thomas, FBC	\$4,646.46
Hebron	\$100.00
Highland Heights, FBC	\$500.00
Latonia	\$500.00
Mentor	\$300.00
Oak Ridge	\$1,100.00
Piner	\$1,270.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$675.00
Walton, FBC	\$2,090.00
Amy Wilhelmus	\$100.00
Anonymous	\$1,000.00
Barry Napier	\$100.00
Gail Tanner	\$100.00
Eddie Brown	\$100.00
Total	<u>\$14,674.46</u>

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**Mark Your Calendars
Upcoming Events**

- July 4—Independence Day, NKBA office closed
- July 9—NKBA Summer Meeting, 6:30pm, FBC Walton
- July 19—RESET Evangelism, 11am-4:30pm, NKBA office
- July 24—WMU Salad Supper, 6:15pm, Hebron Baptist Church
- August 16—Biblical Church Revitalization (Part 2) with Brian Croft, 10am-4pm, NKBA office (includes presentation and individual appointment times)
- August 23—EQUIP, KBC, Gano Baptist Church, Georgetown, KY

