

The Best Missions Catalyst



James Kerr,
Pastor, Clough Pike
Baptist Church

The world population has eclipsed 8,000,000,000 people. There is more lostness in the world today than ever before. Jesus is the answer to the lostness of the world. He's the only hope for the 8,000,000,000 souls today. And it just may be a Sunday school teacher who can make the biggest impact on the world's lostness.

You read that right, I didn't say pastor or missionary but children's Sunday school teacher.

Betty Howard and Jewell Shearer grew up in mining camps in Kentucky before moving to Cincinnati, where they began teaching preschool Sunday school. Ms. Betty and Ms. Jewell have taught Sunday school at Clough Pike Baptist Church, where I am now the pastor, for 50 years. They have taught preschool Sunday school and Vacation Bible School, and those who have passed through their classes have gone on to serve the Lord all over the world.

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Jonathan Lawler, FBC Mt Orab, shared his adoption story of an African-American baby at the Make Us One gathering at Good News Baptist, Jerome Byrd, pastor.

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Creating a Missions Culture

No current IMB personnel have been sent by a CABA church. A few years ago I conducted a study among newly-commissioned IMB missionaries and learned that there were several key points that God used to mobilize them for missions:

- Attended a children's missionary training program, primarily the WMU's Royal Ambassadors or Girls in Action.
- Participated in an overseas missions project. Most were returning to serve where they visited and worked.
- Took a missions class while in seminary even if they weren't getting a missions degree.
- Stayed abreast of international news, especially in times of human need.

- At least half said God had used a pastor's sermon on Isaiah 6 (Send me!) as the trigger.

CABA has taken three steps toward mobilizing international missionaries:

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... **And much more!**

Grady Nutt, the late humorist and pastor, said that during a wake, the home was so full of mourners that the only place he could meet with the widow was in the hall bathroom. When they finished, he stood up and just as she opened the door, he automatically flushed the commode. Every eye in the house gave him a horrified look that matched his own!

Pastors provide a tremendous ministry during the death of a loved one. They counsel, they listen, they lead eulogies, and they are there for you.

My Dad, age 92, died in January and his funeral was on my birthday. We were very close, but he had dementia and was in decline since last Fall. He was a wonderful Christian man, so his funeral was a celebration. It was great to see my pastor James Kerr and also Bill Hounshell and Ken Dillard in the receiving line prior to the funeral. They had made the two-hour trip to Kentucky. We have received hundreds of timely cards and posts. These kinds of connections have more impact than I could have ever imagined.

When Your Dad Dies

Mark Snowden

Director of Missional Leadership



The biggest surprise was the cost and logistics that my mother had to endure while grieving. My brother and our fantastic wives helped keep track of expenses. Costs included funeral, obituary, casket, vault, thank you cards, flowers, honorariums, meals, and cemetery plot with updated tombstone.

While I can't recommend grief counseling in a hall bathroom, I can give my thanks to God for Dr. Kerr and other CABA pastors who help in times of bereavement.

Mission Dignity, a Guidestone Ministry, increased their funeral benefit for a widowed pastor's spouse a couple of years ago. Mission Dignity also provides \$9 million annually in benefits to a number of widows. Applicants need to meet some requirements. Consider having a Mission Dignity Sunday in your church. More info: <https://www.guidestone.org/mission-dignity/>



PRAYER SUMMIT

& Prayer Workshop

With Daniel Henderson (6:4 Fellowship)

SCBO 
The State Convention Of Baptists In Ohio

Thurs-Fri | March 23-24, 2023 | Pickerington, OH

Ben was called to be the Senior Pastor at New Bethel Baptist Church in Norwood, OH in August 2020. Prior to this, he served as an Associate Pastor at a church in Northern Kentucky for over ten years. Originally from New Richmond, OH, Ben graduated



from Miami University in 2004 before earning his MDiv from Asbury Seminary in 2007. New Bethel recently joined CABA in 2022 but has existed as a Southern Baptist congregation for 70 years. Much like the community around them, the church is in the process of revitalization. Ben sees New Bethel becoming a healthy, vibrant church for all ages again. “Obviously, God is the grower. It’s Him. He’s the one with the power. So, in that power, we do the hard work of plowing,

PASTOR SPOTLIGHT

Ben Wilson
New Bethel Baptist Church



planting, watering, and weeding. But, we wait on Him to do what only He can do in His perfect timing.” Ben wants the members of New Bethel to see themselves as a “Family of Missionaries— people who love the Lord together and seek to make disciples.”

Ben is blessed to serve alongside his wife, Stephanie. They have been married for 15 years and God has blessed them with two beautiful daughters, Claire and Aubrey. As a family, they enjoy movie nights, spending time with their 2 Labradors, Rosie and Ruby, being with their family and friends, and singing in the car. Please pray for Ben, his family, and the saints at New Bethel as they seek to make much of Jesus!

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Just the other day, a pastor who grew up in this church asked me how it was going and asked me about Ms. Betty and Ms. Jewell.

During the pandemic lockdown, Ms. Betty felt the burden to engage her preschool class regularly. She devised a plan to have short video interactions with her students, and as a means of engaging them, she let them choose her hair color. Yep, she began to dye her hair different colors weekly. Now kids know the color of the week, and they will wear clothes that match Ms. Betty’s hair all because she didn’t want preschool kids to be disconnected during COVID.

Ms. Betty and Ms. Jewell have collectively taught for 100 years.

Everyone isn’t Billy Graham, but maybe you could be a Ms. Betty or Ms. Jewell in your church. Their stories are still being written as is yours.

Remember when Jesus called His disciples to make disciples of all nations, He left them with the promise that He will be with us always, until the end of the age (Matthew 28:18-20). He’s with the missionaries. He’s with the pastors, and He’s with the Sunday school teachers.

You may want to change the title in your church – from Sunday school teacher to lostness-eroding, world-changing, Jesus-exalting missions catalyst.

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Jewell Shearer, left, and Betty Howard, right.

“Be assured: the always God is *always speaking*. When he does, you will know that it’s his voice.”

– Jarrett Stephens, *The Always God*.

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1. Brought on Dr. Ray Taw as CABA's International Partnership Coordinator to facilitate overseas missions involvement anywhere in the world. Ray has 30+ years with the IMB. In addition, I'm planning to lead a mission team to South Asia this summer with volunteers from two CABA churches.
2. Provided a year's free subscription to *Missions Journey Kids Leader Guide* and *Activity Kit*. (\$68 value) All you have to do is order it from the WMU. Let us help you order by March 27.
3. Offered a free year's subscription to the new *The Baptist Paper* which comes out twice every month. It is offered as digital via email or mailed in newspaper form to your home. (\$16.75 value we are getting for \$10.) Let us help you subscribe. Deadline: March 27th.

None of these methods will manipulate a person to serve as a career missionary. However, I fully believe God is calling more to missions than are responding.



generational DISCIPLE-MAKING

Noon Free lunch – Grill Trailer!

1:00p Pastors Conference

5:30p Catered Dinner

6:45p Semi-Annual Meeting



Brad Cunningham
Keynote
Liberty Heights



Tom Pendergrass
Senior Pastor
Urbancrest



Brent Wilson
Senior Pastor
Fellowship Bapt.



Mark Snowden
Director, AMS
CABA



Sherrill Sizemore
University Baptist
Church



Grant Rohlfler
Pastor, H2O
Church, UC

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mt. Carmel Baptist
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Cincinnati, OH 45242

We are looking forward to our time together at the Semi-Annual Meeting on March 27. Our two ALT sub-teams on Credentialing and on Collegiate Ministries will be reporting on their work. In addition, we will be reviewing the revised language on the Trustees that will be voted upon in October.

Our churches have contributed \$78,269.33 through the first 4 months of our fiscal year, which is an 0.96% decrease for the same period last year.

Admin News

Allen Suit
Administrative Leadership Team



CABA Trailer is off to a great start with 51 reservations made already this year. If you are planning events I encourage you to get your reservations in now before the trailers are no longer available. Easter weekend and the 4th of July are already filling up.

Last year was our busiest year in trailer rentals so we are expanding our number of trailers. We have added one trailer and plan to add one more by next year. Our newest Block Party Trailer will be ready this Spring. Trailer #3 will be kept at First Baptist Church South Lebanon, 505 West Mason Road, South Lebanon, Ohio 45065. This trailer will include one Standard Bounce House, a Blackstone Griddle, a Portable Sound System, three food machines: snow cone, popcorn and cotton candy, 2 10'x10' awnings, 2 6' Folding Tables, 1 Corn-hole Set and 1 generator. 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.

Block Party Trailer Update

Diane Sibcy
Block Party Trailer Coordinator



I look forward to another year of working with the Cincinnati churches to share the love of Christ throughout our area.

Matthew 5:16b "let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

To God be the glory!

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

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And the morning that You rose
All of Heaven held its breath

'Til that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death



CELEBRATE EASTER!

CINCINNATI AREA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

King of Kings (excerpt), Brooke Ligertwood

A train derailed in East Palestine on February 3, causing a massive chemical spill and fire resulting in evacuation orders. The aftermath has left many residents feeling abandoned, alone, and overwhelmed with the long task of cleaning up before them.

“In times of disaster,” Josh Wright, CABA's DR team leader, said, "God sends those who love Him to serve and point people to himself.”

To not respond was not an option.



Pointing People to Jesus

Josh Wright

CABA Disaster Relief Team Leader



Monday, February 20, Wright, John Heading, SCBO DR leader, and eight other volunteers from Ohio Baptist DR spent the day in East Palestine talking to residents and helping clean houses. While Southern Baptist Disaster Relief is not well known in this part of the state, local residents have now personally seen Christians pouring service into their lives.

Clean up efforts continue, please contact John Heading for volunteer opportunities at jheading@scbo.org.



Ohio Disaster Relief 2023 Training Schedule

March 18	Briggs Road Baptist Church, Columbus (Chainsaw, Mud Out, Food Service, Communications, Blue Hat Training)
March 25	Cuyahoga Valley Church, Cleveland (Chainsaw, Mud Out, Food Service, Assessment)
April 22	First Light, Vandalia (Chainsaw, Mud Out, Food Service, Communications, Blue Hat Training)
April 22	Cedarville University, Cedarville (Mud Out, Food Service)
April 29	H2O Church, Bowling Green (Chainsaw, Mud Out, Food Service)
Sept. 8-9	Urbancrest Baptist Church, Lebanon (Chaplain Training ONLY)
October 28	Friendship Baptist Church, New Concord (Chainsaw, Mud Out, Food Service)
November 4	First Baptist Lancaster (Chainsaw, Mud Out, Food Service)

“Real prayer is not an excuse for laziness but, in fact, is one of the most arduous engagements I know of in ministry. Prayer is not a replacement for hard work but in most cases, empowerment for even more fruitful work.”

– Daniel Henderson,
Old Paths, New Power



Jimmy West deacon ordination at FBC Felicity, Steve Siekbert, pastor.



Around the Association



Above: James Kerr by a life size photo of Lottie Moon, a missionary in the 1800s who was 4'3". The SBC's international missions offering is named in her memory.



A team from CABA traveled to the ILC run by the IMB. the group was challenged to engage people. Pastors included James Kerr, Clough Pike; Brent Wilson, Fellowship; and Jonathan Lawler, FBC Mt Orab.



Right: Grace Baptist has started the Higginsport Community Center and had four families begin attending! Check them out on Facebook.

Higginsport Community Building

Open House

This past year I have been helping with English as a Second Language (ESL) at Lakota Hills Baptist Church.

ESL has become a major way to reach the nations at Lakota Hills. Students from over twenty different nations attend the ESL classes at Lakota. Over the past several years Lakota has helped plant churches to reach the Korean, Nepali, Arabic, and Spanish speaking populations. Several other people groups have been identified as possible church planting opportunities.

This year all the Spanish speakers have been grouped into three classes or levels. After the class students are gathered into one room to hear a short message from Pastor Bob Allen in Spanish. Bob is planting a Spanish speaking church at Lakota Hills. On a normal evening thirty to forty students will attend the Spanish speaking classes. Pray for Pastor Bob and his wife Kari as they plant a church to reach the Spanish speakers in the West Chester Area.



Bob Allen speaking to an ESL class at Lakota Hills Baptist.

SEND Network News

Oliver Hawkins
Church Planting Catalyst, NAMB



While helping with the classes, I have made a new friend Jose from Peru. Jose is visiting the US for three months. He is an engineering student back in Peru and on break from his classes. When I talk with Jose, he tells me how he hopes to meet more college students his age while visiting. I immediately thought of one of our Collegiate church planters, Grant Rohlfer, who is planting a church to reach UC students as well as the community in the Clifton area.

Grant invited Jose to a bible study at UC where he can meet other college students and learn more about Jesus. My prayer is that Jose will go back to Peru as a missionary telling others about Jesus.

Pray for the Lord of the Harvest to keep calling Pastors and Church Planters to reach all people groups. Your prayers for church planters are an enormous help! If your church's Sunday school classes or small groups could each adopt a church planter to pray for, that would be a major help to them. There are other things you can do to help them as well, if you want to get more involved in church planting contact me at ohawkins@namb.net.

Church planting is not the only thing we as Southern Baptists need to be praying for and supporting, but it is an important piece of puzzle if we want to share the good news about Jesus with the world.

Thank you for your support of the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter offering which helps plant churches all over North America.

“The Four Promises of Forgiveness
I will not dwell on this incident.
I will not bring this incident up and use it against you.
I will not talk to others about this incident.
I will not allow this incident to stand between us or hinder our personal relationship.”

--Peacemaker Ministries

On February 8th, at the morning chapel service on the campus of Asbury University, a student-led Holy Spirit outpouring captured the hearts and lives of students on that campus. The prayer never stopped. The confession and repentance continued. Songs of worship and words of testimony were consistently be offered before God. This “reviving Spirit” continued 3, then 7, then 11, and until on the 12th day of worship around the clock the timing was adjusted, but not discontinued.

My wife and I drove down to Wilmore, Kentucky on Monday, February 13th during the afternoon. I believe that I first walked in as a spectator but quickly became a participant in this fresh reviving.

There was a small group of folks from our campus H2O that came in Monday evening. There was also a few from another Christian group at UC called Campus Outreach. Late in the evening the entire group of worshipers lifted up their brothers/sisters



Revival

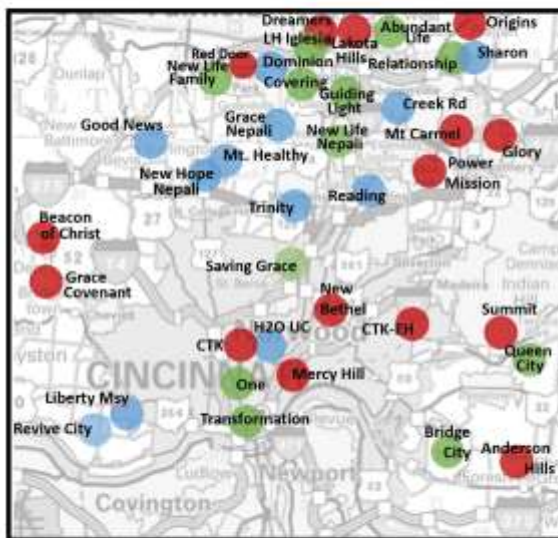
Ken Dillard
Collegiate Ministry Group (CMG)



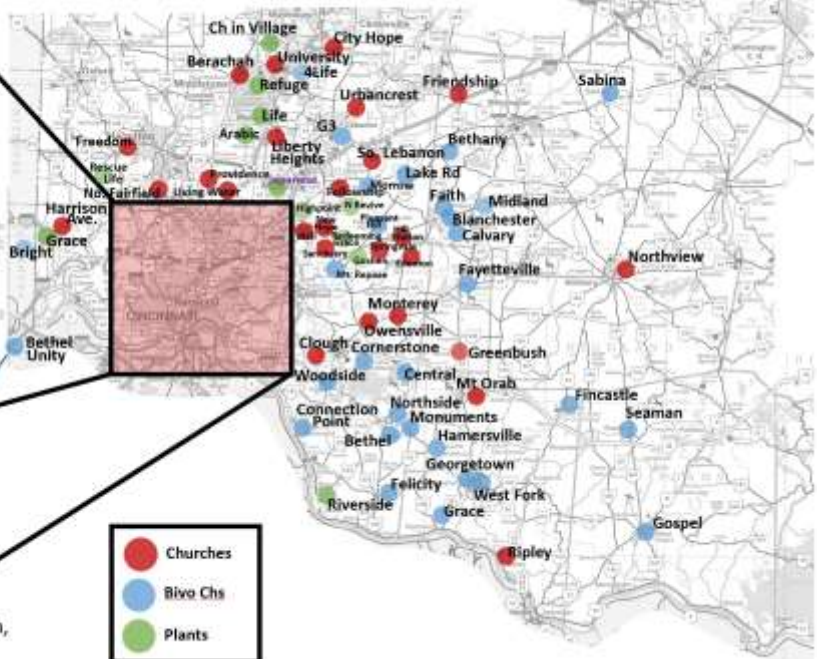
from UC in prayer asking for the Lord to give them unity, boldness in the gospel, and blessing on campus. For the rest of the week these groups made special effort to go out on campus to share the Gospel with as many as would listen and saw the Holy Spirit convict and draw students in a special way.

I remember the impact of a similar experience that happened on the campus at Asbury in 1970. It was considered by many as the impetus of the Jesus Movement of that decade. It was the last great revival experience in North America until a couple of weeks ago. I have had many conversations with students and older adults about what was occurring and how it was spreading. Please pray for God’s continued movement through our college students. Pray for the impact of the past 12 days to spread to other campuses and churches. This has already begun to happen. Pray that students would be protected from those who might try to coop this movement into something else. Pray that students would be bold in sharing their faith and making much of Jesus in the coming days, weeks, months, and beyond. Pray for our campuses. Thanks for your faithfulness.

CINCINNATI AREA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



CABA Churches minister in nine counties: Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Fayette, Hamilton, Highland, and Warren.



Churches with satellite campuses:
 Liberty Heights: Liberty Twp, Hispanic, Lebanon, Middletown, Mason
 Berachah: Middletown and West Campus

2-22-23

CABA CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS OCTOBER 2022 – JANUARY 2023

Church Contributions thru Jan. 2023	TOTAL
4LIFEWorship	0.00
Abundant Life Church	25.00
Anderson Hills, First Baptist Church	495.00
Arabic Church	0.00
Beacon of Christ Church	1,000.00
Berachah Church	500.00
Bethany Baptist Church	0.00
Bethel Baptist Church	600.67
Bethel Unity Baptist Church	0.00
Blanchester Community Ministries	0.00
Bridge City Church	0.00
Bridgeway Riverside Church	0.00
Bright, First Baptist Church	396.59
Calvary Baptist, Blanchester	0.00
Central Baptist, Williamsburg	1,329.09
Christ The King Church, Cincinnati	800.00
Christ The King Church/Eastern Hills	0.00
Church in the Village, The	694.00
Cincinnati Tamil Church	0.00
City Hope Church	0.00
Clough Pike Baptist Church	6,658.81
Connection Point Church	800.00
Covering Church, The	0.00
Cornerstone Baptist Church	1,634.95
Creek Road Baptist Church	1,416.73
Dominion Firehouse Chapel	100.00
Dreamers Church	160.00
Edenton, First Baptist Church	1,798.80
Faith Baptist Church	547.68
Fayetteville, First Baptist Church	159.26
Felicity, First Baptist Church	1,793.48
Fellowship Baptist Church	2,000.00
Fincastle Baptist Church	75.00
Freedom Baptist Church	800.00
Friendship Baptist Church	448.46
G3 Community Church	0.00
Georgetown Baptist Church	1,200.00
Glory Baptist Church of Cincinnati	0.00
Good News Baptist Church	300.00
Goshen Community Church	467.21
Gospel Baptist Church	251.00
Grace Baptist, Higginsport	139.00
Grace Covenant Church	0.00
Grace Church, Harrison	0.00
Grace Nepali Baptist Church	0.00
Greenbush Baptist Church	311.07
Guiding Light Church	0.00
Hamersville Baptist Church	1,234.46
Harrison Avenue Baptist Church	835.79
Highpoint Church	0.00
Hill Station Baptist Church	0.00
Holy Immanuel Church	0.00
H2O Church UC	300.00
Iglesia Bautista, Lakota Hills	0.00

Japanese Fellowship, Bible Study	0.00
Lake Road Baptist Church	60.00
Lakota Hills Baptist Church	2,433.32
Liberty Heights Church	3,750.00
Liberty Missionary Baptist Church	100.00
Life Church in Monroe	0.00
Living Water Baptist Church	0.00
Mercy Hill	0.00
Midland Baptist Church	434.74
Monterey Baptist Church	1,263.37
Monuments Baptist Church	579.17
Morrow Baptist Church	1,600.00
Mt. Carmel Baptist Church	6,107.61
Mt. Healthy, First Baptist Church	1,087.68
Mt. Orab, First Baptist Church	1,150.00
Mt. Repose Church	1,611.63
New Bethel Baptist Church	1,000.00
New Hope Baptist Church	400.00
New Hope (Nepali) Church	200.00
New Life Family Church (Nepali)	60.00
North Fairfield Baptist Church	600.00
Northside Bethel Baptist Church	300.00
Northview Baptist Church	1,377.84
ONE Church	0.00
Origins Church, Cincinnati	0.00
Owensville, First Baptist Church	0.00
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	300.00
Power Mission Baptist Church	300.00
Providence Bible Fellowship	833.32
Queen City Church	0.00
Reading, First Southern Baptist Ch	0.00
Red Door Church	0.00
Redeeming Grace Church	0.00
Refuge Church	0.00
Relationships Indian Community Ch	0.00
Rescue Life Church	0.00
Revive City Church	600.00
Ripley 1st Southern Baptist Church	400.00
Sabina Baptist Church	259.60
Sanctuary Church	900.00
Saving Grace Community Church	0.00
Seaman FBC	1,871.00
Sharon Baptist Church	1,420.92
South Lebanon, First Baptist Church	3,423.82
Springvale Baptist Church	1,222.76
Summit Church Cincinnati	250.00
Transformative Life Church	100.00
Trinity Community Church	0.00
University Baptist Church	1,731.94
Urbancrest Baptist Church	10,600.00
Well Church, The	576.00
West Fork Baptist Church	92.56
Woodside Church	0.00
Plants are highlighted	78,269.33

AFTERTHOUGHT

“An estimated 168 million children have been forced into labor, half of those children doing hazardous work.”

– Child Liberation Foundation,
The Baptist Paper, 2/2/23, p. 17

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

- 2 Trustees, 10 a.m., CABA office
- 14 Staff, 2 p.m., CABA office
- 15-18 Missions Conference, Urbancrest
- 22 Spring Work Day, 10 a.m.– 2 p.m, CABA
- 23-24 Prayer Summit, Violet BC
- 27 Semi-Annual Meeting, 6:45 p.m., Mt. Carmel

April

- 4 Consultants, 2 p.m., CABA
- 10 Office Closed, Easter holiday



Free Services provided by CABA

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