

## Oldham-Trimble Baptist Association

Twenty-two Baptist churches  
and two church plants  
serving the Oldham-Trimble area

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## REFLECTIONS BELIECTIONS?

—from rick

### Team Potential!

A simple telephone book page — So thin a child can easily shred it. Yet, put it together with a couple thousand others and it becomes a book that can't be torn as a whole.

Why can't we believers learn this simple lesson from a phone book? We isolate ourselves from others and try to do Kingdom work alone.

Perhaps it's our American rugged individualism, the lone frontiersman, and the pull-yourself-up-by-your-bootstraps businessman that have placed their stamp on us. But even the Lone Ranger had Tonto!

The Old Testament writer of Ecclesiastes warns us, "Two are better than one.... If one falls down, his friend can help him up.... Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." (Eccles 4:9-12, NIV)

Sports fans are well aware of teams with a wealth of individual star athletes that were nevertheless beaten by teams with mediocre athletes who knew how to play the game as a true team. Unity, willingness to share, and a common strategy and focus make a huge difference.

The truth is.... No *one* of us is as strong as *all* of us.

Churches often miss this point, too. We need each other. To be powerful Kingdom workers and effective stewards of resources, we must work together.

No single church will win our world to Christ —nor, I believe, even our own community! If we are serious about the Great Commission and the Great Commandment, we will collaborate with other churches.

And when God's people work together, they can turn the world upside down. Within a single generation, the early church, that had begun as a movement of a handful of disciples, had spread churches around the vast rim of the Mediterranean Sea!

Can you imagine what God can do with a number of churches that are sharing together in a Kingdom Agenda?! Let's pray that our association will be intent on discovering how much God can do through a genuine team of churches.

### Oldham County Repair Affair

Good News Homes in partnership with Oldham County Red Cross announces the Eighth Annual Oldham County will be held on Saturday, August 23rd.

Repair Affair is a one-day repair projects for low income elderly and disabled home-owners who need repair-work done that they cannot afford to do. Volunteers do the work with materials donated by local churches, businesses, and organizations.

Volunteers will meet for donuts and coffee and work assignments at 7:30 a.m. at the Oldham County Red Cross building on Hwy 393 in Buckner.

Donations and volunteers are still needed for this year's project. If your church would like to field a team or make a donation, contact Rick at the OTBA office for details. Also, check out the website at [www.oldhamcountyrepairaffair.com](http://www.oldhamcountyrepairaffair.com).

There will be a Trimble County Repair Affair which will likely be in late Sept. or early Oct. The date and further details for it will be announced soon.

### Pastor-Church Anniversary

Celebrating church anniversaries this August are Paul Limato, who has served for 11 years as pastor of Poplar Ridge; Chris Young, pastor of LaGrange Heights also for 11 years; and Matt Privett, who has pastored Pleasant View for 1 year.

Please remember both pastors and churches during your prayer times this month.

### Financial Benefits Personal Appointment Day

Pastors and staff as well as treasurers or budget committee chairpersons will have the opportunity to sit down at the OTBA office for a private appointment with Don Spencer, Dir. of KBC Financial Benefits Dept., and Mike Ford, of GuideStone Financial Resources.

Appointments are now being scheduled for Tues., Sept. 16, beginning at 2:00 and continuing into the evening hours. Don and Mike will be open to discuss a wide range of financial benefits issue.

Call 225-9449 for an appointment.

### Super Saturdays Moving Ministries Forward

Aug. 16—Immanuel BC,  
Lexington

Aug. 23—St. Matthews BC,  
Louisville

For \$30 per person (or \$20 per person if registered by Monday before each event) your church's leaders can discover how to move your church ministries forward through a multitude of ministry workshops presented by the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

New this year are a "Comeback Churches" track and "Safe Church Initiative" courses.

For more details or to register, check out [www.kybaptist.org/supersaturday](http://www.kybaptist.org/supersaturday).

### Upcoming OTBA Meetings

#### Executive Board Meeting

August 11, 2008

Poplar Ridge BC

6:15, Dinner; 7:00, Meeting

#### Vision Team Meeting

September 8, 2008

OTBA Ministry Center

6:30, Dinner; 7:00, Meeting

#### Fall Meeting

October 6 & 7, 2008

LaGrange Baptist Church  
LaGrange Heights Baptist Church,  
respectively



Oldham-Trimble  
Baptist  
Builders

God made a powerful impact in Mayfield, KY through approximately 70 Oldham-Trimble Baptist Builders, who worked to frame up a shelter for homeless women and their children through Lighthouse Ministries.

An advance crew of 25 worked Thurs. through Sat., July 17-19. Crews of 45-50 persons worked July 20-25. Welcome additions this year were 15 youth and adult sponsors from Bedford Baptist and 4 men from Henry County Association.

The 6,200 sq. ft. facility was framed and "under paper" in basically 7 work-days. Two other Baptist Builder crews will be working with the ministry in the months ahead to further the work.

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**Treasurer's Report**

July, 2008

Sep. 1, 2007 – July 30, 2008

**\*Church Income:**

Antioch-----	\$60.92
Ballardsville-----	8,719.58
Bedford-----	5,416.60
Beulah Land-----	776.08
Buckner-----	2,483.32
Centerfield-----	0.00
Corn Creek-----	291.77
Covington-----	2,586.25
Crestwood-----	12,500.00
DeHaven-----	4,796.58
Eighteen Mile-----	1,037.32
Harrods Creek-----	2,112.07
LaGrange-----	20,546.08
LaGrange Heights-----	0.00
Liberty-----	200.00
Milton-----	6,250.00
Pleasant View-----	100.00
Poplar Ridge-----	1,000.00
Providence-----	1,359.09
Sligo-----	4,334.40
Union Grove-----	360.00
Westport-----	9,873.51
<b>Total Church Income-----</b>	<b>84,803.57</b>

<b>Undesignated Indiv. Gifts-----</b>	<b>450.00</b>
<b>Total Undes'd Receipts-----</b>	<b>85,253.57</b>

**Designated Funds**

Salazar Capital Campaign ----	17,950.00
B.M.C. Building Fund-----	1,274.60
New Equipment Fund-----	1,489.13
<b>Salazar Fund-----</b>	<b>933.30</b>
<b>Total Designated Funds-----</b>	<b>21,647.03</b>

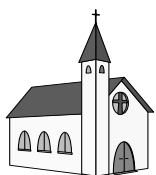
**Budget Expenditures**

Expended to July 30, 2008----	85,441.58
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**Summary**

Total Balance, 7/30/08 -----	\$57,493.07
Designated Funds-----	21,647.03
Undesignated Balance-----	\$35,846.04

\* - Reflects checks received & deposited by 7/30/08.



**AMONG THE CHURCHES**

Please pray for PROVIDENCE church as they continue to seek a pastor.

ANTIOCH is hosting a community outreach fish fry Aug. 9, beginning at 4:00 at the church. They are preparing for a Homecoming Sunday on Sept. 28.

BALLARDSVILLE has called as pastor Tony Wolfenbarger, Jr. He will begin serving in early to mid-Sept. He and his wife Emily have 3 sons, Joshua, Caleb and Josiah, who is less than a month old. Tony, who is coming from the staff of a church in Nashville, also previously served on staff at 18-MILE.

BEDFORD Youth Pastor Jeff Gayhart is part of an SBTS Bluegrass music team on mission in Nova Scotia in support of church plant efforts there.

BEULAH LAND baptized 3 in a recent service. The church will hold homecoming activities Sat., Aug. 30 from 2:00-8:00 at the Foundation of Hope, at 3509½ W. Hwy. 146 in Buckner.

BUCKNER will have 5 members serving in disaster relief in New Orleans Aug. 2-10, running the kitchen for other volunteers working on homes in the city.

CRESTWOOD has called as senior pastor Donnie Patrick, formerly pastor of FBC, Paintsville. Donnie and his wife Debbie, Williamsburg natives, have two daughters—Hannah, 12, and Grace, 8. The beginning date for his service has not been set as yet. Also, the church has called Dave Levee to serve as Youth Pastor. He and his wife Krista come to the church from Hodgenville, where Dave served as youth pastor of First Baptist. They are expecting their first child in Sept. His first Sunday of service was July 18.

LaGRANGE is holding their children's ministry musical performance, *The Good News Cruise*, Aug. 10th

SLIGO is nearing completion of the first phase of their addition construction as workers complete brickwork and roofing.

**Phos Hilaron Update**

The new church plant held its first baptism July 6 as they baptized 9 who have become followers of Christ recently. After a worship experience in Wendell Moore Park in Buckner, the congregation walked over to the Aquatic Center, where baptism was celebrated.

On July 27 the church helped Creasy-Mahan Nature Preserve, where they worshipped through service, doing clean up/fix up projects for the Preserve.

The church has been using "Phorce Phield," basically neighborhood VBS's, to reach out into targeted communities to share Jesus and connect with children aged 4 to 10 and their families. Their most recent was June 24-26 at the home of Pastor Jeff and Julie Fuson.

Worship services continue to be held at Tinseltown Theatres. For more detailed info, check out the church website at [www.ph-church.org](http://www.ph-church.org).



**Marriage Enrichment Resources**

The Marriage Enrichment Resource Center (MERCY) will present a marriage enrichment seminar Aug. 30, entitled "Assumptions—The Relational Poison." Presenter will be Heather Brooks, a marriage and family therapy associate.

It will be held at Baptist Hospital Northeast from 9:30-11:00 a.m. There will be no fee, though an offering will be taken to help cover expenses.

To register for this event or for more info check out the website ([www.kymrc.com](http://www.kymrc.com)), call Penny Hudson at 939-0121, or email her at [pdhud9@aol.com](mailto:pdhud9@aol.com).

Also, check out the website for many new resources for marital and family issues. For example, new support groups are available locally for those dealing with a spouse's extramarital affair and for grandparents raising grandchildren.