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“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. **Luke 6:27-31**

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Jim's Journal



As 2017 begins, I am haunted by questions that every church leader needs to ask...and answer. I encourage you to engage with each of these questions in daily prayer.

The statistics of lostness in our community and in our nation are overwhelming. As we move forward together as local churches on mission for Christ, you will see that many facets of opportunities for training and equipping will be connected to turning up the evangelistic temperature of our churches and leaders. The following questions are worthy of consideration (I thank Dr. Chuck Lawless for his writing on this subject):

- 1) Am I broken over lostness? Depending on which county you live in around the NKBA, the North American Mission Board has deemed that a large cross-section of people living in the greater NKY/Cincinnati area are NOT connected to a Gospel preaching church (68% in Boone, 75% in Campbell, and 85% in Kenton). Paul wrote in I Corinthians 9:22-23 (ESV) “To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.” Am I willing to do whatever it takes to reach people around me?
- 2) Was I more evangelistic earlier in my spiritual journey? Our evangelistic fire often burns most brightly during the first months after our conversion. The problem is that most of us are far from those days – and too far from that fire.
- 3) What keeps me from doing evangelism today? Honest evaluation is a good start toward improvement.
- 4) What are the names of the non-believers for whom I am praying regularly? Your prayer life is a starting place to determine your evangelistic passion.
- 5) What intentional connections am I making with non-believers? It’s so easy for church leaders to get cocooned INSIDE the church world that we must intentionally choose to connect OUTSIDE with unbelievers.
- 6) How many genuine friendships with non-believers do I have? We won’t reach non-believers if we don’t really know any of them. Hello?
- 7) When was the last time I personally shared the gospel with someone? A mentor once challenged me to tell the good news to somebody at least once a week. That’s a good start.
- 8) Have I limited my evangelism to talking only with non-believers who come to me? It happens to most of us – we proclaim the gospel from the pulpit or in our office, and we fail to initiate evangelism in the street.
- 9) Do my church members and friends know my story of life change? Many church members don’t know the testimony of their closest friends in the church. If we don’t even tell our story to other believers, we’re not likely to tell it to the lost world.
- 10) Will I intentionally tell somebody about Jesus today? Your answer to this question will determine whether the evangelistic temperature of your church rises or not.

There is NO time to waste, we need to begin NOW! On March 6, we will host a Pastor’s Conference (10-2, at one of our new church plants, Mercy Ridge Church in Dry Ridge, KY) with Dr. Steve Ayers, pastor of Hillvue Heights Church in Bowling Green, KY. Steve has led his church to baptize over 500 people in each of the last 15 years! He will be spending a day pouring into our pastors and staff, then after our spring business meeting (which begins promptly at 6 PM that evening at Burlington Baptist Church), we will have an association-wide worship service at 7 PM, featuring great music with a mass choir and a message that you will not want to miss! This is open to ALL our churches and congregations! Let’s pack out the church that night like we’ve never seen before for an associational meeting.

We will be holding a VBS clinic on March 25 at Hebron Baptist Church (Saturday, 8:30AM-Noon) to prepare our churches to advance the gospel with children with a new intensity. Save the date! An evangelism training workshop is being planned (Date: TBA) with leaders from our Kentucky Baptist Convention.

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Moore Activity Center

February 18th—10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Your church group is invited to bring your 1st through 6th graders to participate in our Children's Ministry Day at the MAC. The day will include a talk by a missionary, scripture focus, hands-on mission projects, gym time focused on missions, and a pizza lunch. The cost is \$5.00 per child and adult to cover the cost of lunch and mission project items. 1 adult is required for every 5 children you bring.

**Please register by February 13th by calling
Amy Wilhelmus at 859-261-2300.**

Jim's Journal, continued

We must prepare people to simply share their story of life-change. The state Evangelism Conference will be held March 27-28 at Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown. Any NKBA pastor wanting to attend will have their fee covered by the NKBA.

I'm excited and prayerful as I see 2017 as a tipping point for the NKBA and our churches. May God break our hearts over the lost in our families, neighborhoods, and communities. May that experience drive us to a deeper level of engagement and commitment that results in life-change for thousands!

Following Him, *Jim*

**Pastor's Round Table
Tuesday, February 7, 11:30 a.m.
NKBA Office**



Our guest is the recently appointed KBC North Central Region strategist, Rob Patterson. Rob served with the IMB for several years leading church evangelism efforts in Brazil.

We will also have a casual lunch. Please contact Lori at the NKBA office (727-6522) to reserve your spot.

**NKBA Leadership Development
Monday, March 6, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Mercy Ridge Church, Dry Ridge, KY**



This leadership IQ event will feature Dr. Steve Ayers, Senior Pastor at Hillvue Heights Church, Bowling Green, KY. Hillvue Heights has led the KBC in baptisms for over a decade. Our host will be one of our new church plants, Mercy Ridge Church and Pastor Josh Hildebrand.

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**NKBA Spring Meeting
Monday, March 6
6:00 p.m.—Business Meeting
7:00 p.m.—Celebration in Worship
Burlington Baptist Church**

Our spring meeting will be held at Burlington Baptist Church. We will begin at 6:00 p.m. with our business portion of the meeting for Executive Board members. We will finish the meeting with a time of celebration and worship.

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**NKBA Disaster Relief Training
Saturday, April 8
9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Hickory Grove Baptist Church,
Independence, KY**

This training includes both Phase I and Phase II and prepares the individual to volunteer to meet Disaster Relief needs. To register for the training, visit the Kentucky Baptist website at <http://www.kybaptist.org/kentucky-baptist-disaster-relief-training-2017,1455>.

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**Mark Your Calendars
Upcoming Events**

- February 7 —Pastors’ Round Table, 11:30am, NKBA Office
- February 12 —Racial Reconciliation Sunday
- February 13-19—Focus on WMU
- February 18—Children’s Ministry Day, 10:00am, Moore Activity Center
- February 20—President’s Day

