

## Oldham-Trimble Baptist Association

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

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## REFLECTIONS BELECTIONS

—from rick

### Needed: A Change Perspective

Change, for some people, is a four-letter word. For them, there's little about it that they like.

...Which means that there's a lot about our world that they don't like either. Our world is changing at such a pace that it is impossible for one person even to grasp its impact.

Leonard Sweet tells of being in a meeting of a group of historians, theologians, and pastors discussing just that topic. He noted the excitement of the historians as they talked the possibilities of this time. In contrast, the theologians and pastors voiced attitudes of fear and discouragement as they evaluated the era.

How unfortunate is this attitude of fearing and opposing change since change is necessary if we are to follow the Lordship of Christ! How so? It was Henry Blackaby whom I first heard say, "You can't stay the same and follow God."

A prime example is Abraham, who at age 80, heard God's call for him to pack up wife, kids, and the kitchen sink and move to an undisclosed destination. Abraham responded in faith. He couldn't obey God and stay in Ur, where everything was safe and familiar.

Burned into my memory is a painting I saw as a young Texas student of Daniel Boone looking from the vantage point of Cumberland Gap at a new frontier that stretched before him. I've since learned that there was a veritable army of God that met that same frontier with a Boone-like courage and self-sacrifice, coupled with visionary faith. They were the innovative circuit-riding Baptist and Methodist preachers.

They were the primary factor in America's moving away from being largely unchurched in colonial days. They were the uncredentialed, often-ridiculed leaders of a wave of church growth that the U.S. has not seen since. They were innovators who were willing to put personal safety on the line to reach people for Christ. —And the results were the Great Awakenings!

We stand at a new frontier of opportunity and challenge. Is there a New Awakening or a wave of church growth in our future? Are we willing to be the change agents which God can use to bring it about?

### Salazar Memorial Trust for International Missions Capital Campaign

## Hallelujah!

The 110 attendees of the Salazar Campaign Celebration Event were elated to hear the final report on funds raised. The amount we now have committed to the Mission Trust Fund totals \$53,147.14.

This surpassed the immediate goal of providing a \$50,000 increase in the Salazar Memorial Trust Fund in order to support more volunteers going on international mission endeavors.

A further Salazar Committee goal was to raise funds in a way that would not deter members from their giving to their local church. The Committee feels that goal was reached also.

Thank you, Ballardsville, for being such wonderful hosts for the event! A special thanks also goes to all the Salazar Committee members who helped make the Celebration Event so special. And, of course, a heartfelt thank you goes to those unnamed donors who responded to God's call to make a way to send more people out in international missions.

Please understand that this Trust Fund exists to support your church in its strategy for reaching the world for Christ. Pray that all our churches would partner ever more closely in a global strategy for evangelism and church planting.

Pray especially for two volunteers who will soon go on mission trips supported by the Salazar Fund. Amy Gorbandt will travel to Honduras June 24–July 1, with a team that will conduct medical/dental clinics and construct a church building. Kristen Miller, of Crestwood BC, will travel to Zimbabwe, Africa, July 9-21, to do village outreach through medical clinics and food ministry.

### ADULT CLOTHES CLOSET

The Adult Clothes Closet is in special need of men's blue jeans, work clothes, and spring clothes in general. Donations can be brought to the Ministry Center on Mondays from 6-8 pm.

## Southern Baptist Convention

June 10-11

Indianapolis Convention Center

For info: [www.sbcannualmeeting.com](http://www.sbcannualmeeting.com)



## Oldham-Trimble Baptist Builders

### HELP WANTED! Project: July 19-25

Volunteers are needed to donate framing, roofing, and siding skills for Lighthouse Ministries of Mayfield, KY. The ministry provides emergency housing for homeless women and their children.

OTBB volunteers will work on a 6,150 square foot building which will add space for the ministry to house 8 new families.

Cost for the trip will be \$70 per person, which will provide meals for the week. For shorter stays the fee is \$10 per day. The group will be housed in FBC, Mayfield facilities.

For more information or to sign up, contact the OTBA office or Shane Courtney at 255-7718 or [wscourtney@bellsouth.net](mailto:wscourtney@bellsouth.net).

All willing volunteers are welcome!

### Next Vision Team Meeting

Monday, June 16, 2008  
OTBA Ministry Center

6:30, Dinner  
7:00, Meeting

## Good News Homes

The ministry has seen several families doing well as they transition towards self-support. Some school groups have recently lent support to GNH: North Oldham girls' soccer team collected \$1,230 for the ministry and Buckner Elementary had 3 classes that collected items to share with families.

Sarah Moore has completed a semester of internship with GNH and will be sorely missed. Recently coming to volunteer is Melissa Weeper, who has been serving as a receptionist a half-day per week and is preparing to begin a support group for single moms.

To find out how you or your church can help contact Rose at 225-0351.

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**Treasurer's Report**

May, 2008

Sep. 1, 2007 – May 27, 2008

**\*Church Income:**

Antioch-----	\$60.92
Ballardsville-----	6,203.74
Bedford-----	4,333.28
Beulah Land-----	649.66
Buckner-----	1,923.08
Centerfield-----	0.00
Corn Creek-----	291.77
Covington-----	1,583.03
Crestwood-----	10,000.00
DeHaven-----	3,940.61
Eighteen Mile-----	924.73
Harrods Creek-----	1,633.02
LaGrange-----	16,991.27
LaGrange Heights-----	0.00
Liberty-----	160.00
Milton-----	5,000.00
Pleasant View-----	100.00
Poplar Ridge-----	1,000.00
Providence-----	951.14
Sligo-----	3,467.52
Union Grove-----	270.00
<u>Westport-----</u>	<u>7,873.80</u>
Total Church Income-----	67,357.57

<u>Undesignated Indiv. Gifts-----</u>	<u>300.00</u>
Total Undes'd Receipts-----	60,216.23

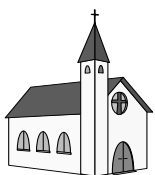
**Designated Funds**

Salazar Capital Campaign-----	16,095.00
B.M.C. Building Fund-----	1,274.60
New Equipment Fund-----	1,489.13
<u>Salazar Fund-----</u>	<u>633.75</u>
Total Designated Funds-----	19,492.48

**Summary**

Total Balance, 4/28/08-----	\$54,415.64
Designated Funds-----	19,492.48
Undesignated Balance-----	\$34,923.16

\* - Reflects checks received & deposited by 5/27/08



**AMONG THE CHURCHES**

Please pray for BALLARDSVILLE, CRESTWOOD, and PROVIDENCE churches as they seek pastors.

ANTIOCH is partnering with PROVIDENCE to conduct a VBS this summer at Antioch.

BALLARDSVILLE: Thank you to all who helped make our Salazar Trust Celebration Event so enjoyable with your exceptional hospitality!

BEULAH LAND is sponsoring a youth jam with Christian bands Sonic Ministry and Bloom on Sat. June 7, 1:00-?? at Foundation of Hope. All are invited.

BUCKNER members Danny Adams and Dennis Mangum just returned from a mission trip to Dominican Republic where they installed water purification units in high need areas.

CRESTWOOD is holding a *Living Proof Live* Simulcast on Friday evening, Aug. 1 and Saturday, Aug. 2. Cost for the event is \$25 per person. Visit the church website ([www.crestwoodbaptist.org](http://www.crestwoodbaptist.org)) or call 241-8534 to register or for more info.

LaGRANGE is preparing to conduct LaGrange Missions June 16-20, providing home repairs for homeowners in special need. The church will hold a children's summer music workshop, *The S.S. Good News* beginning June 4th, at 6:30 p.m.

LaGRANGE HEIGHTS pastor Chris Young and wife Amanda announce the birth of their daughter Katie Grace on April 10.

PROVIDENCE pastor Doug Boyd's last Sunday with the church will be June 29.

UNION GROVE has called as pastor Phillip Bruce. Phillip and his wife Marie previously served the church from 1996 to 1998. He begins serving June 1st.

WESTPORT will have 14 youth and sponsors attend camp at Boone's Creek Camp, June 9-14. There will be 26 youth and sponsors taking part in Kentucky Changers- Maysville, June 21-28.

**New Dawn Report**

New Dawn Baptist Church continues to see results from the recent evangelistic effort supported by Central Region and the mission team from Antioch Baptist Church of Calhoun, Georgia.

NDBC youth really responded to the ministry of the team. At least five youth have made professions of faith since that time! Also, the youth group has asked leaders to change plans for a youth camp trip to Florida this summer. Instead, they will travel June 15-22 to Calhoun to do mission work there. They will conduct backyard Bible clubs in an area that is predominantly Hispanic.

Pray for New Dawn as they continue faithful ministry here in this area and in Georgia as well.



**Youth Worker Connection**

Youth workers are invited to a time for fellowship, learning from each other, and strategizing for youth ministry. The networking time will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 7:00 p.m. at the Baptist Ministry Center in Ballardsville.



**Marriage Enrichment Opportunities**

The Marriage Enrichment Resource Center (MERCY) will present a marriage enrichment seminar June 21, entitled "Getting on the Same Parenting Page." Presenter will be Sharon Shapanus, 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).