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Jim's Journal



Thanks to Ed Stetzer for this article on the LOST. I couldn't improve upon it.

Read and pray.

It's fascinating that a lot of Christians don't seem to like non-Christians, often referred to as the lost or the unchurched. Often we want to keep away from messy people—perhaps missing the obvious that we are messy as well. Let me ask you...Who's on Your Friends List?

It's interesting that after coming to Christ and growing in knowledge, we often distance ourselves from former friends. We seem to have less time for the hurting and struggling. We've found the thing that meets the need in our lives, but keep our distance from those who need the very thing we've found. I don't think this separation is intentional, but it happens, and in the end, our intentions don't matter. Jesus lived differently.

One of the common criticisms Jesus faced was that he spent too much time with sinners. How many of us could be accused of spending too much time with the unwelcomed and unappreciated? No one better understood the importance of spiritual maturity, scriptural knowledge, a robust prayer life and positive influences than Jesus. But he also knew these things were not for his personal benefit, but need to be shared with the lost. The Christian life is not about safety and comfort, but rather about finding yourself in a dangerous place of vulnerable compassion.

Many Christians have grown up in a Christian home. That is their reality and they forget there's a hurting world out there. We drive through it on the way to school, work and church, but we don't come to terms with the vast brokenness surrounding us. Hurting people sometimes make their way into our pews and, by grace and through faith, respond to the good news of salvation. But too often, the only connections Christians have with broken people are made outside of church.

The true test of our maturity is not measured in how much we leave behind, but how much we love. Jesus talks about his ministry in two ways; to save and to serve. In Luke 4:18, he says, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me." He goes on to talk about preaching the good news to the poor and the captive. In fact, this type of ministry was a sign that he was the Messiah. Throughout Scripture we see the work of Christ among the widows, the blind, the broken—whoever had a need. 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.

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That's hard. **But a church without the broken is a broken church.**

How does your church engage the hurting? What have you done in your own life to avoid insulating yourself from brokenness around you? We need to be engaged in our neighborhoods and looking for ways to BLESS them!

- B: Begin in Prayer**
- L: Listen to the Hurts/Hangups/Habits of your neighbors and LISTEN TO GOD**
- E: Engage with them (Coffee, conversation, or even better, a MEAL)**
- S: SERVE Strategically (Look for ways to serve and help your neighbors to build the relationships that provide open doors to Gospel conversations)**
- S: SHARE YOUR STORY! Use the ReachKY.Today tool and train people to share the story of their faith and life change! The world belongs to storytellers and we have the GREAT EST STORY OF ALL TIME!**

The NKBA recorded 468 baptisms this past year. In 2019 I am making a 10- year challenge to baptize 10,000 through the ministry of our churches (#10K4NKA). GOD IS AT WORK. WE SIMPLY NEED TO JOIN HIM IN OUR COMMUNITIES AS HE IS CHANGING LIVES!

It is a blessing to be your lead follower!

**Your Lead Follower,
JIM**

NKBA Fall Meeting Monday, November 5, 2018	
Piner Baptist Church, 15044 Madison Pike, Morning View, KY	
Leadership IQ (Pastors and Church Leadership)	General Session (all church members)
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., includes breakfast and lunch	3:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., includes dinner



Dr. Charles S. (Chuck) Kelley of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is presenting the days instruction. Dr. Kelley is the author of the book, Fuel the Fire, Lessons from the History of Southern Baptist Evangelism. *In Fuel the Fire, Chuck Kelley intends to start a conversation. A denomination accustomed to the inevitability of growth is in the grip of decline. By remembering the evangelistic strategies and core convictions that have strengthened the Southern Baptist Convention since its humble beginnings, and by cultivating the theological focus that enhances modern-day evangelistic engagement, readers will find new urgency in carrying out the work of evangelism. Kelley emphasizes that strategies are important; however, our efforts are in vain apart from a stirring of the Holy Spirit.* (Amazon.com) **Please contact Lori at 727-6522 or lorne@nkbaptist.org to register your group.**

Christmas Backpack Collection Results

The NKBA backpack goal for 2018 was 1000. As of October 29, we have collected 880 and we expect more to come in. Well done churches! Your generosity will bless many children in our communities.



NKBA Christmas Open House
Thursday, December 6, 2018
Noon—7:00 p.m.

Please join us at the NKBA office for food, music and fellowship to celebrate the Christmas season. We would love to say “thank you” for your love and support of the churches, missions, and ministries of the NKBA.

Budget Income By Church
January 1, 2018 through October 27, 2018

Church	Budget Giving	Church	Budget Giving
01 Anchor	1,335.11	40 Kento-Boo	1,000.00
02 Ashland Avenue	4,935.22	41 Kenton	489.56
03 Beaver Lick	4,019.40	42 Latonia	3,171.50
04 Beechgrove	1,673.00	43 Licking Valley	4,338.00
05 Belleview	10,414.82	44 Living Church	900.00
06 Bellevue, FBC	750.00	45 Living Hope Baptist Church	2,000.00
07 Bethesda Community	2,475.00	46 Ludlow FBC	0.00
08 Big Bone	10,028.25	47 Macedonia Missionary	0.00
09 Brooksville	1,266.85	48 Madison Avenue	1,500.00
10 Bullittsburg	2,867.85	49 Main Street	21,120.45
11 Burlington	25,727.90	50 Mentor	5,500.00
12 Christ Baptist Church	6,396.89	51 New Banklick	3,947.54
13 Church @ Garden of Hope	0.00	52 New Reality	0.00
14 Cold Spring, FBC	5,634.77	53 Newport, FBC	600.00
15 Cornerstone	810.43	54 Ninth Street	0.00
16 Covington, FBC 4th Street	300.00	55 Oak Island	366.90
17 Covington, FBC 9th Street	800.00	56 Oak Ridge	14,442.55
18 Crescent Springs	2,259.12	57 Persimmon Grove	1,450.00
19 Crosspoint Church	850.00	58 Petersburg	2,702.00
20 Dayton, FBC	2,563.95	59 Piner	5,281.00
21 East Dayton	750.00	60 Pleasant Ridge	3,629.27
22 Elsmere	2,964.20	61 Redemption	0.00
23 Emmanuel Chapel	0.00	62 Rosedale	1,457.40
24 Erlanger	2,569.72	63 Sand Run	0.00
25 Fairlane	2,776.42	64 Second Twelve Mile	1,802.50
26 First Twelve Mile	2,376.38	65 Silver Grove, FBC	1,319.76
27 Flagg Spring	180.00	66 South Side	0.00
28 Florence	0.00	67 Union	9,198.00
29 Fort Mitchell	4,500.00	68 Visalia	1,640.00
30 Fort Thomas	0.00	69 Walton, FBC	9,184.93
31 Good Shepherd Korean Church	550.00	70 West Covington	1,000.00
32 Grace Dry Ridge	0.00	71 Woodhaven	1,054.80
33 Grace Independence	908.80	72 Zion Chin Baptist	1,300.00
34 Grants Lick	3,536.44	73 Iglesia Cristo La Luz del Mundo	598.00
35 Hebron	9,241.75		
36 Hickory Grove	21,322.50		
37 Highland Heights, FBC	6,060.88		
38 Highland Hills	300.00		
39 Highpoint	0.00		
		Total Budget Income	244,139.81

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**Mark Your Calendars
Upcoming Events**

- November 5—Leadership IQ with Dr. Chuck Kelley, 9am, Piner Baptist Church
- November 5—NKBA Fall Meeting, 3pm, Piner Baptist Church
- November 22—Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed
- November 23—Thanksgiving holiday, Office Closed
- December 6— NKBA Open House , Noon—7:00 p.m.
- December 24– January 1—Office Closed

