



# IMPACT



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Proverbs ~ Ecclesiastes ~ Song of Songs ~ **Isaiah** ~ Jeremiah ~ Lamentations ~ Ezekiel

*Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.  
He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and forever.  
The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.  
Isaiah 9:7 (NIV)*



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## Jim's Journal



I've been particularly burdened this fall for our churches. Dr. Mark Snowden, DOM at the Cincinnati Area Baptist Association spoke at our fall meeting/pastors conference. It was there that he indicated that at our present rate of baptisms it would take 1700+ YEARS for us to baptize the CURRENT POPULATION OF GREATER CINCINNATI! I don't know about you, but that breaks my heart and I believe it breaks the heart of our God.

I personally believe that most of the unchurched are not anti-church. Research shows that only about 5% of unchurched Americans are highly antagonistic to the gospel (Lifeway). "Euangelion" is the Greek word for good news, or gospel. Have believers today lost the "good" in good news? Negativity undoubtedly sells. Negative news reports get more eyeballs, as do negative posts on social media and blogs. We have seen the destructive results of that in our recent national election cycle.

Eighty percent of churchgoers believe they have a personal responsibility to share their faith, yet 61% of them had not told another person about Christ in the last six months. The vast majority of Christians believe they should share their faith, but few actually do. The good news should compel us outward with love. We are entering the season of Advent, a time of looking forward to the celebration of the coming of Christ into this world! If there were ever a time to proclaim "Good News", this is the time!

Let's leverage this season to begin to re-dedicate ourselves to do whatever it takes in our lives and our churches to reach people who are without hope! May that be our heartbeat as we look forward to 2017! I will be writing monthly in 2017 along this singular topic.

I have initiated task forces on evangelism, discipleship, and prayer. Each group is made up of leaders from churches of various sizes around the NKBA. Together, we will work toward helping our leaders and churches to be better equipped for our task at hand. If we are in one heart and mission we WILL see a major impact on lostness and a spiritual awakening occur in our area that we have not seen in our lifetime! These are three keys to Gospel IMPACT in our community and our world! That will be the PRIMARY focus of nearly everything we do in the NKBA in 2017!

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**SEEKING:**

The First Baptist Church of Highland Heights is prayerfully seeking a God-called Minister dedicated to serving Him and His people,

leading them to grow spiritually through God-inspired messages from His Word, and encouraging each to use his spiritual gifts to help reach others so that our church will grow abundantly in Him.

Resume’s will be accepted until January 1, 2017 and may be sent to **First Baptist Church Highland Heights, ATTN: Pastor’s Search Team, 2315 Alexandria Pike, Highland Heights, KY 41076**. Resume’s may also be submitted electronically to [fbchh@hotmail.com](mailto:fbchh@hotmail.com).

*Submitted by Connie Nutini, FBC HH*



**NKBA Pastors, Retirees, Staff  
Christmas Dinner**  
**December 12, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Latonia Baptist Church**

**Cost is \$35.00 per couple**  
**Speaker is Judge Tim Philpot,**  
**Fayette Circuit Family Court**

**Registration must be received  
by December 5th.**  
**Contact the NKBA office to  
register.**

**SEEKING:**

The First Baptist Church of Walton is seeking a part-time Minister of Music. The applicant will need to be able to lead a choir, oversee a praise team, and help with organizing the service. A resume and cover letter may be sent to 47 S. Main Street, Walton, KY 41094 or by email to

[FBCWMinMus@fioptics.com](mailto:FBCWMinMus@fioptics.com).

*Submitted by Trent Weaver, FBC Walton.*



**2017 Shepherding the Shepherd Conference**



**JANUARY  
26-28**  
MARRIOTT GRIFFIN GATE  
LEXINGTON

KEEP WATCH  
OVER ALL THE FLOCK  
BE SHEPHERDS  
OF THE CHURCH OF GOD.  
ACTS 20:28 NIV

[Click here for more information or to register.](#)

**Jim’s Journal continued,**

Give generously to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering to advance the cause of the Gospel around the world! Make your biggest offering EVER! At the same time be aware of how the enemy can use pride to weave its way into a holy endeavor. I’m all for missions! I am YOUR MISSIONARY here! But when a church begins to take pride in supporting a long list of missionaries across an ocean instead of doing anything short of sin to reach people in their neighborhood with the Gospel they are stuck. It’s BOTH AND not EITHER OR.

“Oh come let us adore Him...Christ the Lord!” May we begin to proclaim Him as if He is the difference between life and death; because He is! It is my joy to serve you and our churches.

Following Him, *Jim*



**NKBA Ministry Wives’ Fellowship**  
**Thursday, December 8**  
**6:00 p.m. at the NKBA Office**

The NKBA Ministries Building will be closed on Friday, December 23rd and will reopen on Monday, January 2nd.



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**Mark Your Calendars  
Upcoming Events**

- December 8—Ministry Wives’ Fellowship, 6pm, NKBA Office
- December 12—NKBA Christmas Dinner, 6pm, Latonia Baptist Church
- December 12 & 13—KBC Mission Board
- December 23— NKBA Office closes for Christmas & New Year’s holidays
- January 2— NKBA Office opens, Happy 2017!

