



CINCINNATI AREA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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Ken Dillard– College Ministry Retirement after 33 Years

Dr. Ken Dillard has been serving in collegiate ministry in Cincinnati since 1992, over 31 years ago. He has announced his retirement to take effect at the end of May 2023. Ken is taking on the pastorate at First Baptist Mt. Healthy, where he has been parttime for two years. Ken has had a close relationship working with the Cincinnati Area Baptist Association (CABA).

To help you know the background, Ken's college ministry, largely on the University of Cincinnati campus, underwent changes in 2016 when NAMB withdrew funding nationwide from Baptist campus ministries (BCM or BSU). Ken launched the Collegiate Ministry Group in 2017 to be able to continue leading college ministry in Cincinnati. CABA agreed to continue providing "The House," a 100 year-old building on Clifton Ave. as a meeting place. Ken regularly provided updates through the CABA association's newsletter, *Focus*. However, Ken's support and operational costs have been the sole responsibility of CMG for seven years. CABA continues to have one seat on their Trustee board.

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Pictured: The
Installation Service for
Ray Park as pastor of
Power Mission Baptist
Ch. They had great
speakers and video
congrats from Korea.
Ray is in the light blue
shirt next to Hana, his
wife. The two hour
service was followed
by Korean Barbeque.

See more Around the Association on page 6.

1 Big Thing: 10 Ways a Local Church Can Help a Missionary



Chuck Lawless, Southeastern Seminary

I spend a lot of time with missionaries. Based on my conversations with them over the last year, here are some ways your church can help them:

This one's probably not a surprise, but here's the point: many churches say they pray for missionaries but seldom actually get there. Missionaries depend on your church's prayer

so really do it. Regularly.
Strategically. Passionately.

2. Plan your trips with their input. Too many churches do mission trips, but they make their plans and on-the-ground connections without talking with missionaries. That's not helpful.

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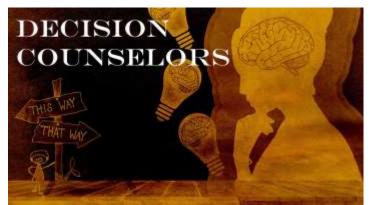
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- ... And much more!

When I accepted Jesus as my Savior as a boy, I walked the aisle at the end of an evangelistic service. Someone filled out a card with my name and address and then the pastor presented me to the church. I was voted in as a member right on the spot pending my baptism.

Churches today are taking a closer look at how they receive decisions. Those who continue to live a lifestyle contrary to biblical teaching are being received under a form of "watchcare." They don't have voting rights and cannot hold office, serve on committees, be a messenger, or be approved as a Bible study teacher. In some churches, this requires a change to bylaws and constitutions.

Counselors are on the frontlines of decisionmaking and follow-up. Just as we say in sports, "the best offense is a good defense," so the best follow-up is good preparation. Prayer for revival and spiritual awakening saturate everything the counselor will ever do on behalf of the church. They must know how to lead someone to faith in Christ and use their testimony when appropriate to do so.

It is important to be security-minded and sensitive to those who come forward. "Why have you come today?" is still the best question to use to greet people making decisions. A child may have come on a dare. A college student may admit looking for a place to meet a godly spouse. A man may want help paying his car payments. An older adult may want to be in a church where their children belong. And, of course, there are those who are making spiritual decisions with eternal consequences!



Decision Counselors and Follow-up

Mark Snowden



Listening is the key. My wife was a decision counselor in a church when we lived in another state. A woman came forward and the pastor nodded to Mary Leigh to accompany the woman to a counseling room. The married woman confessed to having an affair with a co-worker. My wife was coached to listen carefully and arrange a meeting with one of the church staff, which she did.

Children and students should not be escorted by an older man into a private counseling room. All they have to say is, "he touched me," and, well, it's over. Despite having had a godly reputation, it will be instantly ruined. Counseling with parents present is always advised or in a pinch, a front pew in the open is advised.

After the decision is made, and made public, new believers must be discipled intentionally. They may be carrying baggage from another religious background.

Training is available from this association to help your church be trained in salvation, baptism, assurance of salvation, rededication, church membership, discipleship, and Christian ministry.

Decision counselors have that immediate relationship that works perfectly for evangelistic follow-up. Invite parents, spouses, or friends to join in, too. When you reinforce the decision and the Gospel message, they may follow Christ, too.

I'm available to help you train your church's decision counselors.

(This article first ran in *The Pathway*, a publication of the Missouri Baptist Convention.)

First Baptist Atlanta does a great job training their Decision Counselors.

https://www.fba.org/counseling/decision-counseling

"The bandwidth we have in people's lives has been shrinking and COVID accelerated that, so we had better be really intentional."

--Brad Cunningham, pastor, Liberty Heights Church, on making disciples

Jeremy Westbrook, Executive Director, State Convention of Baptists in Ohio

Editor's Note: Giving to CABA is separate from giving to the Cooperative Program and the SCBO.

Did you know that as an SCBO church, your church receives a monthly remittance form with choices to give and help advance the Kingdom of God? You can participate in the Cooperative Program, which fuels our mission boards, seminaries, and state convention. Also, there is an option to give to Ohio Only and keep your giving here in the Buckeye State. Also, The Ray Roberts state missions offering helps to fund disaster relief efforts and church planting, replanting, and revitalization efforts here in Ohio.

You can even pay your registration fees to an event or designate a gift under the "other" category. There is now an option to give online if that is more convention for you at www.scbo.org/give. While there are many avenues to give, most churches still give to and through the Cooperative Program to not only stay in friendly

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Giving Form

Complete the form below and return to

the SCBO along with your contribution

cooperation, but to help advance the mission and train the next generation. This is not the time to lean out, but to lean in. I am grateful that more SCBO churches gave to the CP in 2022 than in 2021. Why? Because we truly are better together, stronger together and therefore, must cooperate together.

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Ken's retirement was announced last Fall. It stated that he had been serving since January 1, 1992. The letter was mailed to all CABA churches. It pointed out that he had been "a mentor, teacher, maintenance man, evangelist, discipler, organizer, leader, servant,

and friend to thousands of students, faculty, staff, and many others through relationships with churches in the area." When Ken was recognized at CABA's Semi-Annual meeting in late March, he was given a standing ovation.

The Collegiate Ministry Group's Trustees are presently interviewing

candidates to keep the CMG going for another 31 years!

See Ken's farewell article on page 8.

"Authenticity is needed since young adults are inundated by information.

There is lots of anxiety.

Share your lives with students and let them see the real you."

--Grant Rohfler, pastor, H2O Church, on Reaching the Next Generation



Lamar Ferrell led CABA's new Evangelism Cohort on April 11 for an interactive discussion on three important aspects of evangelizing today's community leaders.

Three spaces include:

- 1. Worship centers -- your church primarily, but also your Christian circle
- 2. Marketplace -- those places in which you interact with people



Evangelizing Your Community's Power Centers

Lamar Ferrell
Berachah Church



Those two have to be in place before #3 can occur:

3. Invitations into their world to freely convey the Gospel message.

Pastors from the Cincinnati Area participated and Mark Snowden, director, CABA served as host.

Here is the link on CABA's YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-EpflJjq9xA

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- 3. **Make a long-term commitment to work with them.** One short-term trip can be helpful, but an ongoing commitment that allows for strategic partnership is better.
- 4. **Ask them what you can bring them.** Maybe it's food they can't get where
 they live, or a book that costs too much to ship,
 or something for their kids. Bring gifts
- 5. Talk with them before you make commitments to national believers.

 Missionaries are typically leading nationals to become self-dependent, challenging their own believers to give sacrificially. The dollars we give without missionaries' input can actually hinder their work.
- 6. **Pray for the people they're trying to reach.** Missionaries love their people, and they want you to love them, too. Knowing others are interceding for them empowers missionaries to press on in their work.
- 7. Actually read and respond to their newsletter and emails. Even a short "We're thinking about you" or "Thank you for keeping us informed" can be encouraging to a missionary who sometimes feels tired and alone.
- 8. **Talk with them regularly.** Missionaries are busy, but they'll take time to talk with churches who genuinely care. Ask them about their work. Listen and learn, and you'll strengthen somebody's heart.

- 9. **Provide housing and an automobile while they're in the States.** When these things are already provided for them when they come back, their rest time is that much more peaceful.
- 10. **Give sacrificially to missions offerings.**The dollars we give really do make a difference around the world. Give until it hurts, and lives will be changed.

Article originally printed in The Pathway, newsjournal of Missouri Baptists





We want to welcome Jake Day, pastor of Freedom Baptist, to the ALT. He was approved to replace Mark Baugh as a Trustee. Mark had to resign for health reasons.

Our churches have contributed \$113,439.95 through the first 6 months of our fiscal year, which is \$22.55 higher than the same period last year.

Admin News

Allen Suit Administrative Leadership Team



NEW to CABA Block Party Trailers:

Trailer #3-This is our newest Block Party Trailer and it is now ready to be reserved. It is kept at First Baptist Church South Lebanon, 505 West Mason Road, South Lebanon, Ohio 45065. This trailer includes one Standard Bounce House, a Blackstone Griddle, a Portable Sound System, three food machines: snow cone, popcorn and cotton candy, 1 10'x10' awning, 2 6' Folding Tables, 1 Cornhole Set and 2 generators. We do not provide food or paper products on the trailer and you will need to provide your own propane tank and utensils to cook. This trailer is a 14ft. trailer and requires at least a 3/4-ton pickup truck to pull it. Use only a 2 5/16 in. ball to tow. The CABA Church user fee is \$140 and for non-CABA Churches, the fee is \$200.00.

Signs and Pictures-We are adding clear signage and pictures to the trailers so that there is no mistaking where each amenity belongs. If a church consistently mishandles the placement of the equipment while packing up, it will be addressed.

The Required Training Video The training video on TRESS has been updated and is now only 28 minutes long. This video has replaced the annual training day that was once mandatory to churches who desired to reserve a trailer. Now each church may train their volunteers online in less than 30 minutes. This training is required for all volunteers who help in your event.

<u>TRESS Registration Page</u> – CABA has removed its registration page on the Trailer Reservation System (TRESS). You will now be greeted with all the links to make your reservation (pictured to right). Look for a new web update soon!

Block Party Trailer Update

Diane SibcyBlock Party Trailer Coordinator



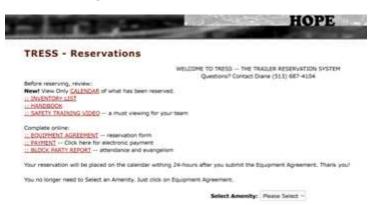
NOT SO NEW to CABA Block Party Trailers

<u>Our Mission</u>-Our mission remains the same. We have been called to take the good news of Jesus Christ to the world around us. So, what are we waiting for? Let's do this!

Matthew 24:14 "And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

If you have any questions, feel free to call or e-mail me at:

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"Do not see Resistors as enemies to be overcome, but as advisors helping you turn a good idea into a great idea."

-- Brent Wilson, pastor, Fellowship Baptist, on handling change



Midland Baptist honored two deacon anniversaries. L-R Mark Snowden, CABA; Keith Crank, Pastor; Dalmos Roe, 20 years; and Larry Bays, 50 years.

Lakota Hills BC

Around the Association



Nick Spencer, Clough Pike BC's Family Pastor in Cincinnati, gave testimony at the Ohio Statehouse before the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee on a bill that would provide greater access to education options for their children and that would allow them greater power to choose what education best fits the needs of their child. He answered questions from legislators and made a number of contacts to continue fighting for and supporting the kids.

88.5%

Left: Phil Hopper, pastor, Hill Station BC and members from his church helped renovate a church in Budapest, Hungary.

Top 5 Baptisms **Total Baptisms** Top 5 Baptisms % of AM Worship Per Capita Berachah Church 32 Midland BC 30.8% **Urbancrest BC** Mercy Hill 20.0% 29 H2O Church, UC Georgetown BC 18.5% 27 H2O Church, UC Lakota Hills BC 21 16.4% Northview BC Liberty Heights Church 20 (T) 16.0% Mercy Hill 20 (T) **Top 5 Avg SS Total** Total Avg. SS Top 5 SS % of AM Worship Per Capita **Urbancrest BC** Abundant Life Church 113.3% 442 Liberty Heights Church Christ the King Eastern Hills 100.0% (T) 434 Berachah Church H2O Church, UC 100.0% (T) 417 Christ the King (Uptown) University BC 92.6% 268

CABA PACESETTERS - 2022 Annual Church Profile (ACP) Report

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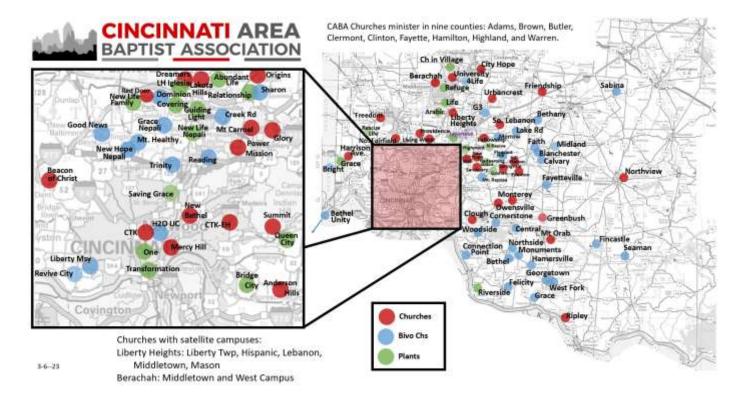
Midland BC

CABA's Semi-Annual Meeting

Food and fellowship was shared before the start of the meeting.



Above: The Covering Church provided worship at the Semi-Annual Meeting. GC3 Summit. Duane Walz is pastor.



I am sitting here in the Tangeman Student Center on the campus of the University of Cincinnati. This is my last day on campus with students. Next week is finals week and then they will be gone. At the end of May, so will I. I will transition from campus ministry to the pastorate. Forgive me as I reminisce for a moment.

In 1977, after serving as a college student summer missionary for ten weeks, my call to ministry came as a question. "You made yourself available for ten weeks, would you make yourself available?" No vocation, no location, just availability. In 1982 the question got a little more interesting. "Everything the world has to offer is available on the college campus, would you make Me available there?" In 1987, after a long wrestling with seminary preparation, I took my first role as campus minister in Phoenix, Arizona at Grand Canyon University, then a Baptist college. In January of 1992, I moved my wife and kids to an unknown land called Ohio and God asked me to make Him available to students at the University of Cincinnati. I have been here ever since, just being available and making the Christ available to the college community.

These students are the reason I came. This is such a critical time of life for a young adult. They are making all the big decisions that will guide their steps and their faith for decades to follow. Our campuses are populated by men and women, not kids, who are seeking life answers. This place of ministry is strategic in reaching the world for Jesus and is usually done best reaching them one at a time and teaching other students to reach their campus one life at a time. I have several highlights that come to mind. I enjoy teaching, especially the scriptures. I have done this with large group worship, conferences, retreats, and events. But I especially value the times sitting oneon-one with students. Here we talk about life, faith, and apply Truth. I value all the international trips (Russia, Israel, China, Turkey, Japan, India, Uruguay) where students learned to make God available in new and different cultures, but all with the same need of the Gospel.

"How do you know..." is a common beginning to a conversation with a student wrestling with the challenges of life. The campus has changed over the years, but the students still bring a lot of the same questions. They need to see that God is working in them, around them, and through them all the time. He is preparing them through experience, education, adversity with family, health, finances, and especially He is preparing them through His word for their next steps.

I love the local church. Our family joined FBC Mt. Healthy in 1992. We have been there ever since. I have served churches as a guest, an interim pastor, a confidant for young pastors, and even had the joy to

Availability

Ken Dillard
Collegiate Ministry Group (CMG)



pastor for six years at the Bridge Church at Miami University. One piece of life I have often shared with students wrestling with their future is "everything that I have ever done has prepared me for what I am doing now. Why shouldn't I think that this is just preparation for what I am doing next?" Now here I am, a co-vocational pastor, both on the campus and at Mt. Healthy. We were loved into that church in '92 and this church family is still loving on me and my family today.

The logistics and practices and rhythms are different from campus ministry, but the need for an available Savior, an available grace, an available guidance is still present. I am excited for the new challenge and the new chance to see God work in lives engaged in the next phases of life. These too are precious and precarious events. I am excited to make Jesus available to them.

Like so many churches today, FBC is rebounding from the impact of COVID. These amazing people are holding each other close, inviting their friends and neighbors, sharing their faith in word and deed. We are seeing God move intentionally and steadily as we rebuild, redesign, and recommit to make Him available in our community.

My wife, Mary Kay, and I met during our years involved at a college campus ministry. We married in 1979 and have three grown children and a couple of amazing grandmanchilds. Her gifts of hospitality and grace have fed many college students. She has enabled me to go and do. She sometimes would go with me, but often would hold down the home front as I was out.

For me, it has always been about the students and now my focus shifts to the local church. The future of college ministry and the local church is good. God is not done on the campus or in the local congregation. It is filled with rising cultural challenges and changes. But the Word of God is sufficient and available to all. It is my joy and yours to make it available today and tomorrow and wherever that we find ourselves.

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and friendship. None of this needs to ever stop.

Blessings.

Ken and Mary Kay Dillard

Church plants are sometimes not thought of as mission sending churches since they are just starting and trying to get things up and running. Don't tell that to the Covering Church which recently commissioned

and sent out their first overseas missionaries to serve in Poland with the hope of eventually serving in the Ukraine.

Joe and Stephanie Hall had served as the youth directors at the Covering. They will now minister to refugees from the Ukraine in Warsaw, Poland. Pastors Duane Walz and Justin



Lee each gave a great word of encouragement to the Halls. The Covering Church sent them off with a lot of prayer and a large monetary gift. Congratulations to the Covering Church for sending out what they hope will be the first of many missionaries.



One of my favorite things to do is to visit church plants when they launch out with a Sunday service.

SEND Network News

Oliver Hawkins
Church Planting Catalyst, NAMB



Lakota Hills Hispanic Church launched on Sunday April 2nd with over 30 people in attendance. According to the person sitting in front of me Pastor Bob Allen preached a good sermon. I have to go off of their opinion, since I could not understand much of what he had to say. Bob and Kari Allen are doing a fantastic job planting this new church.

The Send Gathering was held in Columbus April 12th-15th. Over five-hundred church planters and sending Pastors were in attendance. Thirty of those were from Cincinnati. The President of the Send Network Vance Pitman spoke, along with several other interesting speakers. The challenge was made to work with churches to plant 11,000 new churches over the next ten years that would each multiply by planting at least one new church. This totaling 22,000 new churches that would each reach 125 people with the gospel. That would add 2.75 million new believers, which is 1% of the United States population. This is definitely a God sized vision but we are praying that God will start a church planting movement that will even exceed this goal. If your church has an interest in planting a church or you feel God calling you to be a church planter contact us. We exist to come alongside churches to assist them in church planting or replanting. Thank you for your gifts to the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering which allows us to support church planting in many tangible ways.

"Invite the church plant to your facility for a grill-out and community outreach. This will help *mentor* and encourage the church plant with hands-on discipleship."

-- Tom Pendergrass, pastor, Urbancrest Baptist, on supporting church planters

CABA CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS OCTOBER 2022 - MARCH 2023

Church Contributions thru March	TOTAL	Lakota Hills Baptist Church	3,893.32
4LIFEWorship	300.00	Liberty Heights Church	3,750.00
Abundant Life Church	50.00	Liberty Missionary Baptist Church	150.00
Anderson Hills, First Baptist Church	995.00	Life Church in Monroe	0.00
Arabic Church	0.00	Living Water Baptist Church	0.00
Beacon of Christ Church	1,350.00	Mercy Hill	0.00
Berachah Church	1,000.00	Midland Baptist Church	641.51
Bethany Baptist Church	0.00	Monterey Baptist Church	1,947.33
Bethel Baptist Church	600.67	Monuments Baptist Church	900.81
Bethel Unity Baptist Church	0.00	Morrow Baptist Church	2,400.00
Blanchester Community Ministries	0.00	Mt. Carmel Baptist Church	10,569.78
Bridge City Church	0.00	Mt. Healthy, First Baptist Church	1,697.23
Bridgeway Church, Moscow	0.00	Mt. Orab, First Baptist Church	1,636.17
Bright, First Baptist Church	608.07	Mt. Repose Church	1,611.63
Calvary Baptist, Blanchester	0.00	New Bethel Baptist Church	1,698.57
Central Baptist, Williamsburg	2,064.37	New Hope Baptist Church	600.00
Christ The King Church, Cincinnati	1,041.66	New Hope (Nepali) Church	200.00
Christ The King Church/Eastern Hills	0.00	New Life Family Church (Nepali)	60.00
Church in the Village, The	1,129.00	North Fairfield Baptist Church	900.00
Cincinnati Tamil Church	0.00	Northside Bethel Baptist Church	300.00
City Hope	0.00	Northview Baptist Church	1,749.66
Clough Pike Baptist Church	8,872.19	Oaks Community Church, The	0.00
Connection Point Church	1,200.00	One Church	0.00
Covering Church, The	0.00	Origins Church, Cincinnati	0.00
Cornerstone Baptist Church	1,911.39	Owensville, First Baptist Church	0.00
Creek Road Baptist Church	2,309.41	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	300.00
Dominion Firehouse Chapel	100.00	Power Mission Baptist Church	600.00
Dreamers Church	240.00	Providence Bible Fellowship	1,249.98
Edenton, First Baptist Church	1,798.80	Queen City Church	0.00
Faith Baptist Church	882.07	Reading, First Southern Baptist Church	0.00
Fayetteville, First Baptist Church	237.02	Red Door Church	0.00
Felicity, First Baptist Church	2,746.37	Redeeming Grace Church	0.00
Fellowship Baptist Church	2,000.00	Refuge Church	0.00
Fincastle Baptist Church	75.00	Relationships Indian Community Ch	0.00
Freedom Baptist Church	1,200.00	Rescue Life Church	0.00
Friendship Baptist Church	829.44	Revive City Church	900.00
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G3 Community Church	1,800.00	Ripley 1st Southern Baptist Church	501.44
Georgetown Baptist Church	0.00	Sabina Baptist Church	1,300.00
Glory Baptist Church of Cincinnati	500.00	Sanctuary Church	0.00
Good News Baptist Church	467.21	Saving Grace Community Church Seaman FBC	2,956.00
Goshen Community Church	211.00		
Grace Baptist, Higginsport	0.00	Sharon Baptist Church	1,797.57
Grace Church, Harrison	0.00	South Lebanon, First Baptist Church	4,337.13
Grace Nepali Baptist Church		Springvale Baptist Church	1,222.76
Greenbush Baptist Church	454.80	Summit Church Transformative Life Church	300.00
Guiding Light Church	0.00	Transformative Life Church	150.00
Hamersville Baptist Church	1,752.54	Trinity Community Church	0.00
Harrison Avenue Baptist Church	1,541.85	University Baptist Church	2,592.99
Highpoint Church	0.00	Urbancrest Baptist Church	16,900.00
Hill Station Baptist Church	699.67	Well Church, The	576.00
Holy Immanuel Church	0.00	West Union Southern Pontict	124.09
H2O Church UC	600.00	West Union Southern Baptist	491.00
Iglesia Bautista, Lakota Hills	0.00	Woodside Church	0.00 2.462.F0
Japanese Fellowship, Bible Study	0.00	TOTAL (Plants are in bold) \$11.	3,462.50
Lake Road Baptist Church	90.00		

AFTERTHOUGHT

"Don't preach them into Hell."

-- Sherrill Sizemore, Urbancrest Baptist, on leading funerals for non-Christians

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

- 4 National Day of Prayer
- 11 Trustees, 10 a.m., CABA office
- 16 Consultants, 11:30 a.m., CABA office
- 17 ALT, 9:30 a.m., CABA office Staff, 2 p.m., CABA office
- 29 Office Closed, Memorial Day Holiday

June

11-12 SBC Pastors' Conf, New Orleans, LA 13-14 SBC Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA 27 ALT, 9:30 a.m., CABA office



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