

Oldham-Trimble Baptist Association

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Good News Homes

Physical Needs: there are ongoing needs for laundry detergent, gas cards for residents, gently used furniture, toilet paper, paper towels and other items for the home.

Volunteer Projects: mentors for our families, persons to babysit for Good News events, individuals or groups to lead Life Skills classes for our residents, individuals or groups to clean, paint, and repair apartments, volunteers to assist current residents as they move from Good News properties to permanent housing.

Donations: send to Good News Homes, 210 Madison, LaGrange, KY 40031.

Contact Stephanie Skeens at 225-0351 for more information or email stephanie@goodnewshomesky.com

INFANT CHILD RESOURCE CENTER

The Infant Child Resource Center will be closed after December 12. The future of this ministry is not known for certain at the time of this writing.

A special word of appreciation goes to Angela Thomas and all of the volunteers from our churches who have invested so much time and energy into this ministry this past year!!

OTBA Clothes Closet

There is a shortage of clothing for men. Volunteers are in short supply. Call **Evelyn Morgan** and let her know that you are willing to work as a volunteer one Monday a month. **Phone: 502 222-1322.** Pray for this ministry!



Financial Report

September 1, 2011 – October 20, 2011

Gifts received from Churches:

Antioch	0.00
Ballardsville	1,559.22
Bedford	975.00
Beulah Land	83.60
Buckner	626.33
Corn Creek	191.02
Covington	659.00
Crestwood	1,250.00
DeHaven	1,854.77
E320	0.00
Eighteen Mile	172.40
Grace Point Church	100.00
Harrods Creek	164.33
LaGrange	3,641.76
LaGrange Heights	0.00
Liberty	60.00
Milton	0.00
Nuevo Amanecer	728.88
Phos	0.00
Pleasant View	0.00
Poplar Ridge	0.00
Providence	378.07
Sligo	1,147.07
Union Grove	180.00
Westport	1,363.43

Total Church Receipts 15,134.88

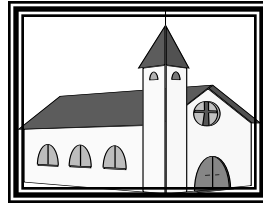
**Reported September 1, 2011
Through November 28, 2011**

Budgeted to date: 20,450.00

Received to date: 15,134.88

Under Budget: (5,315.12)

AMONG THE CHURCHES



Continue to be in prayer for **Covington** Baptist church as a pastor search continues.

Tom Starks resigned as pastor of the **Milton** Baptist Church. Pray for the members of the church as they seek God's direction.

Pastors and Staff members Birthdays/ Anniversaries

La Grange — **Tony Rose** celebrates his birthday December 10.

Beulah Land — **Doug and Sandy Acree** celebrate their wedding anniversary December 20.

Harrods Creek — **Darrell and Gwen Wilson** celebrate their wedding anniversary December 23.

Featured Pastors of the Month!

Philip Bruce — Union Grove
DeWayne Sowell — Westport
Clint Elliot — Antioch
Tony Wolfenbarger — Ballardsville

Pray for these pastors to effectively lead their churches in evangelism, discipleship and missions.

The Best Gift of All

Many of us enjoy the old tradition of exchanging gifts at Christmas. It can be fun to shop, buy, wrap and give gifts. But I am disturbed by the growing emphasis being placed on the commercial aspects of Christmas. Especially disturbing to me was the violence that occurred during the so called Black Friday shopping fiascos. Agree or disagree, but it is this writer's strong opinion that this is not the Christmas message. And yet, it was into a small town named Bethlehem that God sent His Gift during the collection of taxes and overcrowded streets, shops and hotels. At that time, one had to look hard to find and experience this long promised Gift. It seems that we, too, have to look carefully in order to find and experience Jesus during the Christmas flurry of our generation. God permitted the lowly shepherds to know the wonder of His Gift—Jesus. In Luke 2:8 ff we read:

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men... And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them." KJV

Let's make this Christmas a time to glorify and praise God for His Gift!

Randy's Remarks...



In the June issue, I wrote about my dad, Joseph Jones as a tribute for Father's Day. Now, at the time of this writing, I am sitting by his bedside watching him as his body gradually shuts down following a massive stroke. He can't speak and has been unresponsive since the day of his stroke. God has given him 90 years to journey through this world and is now preparing him for the end of this journey on earth and to enter into his Heavenly Home. My family and I are at peace with his passing from this life to be present with our Lord. It is a time of stress and grief for us but also a time of expressing love, gratitude, praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for permitting us to have a father and grandfather of Dad's strength, leadership and Christian example.

So much of who I am stems back to my father's protective love, discipline and Christian character. As a child, I wanted to please him and receive his praise and encouragement. The teen years led to me getting smarter and wiser than my dad. But somewhere along the way, I recognized how smart and wise he was and how little I really knew. He gave great counsel and magnified the Lord through his words and deeds. He has been a strong supporter of the local church with his stewardship of service, outreach, teaching, encouragement and giving. He loved and supported his pastors. Dad gave to missions causes and participated in missions trips. He has been one of the "good" guys!

I owe so much to him, and I am grateful that through the years I have been able to let him know of my love and appreciation for all that he has done to make my life journey a little easier and more effective. For those who may read this, let me encourage you to express your love and appreciation to folks while they are living. Bless people now!

Even though he is preparing to complete the course, he is leaving a great legacy to his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren: love your spouse (he and Mother have been married 69 1/2 years,) love, protect, discipline and provide for your family, love your church actively, love your neighbors, love the folks who don't know Christ as personal Savior, and most importantly love the Lord your God with all of your heart, mind and soul!

I am grateful to my father for providing the opportunities for me to know the Heavenly Father! WOW, what a legacy!!

Randy Jones, Director of Missions

What's Happening?

DECEMBER

Week of prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering December 4-11

- 1 Pastor/Staff lunch 12 noon at Applebee's in LaGrange
- 5 OTBA Vision Team meeting. Meeting at 7 pm at the Baptist Ministry Center
- 25 Christmas Day!

JANUARY

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
- 5 Pastor/Staff Lunch at 12 noon at the Hometown Buffet in Bedford
- 11 Oldham County Ministerial Association meeting at 12:30 pm at Baptist Hospital Northeast

FEBRUARY

- 2 Pastor/Staff Lunch 12 noon at Applebee's in La Grange

