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Ezekiel ~ Daniel ~ Hosea ~ **Joel** ~ Amos ~ Obadiah ~ Jonah

*Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. The threshing floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil. **Joel 2: 23-24 (NIV)***

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# Jim's Journal

It's hard to believe that I will be making my third report to the NKBA fall meeting. As your lead follower, my desire has been and is to follow Jesus on HIS mission and exhort our churches toward the same. Our mission statement indicates "The NKBA is an association of churches uniting together to accomplish the life-changing, world-changing mission of Jesus." The NKBA as a partner with the local churches to assist and resource the God-given vision for the local church. We exist to EMPOWER churches to accomplish our mission to "make disciples" (Matthew 28:19), and "to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10).



Organizationally the NKBA is mission driven, church-driven, priority-based, resource-focused and catalytic. The mission before us remains daunting. Demographics show that over 577,000 people live within a ten-mile radius of your NKBA office. The North American Mission Board (NAMB) statistics indicate that 68% of Boone County, 75% of Campbell County, and 85% of Kenton County are un-churched/de-churched/un-reached/spiritually LOST. 90-95% of all students age 12-24 in KY are also identified as unreached/unchurched.

In 2013 20 churches in the NKBA recorded ZERO baptisms. In 2014, 18 of our churches recorded ZERO baptisms. There is much work to be done and we simply cannot keep doing things the way we have been doing them and expecting a different result. The lostness of our community is crying out for a different result! Our country and its current moral state are a result of the lack of impact by our churches. The purpose of the church is to "make disciples" which begins with a first step in baptism and additional steps of actively following Christ in a transformed life that is exemplified in the ways we live, love, and serve in our world. What will it take to get our attention?

Recently Marjorie Hopkins (widow of Lee Hopkins) discovered some old annuals from the Campbell County Baptist Association (which is now the NKBA). In one annual (August 19-20, 1903) W.C. Connley made this statement: "The cause of the Lord has not prospered in (name of town) as it should. The Baptists seem to be cold and indifferent about the Lord's work. They do not seem to realize that men are going to Hell from (town). Satan seems to be carrying every strong hold and the children of the living God seem to be willing that he should. Pray that they would waken to the needs of (town)."

Pray for our all our Northern Kentucky Baptist Churches as we consider how we can best impact our community with the transforming power of the Gospel. Our mission remains the same. Our methods must change. We must plant new churches. We must help revive churches that are dying. We must pray like we've never prayed...given like we've never given...and work like we've never worked! Saint Augustine said it best, "Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you." How effectively we are able to understand and act will determine our impact as followers of Christ on a LOST culture. Pray that God will stir the hearts of our leaders and our churches that they reflect the broken heart of our God.

Following Him,

Jim

**NKBA Fall Meeting  
October 17, 2016  
Erlanger Baptist Church**

**Ministers/Staff Conference**

(Pastors, Associates, Student and Children’s Ministers)

**Breakfast:** 8:30 a.m.

**Worship:** 9:15 a.m. (all Ministry Leaders)

**First Session:** 9:45 a.m. (all Ministry Leaders)

Mark Snowden, Director of Missions, Cincinnati Area Baptist Association, former Director of Evangelism for Missouri Baptist Convention.

**Breakout Sessions:** Beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor/Staff sessions feature James Welch, Lead Pastor at Harbor Community Church, New Orleans, LA (SEND New Orleans Partner) on “Engaging Your Community”

Student Ministry sessions feature Aaron Barnett, Director of Middle School Ministry, Grace Fellowship, Florence  
Children’s Ministry sessions feature Kim Botto, Kid’s Club and Student Ministry Director, Crossroads, former staff member of FBC Fort Thomas, Highland Hills and Erlanger

**Lunch:** Noon

**Breakout Sessions:** 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Pastor/Staff session features Mark Snowden

**NKBA Fall Meeting (all Messengers and Guests)**

**Afternoon Session:** 3:00 p.m.

**Dinner:** 5:30 p.m.

**Evening Session:** 7:00 p.m.

Features combined choir and music by NKBA musicians. Message will be presented by Mark Snowden, DOM, Cincinnati Area Baptist Association, SEND Cincinnati partner.

*To register the messengers from your church, please refer to the instructions mailed to the church office, or contact the NKBA office for assistance.*



**Ministry Assistant Training**

Ministry assistants are invited to visit the Kentucky Baptist Building for a day of learning, networking and fellowship, Thursday, November 3, 2016. The Kentucky Baptist Convention will offer a one-day workshop created specifically for church and associational ministry assistants. Participants have the option of attending up to four one-hour seminars. Topics range from practical finance and computer skills to personal spiritual development.

For more information visit <http://www.kybaptist.org/ministry-assistants-workshop,1437>.

If you are interested in carpooling to this session, please contact Lori Orne at the NKBA office, 727-6522.

**NKBA Churches Without Pastors**

Erlanger Baptist Church

First Baptist Church Covington, 4th Street

First Baptist Church Highland Heights

**Free Bluegrass Concert  
Joe Mullins and the Radio Ramblers**



**October 16, 2016, 7:00 p.m.**

**Bellevue Baptist Church  
6658 5th Street, Burlington, KY**

Joe Mullins and the Radio Ramblers are a group from Xenia, Ohio. They have appeared on the Grand Ole Opry, RFD-TV and their current album, *Sacred Memories*, has reached #5 on the billboard bluegrass charts. It is sure to be a great night of bluegrass and fellowship! Meet and greet and refreshments to follow the concert. No cost for admission, but a love offering will be taken. For questions contact James Horton, (859) 640-8996.

**Kentucky Baptist Convention Annual Meeting  
November 15, 2016 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.  
Florence Baptist Church—Mount Zion Campus**



**Position Available**

HighPoint Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY, is searching for a Youth

Director to reach out, build, lead and love the teens of HighPoint and Alexandria. The position is bi-vocational and includes a part-time salary plus parsonage. For more information or to apply, contact Pastor Ron Duty at [pastorronduty@gmail.com](mailto:pastorronduty@gmail.com).



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**Mark Your Calendars  
Upcoming Events**

- October 4—Pastors’ Round Table, 11:30 a.m., NKBA Office**
- October 17—NKBA Annual Meeting**

