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2012 Missions Offerings

March: *Annie Armstrong Easter Offering*—North American Missions
 September: *Eliza Broadus Offering*—State Missions
 December: *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*—International Missions

Executive Board & Annual Meeting Dates for 2012

- ◆ Monday, January 30 at 6:30 p.m. Executive Board Meeting at WAB
- ◆ Monday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. Executive Board Meeting at WAB
- ◆ Tuesday, May 1 at 6 p.m. 121st Spring Semi-Annual Meeting at Barren River Baptist Church
- ◆ No July Meeting unless needed
- ◆ Tuesday, September 25 at 4 & 6:45 p.m. 121st Fall Semi-Annual Meeting at Oakland Baptist Church
- ◆ Monday, November 26 at 6:30 p.m. Executive Board Meeting at WAB

The WAB office will be CLOSED

- ◆ Friday, December 23, 2011 at noon thru Sunday, January 1, 2012 and reopen Monday, January 2 *Christmas & New Year's*
- ◆ Monday, January 16, 2012 *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*



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DEC 2011—JAN 2012



2011 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®
 National Goal: \$175 million
 Week of Prayer for International Missions: December 4 – 11, 2011



**Seminary Extension
 Winter Term Begins!**
 January 12—March 15, 2012
 7—9 p.m. on Thursdays
 Warren Association of Baptists Building

RE 260—Educational Ministry in the Church
 [3 hours— Level Two Course]
 Led by Rev. Jeff Crabtree

Cost is \$221.18 (books included)

For more information or to register for the class, please call the Warren Association office at 270.842-4160 or go to our website at www.warrenassociation.org.

Looking to
 GROW YOUR
 CHURCH
 by growing your
 Sunday School?
 LOOK NO FURTHER . . .



January 21, 2012
 9 a.m.—3 p.m.
 at Smiths Grove Baptist Church
 Cost is \$20 per person (*lunch is included*)
 Darryl Wilson, *Director—Church Development Team, of the Kentucky Baptist Convention*, will be leading this training specifically designed for pastors and core Sunday School leadership teams. If your church is interested in participating, or for more information, please contact the WAB office at 270.842.4160 or email jeff@warrenassociation.org.

THIS EVENT WILL ONLY HAPPEN IF WE HAVE AT LEAST 10 CHURCHES INVOLVED.

Bi-Vocational Pastors' Gathering
 Monday, January 9, 2012
 6:30 p.m. at the WAB office

Bi-Vocational Pastors' & Wives' Retreat
 February 10 & 11, 2012
 at Mammoth Cave Hotel
 Cost is \$50 per couple (*includes room and 3 meals*)
 Pre-register by February 1, 2012 by calling the WAB office at 270.842.4160.

Bracken Association Trip for Pastors
 Saturday, January 28, 2012

This trip will allow us to get to know some of the pastors in the Bracken Association and also give us a better picture of what the partnership will look like over the next 5 years. If you are interested in going, please contact the WAB office.

From our Director of Missions

What a blessed time of the year! Many family, friends, and work events are slated for this season. In all of our business we could find that we missed the main event, the celebration of the Christ child coming to earth in the form of Jesus, this one event was to heal us of sin! What a blessed time to pause, and replay the miracle of God wrapping himself in flesh a **PRICELESS GIFT!**

With this thought in mind what do we give to Him that has done so much for us? What does giving *More for Christ* mean to you? *More For Christ* in the Warren Association means partnering with the Bracken Association for the next five years. *More for Christ* for Debbie Dale at **Eastwood Baptist** means seeing one Japanese mother and two children accepting Jesus as Savior because of English as a Second Language. *More for Christ* at **Friendship Baptist** means beginning a children's ministry that is reaching into their community. *More for Christ* at **Highland Baptist** means a record giving to the Eliza Broadus Offering this year. *More for Christ* at **Whitestone Baptist** means baptisms this year. *More for Christ* at **Rocky Springs Baptist** means starting up Sunday Night activities again. *More for Christ* at **Brownsville Missionary Baptist** means a WALK THROUGH BETHLEHEM. *More for Christ* at **Southside Baptist** means missions education and opportunities. What has been happening at your church as we focus on *More For Christ*, let me know so that we can see how the churches in Warren Association are doing *More For Christ!*

As mentioned above, at our last Executive Board Meeting in November, we voted unanimously to partner with the Bracken Association for the next five years. What does that mean to us? First, it is one way we can connect our pastors to their pastors to be an encouragement. We are already seeing some great partnerships develop between our churches and theirs. On January 28th we will travel to the Bracken Association for a "getting to know you" meeting where we will discuss this new partnership. I would ask that you and your church begin to pray for our partnerships to see what God may be calling you and your church to do. If you have questions about the Bracken-Warren Partnership, please give me a call!

Finally, this has been a great year! We have seen another record baptism number with 1,064! Three churches added to our number. Along with the great spirit of unity that God continues to develop in our association. On a personal note, this year has been a blessing for our family with Andrea and Nick getting married in July. Thanks for the pouring out of love on our family this year Lord through the churches of the Warren Association of Baptists!

In His Name,
Jeff Crabtree



In October, we were able to visit the Victory Baptist Church in the Xipurapura refugee camp, South Africa. We returned to find the church meeting weekly, serving one another and gathering under a tin structure that they had constructed. Thanks be to God! An OTV supporter provided money to construct a baptismal. During the two weeks of our visit, we watched the men of the camp make bricks to construct the baptismal. On October 30, thirty-six new believers were obedient to be baptized in the home-made baptismal. Praise God for His faithfulness! Pray for these believers that they will grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ. If you would like to know more, contact us at www.ontovictory.org or see our page on facebook.



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**2012 Kentucky WMU
Missions Celebration
& Annual Meeting**
March 23—24, 2012
Somerset, KY
Beacon Hill Baptist Church

www.kywmu.org

Warren Association of Baptists

- ◆ Monday, April 23, 2012 6:45 p.m. NIV
- ◆ Tuesday, April 24, 2012 6:45 p.m. KJV & HCSB

**State Drill is on Saturday, May 5 at 10 a.m.
at Bowling Green First Baptist Church**

CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

- ◆ Bethany Baptist Church
- ◆ Highland Baptist Church
- ◆ New Gasper Baptist Church

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

Associational Giving 2011				
<i>The following information is reported as money is received in our office . . . not by the check date.</i>				
Church	Receipts		Debt Receipts	
	Oct	Nov	Oct	Nov
Andrew	50.00	50.00		
Barren River	200.00	200.00		
Bethany	422.06	470.14	500.00	500.00
BG First Baptist	1,400.00	2,800.00		
Calvary		200.00		
Cedar Springs	147.96	241.55		
Christ Fellowship		209.49		
Clear Fork	193.27	220.36		
Crossland	500.00	500.00		
Eastwood	2,678.63	3,064.29		
Faith	47.74	129.49		
Forest Park	348.59	509.58		
Friendship	253.06	331.63		
Greenwood	198.06	238.79		
Highland Baptist	500.00			
Hillview Baptist		150.00		150.00
Hillvue Heights	3,700.00	3,700.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Iva		55.72		
Jackson Grove		60.00		
Living Hope	1,668.33	1,668.33		
Meadow Land	93.00	132.00		
New Gasper		100.00		
Oak Forest Baptist	256.84	287.95		
Oakland	500.00	500.00		400.00
Plano	577.00	291.00		
Plum Springs	50.00	50.00		
Providence Knob	590.00	522.00		
Richardsville	412.50	349.50		
Rich Pond		4,209.76		2,104.89
Rocky Springs	249.57	279.63		
Scottsville Road	50.00	50.00		
Smiths Grove		333.32		
Southside	527.65			
State Street		150.00		
Woodburn	1,548.65	1,875.80	1,250.00	
TOTALS	17,162.91	23,930.33	2,750.00	4,154.89

Nueva Vida Hispanic Mission			
Weekly Information for October & November			
Date	Worship	Sunday School	Offering
10/02/11	60	24	300.00
10/09/11	62	31	306.00
10/16/11	75	35	547.00
10/23/11	55	28	210.00
10/30/11	63	28	390.00
TOTALS	63 avg	29.2 avg	\$1,753.00
11/06/11	58	28	287.00
11/13/11	51	28	343.00
11/20/11	48	21	150.00
11/27/11	57	23	294.00
TOTALS	53.5 avg	25 avg	\$1,074.00

BULLETIN BOARD

- ◆ **Brownsville Missionary Baptist Church** invites you to join them in a WALK THROUGH BETHLEHEM , December 16th & 17th, 6—8 p.m. each night. 415 Main St., Brownsville, KY. Contact Chris Mathews at 270.597.6542 for more information.
- ◆ **Baptist Mixed Bowling League**—Teams are now forming. Begins January 6 and goes until early-mid March. \$10 per night per person. Southern Lanes—Friday nights at 6:45 p.m. To sign up as a team or as an individual who would like to be on a team, contact Doug Jenkins at 270.781.1922 or dougjenkins@insightbb.com.
- ◆ **Need a Good Laugh?** Jeff Allen, a Christian comedian featured regularly on FOCUS ON THE FAMILY and XM RADIO, will be in Bowling Green on Thursday, January 26th, 2012 at South Warren Middle/High School Auditorium. Tickets may be purchased for \$15 at christianfamilyradio.com , LifeWay Stores, and the Christian Family Radio office. Show starts at 7 p.m.; doors open at 6:15 p.m. For a preview, go to jeffallencomey.com All proceeds will go to ship a humanitarian aid container to Zimbabwe. For more information, contact Lisa Williams at 270.996.3974.
- ◆ **First Baptist Church, Franklin**— Is hosting a Simulcast "NO REGRETS" Conference for Men—With key note speaker: Dr. Tony Evans on February 4, 2012. The cost is \$10 per person (lunch included). For more information, contact shanedoan@att.blackberry.net or jgifford@franklinfbc.org. To read more about the conference or speaker, go to www.menwithnoregrets.org.



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Forest Park Baptist Church is looking for a part-time Worship Leader. The worship leader will work with the pastor to plan and lead Sunday morning Worship Services. Other responsibilities include directing choir practice, leading praise team, and overseeing the music program. This will require approximately 10—15 hours a week. If you are interested, please call the church at 270.843.3419.

Woodburn Baptist Church is currently seeking qualified candidates to fill the following staff positions:

- ◆ Director of Children's Ministries (Part-time position serving both locations)
- ◆ Minister of Youth and Young Adults (Full-time position serving both locations)

For a detailed job description and how to apply, please visit www.woodburnbaptist.org.