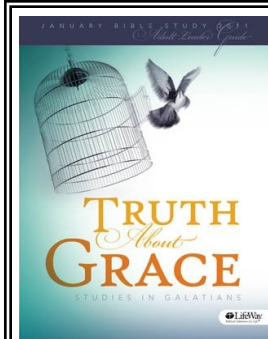




The Link Monthly Newsletter

DEC '10 / JAN ' 11



Winter Bible Study Overview of Galatians

Led by Dr. Don Mathis
Thursday, December 9, 2010
6:30—9 p.m.
at the WAB Building

This event is open to everyone!

Cost:
\$10 per person
FREE to WAB Pastors

Please R.S.V.P. to the office at 270-842-4160
so we can prepare materials for you.



DISCIPLE NOW WEEKEND

Becoming—Finding My Identity in Christ

January 14 & 15

At WKU Garrett Ballroom

\$10 Per Student

(Covers Saturday Lunch & T-Shirt)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 3, 2011

Disciple Now is a weekend where local churches in our association come together for worship, a speaker and small group Bible studies.

We will meet together for large group sessions on Friday night, Saturday morning and Saturday night. Saturday afternoon we will have a specific girls and guys time with events catered to each gender.

Seminary
Extension
Winter
Class



New Testament Survey, Part 2

January 13—March 10, 2011

Teacher: Rev. Tony Brown

Cost with books \$179.18

Cost without books \$114.20

For registration form, call the WAB office or visit our website.



From our Director of Missions

A few days ago at the Kentucky Baptist Convention there were some historic moments. First, Christ Fellowship, one of our newest congregations, voted to become a part of our Kentucky Baptist Convention family. As you may remember, we voted to bring Christ Fellowship and Community Church of Cedar Springs (mission of Oakland) into the Association under watch-care status at our Fall Semi-Annual Meeting. We also voted to reduce the size of our current Mission Board which should allow the Mission Board process to be more efficient. We elected new officers, made appointments to our boards and committees and we voted on a report from the Great Commission Task Force (which I am a part of) that we have been working on for over eight months to determine how Kentucky Baptists could better reach the lost around the world. The report that was approved by the convention has four parts. The first part is how each one of us as a Kentucky Baptist needs to give more to Christ. We have seen our baptism numbers around the state decline progressively over the past years and our resident membership plateau. We must seek ways to give **MORE TO CHRIST**. We must give Him more of our witness, our worship, our time, and yes, our money. The second point of the GCR Task Force report is that we reduce the amount of money that is kept in Kentucky to do our causes. We need to understand our International Mission Board force is in decline because we do not have enough money to keep our missionaries on the field. As you remember just this year, the Patterson and Lyon families were placed on hold because of lack of funding. What the convention voted to do is over the next 10 years it will reduce the amount of Cooperative Program monies for state use so that we can send more to where it is most needed. Did you know that 95% of the world's population lives outside the borders of the United States? The KBC budget for 2010-2011 allows 38% to go to Southern Baptist causes. Our vote on Tuesday will move us over the next 10 years to a 50% split to SBC causes. What will happen for the 2011-2012 budget is we will send 43.54% to SBC causes and keep 52.4% in state. For many of us, we may not understand all of the end result but one thing that should make us excited is this, on Tuesday our convention voted to increase dollars toward SBC causes. The bottom line is that **more money will go to the Mission Field!** This will come with some discomfort in the state on the front end BUT our call is to carry the Gospel Message around the world. What does that mean for your local church? A few years ago the average KBC church was sending 10% of their undesignated offerings to the Cooperative Program; today we give a little more than 6%. As we see CP dollars shrink, we also see the numbers of missionaries shrink. What we need is to be reminded that the Cooperative Program has been a great tool for Southern Baptists to do missions together. I ask you to look at your local church budget and see what percentage you are currently sending to CP. Then begin to educate yourself and your people about the GREAT work of the Cooperative Program. Once you see the value, you will do the second thing which is to begin to ask your church to move toward sending more to the Cooperative Program. Part three of the GCR report asks each church to make a commitment to increase their sending to CP by .25% a year for the next 10 years. What does that mean? For every 100 dollars your church sends CP we are asking for about 3 dollars more. Over the next 10 years this should correct our decline and help us reach the globe for Christ. The final point of the GCR Task Force was that this group stay together for the 10 years to monitor where we are to give a yearly report back to Kentucky Baptists. The Task Force has no power or authority only the ability to give a report of how Kentucky Baptists are responding to our Great Commission Command. History is still in the making and the history I see is a great revival that will begin in the churches across our state. Join me in prayer that God would send a GREAT REVIVAL and let it begin in the Churches of the Warren Association!

In His Name,
Jeff Crabtree

Churches are responsible for:

- ◆ All meals and snacks except lunch on Saturday
- ◆ Transportation to and from WKU
- ◆ Lodging (preferably church member's homes)
- ◆ Bible study leaders for homes (BCM students are available if you let WAB know by **December 3rd.**)
- ◆ Student Books—Not required but are very beneficial (\$3.99 per student if purchased; however, WAB will purchase the licensing fee so churches can download the handouts and print them instead of purchasing the actual book.) A DVD is also available that can be used to open each small group Bible study.
- ◆ **MEETING THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION!!!** (We will provide for the number of students turned in by the deadline. Additional students will mean additional charges; however, if you bring less than your turn in, you will still be charged for your original number.



A flyer is available in the WAB office or on our website which contains additional information.

Associational Giving October 2010

The following information is reported as money is received in our office . . . not by the check date.

Church	Receipts	Debt Receipts
Andrew	50.00	
Barren River	400.00	
Bethany	451.64	500.00
BG First Baptist	1,400.00	
Burton Memorial	659.92	
Calvary	200.00	
Christ Fellowship	331.38	
Clear Fork	233.32	
Crossland	500.00	
Dedicated	81.04	
Eastwood	2,406.38	
Faith	56.72	
Forest Park	1,840.43	
Friendship	255.94	
Glendale	100.00	
Greenwood	730.22	
Hillvue Heights	3,700.00	1,000.00
Iva	111.52	
Living Hope	1,583.33	
New Gasper	50.00	
Oak Forest Baptist	231.25	
Oakland	658.96	494.22
Plano	252.00	
Plum Springs	50.00	
Providence Knob	673.00	
Richardsville	321.66	
Rich Pond	2,282.26	1,141.13
Rocky Springs	233.60	
Scottsville Road	50.00	
Smiths Grove	333.33	
Southside	191.36	
Woodburn	1,308.32	1,250.00
TOTALS	21,727.58	4,385.35

Nueva Vida Hispanic Mission

Weekly Information October 2010



Date	Worship	Sunday School	\$ Offering
10/3	80	28	577.00
10/10	52	22	235.00
10/17	53	22	351.00
10/24	61	27	307.00
10/31	57	26	292.00
TOTALS	60.6 avg	25 avg	\$1,762.00

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR ASSOCIATION

NEW GASPER BAPTIST CHURCH is currently seeking a pianist. If interested, please call Rev. Don Cox at 270.202.0258.

WHITE STONE QUARRY BAPTIST CHURCH is seeking a pastor. Please send resume to Phillip Mitchell, C/O White Stone Quarry Baptist Church, 2764 Blue Level Road, Bowling Green, KY 42101.

Brownsville Missionary Baptist Church

Invites you to join them in honoring the birth of Christ in **WALK THROUGH BETHLEHEM**, an enactment of that special night when Christ was born in a manger in Bethlehem.

December 10—11 and 17—18

6—8 p.m.

Come experience our version of the town of Bethlehem on the night our Savior was born.

Rich Pond Baptist Church Presents . . .

THE CHRISTMAS POST . . . A Broadway-style musical

Step back in time to 1947 and watch the paintings of Norman Rockwell come to life at Homesboro, USA. This show is filled with music, fast-paced drama and comedy, making it fun for kids and grown-ups alike. See what can happen when you mix impossible situations with a little bit of faith.

Friday and Saturday, December 3 & 4 at 7 p.m.

Sunday, December 5 at 6 p.m.

For your free tickets call 270-842-2593 or visit www.richpond.org

In observance of Christmas, the WAB office will be closed December 24th — 31st. We will reopen January 3, 2011.

CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS



- ◆ Friendship Baptist Church
- ◆ Riverview Baptist Church
- ◆ White Stone Quarry Baptist Church

**WAB Executive Board Meeting
Monday, January 31, 2011
6:30 p.m. at the WAB Building**

For a detailed calendar, please visit our website at www.warrenassociation.org.

THE PERFECT GIFT



Blood Drive

Warren Association Of Baptists

In the Conference Room



**Monday, December 20th
3:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

Visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800 RED CROSS today to schedule an appointment.





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Merry

Christmas

It's Almost Jesus' Birthday

*It's almost Jesus' birthday . . . So let us not forget.
To give to Him the present, That He would like the best.
He doesn't want a stocking . . . Hung upon the tree.
Or lots of toys or presents, Like selfish you and me.*

*He only wants our love for Him, To shine out to the earth.
He wants us to tell others, About His miracle birth.
He wants us to bring all we know, To church to worship Him.
He wants us to remember . . . He died for all our sins.*

*Please focus on His birthday . . . The sacrifice God made.
To send His Son to live and die, So we could all be saved.
This tiny baby Jesus . . . Born in a lowly stall.
He came to bring salvation . . . To save us one and all.*

*This Christmas has more meaning . . . I'm calm and have such peace.
So let us bow before Him, And worship at His feet.
The church bells now are ringing, For you and I to bring . . .
Our gifts of praise and worship . . . To our Savior and our King.*

By: Valerie Rousseau

**We wish you a
Very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!
May we give thanks for
each and every blessing
given to us as we celebrate
the birth of our Savior and Lord.**

**In His Name,
Jeff Crabtree & Amy Smith**

