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Be strong and of a good courage
be not afraid,
neither
be thou dismayed

for the LORD thy God is with thee
whithersoever thou goest

Jos 1:9

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Leviticus ~ Numbers ~ Deuteronomy ~ **Joshua** ~ Judges ~ Ruth ~ 1 Samuel



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Jim's Journal



Last week the research department at LifeWay released the results for the 2018 SBC Annual Church Profile Data. Unfortunately, the data and change is not good. This will make 12 consecutive years of losses in membership, churches, and baptisms (in some statistics it could go back 20 years as the decline has slowly eaten away in our convention). This is not shocking news to me because I have always been fascinated by statistics and the stories they tell. I recognize that statistics can often be shaded to tell a story that fits a particular groups narrative. In this case, I find no such good news

2018 SBC Annual Church Profile Data		
Category	2018 Data	Annual Change
Membership:	14,813,234	- 192,404
Churches:	47,456	- 88
Church-Type Missions:	4,085	- 291
Attendance:	5,297,788	- 22,700
Small Group Attendance:	3,247,681	- 97,845
Baptisms:	246,442	- 7,680
<div><div>SBC</div><div>THIS WEEK</div><div><small>Data courtesy of LifeWay Christian Resources</small>© 2019 LWC<small>and Andy Woodard & Associates News</small>© 2019 LWC<small>Subscribe online at SBCthisweek.com</small></div></div>		

no matter who is trying to spin it. Straight up...if the people of God don't wake up soon we are facing absolute and total irrelevance. While I believe and have EVERY HOPE in the GOSPEL and the one who embodies it JESUS, and while I believe that the church of Jesus and its mission WILL PREVAIL (read the GOSPELS and the last chapter of the NT, Christ WON over sin and death and ultimately the battle), there is not a lot of good news on the immediate condition of His church or His mission.

That all being stated, it makes the challenge I placed before our churches at the Fall meeting of 2018 for each church to re-commit themselves to the GREAT COMMISSION and seek to engage those lost and far from God all around our churches and communities. I challenged our churches to baptize 10,000 NEW DISCIPLES over the next 10 years (#10K4NKBA)! Each local church pastor has been sent a goal to reach that is based on each church's history. If you want to know what the goal for your church is, feel free to contact us at the NKBA and we will share that information with you, but I hope your pastors have already done so.

To me, this all comes down to OBEDIENCE. Are we willing to be obedient to Christ and His Command? Are we willing to live under His Lordship? Do we REALLY BELIEVE that the Bible is the Word of God? If so, why aren't we obedient to the absolute clarity of the call to "Love one another" and to "Make Disciples?"

In five years as your DOM and in 42+ plus years of ministry experience in the local church I see many churches operating with an insider mentality, one of scarcity, not abundance, and overwhelmingly decisions are being made because of COMFORT (personal preferences), CONVENIENCE (don't ask me to do something I'm uncomfortable with even IF the Bible DOES say so), and CONTROL (I WANT WHAT I WANT! PERIOD!) The legend Pastor, Warren Wiersbe said, "Sometimes God's greatest judgment is to give us what we want." I believe this is why the church is in the situation that it is in America. We have followed the same path that Christians in Europe did and we have a very similar result...to a great extent MANY CHURCHES ARE DEAD AND DYING (NOT the churches that are walking in OBEDIENCE, but the ones who are walking in DISOBEDIENCE)!

Pastor Michael Catt at Sherwood Baptist Church in Georgia said, "This trend will continue and the downward spiral will increase IF WE DON'T REPENT and cry out for God to revive His church. Our dependence on "programs" have gotten us in this mess. PRAYER IS THE KEY TO GET US OUT OF IT!"

AMEN...SO BE IT! My prayer his that whatever it takes to get our attention, I pray God will do it. We have little margin to work with...people are dying and going to Hell while many of our churches and leaders act as if they do not care. Can I say it any more clearly? **REPENT...PRAY...OBEY! There is NO OTHER WAY! WAKE UP SLEEPING CHURCH! FOLLOW JESUS!**

Your Lead Follower,

Jim



Highpoint Baptist VBS
 6 Washington Street
 Alexandria, KY 41001



**June 2—6,
 6 to 9 p.m.
 Supper for
 VBS staff and
 students served nightly.**



**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!"



**Northern Kentucky
 Churches' Emergency
 Response Network
Emergency Medical Training
 Saturday, June 15, 10 a.m.
 Beaver Lick Baptist Church
 11469 US 42, Union, KY 41091**

Training will be conducted by St. Elizabeth Hospital and will include training in the following areas:

- Stop the bleed
- Tourniquets
- Burn treatment
- Stabilizing head, neck and limbs
- Pupil dilation and what it means
- Chest seals
- Nasal airway tubes
- Triage
- Narcan pins usage
- Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED)
- Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

For more information or to register, contact NKyCERN at 859-757-7375 or by email to NKYCERN@gmail.com.



Northern Kentucky Changers is Coming July 13—19!

Our Kentucky Changers event last year was so effective, we've decided to do something similar this year on a local level. We are encouraging churches to put together teams to work on projects in your neighborhoods that can have a big impact on homeowners. Your church can be involved in this local mission event in a number of ways:

- 1) Recommend families in your community who have small projects to be considered. To apply, send the homeowner's name, address, phone and description of the work needed to the NKBA office at lorne@nkbaptist.org.
- 2) Sign up people/teams to work on projects. You can volunteer for any amount of time that week, from 1 day to all 5 days. Notify the NKBA office of the number of teams/people you have willing to help and the time committed.
- 3) Pray that we will have volunteers to do the work and projects and people we can bless!
- 4) Give to the NKY Changers Special Offering take May 19-25, Week of Prayer for Association Missions.

We will only be committing to projects if we have volunteer teams available to complete the work. If there are no workers, there can be no projects! Please be in prayer about this opportunity.



NKBA Income by Church
January—May 2019

Church	Budget Giving	Church	Budget Giving
01 Anchor	902.76	42 Kento-Boo	500.00
02 Ashland Avenue	2,532.47	43 Kenton	185.31
03 Beaver Lick	2,301.14	44 Latonia	1,669.35
04 Beechgrove	800.00	45 Licking Valley	2,195.00
05 Belleview	5,650.24	46 Living Church	0.00
06 Bellevue, FBC	150.00	47 Living Hope Baptist Church	1,000.00
07 Bethesda Community	495.00	48 Ludlow FBC	0.00
08 Big Bone	3,838.26	49 Macedonia Missionary	0.00
09 Brooksville	820.07	50 Madison Avenue	500.00
10 Bullittsburg	403.00	51 Main Street	5,963.76
11 Burlington	13,107.90	52 Mentor	2,900.00
12 Christ Baptist Church	2,396.58	53 Mercy Ridge	200.00
13 Church @ Garden of Hope	0.00	54 New Banklick	1,608.41
14 Cold Spring, FBC	2,931.30	55 New Reality	0.00
15 Cornerstone	517.93	56 Newport, FBC	400.00
16 The Cornerstone Fellowship	100.00	57 Ninth Street	0.00
17 Covington, FBC 4th Street	150.00	58 Oak Island	242.45
18 Covington, FBC 9th Street	500.00	59 Oak Ridge	6,644.91
19 Crescent Springs	980.70	60 Persimmon Grove	1,450.00
20 Crosspoint Church	365.00	61 Petersburg	1,343.00
21 Dayton, FBC	1,167.26	62 Piner	4,782.00
22 East Dayton	375.00	63 Pleasant Ridge	1,552.87
23 Elsmere	1,482.10	64 Redemption	0.00
24 Emmanuel Chapel	0.00	65 Rosedale	556.54
25 Erlanger	2,936.00	66 Sand Run	0.00
26 Fairlane	1,619.12	67 Second Twelve Mile	1,306.76
27 First Twelve Mile	1,092.75	68 Silver Grove FBC	0.00
28 Flagg Spring	170.00	69 South Side	20.00
29 Florence	0.00	70 Union	5,785.00
30 Fort Mitchell	1,875.00	71 Visalia	1,505.00
31 Fort Thomas, FBC	100.00	72 Walton, FBC	5,314.98
32 Good Shepherd Korean Church	250.00	73 West Covington	600.00
33 Grace Dry Ridge	0.00	74 Woodhaven	609.64
34 Grace Independence	296.08	75 Zion Chin Baptist	1,200.00
35 Grants Lick	1,877.70		
36 Hebron	6,131.24		
37 Hickory Grove	12,857.50		
38 Highland Heights, FBC	2,563.03		
39 Highland Hills	1,200.00		
40 Highpoint	0.00		
41 Iglesia Cristo La Luz del Mundo	270.00		
		Total Budget Giving	125,240.11

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**Mark Your Calendars
Upcoming Events**

- June 11-12—SBC Annual Meeting, Birmingham, AL
- June 15—NKyCERN Medical Training, 10a, Beaver Lick Baptist
- July 8—NKBA Summer Meeting, 6:30p, Mentor Church, California, KY
- July 13-19—Northern Kentucky Changers

