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Zephaniah ~ Haggai ~ Zachariah ~ Malachi ~ **Matthew** ~ Mark ~ Luke ~ John ~ Acts

⁶ He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Matthew 28: 6 (NKJV)



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Jim's Journal

March is a bittersweet month of the year for me...my mother's birthday (Nora) is March 1 (she would've been 98 this year) and my grandson's birthday, Elliott Jameson Marshal, is on March 4.

When I am in a contemplative mood I look back, but also always look forward. I don't know why, but it's how God has wired me. I was reading a blog from the pastor at my home church in Lexington (Ron Edmondson) the other day and something he wrote gave me inspiration to express what is on my heart. I often find great wisdom in looking back in the Old Testament. Jeremiah came to mind when he wrote chapter 24:7 (NKJV):

"Then I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the Lord; and they shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart."



Here God promises His people that they could have a heart to know Him. Isn't that amazing? The Creator God, Elohim, the God who never changes, has promised us that we can have a heart to know Him, not just know about Him. First of all, I pray that God will give ME that kind of heart as your lead-follower, and that He would give our pastors, staff, and leaders that kind of heart. It is when we lean into Him that we feel His comfort and His power. I am convinced there has never been a moment in my lifetime that is more urgent for God's people to have that kind of heart than today! Our world is sin sick and in desperate need of healing. Our churches are not reaching the lost the way we need to and until our hearts break with God's, that is not going to change. As I pray, I am looking back and looking forward and I believe deep down in my heart that our best days are ahead!

Jeremiah 32:38-40 (NKJV) says, "They shall be my people, and I will be their God; then I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for the good of them and their children after them. And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from me." God also promised His people that not only could we know Him intimately, but also that He would help us carry out that heart in the way they lived, loved, and served. This is more than believing a truth, but it would be living it out! My prayer for our churches and leaders is that God will give that singleness of heart, mind and action to us!

Praying these truths can provide a path that you can look back on and see how God does as He promises. While we all make mistakes, and sometimes fall, as we look ahead, each day we have an opportunity to embrace Him through His Word and through a constant attitude of prayer. May God help us all to live out His truth, His love, His Word, as we accomplish His mission in our Jerusalem.

Walking with Him,

Jim Woolums

**LEADERSHIP NKY and Executive Board
Spring Meeting**

March 7 a **LEADERSHIP NKY** event will be held with Dr. Shane Garrison from 10-2 at the NKBA office for all pastors/staff. Shane has served as Camp Pastor to numerous Lifeway Summer Camps, started a church consulting business, has served as Transitional Pastor to a number of churches in the KBC and is a professor in the School of Theology at Campbellsville University. Shane is one of the leading voices in SBC life on building inter-generational ministries in our churches. He served on the staff at Main Street Baptist Church in Alexandria and is now Dean of Online Learning for Campbellsville.



Shane will also be speaking at our **NKBA Spring Meeting**, that evening at 7:00 at **FBC Ft. Thomas**.



The NKBA will be providing a region-wide training on APRIL 16 from 9-12 to prepare for "Operation Inasmuch (<http://www.operationinasmuch.org>)"

Kentucky Baptist Convention churches will be intentionally performing servant evangelism acts during the month of September to better connect our churches with our communities and point people to Jesus through being the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus.

**INASMUCH AS YOU DID IT FOR THE
LEAST OF THESE, YOU DID IT FOR ME.**
—JESUS

Door Prizes



Theme-Related Snacks

ASSOCIATIONAL VBS TRAINING
Saturday March 19
 9:00 am until noon

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICE
 3001 RIGGS AVE.
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SPECIAL GUEST: JERRY WOOLEY, LifeWay
 VBS Consultant.
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Kentucky Primary/Caucus

Recently a change was made in Kentucky's primary election schedule. For one office only--the office of Republican Presidential nominee--Kentucky has changed the primary date from May to March this year. That one office is the only one changed, so there will still be a primary in May for all other offices. This caucus is on March 5, 2016, from 10 am to 4 pm. There is usually one caucus location per county.

The website, www.kycaucus.com, has more information, including caucus locations.

**Pianist Needed
Oak Ridge Baptist Church**

Oak Ridge Baptist is in need of a pianist for Sunday Services. Worship times are 11 am and 6 pm. Choir practice is at 5 pm. The pianist would be accompanying the congregation in singing of hymns and providing worshipful music during the collecting of the offering. If able to help out with choir, the pianist would be playing SATB parts during the practice hour.

The morning service would be a must. Choir practice and evening worship would be negotiable. If interested, email csetters@outlook.com or call 356-7732.

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**Mark Your Calendars
Upcoming Events**



- March 6-13—Week of Prayer (NAMB)**
- March 7—LEADERSHIP NKY event with Dr. Shane Garrison from 10-2 at the NKBA office for :**
- March 7 —NKBA Executive Board Spring Meeting at 7:00 at FBC Ft. Thomas. Special speaker: Dr. Shane Garrison**
- March 5—KY Republican Caucus, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. See kycaucus.com for locations.**
- March 19—REGIONAL VBS training event for Pastors/staff/VBS Directors from 9-12 at the NKBA office.**
- APRIL 16 from 9-12—The NKBA will be providing a region-wide training to prepare for “Operation Inasmuch (<http://www.operationinasmuch.org>)” September 2016.**
- April 26—Associational WMU Meeting**
- July 11—7 p.m. Association Executive Board Meeting, Union Baptist Church**