

## Oldham-Trimble Baptist Association

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and two church plants  
serving the Oldham-Trimble area

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## REFLECTIONS BELECTIONS

—from rick

### 168...

That's the number of homeless *families* in Oldham and Trimble counties that could be specifically identified by Good News Homes, working through every possible resource on behalf of HUD. So reported the Oldham *Era* in an excellent, front page article in its Feb. 27 edition. (If you can't find a paper, check it out at [www.oldhamera.com](http://www.oldhamera.com).)

Who knew?! Most of us probably would not have imagined there would be that many homeless families, unless you work with these folks.

As the article states these aren't your stereotypical homeless—usually pictured in some folks' minds as a man with substance abuse or mental health issues, standing on a corner panhandling. These counties don't have many of the folks relegated to sleeping under bridges or in boxes in alleyways.

The typical homeless family is made up of a single mom in her mid-thirties and her children. She has been the victim of spousal abuse and receives no child support. Opportunities are limited for her, and child care issues keep her from holding a job, especially when children get sick.

Or, a number are families with a mother and father who struggle with issues like layoffs, medical payments when uninsured, accidents, disabilities, or a combination thereof. They usually are well-intentioned folks, willing to work.

Aren't you glad for capable, compassionate folks like our Good News Homes staff who stretch resources as far as possible to help folks like these every day! Director Rose Boyd and assistants

Tamara Alexander and Denise Wilson view their work, not as jobs, but as opportunities to show the love of Christ to hurting people. Aren't you glad for the volunteers who serve on the board, keep books, mow grass, and help meet needs!

In 1 John 3:16,17 we read these words, "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?"

(Note: it didn't say, "If anyone has many material possessions...." )

I'm convinced that one of the things

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### Salazar Mission Trip Scholarships Available Now

Volunteers who need additional support in order to go on international missions trips may apply for assistance to the Luis & Raquel Salazar Trust for International Missions. Requests are considered in order of application and need.

Applications are reviewed and decisions made by an elected selection committee. Forms are due 4 months in advance of trip departure to allow ample time for processing. Funds allocated will not exceed 50% of trip costs.

Applicants may call the OTBA office for more specifics or to request an application form.

The Salazar Mission Fund Committee is overseeing a capital fundraising campaign at present. Church leaders will soon receive information on how their churches can take part if they so choose. The campaign will conclude with a **Celebration Event** scheduled for **Saturday, May 17**, at Ballardsville Baptist's Family Life Center.

In addition to hearing final results of the campaign, there will be missions testimonies from several recipients of Salazar Fund scholarships in 2007, and a "roast" of your Director of Missions.

More details will be forthcoming. Mark your calendars now for the Celebration Event—May 17.

### Vision Team Meeting

March 3  
7:00 p.m.

Baptist Ministry Center  
Dinner at 6:30

that is needed to reach people for the gospel is this self-giving kind of love.

Yes, I understand it is not enough merely to meet people's physical needs. But there are many who will not listen to us until we show we genuinely care.

The church will not gain much of hearing in America today until we make it obvious that we care less about the church/institution than we do about people, their needs, and their eternal destiny.

Let's pray for each other and encourage each other to sacrificially share the love of Christ with all people—and especially with those most vulnerable.

### New Dawn Baptist Church

The church continues to do very well as shown in a report Pastor Jon Young submitted for 2007. There were 12 baptisms, an average attendance of 70, and a Sunday School average of 40.

The church is providing about 60% of its own financial support at present and is working to be self-supportive in two more years. Weekly offerings in 2007 averaged \$430.

Also, the church has been having fun while memorizing scripture and learning about the Bible by playing "Bible baseball."

The church has already been preparing for an evangelistic emphasis in April. A music (mariachi) evangelist from Texas will be leading services in the region April 11-13. A service will be held in Ballardsville on the 11th, with a goal of 300 in attendance.

Also, a team from Georgia will be here April 7-12 to do backyard Bible clubs, personal evangelism, preparation for the evangelistic service and other things.

On a recent Friday night, the church held an all-night prayer vigil, focusing on prayer for these outreach events.

Please pray with the church that the coming months will a fruitful time in this new church's ministry.



### Coming KBC Events

#### LeaderCare Conference

A special workshop to help ministers *thrive, not merely survive* is set for Mar. 4, 9am, in Long Run Baptist Association, Louisville. Led by Barney Self, formerly a Lifeway LeaderCare Counselor, the workshop will focus on helping ministers serve effectively amid these demanding times. Call Long Run Assn (635-2601) for info and registration details.

#### Comeback Churches

Noted author, church planter and missiologist Ed Stetzer will lead *Comeback Church Conference* March 25, 10 am—2 pm at FBC, Bowling Green. Cost for the conference covers lunch and Stetzer's book by the same title. Register at [www.kybaptist.org/comebackchurches](http://www.kybaptist.org/comebackchurches).

#### Assimilation Tour '08

8 Events/8 Cities

Nearest us is...

Mt. Washington Baptist Church

320 No. Bardstown Road

Mt. Washington, KY

April 22, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Go to [www.kybaptist.org](http://www.kybaptist.org) for more info.

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### Phos Hilaron Church

The church had an intense, but excellent, launch month with two Worship Services at Tinseltown Theatres, presentation of the gospel through a musical, "The Prodigal in Las Vegas" (also at Tinseltown), and a Service Worship at Oldham Co. Middle School.

The church continues to focus on connecting with those who are not being reached through our traditional church strategies. Each Sunday they are seeing first-time visitors as well as second- and third-timers.

In March, transformational worship services will begin at 10:00 a.m. Mar. 2 and 9 at Tinseltown. A unique Easter Experience will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the main lobby.

The Service Worship will be Mar. 16, in conjunction with Good News Homes as the church reaches out with the Easter message to families touched by the ministry of Good News Homes.

Also this month, training begins in earnest for leaders who will head up the small group ministry of the church. The church strategy calls for small home groups to be the locus of discipleship and community saturation with the gospel.

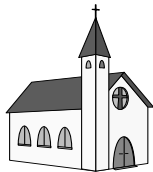
### Say what?!...

"God couldn't give a rip about your **comfort**—He simply wants you to be obedient....and at times that means facing things head on that scare you and completely take you out of your comfort zone."  
—Perry Noble, pastor

NewSpring Church, Anderson, SC

"If you don't like change, you really aren't going to like irrelevancy."

—Rick Robbins, director of missions  
Northern KY Baptist Association



### AMONG THE CHURCHES

Please be in prayer for BALLARDSVILLE, COVINGTON, CRESTWOOD, and PROVIDENCE churches as they seek pastors.

BALLARDSVILLE and DeHAVEN choirs will lead a joint Good Friday worship service at DeHaven, Mar. 21, at 7 p.m.

BUCKNER will host a community Easter egg hunt at Wendell Moore Park Mar. 22, 9:00 a.m. Mission coordinator Kelly Thorn will be going on mission to Russia to do children's ministry this summer. She reports there is still a need for at least two more persons to fill out the 7-person team. If you have an interest, contact Kelly at 243-1235.

CRESTWOOD has opened a counseling center as an extension of St. Matthews Pastoral Counseling Center. The local center is headed by Elizabeth Ellis. Appointments can be made by calling 241-8534, ext. 341.

DEHAVEN pastor Tommy Purvis and wife Carla will go on a mission trip Mar. 4-12 to Manaus, Brazil in the Amazon region. Accompanied by another couple they will do prayer walking and personal evangelism and lead worship services. The public is invited.

LaGRANGE students will attend "Vertical Challenge," their weekend youth retreat, Mar. 28-29 at Spring Hill Camp in Indiana, focusing on the church.

HARRODS CREEK—Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to the family of Gwen Wilson upon the decease of her mom on Feb. 28. Gwen, wife of Pastor Darrell, is a Trimble Co. native.

MILTON has called as pastor Rev. Tom Starks, most recently pastor of Morgantown Baptist Church, near Bowling Green. Tom and his wife Audie have 4 children. While he will begin pastoral duties March 9, the family will not move

to Milton until the children complete the school year in their current schools.

PROVIDENCE pastor Doug Boyd has resigned his pastorate after completing just over 15 years of ministry. His resignation will become effective at the end of June. He will be moving back to his home state of Missouri to be closer to his mom, whose health is failing.

UNION GROVE will hold a Good Friday service at 7:00. The public is invited.

WESTPORT will host a community Good Friday service, beginning at 6:30 pm. Their choir will join with the choirs of COVINGTON Baptist and Westport Methodist to present "In Christ Alone."



### Pastor-Church Anniversary

Celebrating a church anniversary this month is Harold Bagley, who has served as pastor for 8 years with the folks of Liberty Baptist. Please remember both pastor and church during your prayer times this month.



### Marriage Enrichment Opportunity

The Marriage Enrichment Resource Center (MERCY) will present a marriage enrichment seminar Mar. 29, entitled "Affirming Your Spouse." Presenter will be Justin Schults, a marriage and family therapist. 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 call Penny Hudson at 939-0121 or email her at pdhud9@aol.com.