

Winter 2025



Laurel Link

Quarterly Newsletter & Highlights



REACH 2025

March 10-11 Somerset

The REACH Evangelism & Missions Conference is a two-day statewide gathering featuring top evangelistic and missional leaders from around the country. The purpose of REACH is to encourage and inspire Kentucky Baptist pastors, church staff, and church leaders, serving in every area of church ministry, to be more personally passionate about evangelism and missions, and to guide the churches they lead to become more evangelistic and missional driven. REACH also provides a great opportunity to get away, reconnect with friends, and network with leaders who get you and understand what you do. For additional information about reach, please visit us online at www.kybaptist.org/reach.

This year the Reach conference is much closer for us than having to go to Elizabethtown. I am really encouraging that pastors and lay leaders in your church consider attending this year. It is not a far drive for. The conference is going to be held at FBC Somerset, which is located downtown on main street. Consider attending and be blessed. The conference will start at 1:00pm on Monday and will conclude about 2:00 on Tuesday. Feel free to ask me specifically for more details.

Executive Board Meetings

We are looking forward to our upcoming Executive Board meetings. Not because we have tons of business to discuss or actions that need board approval. But simply for our common togetherness and connecting with our sister churches. In January we will hear from Bro. Jon Burdette, the new pastor at New Salem Baptist church. And in February we are looking forward to hear from Bro Brad Hendrix. Bro Brad is the new pastor at Hart Baptist Church. Although he has not moved to Kentucky yet, we eagerly await his arrival and warmly welcome him to our association.

For only the second time in my tenure as the Director of Missions, all of our churches have pastors. I am grateful to serve our churches in this capacity, and am praying for 2025 to be a banner year in our association.

Pastor Birthdays

January Birthdays

28 Paul Cooper
30 Barry Robinson

February Birthdays

16 Shane Ayers.
22 Geral Wells

March Birthdays

17 David Smith
24 Claude Maggard

Pastor Anniversaries

January Anniversaries

4 Paul & Kimberly Cooper
15 Andrew & Corrie Dyer
31 David & Leslie Smith

February Anniversaries

9 Vince & Tricia Mullins

March Anniversaries

6 Barry & Kim Robinson

Clear Creek Baptist Bible College Food Pounding: March 4

I'm always grateful for how our association serves the students at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College through the Annual Pounding and through the Thanksgiving Baskets. The generosity of our association churches is phenomenal. This year we will serve them again. If you want to participate in distributing the food we will be leaving the association by 9:00 am on March 4, unloading the food and items, then we will stay for chapel service at 11:00am.

Please let Bro Tommy know if you plan on assisting in the distribution. 606-875-7298



CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE POUNDING

Help us serve the students of Clear Creek by providing non-perishable food items and grocery gift cards

All items need to be in the association office by **March 1**.

MARCH 4 2025

For more details: call 606-864-9441 or email info@lrbaky.com

The poster features a green background with a white shield logo containing a cross and an open book. On the right, there is an illustration of a brown paper bag overflowing with various food items like cans of soup, cereal boxes (Cheerios), and boxes of instant noodle cups. A red starburst graphic contains the date 'MARCH 4 2025'. At the bottom left, there is a white geometric logo resembling a cross inside a hexagon.

Upcoming Activities in our Missions Organizations



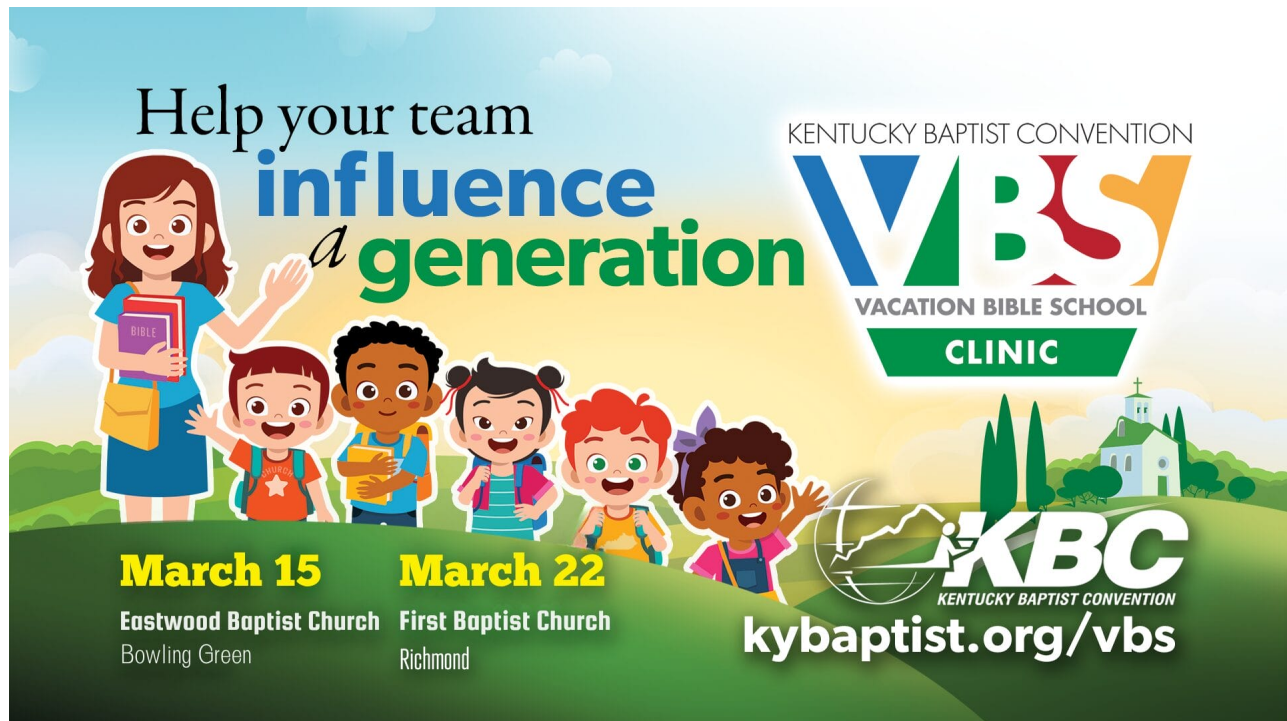
The **WMU director's meeting** will be **January 20** at the LRBA Ministry Center at 6:00pm.

The **Quarterly WMU meeting** will be **January 23** at Liberty Baptist Church beginning at 6:00pm

The **WMU Focus Sunday** -February 16, 2025



Our next Baptist Men's Brotherhood meeting will be **February 6 at the Association Office**. There will be a meal, meal will begin at 6:00pm and meeting will follow



Help your team **influence a generation**

KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION **VBS** VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLINIC

March 15 Eastwood Baptist Church Bowling Green

March 22 First Baptist Church Richmond

KBC KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION kybaptist.org/vbs

The advertisement features a colorful illustration of a woman with brown hair, wearing a blue dress and holding a yellow bag, standing with a group of diverse children. The children are also holding books. The background is a bright, sunny landscape with green hills and a white church building with a steeple. The text is in various colors and fonts, with 'influence a generation' in large, bold letters. The VBS logo is prominent on the right side, and the KBC logo is at the bottom right.



Sunday School

still matters

EVENT DATES

MARCH 3:

FBC East Bernstadt, East Bernstadt

MARCH 4:

Simpsonville Baptist Church, Simpsonville

MARCH 6:

Walnut Memorial Baptist Church, Owensboro

I am thankful that our association will be hosting one of the Sunday School matters events in our state. Sunday School **STILL** instructs, disciples, evangelizes, trains leaders and makes a difference in people's lives, regardless of age. It **STILL** strengthens churches. Research says more than 80% of people who attend Sunday School today will still be involved in the church five years later. It **STILL** leads people to Christ. Pastors say at least half of lost adults are saved within 12 months of attending Sunday School.

Be a part of this wonderful event that we are hosting. FBC East Bernstadt will be the host site, Darryl Wilson from the KBC and Ken Braddy Lifeway's Sunday School specialist will lead the adult group, and we will have kids and student ministry leader trainings as well. Bring your team. Only \$5 per person or max \$25 per church. Scan the QR code on the picture above to register.

Chile Mission Trip

In March I will have the opportunity to go to Chile on a mission trip to partner with missionaries serving there. My hope and aim for the trip is to establish a mission partnership with our association and send teams in the near future. I covet your prayers as this trip gets closer. The trip is March 12-20, I will be traveling with other leaders across our state. There is a great opportunity for advancing the gospel in South America. While I am out, I will have someone at the office for limited office hours, I would encourage you to call first and set up a time to come by since hours will be different. I will still have access to email and will be using the WhatsApp phone application to communicate. A few things you can pray for this trip.



1. Opportunities to share the Gospel message
2. Encouragement to current missionary partners
3. Develop strategic partnerships for future trips
4. Safe travel with flights
5. Pray about joining future trips to Chile.



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