

## Oldham-Trimble Baptist Association

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

# the CALL

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## REFLECTIONS REFLECTIONS

—from rick

### Let's Talk...

In one way this past executive board meeting at Poplar Ridge was of no particular note. —No sweeping action on vision or strategy, no controversial votes, and certainly no acrimonious debates. (Thank you, Jesus, for the latter!)

And yet, it was a great meeting. One cluster “fellowshipping” around the dinner table was gently nudged toward the soon-to-start meeting. Church news was shared. One messenger spoke well to a concern about how we relate to each other and keep faith. And we prayed. —Not just a “Lord, bless ‘em all” prayer. Specific, extended, heartfelt prayer.

In part, the unity and phenomenal growth of the New Testament church was reliant upon the diverse clusters of believers “talking.” In Acts 11:2 we read that, following the “second Pentecost” in Cornelius’ home (Acts 10:44-46), Peter returned to Jerusalem, only to be criticized by the circumcised believers there for going into the houses of Gentiles.

Peter didn’t blow up at the confrontation or counterattack his critics. He “explained everything to them precisely as it had happened.” (11:4, NIV) Verse 18 tells the outcome: “When the Jewish believers heard this, they stopped arguing. They praised God....”(NCV)

Here, the infant church was in danger of fragmenting before it had a chance to grow. A united mission endeavor hung in the balance over this critical issue: Must the Gentiles keep the Jewish Law in order to become Christians. And it was a point of hot argument!

But all believers were able to see what God was doing — because they talked it

### Upcoming OTBA Meetings

#### Vision Team Meeting

September 8, 2008  
OTBA Ministry Center  
6:30, Dinner; 7:00, Meeting

#### Fall Meeting

October 6 & 7, 2008  
Ballardsville Baptist Church  
LaGrange Heights Baptist Church,  
respectively

Celebrate  
GOD'S LOVE

### Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions

God has used the Eliza Broadus State Mission Offering (EBO) to

Specific, extended, heartfelt prayer.

And I went away grateful to be part of a blessed association!

Driving home, I was reminded of a former DOM's description of one of the functions of a Baptist association: "It's where churches talk." The 21 messengers and several visitors "talked" well at that meeting. —Rekindled friendships, shared joys and trials, came to understand each other better, and built stronger relationships that are more likely to withstand the stresses of life today.



### **Financial Benefits Personal Appointment Day**

**P**astors 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.

They will be able to help a minister review his or her account and explain options. Or, they will meet with church officers to help them evaluate the best use of their compensation packages.

Call 225-9449 for an appointment.

But all believers were able to see what God was doing — because they talked it out. They listened to God through each other, lives were adjusted to God's revelation, and God was exalted.

What if they hadn't made time to talk it out? What if they hadn't really listened to each other, or kept on arguing, or just ignored each other and gone separate ways? But, praise God, they talked it out.

Let's talk! Even though it takes time out of busy schedules. Even when it gets uncomfortable. Let's keep talking till we



### **Trimble County Repair Affair**

**T**rimble community leaders announce the Trimble Co. Repair Affair will be held on Sat., Sept. 27.

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

Volunteers will meet for breakfast and work assignments at 7:30 a.m. at the Tricounty Community Action building on Hwy 421, between Bedford and Milton.

Donations and volunteers are still needed for this year's project. For more info, contact Jon Dunlap at 255-3287 or Dean Bowling at 255-7122.

**G**od has used the Eliza Broadus State Mission Offering (EBO) to further missions all across our state. Even this past year the EBO has undergirded unique ministries in our area.

A grant to Prodigal Ministries strengthened their witness and ministry to former offenders now housed in the newly-opened halfway house in Oldham Co.

A grant to Central Region Hispanic Ministry supported a regional evangelistic crusade that led to 34 professions of faith.

Please pray for our state missions work, and as your church receives this state offering, please give generously and prayerfully.



**A**t the urging of Kentucky Baptist Convention leaders and our Executive, Dr. Bill Mackey, KBC churches all across Kentucky will join together Sept. 10 for united prayer for revival and spiritual renewal in Kentucky.

Resources and suggestions are available at [www.kybaptist.org/onevoice](http://www.kybaptist.org/onevoice) to help your church be an effective part of a prayer "concert" extending all across Kentucky.

Won't you pray with us?

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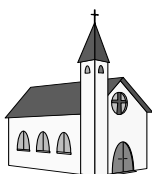
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## **Bluegrass and Bar-B-Que**

*1ST ANNUAL FUNDRAISER  
FOR GOOD NEWS HOMES*

SEPT



### **AMONG THE CHURCHES**

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

ANTIOCH will hold a Homecoming  
Sunday on Sept. 28.

BALLARDSVILLE music minister  
David Gregory recently resigned. He will  
remain in the area and is available for

distribute provided bags of food and  
items for participants.

POPLAR RIDGE will celebrate 150  
years of ministry on Sun., Sept. 28,  
beginning at 10:30, with a meal and  
special service to follow.



**Local Service  
Opportunity**

# SEPT.

**LATE NOTICE:** Due to circumstances beyond their control, GNH has postponed the Bluegrass and Bar-B-Que event. New plans will be announced soon.

*ATERS HOME  
210 E MADISON ST.  
LAGRANGE*

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

With Quality Bluegrass Music,  
Inflatables, Family Games,  
and a Silent Auction

Bring your lawn chair and  
enjoy the day!

All proceeds support the work of  
Good News Homes

Each year Good News Homes is unable to serve 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.

David Gregory recently resigned. He will remain in the area and is available for supply or interim work.

BEULAH LAND will celebrate 14 years of ministry with homecoming activities Sat., Aug. 30 from 2:00-8:00 at the Foundation of Hope, (3509½ W. Hwy. 146 in Buckner). In addition to 4 gospel bands, covering the age spectrum, there will be plenty of food and games.

BUCKNER will hold revival services Sept. 14-17, led by Tommy Purvis, pastor of DeHaven, with music led by Zach Young. The church will celebrate its 50th anniversary during a special morning service on Sept. 21. A fellowship meal will be followed by an afternoon service including special music from Denise Watts-Wilson.

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.

DeHAVEN music minister Zach Young has resigned and accepted a call to FBC, McMinnville, TN.

HARRODS CREEK is holding a Christian country gospel concert, featuring David Sapp, at 1:00 on Sun., Sept. 14. It will be preceded by a potluck luncheon.

LIBERTY will hold homecoming activities on Sat., Sept. 20, beginning with a meal at 1:00. Four gospel groups and preaching will follow beginning at 2:30 and continuing throughout the afternoon.

PHOS HILARON and BUCKNER will join together in an outreach event coupled with the Ironman Triathlon. On Sunday morning and afternoon Aug. 31, the Buckner parking lot will be the site of a rest stop for participants. Also, volunteers will

## **Opportunity**

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

The framework will be erected by the end of Sept. 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. (That first Sat. has already been taken by a team from Ballardsville.)

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

Construction skills are welcome but not required. Tools and lunch will be provided. To get involved call Susan Lawler at 502-637-6265, Ext. 34.



## **Christmas Stocking Project**

**Y**es! 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.