

THANK YOU NOTES FROM OVERSEAS

“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him” (Colossians 3:17)



In September 2011, LRBA Senior Adults met at Melbourne Heights Baptist Church to hear our own Chaplain Col Tom Curry. His presentation provided information on our military total force. Part of the program time was used to fill boxes and write notes to our service men and women. LRBA churches had collected enough items to send approximately twenty-five (25) boxes to a joint military base overseas. The items were directed to a Captain, whose parents are members of a Long Run church. The following are excerpts from the notes from two grateful recipients:

From the Captain who distributed the boxes:

Thanks soooo much for the goodies! I was able to share a lot of them with the folks here and they were very happy campers. The stuff from the LRBA and the rest of you all was generous and kind. We had enough to send some on to an Infantry Brigade and to a SEAL Team. Our cup runneth over!

Please tell everyone involved thanks so much for the thoughtfulness, and especially to you all for boxing all that stuff up, paying the postage and sending it all the way over here!

From a thankful SFC:

Hello,

I was the recipient of some of the wonderful treats you sent to (our) Captain. He is our deputy commander and shared with us all. Thank you for thinking about us over here and taking time out of your busy days to collect all the items you sent us. Have a blessed Christmas. Warm regards.

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THE LEADING EDGE

A continuing learning experience for all ministers led by Dr. Pitts will begin on **January 31 at 10 a.m.** The study will be a seminar-type experience with a presentation on aspects of servant leadership and a time of sharing by the participants. Those interested are invited to the introduction on January 31. At the meeting, the group will help select the content of the sessions.

LRBA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING



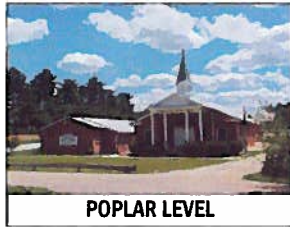
Long Run Association Offices
Monday, January 23, 2012

Lunch 11:30 a.m.
Suggested donation—\$3.00 per person)

Business Session Begins at 12 Noon

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WELCOME TO LRBA



POPLAR LEVEL

Poplar Level Baptist Church has called Rev. Sanford Hill as pastor. He will assume his duties January 8th. We welcome Bro. Sanford & his wife, Debbie, back to the Long Run family of churches.



"...Rejoice with those who rejoice..." (Romans 12:15)

WELCOME TO LRBA



CLOVERLEAF

Cloverleaf Baptist Church has called Jarrod Wright as Minister of Youth. He began his duties on July 7, 2011. We welcome Jarrod and his wife, Beth to Long Run!



"...Rejoice with those who rejoice..." (Romans 12:15)



Do you have some exciting news that you would like to share concerning your church (e.g. mission trip report, VBS report, anniversary or homecoming celebration announcement, etc.)?

SEND THE INFORMATION TO CHRISTINA@LRBA.ORG TO BE INCLUDED IN A FUTURE ISSUE OF THE LONGRUNNER NEWSLETTER, SO THAT YOUR SISTER CHURCHES MAY CELEBRATE WITH YOU!

"AN IRREGULAR HEARTBEAT"

My family has a history of heart problems. To hear the phrase, "You have an irregular heartbeat" would not come as a complete surprise.

Recently one of my family members experienced such a diagnosis and measures were taken to correct the problem.

In the spiritual realm, though, what would it mean to have an irregular heartbeat? I believe that having an irregular heartbeat could be a positive thing.

Let me explain what I mean.

One of my favorite verses in the New Testament is Acts 4:13, ***"Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with***

Jesus."

People took note of the difference in the lives of Peter and John and attributed it to the fact that they had spent time with Jesus.

Scripture cites several examples where Peter made a point to be where Jesus was. For instance, Peter left his nets to follow Christ. He got out of the boat to meet Jesus on the water. You see Peter with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration, getting out of the boat to swim to the shore to meet Jesus, in the Garden of Gethsemane, in the courtyard of Caiaphas the High Priest, and at the tomb. Jesus honored Peter's fervent desire to be with Him. Jesus kept the Old Testament promise, ***"If you seek me, you will find me if you seek me with your whole heart."*** This relationship changed Peter from being a fearful follower to being a bold believer. Jesus' heartbeat became Peter's heartbeat.

Although King David was not perfect in his walk, still he was called a "man after God's own heart."

Jesus wants us to have a heart like His - one that is different than that of those who seek only the comfort of the spiritual status quo. When we have a heart like His, our heartbeat is in rhythm with His heartbeat. It cares about the things that He cares about. When our heartbeat is in line with His, it affects our character, our speech, our conduct, and the very way that we live our lives. When our heart is truly like His, the world, and sometimes even other Christians, will view us as not being "normal." But as Evangelist David Ring once quipped, "Who wants to be normal anyway?"



**Written by:
Christina L. Vincent**

FEATURED EVENTS

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

First Meeting

Thursday, Jan 12 at 7 pm



Fern Creek Baptist Church
5920 Bardstown Rd
Lou, KY 40291
Room 304 (GROW Room)

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered program to help people overcome their hurts, habits, and hang-ups. It is based on the 12 steps and 8 principles from the Beatitudes. Come join us as we celebrate what God is doing in our lives.

For info contact: Jack (502) 231-6468



LRBA PASTORS' FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

LRBA Offices

Thursdays, Jan 12 and Feb 9
9 a.m.

LRBA hosts this time of fellowship on the 2nd Thursday of every month. All pastors are encouraged to meet together for fellowship, networking, and prayer. A continental breakfast will be provided.



CONCERT CROSSMEN QUARTET

Sat, January 14, 2012
7:00 p.m.

Cloverleaf Baptist Church, located at 4401 Manslick Rd, Louisville, KY 40216, is hosting the Crossmen Quartet of Morgantown, KY.

For more information: 367-0218



WINTER BIBLE STUDY Hillview Baptist Church

January 15-18, 2012
Sun - 6 PM
Mon-Wed - 6:30 PM

Hillview Baptist Church, located at 5319 Dixie Highway, Louisville, KY 40216, invites everyone to attend this Bible study.

For more information: (502) 447-4455



FELLOWSHIP OF RETIRED MINISTERS

Baptist East Cafeteria
Mondays, Jan 16 and Feb 20
11:30 a.m.

You are invited to gather with other retired ministers for a meal, a time of fellowship, and to hear a speaker. We will meet at the Baptist East Cafeteria. Watch your e-mail for more information!



REFRESH WORSHIP FOR MINISTERS

Victory Memorial Baptist Church
Tuesday, January 17, 2012
Tuesday, February 21, 2012
1:30 p.m.

Speakers:

Dr. Tom Curry (January)
Rev. Joel Carwile (February)

You are invited to worship with fellow ministers for a time designed to allow the Lord to refresh us. Dr. Tom Curry, pastor of Parkland Baptist Church, will be bringing the message in January. Watch your e-mail for further details.



PASTORS *Are you and your spouse in need of some encouragement & renewal? If so, you will not want to miss this KBC sponsored event! Space is limited, so make your reservation today.*

Theme: "Servant Leadership"

Cost: \$240 per couple

For more information contact:
Diane Pitts (502-489-3389 or
Diane.Pitts@kybaptist.org)



Find it Here 2012

LRBA wants to help your church have effective community reaching Evangelistic Events during this effort. We want to partner with your church and members by providing personal evangelism training that will benefit every member that attends. We are offering clinics that last 2.5 hours each on these dates and at these locations:

Jan 28 Cloverleaf Baptist Church
4401 Manslick Rd, 40216
Leader: Todd Beasley

Feb 4 Jeffersontown Baptist Church
10011 Taylorsville Rd, 40299
Leader: Jon Rohr

Feb 11 Green Acres Baptist Church
5189 Poplar Level Rd, 40219
Leader: Phil Ellis

Times for all events: 8:30am – 11am

We will use *Share Jesus Without Fear* at Cloverleaf BC & Jeffersontown BC.

Phil Ellis will use personal evangelism resources that he developed at a Green Acres Baptist Church Clinic.

To reserve your spot, contact Jim Carpenter or Christina Vincent at the LRBA office: 635-2601

Jim: jim@lrba.org

Christina: christina@lrba.org



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Last year, several Long Run churches were victims of theft/damage of their air conditioning units. Some churches were burglarized and/or vandalized. The Louisville Metro Police Department has a website where individuals & organizations can receive updates on crimes that have occurred in their particular area.

If you are not already receiving these updates, you may register at: www.louisvilleky.gov/metropolice



Click the patrol divisions icon in the center of the page. Locate your patrol division and click the link to that division's page. You will be able to subscribe to a variety of reports.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE



CHILDREN'S MINISTER

The Bridge Community Church is seeking a PT Children's Minister. Must have a heart for kids and ministry. Send resumes to: The Bridge Community Church, 1303 Marlow Dr, Clarksville, IN 47129.



WORSHIP LEADER

Shively Baptist Church, 1599 Sadie Lane, Louisville, KY 40216 is seeking a FT Worship Pastor. Responsibilities will consist of directing the adult choir, orchestra, handbells, for a blended service which leans toward the contemporary style. Send resumes to: mvincent@aheadr.com.

INTERIM WORSHIP LEADER

Mt Elmira Baptist Church, 3644 Mount Elmira Road, Shepherdsville, KY 40165, is seeking an Interim Worship Leader for their Sunday Morning services. For more information contact: Pastor Andy Vance at alvance7@windstream.net



PRESCHOOL MUSIC TEACHER

Westport Road Baptist Church is seeking a Preschool Music Teacher for weekday programs 4-5 mornings per week. Contact 425-2350 for more information.



MINISTRY NEEDS & OPPORTUNITIES

MINISTRY TEAMS



ARCADE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1524 Arcade Ave, Louisville, KY 40215, needs teams to assist in a ministry to community children. The ministry takes place once a month on the first Sunday evening (5-7pm) of the month. The ministry will be from October 2011 through May 2012. The team would be responsible for a thirty minute devotion, help out with recreation, and connect the kids to the church. If interested or have question contact pastor Gary Kasey at 502-363-2166 or GLK55@insightbb.com.



MEN'S COATS

We have received a request for men's coats. The coats will be distributed to men who have recently been released from prison. If you or your church can assist with this need, please contact Linda Doane at 502-648-6254.

1-2	NEW YEARS' HOLIDAY – LRBA OFFICES CLOSED		
1-6	January Bible Study		
3	Evangelism Committee	LRBA	12 Noon
4	LRBA Staff Meeting	LRBA	9 a.m.
5	Prayer Time	LRBA	9 a.m.
10	Missions & Ministry	LRBA	10 a.m.
10	LRBA Self Study Strategy Team	LRBA	12 Noon
11	LRBA Staff Meeting	LRBA	9 a.m.
12	Pastors' Fellowship Breakfast	LRBA	9 a.m.
12	Finance Committee	LRBA	12 Noon
13	Administrative Committee	LRBA	12 Noon

15 **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**
 16 **MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - LRBA OFFICES CLOSED**

16	Retired Ministers' Fellowship	Bapt East Cafeteria	11:30 a.m.
17	Baptist Fellowship Center Board	BFC	10 a.m.
18	LRBA Staff Meeting	LRBA	9 a.m.
19-21	Shepherding the Shepherd Conference (Lexington, KY)		
19	Prayer Time	LRBA	9 a.m.
23	LRBA EXECUTIVE BOARD	LRBA	11:30 a.m.
25	LRBA Staff Meeting	LRBA	9 a.m.
26	Church Planting Committee	LRBA	9:30 a.m.
26	Credentials Committee	LRBA	12 Noon
28	2012 Find it Here Clinic	Cloverleaf BC	8:30 a.m. (See p. 3 for more information)
29	Day of Prayer (SBC)		
31	THE LEADING EDGE	LRBA	10 a.m. (See p. 1 for more information)
31	Jefferson Street Board	JEFF ST	11:30 a.m.



JANUARY

1	LRBA Staff Meeting	LRBA	9 a.m.
2	GROUNDHOG DAY		
2	Prayer Time	LRBA	9 a.m.
4	2012 Find it Here Clinic	Jeffersontown BC	8:30 a.m. (See p. 3 for more information)
6	LRBA Self Study Strategy Team	LRBA	12 Noon
7	Evangelism Committee	LRBA	12 Noon
7	Deacon Training (KBC)	Westport Road	6:30 p.m. (\$10 per person - To register call Mike at 489-3332)
8	LRBA Staff Meeting	LRBA	9 a.m.
9-10	Basic Training Church Planting KBC 8:30 a.m.		
9	Pastors' Fellowship Breakfast	LRBA	9 a.m.
11	2012 Find it Here Clinic	Green Acres BC	8:30 a.m. (See p. 3 for more information)

12 **LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY & Racial Reconciliation Sunday**

13-19	Focus on WMU		
14	VALENTINE'S DAY		
14	Missions & Ministry	LRBA	10 a.m.
15	LRBA Staff Meeting	LRBA	9 a.m.
16	Prayer Time	LRBA	9 a.m.

18 **Children's Ministry Day**
 20 **PRESIDENT'S DAY**

20	Retired Ministers' Fellowship	Bapt East Cafeteria	11:30 a.m.
22	LRBA Staff Meeting	LRBA	9 a.m.
23	Finance Committee	LRBA	12 Noon
24	Administrative Committee	LRBA	12 Noon
27-28	State Evangelism Conference Porter Memorial (Lexington, KY)		
28	Jefferson Street Center Board	Jeff Street	11:30 a.m.



FEBRUARY

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A Fellowship of Churches Working Together as a Mission Team
Statement of Priorities

- T**elling the good news of Jesus Christ and showing His love by our lifestyle.
- E**quipping leaders to encourage, lead, consult, pray, fellowship, and communicate.
- A**ssisting our churches to be healthy and missional.
- M**inistering individually and collectively in Kingdom ministries.



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Thank You to:

- Melbourne Heights, who provided the space for us to meet.
- Rev. Rick Donaldson who was a great help during the event.
- Chaplain Col. Tom Curry for his enlightening presentation.
- All the churches who participated in collecting items such as books, magazines, DVDs, music CDs, candy, cookies, etc.
- All of the wonderful Long Run Senior Adults who assembled the boxes and wrote notes of support to those overseas.

Your combined contributions of space, materials, and people resources have made a difference in the lives of those who were beneficiaries of your generosity.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for Pastors...

- Rev. Eddie White @ Ebenezer
- Dr. Stephen Awoniyi @ ECWA
- Rev. Jean De Dieu Nzeyimana @ ECWA II
- Rev. Josh Greene @ Fairdale FBC
- Dr. Doug Strader @ Farmdale
- Rev. Linda Popham @ Fern Creek
- Dr. Brian Payne @ Fisherville FBC



"The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Pray for Pastors...

- Rev. Minsu Kim @ First Korean Baptist-Lou
- Rev. Jamaal Williams @ Forest MBC
- Rev. Ronnie Caswell @ Forestpark
- Rev. Danny Payne @ Foster Ave
- Rev. Mark Janke @ Franklin St
- Rev. Louis Henley @ Garfield Ave
- Rev. Donnie Gullion @ Grace Community