

**Oldham-Trimble
Baptist Association**

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

**the
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**REFLECTIONS
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—from rick

**Resigned ...
Refocused**

By now I'm sure most of you have heard that by the year's end I will no longer be DOM of Oldham-Trimble Baptist Association.

No, I'm not moving to another salaried position. And I know that sounds very much like the standard definition of retirement, but I'd rather not call it that. At present I'm calling it "refocused."

However, even that has its problems...

Refocused on what?

Volunteering in missions.

But weren't you already doing missions?

Yes, but I think this may mean more hands-on involvement and less administrative work.

**Bluegrass and
Bar-B-Que**

1ST ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
FOR GOOD NEWS HOMES

NOV. 22
6:00-9:00 PM

LAGRANGE
COMMUNITY CENTER
307 W. JEFFERSON ST.
LAGRANGE

Bar-B-Que Dinner,
Dessert & Drink
\$8—Adult / \$3—Child

With Quality Bluegrass Music by
Long Run Players, with our own
Jeff Gayhart of Bedford BC



GO TELL
the story of Jesus

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS AND
INTERNATIONAL MISSION STUDY
NOV. 30 - DEC. 7, 2008

**LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING***
National Goal: \$1.0 million
Our Goal:

OTBA Fall Meeting

A special thank you to all who helped us have such a successful Fall Meeting, especially our host

more hands-on involvement and less administrative work.

Doing what?

Now, that I'm really not certain of. OH! (Unasked: So why'd you resign?)

The above outlines many conversations I've had recently—most of which leave both my listener and me scratching our heads. I wish I had more specific answers to folks' questions.

But all I know now is that this is a necessary step of obedience to the Lord's voice. I feel rather like I'm stuck momentarily between Acts 16:6 and 16:9.

In the former Paul was having doors shut by God, halting Paul's intended advance into Asia. But he kept traveling and ended up in Troas. There God gave him a vision of work in Macedonia. A new continent opened before him to gospel ministry.

Now, I certainly don't have such grandiose aspirations! But I do have a commitment to do whatever it is that the Lord has for my wife and me.

I'll admit it is hard to step back from what will soon be 15 years and 9 months of wonderful ministry. It has been so rewarding to see God at work in the ministries of our churches.

But I know all too well that OTBA's successes did not come by my hand but by the power of the One who will continue to sustain OTBA churches and leaders. I look forward with genuine excitement to how God will lead this association to greater advances in Kingdom work.

Let's just keep praying for each other and following the leading of His voice wherever He leads.

Jeff Gayhart of Bedford BC

Inflatables, Kids Activities
Silent Auction

All proceeds support the work of
Good News Homes

Each year Good News Homes is unable to house scores of Oldham and Trimble families who have no place to turn for housing. Your contributions and support of this event will help the ministry grow and show God's love to these hurting families. Come have some family fun and care for homeless families at the same time.

**For more info, call 225-0351
or 255-5110 Xt. 1045**

Marriage Enrichment Resources

The Marriage Enrichment Resource Center (MERCY) will present a marriage enrichment seminar Sat., Nov. 15, "In-Laws or Out-Laws," led by Heather Brooks, a Marriage and Family Therapist in this area.

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), call Penny Hudson at 939-0121, or email her at pdhud9@aol.com.

Helped us have such a successful Fall Meeting, especially our host churches Ballardsville and LaGrange Heights. The hospitality you extended was such a blessing.

Thanks also to Stephen Cavness and Michael Taylor for challenging messages and to those who shared informative and inspiring reports and testimonies..



Clothing Ministry Needs

The Adult Clothes Closet is in need of several types of items...

- ◆ Winter clothing for men, especially jeans and work clothes
- ◆ Coats and jackets for men and women
- ◆ Blankets

The Infant/Child Resource Center could use...

- ◆ Coats and jackets, especially the larger youth sizes
- ◆ Gloves and hats
- ◆ Socks

You can drop donations by the Ministry Center in Ballardsville or the Good News Homes offices in LaGrange, respectively, on Monday evenings from 6:00-8:00. Also, both ministries could employ volunteers in a number of roles. For more info, contact Evelyn Morgan (222-1322, ACC) or Suzanne Wyder (222-0622, ICRC).

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**Annual Budget Report:
 Recent Past and Projected Year**

<i>Expense Items</i>	<i>Proposed 2007-08</i>	<i>Expended 2007-08</i>	<i>Proposed 2008-09</i>
100—Administration			
101 DOM Housing	12,000	12,000	15,000
102 DOM Travel Expenses	2,800	2,877	3,000
103 DOM Annuity	3,500	3,000	3,000
104 DOM Salary	30,390	30,390	31,140
105 DOM Continuing Educ.	1,000	0	100
106 DOM Insurance	6,000	6,000	6,000
107 DOM State Convention	250	250	200



**AMONG THE
 CHURCHES**

BUCKNER has been blessed by being able to purchase adjoining property and are in the process of preparing the house on the property for use as a parsonage. To help with some unexpected costs, the church is holding a testimonial concert

106 DOM Insurance	6,000	6,000	6,000
107 DOM State Convention	250	250	200
108 DOM Support Resources	500	276	300
110 Treasurer's Expenses	125	131	125
111 Postage	500	433	500
112 Printing Annual Minutes	450	475	500
113 Office & Telephone Expenses	3,800	4,264	4,400
114 Baptist Ministry Center	14,000	14,767	15,250
115 New Equipment	1,000	501	500
116 Team Meeting Expenses	300	280	300
117 Administrative Assistant	5,460	4,034	5,460
118 Soc Sec Matching	800	260	450
Subtotal: Administration	82,875	79,936	86,225
<i>200—Church Strengthening</i>			
201 Church Support Services	1,000	0	1,000
203 Church Leader Development	1,000	515	1,000
Subtotal: Church Strengthening	2,000	515	2,000
<i>300—Church Planting</i>			
301 Resources	5,500	0	5,500
302 Awareness Conferences	500	39	500
303 Leader Development	1,000	0	1,000
Subtotal: Church Planting	7,000	39	7,000
<i>400 Mobilization</i>			
401 "The Call" Publication	1,100	811	1,100
402 Website	500	305	400
404 Week of Prayer	100	0	—
405 Spring Missions Rally	200	150	300
Subtotal: Mobilization	1,900	1,266	1,800
<i>500 Shared Ministries</i>			
501 Regional Hispanic Ministry	7,600	7,600	7,600
504 Salazar Capital Gain Event	1,000	361	—
Subtotal: Shared Ministry	8,600	7,961	7,600
<i>600—Contingency Fund</i>			
601 Contingency	1,250	2,874	1,250
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Subtotal: Contingency Fund	1,250	2,274	1,250
TOTAL	103,625	91,990	105,875
TOTAL INCOME—2007-08	99,028		

To help with some unexpected costs, the church is holding a testimonial concert Fri, Nov. 14, 7 pm. Tickets for the event are \$20 and are available from the church office at 222-1735. Featured will be the music of Mike Whalen and Jim Hieder. Special guest entertainer will be former pastor Brian Shoemaker.

CRESTWOOD will hold a marriage event Nov. 22 led by Steve Pettit, director of One in Christ counseling center and pastor of a church plant in Gainesville, FL. Special music will be provided by Ron Block, of Alison Kraus and Union Station.

LaGRANGE will host an evangelism conference for pastors, "Promoting the Gospel," Nov. 17-19. Principal presenter will be John Dickson, of Australia.

Other presenters will be Chuck Hannaford, of Germantown, TN, Eric Johnson of Southern Seminary, and pastor Tony Rose. For more info or to register, visit www.promotingthegospel.org.

MILTON is in the finishing stages of remodeling their sanctuary to upgrade its appearance and accommodate more people.

PROVIDENCE on Oct. 26 called Mike Huff as pastor. A native of Georgia, Mike most recently pastored Grants Lick Baptist in Alexandria, KY. He and his wife Valeria, who is from Louisville, have 3 children. Mike will begin preaching immediately, and the family will move to the church field in the next month or so.

WESTPORT has voted to call Keith Abrams full-time as youth minister. He has served as a bivocational part-time youth minister for just over two years.