



BLED SOE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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- The Bledsoe Baptist Family:**
- Amazing Grace
 - Antioch
 - Berean
 - Bledsoe Creek
 - Calvary Baptist
 - Chestnut Grove
 - College Heights
 - Corum Hill
 - Cottontown
 - Cragfont
 - Dixon Creek
 - Fountain Head
 - Gallatin FBC
 - Grace
 - Hartsville FBC
 - Hendersonville FBC
 - Hillsdale
 - Hispanic
 - Holiday Heights
 - Immanuel
 - Indian Hills
 - Jubilee
 - Lafayette FBC
 - Long Hollow
 - Madison Creek
 - Millersville FBC
 - Mitchellville FBC
 - Mt. Calvary
 - New Hope
 - New Life
 - Oak Street
 - Page Heights
 - Pleasant Valley
 - Portland FBC
 - Rocky Creek
 - Southside
 - Station Camp
 - The Journey
 - Trinity
 - Westmoreland FBC

JOIN US FOR A

*A Lifestyle Evangelism
and
Relational Discipleship Process*

GPS *MORE LIFE works in conjunction with
GPS to reach Tennesseans for Christ.*

TBC *TENNESSEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Helping Other Churches to Preach the Gospel*

Sponsored by Bledsoe Baptist Association, Robertson County Baptist Association and the TBC.

March 5, 2012, 7 p.m.
Long Hollow Baptist Church
3031 Long Hollow Pike, Hendersonville

Reservations: Pastors & wives dinner at 6:00 p.m. Call 451-3241 for reservations.
RSVP by February 27

MORE LIFE is an evangelism process created in Tennessee by Tennesseans for Tennesseans. **MORE LIFE** will help churches to strengthen, unify, and mobilize themselves in both RELATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP and LIFESTYLE EVANGELISM while they are winning the lost and growing their churches. **MORE LIFE** will bless churches of all sizes. *More* discipleship and evangelism will be reflected by **MORE BAPTISMS** resulting from lives transformed and committed. Churches will, thus, be *more* equipped, empowered and healthy.

Rally begins at 7:00 p.m. and is open to everyone. Love music? Be a part of the Rally Mass Choir. Watch for details to be sent to your church. Child care will be provided.



Forty Congregations Proclaiming Christ in Three Counties and the World



Casting Your Cares

What's this world coming to?

You've probably said that and I know you've heard it said. Wars, crumbling families, drugs, ethnic tensions and economic problems are usually the basis of questions like that.

What's the world coming to? Reality is that the world is coming to the USA. Did you know that over 81 plus different people groups. 35 of them number over 1,000 people. 30 of the 35 are less than 2% reached with the gospel. That means **30 of the unreached people groups of the world are here in our backyard.** Additionally, 135 different languages are spoken in our area. Amazing!

The question is: what are we going to do about it? God believes in "incarnational missions." That is, "God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself." "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."

Incarnational missionaries are the kind the IMB sends. We learn the language and culture, and share the gospel in the heart language of the person hearing the gospel.

Incarnational missionaries are needed to take the gospel to these people groups in our area. That means we need to learn the language and culture and **share Christ with them in their heart language.**

It's almost as if God has said, "Ok, Southern Baptists, you didn't fulfill my call to go and make disciples of all "panta ta ethne" (*ethnic groups*, Matt 28:19-20), so **I'm bringing them to you!**

Again, the question is: what are we going to do about it? I want to call all of our association to prayer for these people groups. I want to challenge BBA to do whatever it takes to **impact lostness.** Please pray: 1) that God will break our hearts for the lost and dying without Christ, 2) that we will have the courage to fulfill the great commission right here at home, 3) that some/many of us will be willing to learn another language so that we can communicate Christ to a person of an unreached people group, 4) that God will raise up the resources needed to truly impact the lostness all around us.

An ideal way to *impact lostness* in our area is **More Life!** On page 1 of this newsletter please find details about the **More Life** rally March 5 at Long Hollow, Hendersonville. I pray that hundreds will come hear how God can use this great tool to equip us to *impact lostness* all around our individual churches. Pastors & wives dinner at 6 p.m. Rally with a mass choir from BBA. A message from Bobby Welch and you will leave with a **More Life** kit for your church. Hope to see you there!


Yours for Impacting Lostness for Lord Jesus Christ,

LOOKING AHEAD


February

- 2—4 Bivo Retreat at Pigeon Forge
- 6 Pastors' Conference @ B.B.A. center 10:30
- 13 MDT @ B.B.A. center 10—Noon

March

- 3—10 Wk of Prayer for NAMB & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 5 Pastors' Conference @ B.B.A. center 10:30
- 5 *More Life* (see front page)
- 11 Daylight Savings Time begins—"Spring Forward" one hour 
- 14 MDT @ B.B.A. center 10—Noon
- 23—25 Missions Get-Together (see pg. 4)
- 26 Executive Board meets @ Assn. Center. Meal @ 6 p.m., meeting starts @ 6:30

April

- 2 Pastors' Conference @ B.B.A. center 10:30
- 6 Good Friday—Office Closed
- 8 Easter Sunday 
- 9 MDT @ B.B.A. center 10—Noon
- 17 VBS Training Event (tentative date)

IT'S TENT SEASON AGAIN!!!

We've been blessed with a wonderful tent that your church can use as a ministry tool. It measures 40' x 60' and can be broken down to half that size. It will seat 400-440 when fully set up.

Use it for

- ◆ VBS
- ◆ Revivals
- ◆ Community outreach activities
- ◆ Church fund raisers
- ◆ Homecomings

Reservations are now being accepted from our B.B.A. churches *exclusively* until April 1st. Reservations will be open to other groups & individuals after that date. All reservations are subject to approval by the Association. Call us at 451-3241 to schedule your date.



CHURCH NEWS

FOUNTAIN HEAD—announces the arrival of their new pastor, **Rev. Blayne Hall** and his wife **Beth**. The Halls began ministering there in December 2011.

LONG HOLLOW—is hosting *Momentum*, an opportunity to hear speaker **Lisa Harper** and spend time fellowshiping and worshipping with other ladies on February 10 and 11. See details below.

NEW TRAILS—will be working with Sumner County Co-op at a **clinic for horses** on Saturday, 4/14. Bring your horse(s) to the Sumner County Fairgrounds for all of their vaccinations. Pastor Mark and the church will provide free hot dogs, chips & water and his wife, Marianna, will demonstrate Natural Horsemanship (equine therapy).

Open your eyes, awaken your heart, and watch as God "winks" at you Every. Single. Moment.

Spread across two days, you can enjoy time with other women in fellowship, in breakout sessions, in worship, and you will be uplifted and encouraged by our guest speaker, **Lisa Harper**.

Doors open at **Long Hollow Baptist**, 3031 Long Hollow Pike, Hendersonville, TN on **Friday night, 2/10**, at 6:15 and the event will conclude with a dessert fellowship. Doors open **Saturday, 2/11**, morning at 8:15 am and the event will conclude around 2:30.

Saturday, four breakout sessions will be offered of which you will choose two to attend. More details on each session will be given at the event!

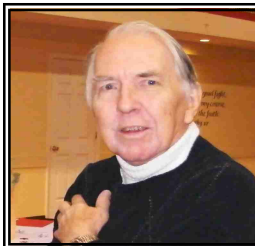
Cost

Advance Registration
February 4 – February 9: \$40.00

Walk-Up Registration
February 10: \$45.00

Childcare will not be available for this event.

Call the church at 824-4006 or go online at www.longhollow.com/momentum for more information or to register.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY J. C. LEWIS!!

Our D.O.M. Emeritus celebrated a birthday the last weekend of January. He's 89 yrs. young. Thanks, J.C., for all your hard work, prayers and support to our Association through the years!

**ITEMS FOR the March 2012 Newsletter need to be submitted
NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, February 28, 2012.**

STEWARDSHIP

	Dec'11	Y-T-D
Amazing Grace	\$0.00	\$0.00
Antioch	100.00	1,200.00
Berean	67.87	712.23
Bledsoe Creek	29.67	404.92
Calvary Baptist	0.00	537.00
Chestnut Grove	128.28	886.01
College Heights	400	2,000.00
Community Bible Baptist	20.00	70.00
Corum Hill	0.00	500.00
Cottontown	0.00	0.00
Cragfont	0.00	0.00
Dixon Creek	0.00	0.00
Fountain Head	50.00	600.00
Gallatin First	2,478.00	33,402.59
Grace Baptist	106.00	1,215.00
Grace Church	0.00	3,506.94
Hartsville First	548.91	6,429.93
Hendersonville First	10,616.63	127,399.56
Hillsdale	0.00	600.00
Hispanic Baptist	0.00	0.00
Holiday Heights	418.94	5,318.58
Immanuel	623.60	2,555.64
Indian Hills	0.00	1,502.34
Journey Church	0.00	957.83
Jubilee Worship Center	0.00	400.00
Lafayette First	387.02	2,681.07
Liberty Baptist	0.00	900.00
Long Hollow	3,076.92	39,225.61
Madison Creek	0.00	1,200.00
Millersville First	527.95	3,111.57
Mitchellville	0.00	781.29
Mt. Calvary	0.00	466.56
New Hope	101.22	1,294.18
New Life	0.00	683.50
New Trails Cowboy Church	750.00	811.50
Oak Street	25.00	225.00
Page Heights	68.17	476.89
Pleasant Valley	0.00	1,760.00
Portland First	3,632.26	22,200.00
Rocky Creek	0.00	137.28
Southside	166.67	2,000.00
Station Camp	34.00	447.81
Trinity	410.00	9,429.94
Westmoreland First	300.00	3,600.00
TOTAL CHURCH RECEIPTS	\$25,067.11	\$281,630.77
Designated Receipts	0.00	0.00
Other Receipts	-6.91	6,656.71
TOTAL INCOME	\$25,060.20	\$281,287.48

DECEMBER SUMMARY

BEGINNING BALANCE - Dec 1, 2011	\$2,977.12
December Receipts	25,060.20
December Disbursements	22,322.39
ENDING BALANCE - Dec 31, 2011	\$5,714.93

COMPLETE THE 2012 SBC COMPENSATION SURVEY TODAY!

Sponsored by your Baptist state convention, GuideStone Financial Resources and LifeWay Christian Resources, this year's survey is again online. In 2010, more than 12,000 church employees participated, and we're counting on you to make this year's survey a success.

Visit <http://www.guidestone.org/compensationsurvey> before May 31st to take the online survey.

- ◆ The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete.
- ◆ Your church and individual results are kept anonymous.
- ◆ Results are reported at the state or national level for churches of similar size and budget.

The SBC Compensation Survey results have been used by church finance and personnel committees to establish competitive compensation packages for ministers and support staff. Your participation will help make this year's survey the most complete yet. Ministers, office personnel, and maintenance/custodial staff are invited to participate.

If you have questions you may call Richard Skidmore, Financial Support Specialist, TBC, at (800) 558-2090 x 2009 or Joyce Harvey at x 2053.

NOT Ashamed!

So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord... (2 Timothy 1:8)

MARCH 23-25, 2012
GATLINBURG CONVENTION CENTER
GATLINBURG, TENNESSEE

Missions Get-Together Conference

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Missions Get-Together, an event for women
& Connection, a missions event for girls in grades 7-12

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