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"For we are God's fellow workers" (1 Corinthians 3:9a NKJV).

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### October

10<sup>th</sup> Opal Brooks, pastor's wife, Mt Olivet

24<sup>th</sup> Harry Brooks, pastor, Mt Olivet

### November

6<sup>th</sup> Paul & Ann Gray, Minerva

14<sup>th</sup> Jeanene Cocanougher, Retired DOM's Wife

### December

1<sup>st</sup> Tony & Janet Bishop, Augusta First

19<sup>th</sup> Albert & Jean Simmons, Plainview

31<sup>st</sup> Bob Donovan, pastor, Locust Grove

\*If we have missed your birthday or anniversary please let us know so we can update our records.

## Around the Association

October 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Fall Meeting at Central Baptist Church Maysville

November 10<sup>th</sup> KBC Annual Meeting  
Severns Valley Baptist  
Church Elizabethtown, KY

## Prayer Concerns

Churches without a pastor:

Bethel Baptist, FBC Carlisle, Clearfield Baptist, Powersville Baptist, Stone Lick Baptist and FBC Vanceburg.

\*If you have a prayer request you would like to be added to this list please notify the association office by email at: [brackenassoc@kybab.com](mailto:brackenassoc@kybab.com)

## Monthly Church Prayer List

### October:

Sharpsburg Baptist  
Slaty Point Baptist  
Stonelick Baptist

### December:

Samaritan Baptist  
Bluegrass Cowboy  
Church

### November:

Union Baptist  
FBC Vanceburg

## A Word from the DOM

It's October and the holiday season will soon be upon us. That means pastors and ministry leaders will have a lot more on their plate regarding events, special services and planning meetings. In my experience as a pastor I remember that sometimes I allowed these busy times of the year in ministry to overwhelm me. Running from meeting to meeting, event to event and special service to special service. The holidays also meant a lot more counseling of members. Many are still grieving the loss of a loved one and during this time of year it seems more people are also seeking financial assistance. Due to the overwhelming schedule I usually had during the holidays I couldn't even really enjoy the holidays.

The reason I mention this is not to say the holiday season is bad. The holiday season is a great time of year and can be a great time of reflection on some of the most important things in life. However, there is some advice I would give pastors as well as church members during this time of year. First, make sure to remember the purpose of holidays you celebrate. Especially during Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. The purpose of the holiday season is to remind us of our Lord

and should lead us to worship of Christ. If your holiday schedule leaves out quality time with your family and genuine worship of Jesus but is filled with religious activity then you are missing the point of the holiday season.

Second, strategically plan your calendar for the holidays so the holiday events are not so overwhelming. There are some events you have to be present at for family and church as a Pastor. However, I would say there is a lot more events you can and should say no to then you will readily admit. Not that you want to be disrespectful or lazy but you have to protect your time. Others will quickly fill your calendar for you especially in ministry. So, plan in your calendar time for family, personal devotion and some much needed time off (as you should all year). Don't allow yourself to become too busy and let the holidays become a burden. Protect your time and enjoy the holiday season. May this Thanksgiving and Christmas be a blessing to your family as well as a great time of worship of our Lord Jesus.

In Christ Alone,

Rev. Dewayne Slusher  
Director of Missions

# Churches Giving to the Association in August

Church	Monthly Giving	Y-T-D Giving	Church	Monthly Giving	Y-T-D Giving	Church	Monthly Giving	Y-T-D Giving
Augusta, First		286.37	Foxport	50.00	400.00	Mt. Pisgah		188.26
Bethel			Garrison, First		600.00	Owingsville		214.42
Calvary		225.00	Germantown	86.00	726.00	Plainview		
Carlisle, First			Heselton			Powersville		600.00
Central	583.33	6,078.97	Irvingsville		1,408.85	Samaritan		
Clearfield	62.85	258.37	Lewisburg		1,078.17	Sharpsburg	50.00	400.00
Cowboy			Locust Grove	77.70	622.27	Slaty Point	1,500.00	1,500.00
Crosspoint			May's Lick		4,343.34	Stonelick	25.00	200.00
Crossroads			Maysville, First	100.00	300.00	Union		72.00
Dover			Minerva			Vanceburg, First	250.00	2,000.00
Ewing	300.00	3,260.00	Morehead, First					
Flemingsburg	304.36	2,503.27	Mt. Olivet		829.59			

**For Church Giving, we are now reporting YTD Actual (Jan-Dec)  
We greatly appreciate your partnership and generous giving  
to the work of the Association.**