

Oldham-Trimble Baptist Association

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serving the Oldham-Trimble area

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REFLECTIONS REFLECTIONS

—from rick

Safe and Secure

The ad-man for the insurance company intoned in a voice intent on communicating security, stability: “In times like these, many have lost their sense of security. Just know that we here at XYZ Insurance Company are working to return your life to normalcy and security.”

My first thought, as a believer, was “His company is working to restore an illusion then! Any sense of security based on our things or on what’s going on around us is only the appearance of security. True safety and stability is found only in God.”

Couple that with the economic storm that’s blowing through our country and you understand that many people are feeling cut loose from those moorings that provided them stability in life.

I found myself asking, “Does the way you’re living your life in this emergency communicate the truth you say you believe?” I’ve been reevaluating my life lately along those lines. God challenged me to look at the power failure as a time of “fasting” from electricity. During that time God reaffirmed some important lessons.

First, am I truly the person God wants me to be? Do I acknowledge Him as the source of all that I need? Do I believe that I can live perfectly happily without the extras? If God is my Guardian and Supplier then I can rest in peaceful obedience. My confidence is in Him, not in my own ability to provide and guide. If that’s the case, then I can more nearly show the calm-amidst-the-tempest that Jesus manifested on Galilee.

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OTBA Annual Fall Meeting

October 6 & 7, 2008

Please note:

*Both sessions will be held at
Ballardsville Baptist Church*

*—co-hosted by
LaGrange Heights Baptist Church,*

Monday night’s agenda includes:

- ◆ Inspirational art by John & Christi Park of Sligo
- ◆ KBC Agency Report by Scott Berry of Sunrise Children Services
- ◆ Church Planting Testimony by Jon Young of New Dawn
- ◆ Church Strengthening Report by Lynn Traylor, team facilitator
- ◆ Business session, including a vote of recommendation for altering fall meeting format
- ◆ Sermon: Stephen Cavness of Antioch

(OK — Maybe not those exact words! I don't think the way I write, but you get my drift!)

My next thought, though, was, "Easy words to affirm, but do you live them, Lucas?"

It is so easy, isn't it, to affirm the truth that God alone provides true security in this world. It's much more difficult to live it out during tough times. Certainly, the "Kentucky hurricane" and resultant protracted power outages tested our faith.



Human Needs Ministries

Foundation of Hope Food Ministry, sponsored by Beulah Land Church, has been seeing extra families as a result of the storm. If your church or small group would like to make a donation or conduct a food drive, it would be deeply appreciated. For more info, contact Pastor Doug Acree at 222-1912 or 489-1910.

Also, the Adult Clothes Closet and Infant/Child Resource Center is making the seasonal shift to fall and winter clothing and can use donations of those seasonal items. Each is open on Mondays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (The Clothes Closet will be closed on Mon., Oct. 6 for the OTBA Annual Meeting. For more info, contact Evelyn Morgan (ACC) at 222-1322 or Angela Thomas (ICRC) at 222-4197.

Second, do I daily live out the values I affirm? Is "The Lord is my shepherd. I have everything that I need," the way I genuinely live? Or, do I get fearful and fall apart when caught in the storms of life. Do my family and neighbors see faith or fear in me? Or am I so distant from them that they see little at all?

Perhaps you don't identify with my particular musings, but I want to challenge you to reexamine your own sources of security and measure them against the standard Christ elevates for us.



Trimble County Repair Affair

Trimble County Repair Affair saw over 100 people work on 10 homes Sept. 27 all over the county. Ramps were built, floors fixed, plumbing repaired, wilderness pushed back. In short all kinds of fix up / clean up projects got done at no cost to the homeowners.

In addition to Trimble, volunteers came from Henry, Carroll and Oldham counties and from Indiana. Many of the volunteers were from OTBA churches. And our Baptist Builders group had 16 volunteers who worked both Fri. and Sat. to put a roof over a mobile home.

Congratulations for a wonderful witness and successful project goes to all who contributed time, skills, and/or funds for this work. To God be the glory.

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Tuesday night's agenda includes:

- ◆ Budget recommendation
- ◆ Good News Homes Report by Harold Smith and Rose Boyd
- ◆ Church Planting Testimony by Jeff Fuson of Phos Hilaron
- ◆ Director of Missions Report
- ◆ Sermon by Michael Taylor of 18-Mile

Marriage Enrichment Resources

The Marriage Enrichment Resource Center (MERCY) will present a marriage enrichment seminar Sat., Oct. 25, "Three On the Brink of Divorce Couples Share Their Testimonies."

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.

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. Also, there are several intriguing conferences to be held in the area in the coming months. Check it out!

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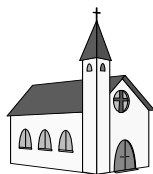
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Reclaiming Our Communities
...through ministry to substance abusers and their families

Saturday
October 25, 2008
8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Madisonville - First Baptist Church
Lexington - Ashland Avenue Baptist Church
www.kybaptist.org/reclaiming



AMONG THE CHURCHES

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

ANTIOCH will hold revival services Oct. 12-15 led by Pastor Stephen Cavness. The church is working to make this a strong outreach into the community.

BALLARDSVILLE on Sept. 7 or

youth and those "still frisky" are taking part in Survivor '08 on Oct. 11-12, an event they hold to test participants' physical and spiritual mettle.

WESTPORT youth went to the Hawk Nelson concert at Graceland Baptist this past month.



Christmas Stocking Project

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Substance abuse is ravaging communities across the nation and ours is no different.

The KY Baptist Convention is offering this "Reclaiming our Communities" conference to help individuals, churches, and related ministries reach out effectively to substance abusers and their families.

Simultaneous conferences will be held at Madisonville and Lexington. All interested persons are invited to attend.

A group from OTBA will be traveling to attend the Lexington conference and would welcome your company.

Meeting at Ashland Ave. Baptist, 483 West Reynolds Road, the session begins with registration at 8 a.m. and continues till 2:30. Cost is \$20 per person for registration by Oct. 11; \$25 per person, thereafter. Price includes lunch and materials.

Special interest break-out sessions will be offered in addition to general information sessions.

Break-out options include:

- Helping Pastors Minister to Families of Addicts
- REACH: A Comprehensive Ministry Model
- Gathering Community Support to Fight Drug Abuse
- Drug Prevention and Awareness
- Using "Celebrate Recovery" in Your Church
- Developing a Residential Treatment Facility
- and three others

Go to www.kybaptist.org/reclaiming and click on the site of your choice to register.

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BALLARDSVILLE on Sept. 7 ordained to deacon ministry Norb Kielma, Steve Rumer, and Gary Underwood. A group of 12 volunteers will work on the Habitat Home Oct. 4.

BEULAH LAND is holding revival services Sept. 28-Oct. 1, with the preaching of Victor McKinney, a chaplain at KY State Reformatory. Also, the church will hold a Hallowed-Be-Thy-Name Festival Oct. 31, beginning at 6 pm at the Foundation of Hope building. Activities include performances by 3 Christian bands and door prizes.

BUCKNER will have a family day at the zoo Sat., Oct. 4. On Wed., Oct. 8 they will hold a Fall Festival at the church.

COVINGTON will put on its 4th annual Hallelujah Harvest Fest on Sun., Oct. 12th from 4-7 pm. It will include a chili and hotdog supper, games, a moon-walk, doorprizes, and a gospel Bluegrass band - James White and the Indian River Boys.

CRESTWOOD members (about 15) will go on mission to the Dominican Republic Oct. 18-25 to conduct medical and sports clinics and install water purifiers.

LaGRANGE deacons sponsored a churchwide fellowship and fish fry on Sun., Sept. 21.

MILTON has seen an excellent spiritual harvest time this past month, baptizing nine into God's Family.

PROVIDENCE will hold revival services Oct. 19-22, 6:30 nightly, with evangelist Jeff Eaton, pastor of Hope Community Church, Lawrenceburg. The

Christmas Stocking Project

Yes! Plans are going forward for another Christmas stocking project this year. In addition to being given to children of Kentucky prison inmates, some of this year's stockings will also be used to support the Christmas outreach of Good News Homes.

Last year saw over 2,300 handmade stockings distributed and \$2,024 was collected to purchase children's Bibles and stocking stuffers.

If you or your church would like to participate, contact Karen Horton at 222-9083 for details. Stockings must meet certain size guidelines in order to be used. The project deadline is Oct. 31.



Local Service Opportunity

The local Habitat for Humanity affiliate is building a home in partnership with an Oldham Co. family at 4401 North Camden Lane.

The framework has been erected. They are looking for teams of 8-10 volunteers to work Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., beginning Oct. 4.

Tasks will include such things as putting up siding, installing insulation, painting, and many other details.

Construction skills are welcome but not required. To get involved call Susan Lawler, with Louisville Habitat for Humanity, at 502-637-6265, Ext. 34.