

SHARE YOUR POWER

This summer we are partnering with the Western KY Regional Blood Center to:

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As we all know, "**There is Power in the Blood**" and by donating blood we have another way to share/minister to those in our area. Each blood donation can potentially save 3 people's lives.

The blood center asked us to reach out to our churches to see if each of our 55 churches would take a day, even two, during June or July to designate as their church's day to give. Or, smaller churches go in together for a day. They need 25 confirmed donors each day. Each church would declare their day(s) after scheduling with our office and then would get with their membership to fill up the timeslots for that day. For more details see page 2 or contact leslie@dmdba.org.

The Executive Board Meeting for May has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

Thank you anyway to Bellevue for having allowed us to schedule to meet at their facility.

The printed minutes from the March meeting are not in this newsletter, but are available by calling or emailing Leslie. They will be printed in the next newsletter, in time for the July meeting.

The next Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 13, Calhoun Baptist Church.

Baptist Center Food Pantry Needs

Many boxes of food have been given out during this COVID-19 Pandemic. Therefore, we have some needs of specific foods to replenish our pantry. Here is the current list:

Beef Stew, Crackers, Instant Potatoes, Spam and Cereal

Please call Gail to arrange to drop off your items at the Baptist Center. Her number is 270-231-6449. Or, if you wish, you may send a donation to help purchase needs as they arise. Send your check to the Baptist Building and designate for Food Pantry.

2020 Executive Board Meeting Schedule

May 11 CANCELLED

July 13 Calhoun

September 14 Panther Creek

Meal is at 6:15 PM and the Meeting begins at 7:00 PM

Wilson Trust Scholarship

June is application time for the Wilson Trust Scholarship. This scholarship is available to any of our associational church members during their undergrad studies and is payable up to 4 times. To apply go to: <https://www.dmba.org> and look for the link. Completed applications will be accepted beginning June 1, and due to the Baptist Building by noon on June 30. Contact leslie@dmdba.org for more details.

ACP access & worksheets will be available in July

More info to come....

Nathan's Notions.....

Coronavirus. Who knew when the year 2020 began that this one word would dominate everything in our world? It has changed the way we do business, the way we interact with others, and the way we worship. What good can come out of this?

I want to share some insights that I have learned in the last few weeks from interacting with the pastors and leaders of the fifty-four churches and one mission that make up the DMBA. I will use four items from Dan Reiland's article on good things that are coming out of the Coronavirus: generosity, community, clarity, and creativity.

Generosity. Some churches struggle, but others have seen either no dip in financial support or even an increase. The people who make up the churches of the DMBA have responded to the challenge of this time by opening their hearts and pocketbooks to the financial needs.

Community. During this time of social distancing and isolation, there has arisen a very strong sense of community among the people of the churches. They have found ways to connect with each other using modern technology.

Clarity. Our pastors have focused on doing the most important things. They have found ways to find and meet the needs of those who need a tender loving pastoral touch (at a distance, of course).

Creativity. I listened with awe as the pastors and leaders of the DMBA shared with me the creative ways they have found to do church at this time. I want to focus on just two of the areas.

Worship and Bible study. Many pastors and staff use the internet to help their people worship together. They have also utilized Zoom, GoToMeeting or Ring to conduct Sunday school. One pastor, Larry Birkhead at Sorgho Baptist Church, spent time praying about what to do for Easter Sunday for those in his congregation that do not use the internet. The Lord impressed upon him to write out his Easter message, and then mail it to each of his faithful members.

Ministry. One church leader, Kenneth J. Williams worship pastor of Maceo Baptist Church, came up with a creative way to have an Easter egg hunt. He and members of the church gathered materials and goodies for a family Easter egg hunt and delivered them to each home in their church family that had children and/or wanted to participate. He even offered to bring a packet for Tammy and me to enjoy!

I feel honored and blessed to serve as your Associational Mission Strategist. Keep up the good work of serving the Lord during these times, and we will give God the glory for all He has done!

Sincerely in Christ,
Nathan A. Whisnant



This Ministry Opportunity is available to everyone that is able to donate blood. Our association has been so faithful in showing up to help when the Western KY Regional Blood Center has asked for help. By partnering with them this summer, we have the opportunity to minister individually as well as collectively. All of this with minimal effort and no monetary expense. WHAT A MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY!!! It would be great if each church would have a member to coordinate this effort within the church and work with Leslie to schedule a day, or days, they are willing to show up and donate.

Don't wait, let's get this done!

Hello from Schafer Camp!

We are getting many things ready for the upcoming camp season! We have been working on new lights, new carpet for the stage, new stage lights, and new paint in the multipurpose building. Everything looks so good! The boys staff cabin is almost complete, beds and blinds will be the finishing touches. Our staff boys will now have a great place to stay for the summer.

Please be in prayer for the students and adults who will attend camp this year. Remember if there is a student in your church who cannot manage the cost of camp, there are scholarships available. You will need to contact the DMBA office for that information.

Tim and I have spoken to our camp committee and we have decided to continue in planning for camps as normal. We will be aware of any new guidelines and meet again if the governor warrants a longer quarantine. The health and safety of your children are our utmost priority, the cabins and buildings will be cleaned and sanitized before and after each camp week. We will also have hand sanitizing stations around the camp.

The pastors' family picnic is scheduled for August 15, 2020 at the camp. We had an absolute blast last year and expect the same for this year! Tim and I were especially glad to be able to meet some pastors we had not gotten the pleasure of meeting. I hope that all pastors and families will plan on attending. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact me or Wendell Wood.

Thank you so much for praying for us and your support.

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From our Moderator.....

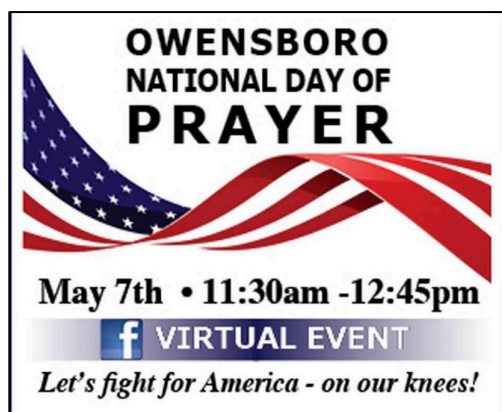
It is so hard to believe that we are here in May, isn't it? I am so thankful for the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association and I am thankful for you. Your faithfulness to God and to the churches in our Association is so refreshing and brings me joy. I am praying for you. I recently read and studied II Chronicles 20. It has become an instant favorite of mine. As chapter 20 begins, King Jehoshaphat is faced with an army that is vast and overpowering. He falls on his face before God and prays this in verse 12: "Our God, will you not judge them? For we are powerless before this vast number that comes to fight against us. We do not know what to do, but we look to you." I like that. I don't believe that I am alone in finding myself saying "I do not know what to do". What else can we do? I believe we follow the lead of King Jehoshaphat – "We look to you." Our course of action is one that I know we will follow, we look to God. As you continue to read chapter 20, you find that King Jehoshaphat experienced a great victory as he looked to God. We are about to see it and experience it as well. Our victory as individuals, churches, and the DMBA, will be secured as we look to God.

Chris Cuomo, CNN, who you know has been battling his own COVID-19 diagnosis, recently asked something interesting of his audience: "How do you want to be remembered during this time?" That is a great question. How do we want to be remembered during this time? I am praying that we will be known as people of victory that looked to Him. I am praying for you and I am grateful to stride side by side with you this year.

Eddie

We hope to be able to see you soon and pray for your health & safety. Until then, we are a call, text or email away.

Nathan, Leslie, Courtney & Gail



Associational Missions Emphasis Week of Prayer May 17 – 23, 2020

Ministries of our association: Baptist Center, Christian Dental Mission, Camp Schafer, Travis Estate Fund, Wilson Trust Scholarship, Jail Ministry Christmas, Bibles for Inmates, Camp Aid, and more...

Until all restrictions are gone concerning our closings and other COVID-19 issues, we are unable to collect any used item donations for the Baptist Center.

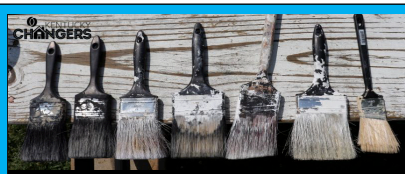
Thank you for your understanding.

Check out our new website:

<https://www.dmba.org>

Available on the website:

Scholarship Forms
Party Trailer Forms
Prayer Request Form
Contact Links
Meeting Minutes
Much, Much More



Kentucky Changers
Owensboro Project

To be rescheduled for 2021
pending board vote.

Block Party Trailer

Due to our current COVID-19 directives, the use and scheduling of the Block Party Trailer is on hold.

Once we are given the go ahead to use it, you need to check for availability and then you may fill out the application online at <https://www.dmba.org>.

2019 Associational Annual Minutes are at the Baptist Building and on our website.

Baptist Center – Back to School Needs

The workers at the Center are planning a **Back to School Bash**. It will be on July 25. Here is what we need donated:

Backpacks
Highlighters
Dry erase markers
Large pencil erasers
Loose leaf paper
Spiral notebooks
1" binders
Pencil boxes
Binder pouches
Pencil sharpeners
Colored pencils
Markers
Scissors
Red ink pens

These are needed at the Center by July 15. You may also send a donation to purchase supplies.

Picnic at Camp Schafer – Hold the Date

Attention all Pastors, church staff, associational staff and your families.....

We are having a picnic on August 15, at Camp Schafer. It will be from noon – 4:00 PM.

More details will be coming soon.