Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of his fury will fail. Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.

Proverbs 22:8-9
Jim's Journal

Dr. Ronnie Floyd has written, "There is no great movement of God that has ever occurred that does not begin with the extraordinary prayer of God’s people. The time is now for us to come together before God in clear agreement, visible union, and in extraordinary prayer for the next Great Awakening and for the world to be reached for Christ."

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14 (NIV) We need to plead with God for spiritual revival personally, revival in the church, and the next Great Awakening in the United States. As Martyn Lloyd-Jones writes: "And in movements of the Spirit the first thing that happens and which eventually leads to a great revival is that one man or a group of men suddenly begin to feel this burden and they feel the burden so much that they are led to do something about it." (Revival: Martyn Lloyd-Jones, p. 163).

It has been over 100 years since the last great move of God occurred in our nation. It was in 1857 and 1858 that a movement of prayer led to 1 million people becoming Christ-followers from a population of only 30 million in our nation. This movement of prayer was begun in New York City by a layperson named Jeremiah Lanphier. After failing to minister effectively to the immigrants in his church's neighborhood, Lanphier was moved to pray.

At noon on September 23, 1857, in the Dutch Reformed Church on Fulton Street in New York City, Jeremiah Lanphier knelt alone. Before 1 p.m. six men joined him. Within a month, 100 men joined him daily. Soon, thousands of men began to pray each day at noon around New York City. This resulted in 1 million Americans coming to Christ within a two-year span, as well as another 1 million converted to Christ in Great Britain and Ireland. The church was revived. Christians were never the same. The advance of the gospel to the nations of the world was profound. Men like David Livingstone, J. Hudson Taylor, Charles Spurgeon, D. L. Moody, and William Booth were impacted and their impact is still being felt.

While it has been over 100 years since the last great movement of God upon our nation, we cannot ignore the moments when the Lord has still moved upon our nation powerfully. For example, in the early 1970s, the Jesus Movement touched a generation, including many of our leaders today. Through this work of God, thousands came to Christ, followed by many of them being called into ministry, myself included. A team from Asbury College (now University) came to my little church in Midway, KY to bear witness of a REVIVAL that began in a chapel service and lasted for weeks! The greatest year of reaching and baptizing teenagers in our Southern Baptist history occurred in 1972, all due to the influence of the Jesus Movement. Sadly, we now have a generation or more of people who have never experienced anything close to a movement of God with this level of impact. It is past time for this to change. God is ready, are we?

Following Him,

Jim

P.S. Hurricane Harvey is devastating southeastern Texas as I write this article. What can we as the NKBA do? FIRST, commit to prayer NOW... and for the next year for those impacted. SECOND, you can collect GIFT CARDS to WALMART, Home Depot, Lowe's and national chain restaurants like McDonald's, Chick Fil-A, and bring them to the NKBA. We will be distributing them on the ground through our SBC partners in the Union (Houston), Corpus Christi, and Galveston Baptist Associations. THIRD, sign up for Disaster Relief Training. The next day is September 16 at FBC Richmond, KY. We need to be able to send TRAINED volunteers! www.kybaptist.org/dr

FOURTH, you can give donations through the NKBA and/or NAMB and SEND RELIEF. 100% of all these funds will go directly on the ground to help those most impacted. (www.nkbaptist.org). I am in touch with our partners on the ground and we will offer further opportunities to help directly for months to come... THIS is where YOU can start!
Volunteers Needed
Baptist Convalescent Center
120 Main Street, Newport, KY
The BCC is in need of volunteers to assist with their Sunday morning worship service. Volunteers are needed to play the piano in the chapel during the service. Volunteers are also needed to transport patients to the chapel before and after the service. All volunteers will need to be at the BCC at 9:00 am on your Sunday of service. If you are interested in assisting with this important ministry, please contact Debbie Mullins at 859-547-9131.

Union Baptist Church Fundraiser for Operation Christmas Child
A Game of Feathers
September 16, 2017
Beginning at 11:00 AM
Beauregard Golf Club, Florence, KY
Limit 2 per person; no max. Donation is payable to: Operation Christmas Child, 7500 Guilford Rd., Suite 110, Inland Empire, CA 91746. Proceeds benefit Operation Christmas Child.

ReFocus 2017: Evangelistic Coaching
Presented by Dr. Steve Ayers, pastor of Hillvue Heights Church, Bowling Green, KY
October 26, Noon—2:30 p.m. at the NKBA office, lunch included.
The meetings are geared toward pastors, church planters, and DOMs who have a desire to grow as evangelistic leaders. There is no cost, but you must register at the KBC website.
We will tackle several important evangelistic topics, including:
• Evangelistic Preaching
• Extending an evangelistic invitation
• Raising the evangelistic temperature in the church
• Prayer Goals
• Being an evangelistic leader
This coaching session will be repeated on October 28th, at the same time at the NKBA office.
For more information or to register, visit the Kentucky Baptist website at http://www.kybaptist.org/refocus or call the Evangelism and Church Planting Team toll free at (866) 489-3576.

Don’t forget the KBC/NKBA Christmas Backpack Project
The NKBA has 100 backpacks free to our churches and ready to fill! Stop by the NKBA office and pick up some backpacks for your church or ministry team. We’re praying for 500 locally. Visit www.kybaptist.org/backpacks for more information.

Jesus - is the source of our joy
Others - the ones blessed
You! - and I are the hands
Bethesda Community Ladies Fall Luncheon
Speaker: Shelly Johns-White
KBC Women’s Ministries & Senior Ministries Consultant
Saturday, September 23
Noon—2:00 pm
Come celebrate your Joy with us!
We invite you to make, bring and share your signature dish—along with a printed recipe of it.
We hope to have a wide variety of many famous potluck dishes and your recipes will be taken and compiled into a recipe book for all to enjoy later.
Please note: Bringing a dish is optional. Everyone is welcome to join us as we all share our joy!

NKB Fall Meeting
October 16, 2017
Hickory Grove Baptist Church
Pastor’s Conference 9:00 am
Open session begins at 3:00 pm
Our speaker is Dr. Fred Luter
Senior Pastor Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA
Dr. Luter is past president of the Southern Baptist Convention.
Please join us for this night of worship and celebration of the work God is doing in the Northern Kentucky Baptist Association ministries.

Position Available
Piner Baptist Church
15044 Madison Pike, Morning View, KY 41063
Piner Baptist church is seeking a full-time Minister of Discipleship. Our church supports many ministries locally and internationally and is a part of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. Average attendance is 225. For more information, go to www.pinerbaptist.org. Resumes and application materials should be submitted by October 1, 2017 to: Piner Baptist at the address above, or by email to apply@pinerbaptist.org.
Northern Kentucky Baptist Association
3001 Riggs Avenue
Erlanger, KY 41018-3045
September 2017

Address Service Requested

Mark Your Calendars
Upcoming Events

September 4—Labor Day, Office Closed
September 12 — Pastors’ Roundtable, 10am & 6:30pm, NKBA Office
September 16 — Disaster Relief Training, Richmond, KY
September 17 — National Back to Church Sunday
September 19 — Missions Development/KY Changers, 10am, NKBA Office
September 25—Leadership IQ, 10am, Immanuel Baptist, Lexington
September 28—Barnabas Prayer Meeting, 8:30am & 7pm, NKBA office