

Nathan's Notions

Let freedom ring! We have probably sung those words many times throughout our lifetime as we worshipped the Lord singing "My Country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing: Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrim's pride, From ev'ry mountainside Let freedom ring!"

How can we let freedom ring?

We can let freedom ring by having a personal relationship with Jesus as Savior. We cannot tell others about the freedom we enjoy in Christ if we ourselves have not experienced it. Some people have attended church for years only to find out that they had never experienced salvation.

We can also let freedom ring by telling others what Jesus has done for us, and sharing the gospel. Some find it hard to begin a conversation about spiritual things, but it can actually come naturally when you become intentional about it. We find it easy to talk about things we have an interest in and those things about which we feel passionately. We as Christians should have an enormous amount of interest in the eternal destiny of others around us. And it only takes one good experience of sharing your faith to get you passionate about doing it again.

How do we let freedom ring?

By leading each conversation we have into talking about spiritual things. For the times that you do not have a lot of time, you can do so rather quickly by asking a series of questions beginning with, "Do you ever think about spiritual things?" You will know in a matter of seconds of whether to proceed

or to back off based upon the words and body language of the person you have just asked that question. If you feel led to continue then ask, "To you, who is Jesus?" Once they give their response ask if you can share with them about your personal relationship with Jesus, and then ask them if anything similar has happened to them. If not, then ask, "Would you like to know how you can have a personal relationship with Jesus?" If they say yes, then share with them the gospel.

For the opportunities you have more time to talk with people you can use FIRE to lead up to the question about spiritual things. FIRE is an acronym for Family/Familiar, Interests, Religious background, and Exploratory questions. Whichever route you choose, make a point this Summer to let freedom ring!

Your AMS,

Nathan Whisnant



DMBA Executive Board Meeting
May 10, 2021
First Baptist Church
Shea Hicks, Moderator

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Bro. Shea Hicks. Bob Farmer welcomed the Executive Board. Members and guests were encouraged to sign in.

Recognition of New Staff and Board Members: Shane Webb, Executive Board Member; Ryan Seaman, Interim Student Pastor at Buck Creek.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Board Meetings: The Minutes of the March 8 Business Meeting were approved with a motion from Mike Jones and a second from Dennis McFadden.

Finance Committee Report: Bro. Jarrod Carter presented the finance report. It was approved. The Finance Committee made a motion to increase budget line EX8910 from \$3500 to \$5500 to cover associational mileage for the remainder of the fiscal year and to cover expenses incurred from the SBC in Nashville, TN in June. This motion passed.

AMS Report: Bro. Nathan Whisnant, along with a written report of his activities from March-April, gave a verbal report about a Pancake Breakfast at Camp Schafer on May 22, a Sunday School Training on May 24 on How to Do SS after Covid, a Bi-Vocational Pastors and Family Lunch at Camp Schafer on June 19, about his willingness to help churches in Evangelism and his role in the Associational Office until someone is hired to replace Leslie Rice.

Reports of Ministries

Bro. Nathan Whisnant gave a Baptist Center Report about the centers increase in activities helping people with food and clothing. He also gave a report about the KWC Campus activities. They will be evaluating this ministry at the end of this week and this past year's success. There are more things planned in the fall concerning Back to School bags and a workday for a new building they are using.

Bro. Brian Hamby presented three resolutions from the Resolution Committee expressing great appreciation to Mrs. Leslie Rice, Mrs. Betty Keiser, and Mrs. Dorothy Walker for their many years of service. These resolutions all passed. A Special Gift and Prayer was presented to Mrs. Leslie Rice upon her retirement by Bro. Richard Sams.

Bro. Wendell Wood gave a report about the Block Party Trailer and encouraged churches to use it. He also reported a gift of \$1,000 was given to the Association from the KBC WMU to help churches use the trailer that may not be able to afford to rent it.

Cortney & Tim Brown gave a Camp Schafer report about a full summer camp that is being planned and the workday on May 22.

Mrs. Sharon Westerfield presented a motion as a joint recommendation from the Camp Development Committee, the Camp Program Committee, the Trustees, and the Finance Committee to move forward with the plans for the Camp Lodge. Bro. Wendell Wood with a second from Jerry Carter amended this motion asking the committee report back at the July Executive Board. This motion and its amendment passed.

Bro. Brian Roberts gave an Evangelism report about the One-Night Revival that was held at Livermore BC and Macedonia BC. He suggested churches consider having Multi-Night revivals with other churches in their area.

Bro. Ben White gave a Mission report about plans concerning short term mission projects.

Bro. Mike Jones gave a report from the KBC Mission Board and many ministries and Great Giving this passed year.

Bro. Jerry Carter gave a Nominating Committee report. He also presented a motion from the committee to approve, Joanne Kendall from Cedar Street to the Missions Development Committee. The Jail Ministry Christmas Project now has Byron & Leslie Rice serving as directors.

Bro. Richard Sams presented a joint motion from the Personnel Committee and the Budget & Finance Committee to change the full time Associational Ministry Administrator Position to a part time Associational Administrative Coordinator and to hire a third-party vendor to provide bookkeeping and financial services on behalf of the DMBA. This motion passed. A job description is available in the DMBA office.

Bro. Mike Ponton gave a Trustees report concerning work they have done and projects they are considering.

Mrs. Cathy Chinn gave a WMU report concerning May 15 WMU upcoming Associational Training event in Elizabethtown. Several from our association attended the State WMU meeting in Shelbyville. Brenda McKinney & Diane Thacker were elected to serve on the Executive Board from the Western Ky Region. Mrs. Cathy Chinn will continue to serve in another type of position. Pastors and churches are encouraged to call on the WMU leadership if they need any kind of help with mission activities.

Bro. Wayne Morris gave a Youth Committee report about a Youth Worship Rally that was on February 24th and A Youth Discipleship Training Event on May 2.

Churches and Youth are encouraged to Go Serve in their communities on July 17 and then join in a celebration on July 18 at Island Baptist Church sharing their Go Serve Projects.

Old Business – There was none.

New Business- Bro. Shea Hicks serving as moderator created a “Collegiate Ministry Committee”. The following have been asked to serve on this committee, Shane Kahkola (Walnut Memorial), Ryan Seaman (Buck Creek), Connor Reed (Macedonia), Caleb Holt (Bellevue) and Auston Babb (Redhill).

Correspondence to the Executive Board- There was None.

Adjourn- The meeting was adjourned on a motion from Bro. Dennis McFadden and a second from Brian Roberts. This motion passed. A Closing Prayer was given.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Webb, Associational Clerk

**Next Executive Board Meeting
July 12th, 2021 @ Livermore Baptist Church**

2021 Executive Board Meetings

July 12

Livermore Baptist Church (no meal)
Meeting starts at 7:00 pm in the Gym

September 13

Glenville Baptist Church

From the Evangelism Committee

The Evangelism Committee met and was pleased how the one-night revivals at Macedonia and Livermore turned out. We are planning for possible two, four-night revivals in the next 12 months at two of our Associational churches.

Please keep us in prayer in these endeavors.

Brian Roberts
Evangelism Committee



It's not too late to participate! Check with your church to see how you can be part of this, or call the office and talk with Nathan. Currently, there are 17 unclaimed maps for our area.




Block Party Trailer

The Block Party Trailer is a great tool that can be used to reach your church field for Christ.

If you are interested in using the trailer for VBS, Back to School events or any other events feel free to call Wendell Wood for information. 270-903-3309.

Camp 2021
July 5th-8th
Co Sponsored By
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Baptist Associations



Youth Camp

\$160 Per Camper
\$10 Discount for forms
postmarked by June 15th

Camp Theme is TBD
Open to Grades 6-12

Camp Schafer 2021
ARMOR UP
Ephesians 6:10
"Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power"

July 12-15th

Cost: \$155 per camper/counselor
Price includes meals and canteen

Grades: 2nd-6th

Camp Pastor: Clive Bell, Livermore Baptist

Where: Camp Schafer: Pellville, KY

Directors: Brian Roberts, Jenny Roberts, Sharon Westerfield
Contact Info: 270-993-0519 or
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SUMMER 2021
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LIMITLESS CHILDREN'S BIBLE CAMP
JULY 16-19, 2021

AGES: Entering 2nd-6th Grades
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Woman's Missionary Union is an organization that has been part of the Southern Baptist Convention since 1888. We provide resources for churches who wish to have groups of men, women, boys, and girls that desire to study and learn about missions and ministries. We engage disciples of Jesus on mission in Kentucky and throughout the world. We do that through Missions Discipleship, Leadership Development, and Compassion Ministries. We help churches intentionally learn about missions, pray for missions, give to missions, and engage in missions. We have a local leadership team that would be glad to help any church or group of individuals in a church learn how to begin a group or to provide information about missions and ministries. If your church would like help in planning a mission trip, with ideas for places to serve, or training needed for your members who will be going, we can be a help with that, as well. We welcome your calls and will help you find the help you need if we cannot meet the need ourselves.

Cathy Chinn, WMU Associational Director
270-791-6094



A proposed lodge at Camp Schafer is designed to house 15 couple on the main floor, multiple bunk beds on the second floor and a storm shelter in the basement.

Dental Mission Update June 2021

Greetings! Our dental clinic is fully operational now and ready to reach the people of our local communities who are struggling with oral health needs and without funds and insurance! We have been treating patients since April of this year after about six months closure during the pandemic. All of our volunteers were vaccinated by March and many of them at the McLean County Health Department.

There have been some exciting physical developments for the clinic to include the DMBA-funded improvements to our clinic bathroom with new vanity and sink, handicapped toilet, and soon the installation of motion-sensor paper towel dispenser and soap dispenser for better infection control and cleanliness for our patients and volunteers! We also have a new HVAC system after our old system failed and will assure predictable service for years to come! Our digital radiography and new computers continue to offer modern quality of care and diagnostic help for our patients.

Our volunteer team has recently added a registered dental hygienist who will fill a critical need since our previous hygienist had to leave our volunteer team about 18 months ago. We still have two dentists serving with their separate teams, but **pray** for two more dentists and volunteers to form two more teams.

Our usual referral source for patients has been the Help Office of Owensboro, but since the pandemic, they have closed those services and hope to return to normal staffing and services by January 2022.

Pray that they might be able to return sooner to the financial screening that they have done in the past for our patients.

We have also created a "smile ministry" fund for helping our patients with missing teeth in their smile by taking impressions and having an acrylic "flipper" appliance fabricated and placed. These appliances continue to give back to patients their self-confidence and smiles and has given us an opportunity to show the love of Christ! It has been very rewarding to see hope restored for many through this ministry, and to have continued opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through dentistry!

In His Service,
Ralph W. Thacker DMD



From the Baptist Center

I would like to thank Crosspointe Baptist Church for the landscaping and painting they did at the Center. What a difference it made, everything looks great.

We will be having our Backpack Giveaway on Saturday, July 31. We need these items for our backpacks:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Loose paper (College & Regular Ruled) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pencils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spiral Notebooks (College & Regular Ruled) | <input type="checkbox"/> Red Ink Pens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Composition Books | <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colored Pencils | <input type="checkbox"/> Binders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Folders (2 pockets and 2 pockets w/fasteners) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil Boxes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Markers (Washable and Regular) | <input type="checkbox"/> Glue Sticks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Erasers | |



Donations for school backpacks can be brought Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9am-Noon by July 23, 2021. We are taking other donations at these times also.

Baptist Center
Gail Boling Director

Missions Development Committee

Hello! Greetings from your Missions Development Committee! We hope you are doing well. As we move into the month of July, we wanted to share an update with you on ways the Lord is leading and possible doors he may be opening for us to walk through as an association. As a committee, we feel led to place our focus on two distinct initiatives at this moment in time: Black Church Relations, and unique opportunities to minister in the Holy Land of Israel. As a committee, we long to see the Lord working through us as well as countless others in our association to come alongside black churches in our area who are discouraged, dying, and may even be abandoned. We would be so honored to help these congregations by speaking life into them and holding up their arms the same way Hur and Aaron aided Moses in Exodus chapter 17. We are also very excited about plans for an upcoming trip to Israel and we thank the Lord for his provision and steps that go before us in this endeavor for him. May this be life changing for the team making the trip that represents our association. Please make praying for those going on this journey a priority. Thank you in advance for praying for preparation as well as the hearts of those that the team would come in contact with that need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

Last month we were blessed to be able to meet with Teresa Parrett, Missions Mobilization Coordinator of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, who provided us with information on several ministry opportunities in various places throughout our commonwealth. The Adopt-a-Missionary program for KY-MSM Missionaries seemed very intriguing and could be something we could possibly look closer at participating in if the Lord allows. As a committee, we are asking the Lord to lead, guide, and direct us to ways we can serve in his name for his honor and glory. For he indeed is worthy of all we can give. May he richly bless you and keep you.

In His Grace,
Ben White
Missions Development Committee Chairperson

Ministering Together

I want to share just a brief word of observation and encouragement as we reflect on our ministry partnership together.

This last week I had the privilege of attending the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. As is always the case, this was a refreshing time of reuniting with fellow pastor friends and ministry partners spread both nation and world-wide.

Much has been and will be made in the media outlets regarding ongoing controversies within the SBC, and this is to be expected – we are a convention of nearly 50,000 churches, we ought to expect some family drama. But this last week, as I listened to ministry after ministry report on God's blessings on the ministry partnerships we have as a convention, I could not help but recognize the thankfulness in my heart to the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association and the 55 churches that make up our own unique family. It has been my joy this past year to serve as your moderator and to experience a glimpse of what our churches and associational ministries are accomplishing as we minister together.

This last year, we have seen the Association come together to step out in faith and pursue a lingering desire to build and expand the capabilities of Camp Schafer. We have seen God lead one great leader of the Jail Ministry to step back while almost immediately providing the blessing of a godly couple jointly taking on this great responsibility with the same passion and goals of the past. We have seen younger people stepping forward to serve in areas of committee leadership, including a newly formed "Collegiate Ministry Committee." We have seen ministry projects taking place at the Dental Clinic and Baptist Center.

Over the last 18 months, God has graciously provided financially for the Association and its various ministries. We have been blessed with a tremendous Finance Committee who has worked diligently to be fiscally responsible with the generous gifts of our Associational churches and see that ministry continues unhindered.

We are blessed with great churches, pastors and leaders with a heart to minister together. And we have an even greater God who takes our ministry partnership and does great things for His glory and His glory alone. Let it be so.

Let me invite you to come alongside the many ministries of the DMBA in new and innovative ways in the months ahead. Take advantage of training opportunities, ministry opportunities, and continue to pray for God's blessing as we minister together.

Your Servant and His for Souls,
Shea Hicks
Moderator



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July

- 4 Independence Day
- 5 Office Closed for Holiday
- 5-8 DMBA Youth Camp
- 12-15 Armor Up Children's Camp
- 16-19 Limitless Children's Camp
- 19 6-pm-8pm, Reset Evangelism training, DMBA Building
- 19-22 DMBA Children at Camp Schafer

August

- 17 6:30pm -9pm, "Equip" Hillvue Heights Church, Bowling Green

September

- 6 Labor Day, DMBA office will be closed
- 13 DMBA Executive Board Meeting, Glenville Baptist Church

