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He also told them this parable: “Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into a pit? The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher. “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? Luke 6:39-41 (NIV)

Malachi ~ Matthew ~ Mark ~ [Luke](#) ~ John ~ Acts ~ Romans

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Jim's Journal



Recently I read a blog from a professor at Asbury Theological Seminary, where I graduated from MANY years ago (Dr. C. Moore). This post hit me so hard I have sent it to all our pastors, but I also want every NKBA Executive Board member and leader to read this. It is posted on our Facebook page (Northern Kentucky Baptists) and now it will appear on my blog page on our website (www.nkbaptist.org).

"Professor Mark Buchanan talks about visiting the famous Tuesday night prayer meeting at Brooklyn Tabernacle in New York. Thousands of people have been gathering there every Tuesday night for years. Buchanan calls it "3,500 God-hungry people storming heaven for two hours." On the Tuesday he went, he had dinner with Jim Cymbala, the pastor. "In the course of the meal, Jim turned to me and said, 'Mark, do you know what the number one sin of the church in America is? ... It's not the plague of internet pornography that is consuming our men. It's not that the divorce rate in the church is roughly the same as society at large. ... The number one sin of the church in America,' he said, 'is that its pastors and leaders are not on their knees crying out to God, 'Bring us the drug-addicted, bring us the prostitutes, bring us the destitute, bring us the gang leaders, bring us those with AIDS, bring us the people nobody else wants, whom only you can heal, and let us love them in your name until they are whole.'"

Mark Buchanan said that in the face of such a statement he had no response because he'd never prayed like that. So that night, he went home, repented, and began to cry out for those nobody wants.

There is no shortage of those people; the fields are full of them, Jesus says. There are fields full of people who desperately need someone who will claim the power of Christ over their broken lives, fields full of people whose salvation story has not yet been told. There are people still out there — in our own country — who haven't been reached, who more than anything need a fair account of the gospel and a generous dose of grace. And we have lost touch with our heart for them because we have forgotten who we are.

It is time for American Christians to remember the Spirit we have and our call to the Harvest. It is time to cry out, to get on our knees and cry out for a neighbor or co-worker, for a brother or son-in-law ... or I don't know ... maybe for your own soul. It is time to cry out for the people we tend to judge most and to seek God's heart for them. It is time for us to set down our unrighteous judgment and begin crying out for the ones Jesus came to save."

Friends, it is time for us as a people to get together and PRAY. I am calling on pastors and churches to begin with any warriors who will stand with them to meet weekly for prayer. I am going to ask our pastors/executive board members to work out a time in the Association schedule for us to have a service, or series of services across Boone, Kenton, and Campbell (and Grant) Counties, for the sole purpose of praying for the lost in our communities. The number of lost is somewhere between 68-85% of the folks who live in our area. Look for updates on this. We have done this in my first year of service, but I believe it should be done at least annually. Would you work and pray with me toward that end?

There is much to do...it can appear overwhelming, but let's do for the one what we would do for the many...let's begin to BLESS:

BEGIN IN PRAYER (for at least 5 lost people God has placed in your pathway of life.

LISTEN TO THE HURTS of the LOST

ENGAGE directly (invite neighbors for a meal, have coffee)

SERVE SACRIFICIALLY (find a way to serve to meet needs)

SHARE YOUR STORY (TELL HOW CHRIST HAS CHANGED YOUR LIFE!)

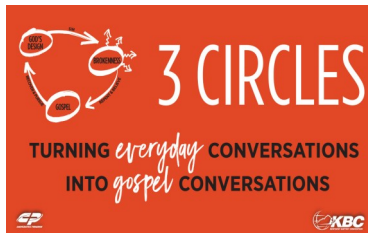
**Following Him,
JIM**



**Positions
Available
Part-Time**

1. Looking for a part-time Secretary/Financial Secretary. Three mornings per week (approximately 15-20 hours) performing normal secretarial/ministry assistant duties plus general bookkeeping for church finances. Please send resumes with references to Secretary Search c/o First Baptist Church Highland Heights, 2315 Alexandria Pike, Highland Heights, KY 41076.
2. Looking for a part-time Worship Leader who is passionate about worship. We are looking for a person who has an appreciation fro traditional hymns but who could also include more contemporary worship songs in our services. We are looking for a team player who will work with our pastor to create vibrant, enthusiastic and meaningful worship services. The ability to lead a small choir is a plus. Please send resumes with references and a video (or link) of you leading worship to Worship Pastor Search c/o First Baptist Church Highland Heights, 2315 Alexandria Pike, Highland Heights, KY 41076.

3 Circles Evangelism Training



Monday, August 21, Part 1 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Monday, August 28, Part 2 5:30-8:30 p.m.

3 Circles Evangelism Training is an evangelism training event designed to equip Kentucky

Baptist leaders with the personal evangelism training tool developed by the North American Mission Board called, "3 Circles: Turning Everyday Conversations into Gospel Conversations."

Pastors, church staff & leaders, directors of missions, and church planters are encouraged to attend. Visit <http://www.kybaptist.org/3circles> to register.



Super Saturday '17

Saturday, August 26

Erlanger Baptist Church

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For more information or to register, visit the

KBC website at www.kybaptist.org/stories/super-saturday, or call 1(866) 489-3340.

ReFocus 2017: Evangelistic Coaching



Presented by Dr. Steve Ayers,
pastor of Hillvue Heights Church, Bowling Green, KY

August 24, 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

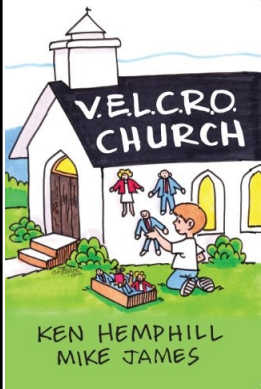
This coaching session will be repeated on October 26th, at the same time at the NKBA office.

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.

Creating a V.E.L.C.R.O Church

Dr. Mike James

**Saturday, August 12, 10:00 a.m.
NKBA Office**



Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could "bind" visitors and new members to Christ and His church permanently? V.E.L.C.R.O. Church provides you with a process that will help open the front door and close the back door.

This session will look at the elements that make a V.E.L.C.R.O church:

- Valuing Every Person as a Gift From God
- Engaging Every Guest with Intentionality
- Leading Friends to Christ
- Connecting New Family Members to Community
- Recognizing Relationships as the Key
- Organizing Small Groups for Continual Care

Contact the NKBA office to register at (859) 727-6522 or by email at lorne@nkbaptist.org.

Northern Kentucky Baptist Association

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**Mark Your Calendars
Upcoming Events**

- August 1 — Pastors’ Round Table, 10:30am, NKBA Office
- August 12 — VELCRO Churches, 10am, NKBA Office
- August 15 — Leadership IQ, Immanuel Baptist, Lexington
- August 21 & 28 — 3 Circles Evangelism Training, 5:30pm, NKBA Office
- August 24 — Refocus Evangelism Coaching, 12:00pm, NKBA Office
- August 26—Super Saturday Training, 8:30am, Erlanger Baptist Church
- August 28-30—Send Cincinnati Vision Tour
- August 31—Barnabas Prayer Group, 8:30am & 7:00pm, NKBA Office

