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

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# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## January

25<sup>th</sup> Chris Bailey, pastor, Owingsville

## February

11<sup>th</sup> Jean Simmons, pastor's wife, Plainview

28<sup>th</sup> Janet Bishop, pastor's wife, Augusta First

## March

6<sup>th</sup> Harry & Opal Brooks, Mt Olivet

15<sup>th</sup> Christi Liess, pastor's wife, Maysville First

19<sup>th</sup> Kevin Cornette, pastor, May's Lick

23<sup>rd</sup> Sandy Cornette, pastor's wife, May's Lick

29<sup>th</sup> Albert Simmons, pastor, Plainview

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

# Prayer Concerns

## Churches without a pastor:

Bethel Baptist, FBC Carlisle, Clearfield Baptist, and Powersville Baptist

\*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)

# Around the Association

Jan. 15 - 16 Disaster Relief Training in Beaver Dam Baptist  
Beaver Dam, KY

Jan. 30 8:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Frisch's Maysville

Feb. 9 6:30 pm Executive Board Meeting

Feb. 12- 13 Disaster Relief Training at Porter Memorial Baptist  
Lexington, KY

March 16 12 pm Pastors Fellowship Lunch at Applebee's Maysville

April 12 6:30 pm Spring Meeting location TBD

**Plainview Baptist Church...** Jim Tipton, pastor 1976-78, passed away on December 6, 2015 and a memorial service was held on December 9 at Beech Grove Baptist Church in Lancaster, Kentucky where he pastored for the last 9 years. He was a pastor for 45 years and in Christian Education for over 30 years. He remained close to the Ridout and Applegate family at Plainview Baptist.

**Pastor Wives Fellowship...** Saturday, February 6th at 9:30 AM, Parc Cafe, Downtown Maysville. Text or call Emily at 727 608-8740 if you plan to come!

## Monthly Church Prayer List

### January:

FBC Augusta

Bethel Baptist

Calvary Baptist

### February:

FBC Carlisle

Central Baptist

Clearfield Baptist

### March:

Better Life Church

Crossroads Baptist

Dover Baptist

## A Word from the DOM

The Christmas season is over and now we are given the opportunity of the new year of 2016. The older I get the more aware I become of how little time I have left to have an impact with my life for the kingdom of Christ. As James says in James chapter 4 verse 14, "What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes." I am almost 35 years old now, which is still considered to be young. However, the average life expectancy of men is around 74 years old. That means I am almost half way through my time in this life if I live to the average age expectancy of men.

With this reality of how brief my life is I can respond a few different ways. I can try to live my life to the fullest and seek out all the pleasures, desires and comforts of this world. I can hide in a bunker and try to do everything I can to preserve my life and live as long as possible. Or I can come to the realization that life and the time given in this life is a gift of God to be used for his glory.

I am not going to try to tell you what it looks like for you specifically to live your life in a way that is glorifying to God. God has uniquely gifted each of us as believers and placed us in unique situations in life. So, not everyone is going to look the same in how they glorify God with their lives. I like the way Paul says it in 1 Corinthians 10:31 "So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

Challenging myself each day with the question, "Are my current choices in life glorifying to God?" have proven helpful to me. The choices we make in life are most generally decided because of what or whom we value the most. You choose the home in a safe neighborhood because you value your family and their safety. Would it instead of asking what is the safest thing for me to do? We ask how is God glorified in this decision? By doing this we place God as the highest priority in our life. Not our safety, financial security or our well being. We instead trust those things to God and focus our hearts and lives on glorifying him! As it says in Matthew 6:33 "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Glorifying God with our lives may place us in situations where we are not comfortable or safe from danger. However, the reality is that the time we are given is short. If we truly desire to glorify God with our lives we cannot waste time. If we truly want to see others come to faith in Christ we cannot waste time. Time is of the essence. Who or what do we truly value the most? Are we living for and bringing glory to Christ? As an old quote says, "Only one life twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last." What are we doing with the time God has given us?

In Christ Alone,  
Rev. Dewayne Slusher  
Director of Missions

# Churches Giving to the Association in December

Church	Monthly Giving	Y-T-D Giving	Church	Monthly Giving	Y-T-D Giving	Church	Monthly Giving	Y-T-D Giving
Augusta, First		596.26	Foxport	50.00	600.00	Mt. Pisgah		188.26
Bethel			Garrison, First	100.00	1,000.00	Owingsville		214.42
Calvary		300.00	Germantown	110.00	1,120.00	Plainview		
Carlisle, First			Heselton			Powersville		600.00
Central		7,828.96	Irvingsville		1,827.35	Samaritan		
Clearfield	33.00	389.65	Lewisburg	155.90	1,691.70	Sharpsburg	50.00	600.00
Cowboy			Locust Grove	94.16	953.56	Slaty Point		3,255.00
Crosspoint			May's Lick	738.40	7,836.12	Stonelick	25.00	300.00
Crossroads			Maysville, First		400.00	Union		72.00
Dover			Minerva			Vanceburg, First	300.00	2,900.00
Ewing	300.00	4,460.00	Morehead, First					
Flemingsburg	366.64	3,835.71	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.**