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For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:13-14 ESV

Romans ~ 1 and 2 Corinthians ~ Galatians ~ Ephesians ~ Philippians ~ Colossians



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Jim's Journal



I've been reading Ephesians a lot lately and have been working on some messages on the theme of what I see as the greater calling of God to MORE for today's follower of Christ and His Church! MORE of HIS GRACE...HIS LOVE...HIS MERCY! Every great gift demands a great response. What is our response to the great gift of Jesus? "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believes in Him will have eternal life." (John 3:16)

I celebrate 43 years of ministry this year (and 38 years of marriage to my wife Pegge). I've learned a few things along the way, most of them from my mistakes. Time and time again when I have been ready to throw in the towel, I have seen the hand and grace of God reaching down into my story....reminding me that even in my failure and sin, God is not done with me. Neither is he done with you! If you've still got breath in your body, that means you've got purpose in your chest. He has called you to MORE! Despite your failures and sins as an individual and we as a church, He's not done with us! If He was done with YOU, you wouldn't have gotten up this morning. It wasn't the alarm clock that got you up. It was the GRACE OF GOD!

Jesus comes and calls you to MORE, not just from failure, but He also calls you from your comfort. In reflection, I see one of the biggest threats to our lives as followers of Jesus as well as His Church to walking into your Kingdom calling and purpose is not your failure, but your comfort. We have gotten so comfortable in our holy huddles that we have missed joining God as He is at work right around us in our Jerusalem.

Jesus didn't die on the cross to give you comfort; He died on the cross to bring you into the Kingdom, to His purpose and mission. Our comfort was NEVER His goal or intention. We have allowed ourselves to become distracted by so many things that have NO eternal significance that we have missed the divine invitation to MORE. We miss the invitation for the GREATER because we have settled for the LESSER.

It's time for us to be refocused as followers of Jesus on His mission and not our comfort, convenience, or the illusion that we are in control. GOD IS! HIS mission trumps our petty preferences and with so many lost and far from God around us, we have no room for being comfortable. I'm convinced that so many Christians have been Christians for so long, and in the church, that we have forgotten what it was like to be lost and far from God, without any hope of an abundant life today or an eternal life tomorrow.

God is ready to work. Every great gift demands a great response. What will our response as His church be?

It is a joy to be working alongside you in this mission!

Your Lead Follower,

Jim

NKBA Summer Meeting

July 8, 2019

6:30 p.m.

Mentor Church



3724 Smith Road
Mentor, KY

Please join us for a time of worship and celebration of the NKBA missions and ministries.

"I am the NKBA!"

Upward Soccer Camp

July 29—August 1,
9:00am-12:00pm

Presented by First Baptist Church Walton.

Camp is open to students in the first grade through fifth grade. It will be held at Walton City Park. Total cost is \$35.00 and will include a soccer ball, t-shirt, water bottle and awards. Registration is open until July 18th. Register online at <https://registration.upward.org/UPW68778/add>. For more information contact Katie Napier at FBC Walton, 859-485-4191.



Children's Ministry Position

Persimmon Grove Baptist Church in Alexandria, KY is seeking a bi-vocational Associate Children's Minister. The Minister will be responsible for all children's ministry and will report to the Lead Pastor. If interested, please send resume and references to:

Persimmon Grove Baptist Church

ATTN: Jeremy Moore

P.O. Box 148

Alexandria, KY 41001

Or by email to jlmoore606@gmail.com.



Tuesday, July 9, 9:30am—3:00pm @ NKBA

RESET is a one-day training event where church leaders will be encouraged to think about how they will lead their church to become more intentionally evangelistic. The event is for pastors, church planters, director of missions, student ministers, and church leadership to help them think about leading the church in a comprehensive plan for reaching people.

During the day's training, participants will be encouraged to think about what they are currently doing and consider what the Lord would have them do differently to reach more people. RESET will be led by nationally known leaders, trainers and equippers who possess the ability to help practitioners think strategically about their place of ministry. **To register visit the KBC website**

kybaptist.org or [click here for the link.](#)



**1st Associational WMU
Salad Luncheon
Hebron Baptist Church
July 13, 2019, 10:30 am.**

Everyone is invited! Bring your favorite salad to share with all (in a cooler or cold pack, due to limited refrigeration).

Our retired missionary speakers will be **Chris and Gwen Wilkinson** from **Nigeria**. Come and here how God has used them in a mighty way. Our mission opportunity is for the Moore Activity Center's "Back to School" event. Amy would like to have #2 pencils, wide rule loose leaf notebook paper, full sized shampoo, toothpaste and body wash. Please bring any donations with you to the luncheon. You will be blessed by being there!



Excerpt of Message from NKBA Moderator Bro. David Wiggins,

As we approach the upcoming season of NKY Changers, July 13-19, it deeply concerns me that we, as the NKBA Churches, have perhaps overlooked or lost sight of the significance of this endeavor. I am told there will be about 150 people coming from South Carolina to work in our area. I understand these folks are coming because of a desire to serve and are coming at their own expense. They are providing their own meals, etc. and there will be no cost to the association for their support, etc.

Most of us have been involved in mission trips and probably understand how expensive a mission trip can be. The cost of traveling, feeding and all of the other contingencies of a group this size could easily be in the range of \$15,000 for a week of service.

I understand there are three primary projects and several other efforts to help with activities at the Moore Activity Center, etc. The three construction related projects to be completed include:

- Helping the new pastor at Second Twelve Mile renovate a home near the church. It is my understanding, this pastor has a young family with four children. He sacrificially bought a home to be nearer the church field and is trying to renovate it at his own expense. The Changer project will help with labor and about \$5K is needed for materials.*
- Replacing a failing retaining wall at First Baptist Covington 9th Street. The current wall is becoming a danger and the city is requiring action. This church sponsors a homeless ministry that serves about 100 homeless folks weekly.*
- Renovating a basement at Bethesda Baptist on Mt. Zion Road so they can begin a Hispanic ministry. There is a large Hispanic community in the mobile home parks on Dixie Highway, near the church.*

...I am asking that we prayerfully consider publicizing again our need for funds to support this mission effort and that we challenge one another to be prepared to make an offering before or at least by the time of our Associational meeting on July 8 at the summer meeting for the NKBA. This meeting will be held at Mentor Church at 6:30 PM in Campbell County, just off the AA Hwy. I am also asking that we devote a few minutes to lifting this group and this mission opportunity up in prayer. Finally, I am asking that we use all of the resources at our disposal to publicize this to every church.

Complete email from Bro. David will be forwarded to the NKBA Executive Board members.

Goal for Northern Kentucky Projects: \$20,000.00

Received to Date:

Redemption Church, Covington—\$500.00

NKBA Income by Church
January—June 2019

Church	Giving	Church	Giving
01 Anchor	1,064.72	41 Iglesia Cristo La Luz del Mundo	270.00
02 Ashland Avenue	3,039.72	42 Kento-Boo	600.00
03 Beaver Lick	2,783.80	43 Kenton	214.61
04 Beechgrove	930.00	44 Latonia	1,669.35
05 Belleview	6,410.03	45 Licking Valley	2,707.00
06 Bellevue, FBC	150.00	46 Living Church	0.00
07 Bethesda Community	495.00	47 Living Hope Baptist Church	1,200.00
08 Big Bone	4,568.69	48 Ludlow, FBC	0.00
09 Brooksville	978.07	49 Macedonia Missionary	0.00
10 Bullittsburg	467.00	50 Madison Avenue	1,000.00
11 Burlington	15,442.16	51 Main Street	7,880.30
12 Christ Baptist Church	2,396.58	52 Mentor	3,480.00
13 Church @ the Garden of Hope	0.00	53 Mercy Ridge	200.00
14 Cold Spring, FBC	2,931.30	54 New Banklick	1,608.41
15 Cornerstone	517.93	55 New Reality	0.00
16 The Cornerstone Fellowship	600.00	56 Newport, FBC	400.00
17 Covington, FBC 4th Street	150.00	57 Ninth Street	0.00
18 Covington, FBC 9th Street	800.00	58 Oak Island	285.05
19 Crescent Springs	1,123.62	59 Oak Ridge	7,647.85
20 Crosspoint Church	435.00	60 Persimmon Grove	1,450.00
21 Dayton, FBC	1,470.49	61 Petersburg	1,343.00
22 East Dayton	450.00	62 Piner	4,782.00
23 Elsmere	1,778.52	63 Pleasant Ridge	1,552.87
24 Emmanuel Chapel	0.00	64 Redemption	0.00
25 Erlanger	3,086.00	65 Rosedale	679.02
26 Fairlane	1,914.98	66 Sand Run	0.00
27 First Twelve Mile	1,227.09	67 Second Twelve Mile	1,306.76
28 Flagg Spring	170.00	68 Silver Grove, FBC	0.00
29 Florence	0.00	69 South Side	110.00
30 Fort Mitchell	2,625.00	70 Union	6,697.00
31 Fort Thomas, FBC	100.00	71 Visalia	1,505.00
32 Good Shepherd Korean Church	300.00	72 Walton, FBC	6,079.47
33 Grace Dry Ridge	0.00	73 West Covington	700.00
34 Grace Independence	353.61	74 Woodhaven	733.00
35 Grants Lick	2,237.07	75 Zion Chin Baptist	1,200.00
36 Hebron	6,928.71		
37 Hickory Grove	12,857.50		
38 Highland Heights, FBC	2,563.03		
39 Highland Hills	1,200.00		
40 Highpoint	0.00		
		Total Budget Giving	\$141,846.31

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**Mark Your Calendars
Upcoming Events**

- July 8—NKBA Summer Meeting, 6:30p, Mentor Church, California, KY
- July 9—RESET Evangelism, 9:30a, NKBA
- July 13—WMU Salad Luncheon, 10:30a, Hebron Baptist Church
- July 13-19—Northern Kentucky Changers
- August 19-20—SEND Cincinnati Vision Tour

