



# The Beacon

*Jefferson County Baptist Association  
1919-2019  
Celebrating 100 Years*

*October, 2019*

## **A FINAL WORD FROM YOUR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY**

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I have mixed emotions as I pen these words. Sad that I have to leave my position as your associational missionary and at the same time looking forward to retirement. I have met and made a lot of friends since being here in Jefferson County. When I came to this position, I could count the number of people that I knew on one hand. Now I know what is probably hundreds of faces at least, as I relate your face to your church. The last nine years have been the highlight of my 38 years in ministry. I feel that we have benefitted the Jefferson County Baptist Association in many ways over the last nine years, and I hope you feel the same.

Many of the pastors have become very close friends as I have got to know them and their families. I appreciate all our pastors, though it is hard to get close to those pastors that God called to be (not bi-vocational pastors) but full time pastors to their respective congregations and full time bread winners for their families. I hope that our pastors know that even though I will be gone from this position, I will make myself available to them, should they need me. That last statement holds true for all 31 of our churches too.

I would be greatly amiss not to mention my true and trusted ministry assistant. Darlene has been a true friend, a great sounding board, and a very capable and competent assistant. She holds all the churches of the Jefferson County Baptist Association very dear to her heart. She stands ready to aid any and all of the churches of this association.

Several people have asked me what I was going to do after I retire. My answer is, "I don't know, I have never been retired before." Truth is I have been somewhat of a workaholic for the most of my adult life. I have worked at two jobs at the same time for much of that time, beginning while in high school. I have training as a TIP, Transitional Interim Pastor, so I will be open to doing that as churches need me. For the most part, I am trying to stay open to God's will. I have said that I would never pastor again, but I learned a long time ago not to ever say never. I will immediately be helping Libby to take care of her 91year old mother who lives with us. She is almost completely blind, on a walker and falling frequently. So, pray for us as we move forward with life.

Farewell,  
Leroy

**JCBA FINANCIAL INFORMATION,  
October 1, 2018-August 31, 2019**

**INCOME**

**Church Receipts YTD**

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Antioch                 | 2,050.00  |
| Beaver Creek            | 1,783.27  |
| Bethel Mission          | 500.00    |
| Buffalo Grove           | 2,784.12  |
| Central Heights         | 550.00    |
| Dandridge First         | 15,116.65 |
| Deep Springs            | 1,158.39  |
| Dumplin                 | 4,939.72  |
| East Ridge              | 877.00    |
| Emmanuel                | 325.00    |
| Flat Gap                | 878.50    |
| French Broad            | 5,961.00  |
| Good Hope               | 971.84    |
| Holston Memorial        | 2,219.85  |
| Living Water            | 500.00    |
| Mansfield Gap           | 842.51    |
| Mill Springs            | 450.00    |
| Mullins Chapel          | .00       |
| Nance's Grove           | 4,125.00  |
| New Hope                | 833.37    |
| New Market              | 5,380.86  |
| Nina                    | 6,158.00  |
| Oak Hills               | 749.97    |
| Piedmont                | 4,207.05  |
| Pleasant Grove          | .00       |
| Pleasant Grove P.       | 2,593.08  |
| Rocky Valley            | 3,416.89  |
| Strawberry Plains First | 2,932.98  |
| Swann's Chapel          | 5,000.00  |

**INCOME**

|                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Talbott                         | 5,371.00      |
| White Pine First                | 5,249.97      |
| Individual Receipts             | 1,287.45      |
| Annuals/Dir.                    | 130.00        |
| Evangelism                      | 1,717.70      |
| 100th Celebration               | 2,792.00      |
| RA Campout                      | 405.00        |
| TBMB                            | 8,602.00      |
| Go Tell Crusade                 | 5,000.00      |
| Building Fund                   | 5,380.70      |
| Non-Budgeted                    | 77.68         |
| DR                              | 980.00        |
| Block Party Trailer             | <u>100.00</u> |
| Total Receipts, August 31, 2019 | 114,398.55    |

**Ministry Position Available**

First Baptist Church, Strawberry Plains is seeking a part-time Youth Minister to plan, coordinate, direct, and teach the youth (grades 6-12). Must have strong communication and interpersonal skills, along with spiritual maturity and servant leadership.

Send resumes to: FBCSP, P.O. Box 310, Strawberry Plains, TN 37871, Fax 865-933-5788, or email fbcsp@comcast.net.

For more information call **865-933-7029**.

**TREC House Ministries**

Is in need of a 15 passenger van.

If your church or anyone you know is selling (or willing to donate to a non profit), please call Rick Loy, TREC House Ministries at **865-659-8409**.

**October Calendar of Events**

- 1 WMU Leadership Team Mtg. 5:30 PM
- 7 Executive Board Mtg. Rocky Valley, 5:30PM
- 18- RA Camp-Out, Camp BaYoCa
- 24 Annual Mtg. 100th Session, FBC, Dandridge, 2:00 PM

**November Calendar of Events**

- 3 Daylight Savings time begins
- 4 Women's Day of Prayer
- 10 Disaster Relief Appreciation Day
- 11 Veterans Day
- 17 Summit: The Gathering of Tenn Baptists 17-20, FBC Concord, Knoxville
- 28 Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed**

**Please take note of the following changes on the calendar.**

**The Council Meeting scheduled for October 7, has been moved to Monday September 30, 2019, at 1:30.**

**The Executive Board scheduled for October 14, has been moved to Monday October 7, 2019, 5:30 PM, Rocky Valley Baptist Church.**

**The WMU Leadership Team Meeting scheduled for October 8, has been moved to Tuesday October 1, 2019, 5:30 PM at the Association Office.**

Thank You!

**Ministry Positions Available**

Graveston Baptist Church is currently searching for applicants to fill the following positions: Bi-vocational Youth Pastor, PreK-Intermediate Children's Leader, and Pianist.

Please send resumes to Graveston Baptist Church, Attention: Personnel Committee, P.O. Box 45, Corryton, TN 37721, or by email to Angela Mills, Personnel Committee, at angela-mills@ucps.org. The church phone number is **865-686-0186**



**WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER**

**November 4, 2019**

**FBC, Dandridge**

**Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon, meeting will follow**

**Speaker: Cathy Gleason, from Life Outreach**



**October 18-19, 2019**

**CAMP BAYOCA**

**RA Campout** All boys WELCOME! Churches, bring your boys and men out to have a great camping experience. There is no charge for the boys. For adult leaders, the cost is \$20 for the cabins, \$15.00 for the tents. Call the association to sign up. 865-475-1453

**Jefferson County Baptist Association  
100th Year Anniversary Meeting**

**October 24, 2019, FBC, Dandridge**

**Meeting begins at 2:00 PM, Dinner at 5:00 PM**

**Messengers and visitors welcome. Come and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the association.**

**OCTOBER, PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH**

**History of Pastor Appreciation Day**

Pastor appreciation Day began with the establishment of Clergy Appreciation Month. In Timothy 1 (5:17), Paul began the concept of clergy appreciation when he stated that the elders of the church are worthy of a double honor. He reiterated this idea in Thessalonians 1 (5: 12-13) when he stated that those who work hard among you should be held in the highest regard for their work. This idea became Clergy Appreciation Month in 1992, established by pastors and religious workers. Eventually, Pastor Appreciation Day would form out of this month.

**Celebrating Pastor Appreciation Day**

You can celebrate the hard work of your pastor in a number of different ways. Your church might want to plan a celebration event to say "Thank You", or a trip to get away and relax, or just a monetary gift, etc. There are so many things you can do to just show how much you appreciate your pastor.

Pastor Appreciation Day is the perfect time to show your pastor just how good of a job he is doing and to give him encouragement to keep up the good work.



**Hosted by Carson Springs Conference Center**

**February 28-March 1, 2020**

**For all Middle and High School Students**

**To register your group, contact Kevin Perrigan at**

**kperrigan@tnbaptist.org**

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|----|-----------------------|--------------|
| 7  | Rev. Aaron Thurman    | Living Water |
| 8  | Dr. Greg Lindsey      | Mill Springs |
| 9  | Mrs. Darlene Bell     | JCBA Office  |
| 19 | Rev. William Swafford | Retired      |

### Appalachian Outreach 19th Annual Coats for the Cold



December 5, 2019-10:00AM-4:00PM  
Appalachian Outreach Ministry Center  
511 Municipal Dr.-Jefferson City



**The Summit:**  
November 17-20, 2019-  
FBC, Concord, Knoxville,  
TN

*The Summit is the annual gathering of Tennessee Baptists. You know it as the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The Summit includes the Pastors Conference, the annual meeting, and everything in between*

*The deadline for drop-off is November 22, 2019. Please bring donations to the Municipal Center. If you are interested in volunteering or for more information, call 865-475-5611 or email kfoust@cn.edu. Items needed include (children's & adults), blankets, mittens, hats, scarves and 110 heaters. You may also mail a donation of \$20 to Appalachian Outreach, P.O. Box C-N 71904, Jefferson City, TN 37760*