

News & Views

Owen County & Ten Mile Baptist Associations

"Partners in the Gospel"

October 2023



A Word from Your Associational Mission Strategist

Over the years of my ministry God has been pleased to use me as a teacher of preachers; and by far most of that work has taken place internationally. God has used me to teach house-church pastors in China and seminary students and Baptist pastors in Ukraine. Most American Christians know little to nothing about how difficult it is for pastors and church leaders in other countries to get formal Bible and ministry training. And the challenge is even greater in poor countries and those where the church is persecuted. I am very thankful that God has raised up missions agencies and organizations that are focusing on providing theological and practical ministry education to church leaders around the world.

I am also thankful for the opportunity God has given me to travel to Zimbabwe, Africa this month. Through *World Hope Ministries International* and their *Bible Institute*, I will be teaching Expository Preaching at two of WHMI's "seminaries" located in Kadoma and Karoi. No, these are not seminaries in any traditional sense, so don't visualize your AMS garbed in a professor's robe walking the hallowed halls and classrooms of an old established school of higher education. I don't know the setting yet, but I would not be surprised if my classroom is situated in the cool shade of a tree. But, of course, the setting doesn't really matter. What matters is the proper training of these men of God.

Please pray for me. I will fly out of CVG on October 9th, make the two and a half day journey, spend three days in each location, and then make the long trip home. The travel will be almost as long as my stay in the country. Also, pray for the weather conditions. October is the hottest month for this southern-hemisphere country. Pray for me—their teacher—that my voice and body would stay healthy and that my teaching would be with clarity. Pray for my pastoral students—that they would learn how to be better preachers. Let's partner together in prayer for Zimbabwe.

Dr. Don Coleman, AMS



Partner Churches

Owen County

Beech Grove
 Caney Fork*
 Cedar Hill
 Concord
 Dallasburg
 Elk Lick
 Epoch Fellowship
 FBC Owenton

Greenup Fork
 Harmony
 Long Ridge*
 Lusby's Mill
 Monterey
 Mt Pleasant
 New Columbus
 New Liberty

Old Cedar
 Pleasant Ridge
 Poplar Grove
 Richland
 Salem
 South Fork
 Squiresville

Ten Mile

Concord
 Elliston
 Glencoe
 Macedonia
 Mt. Zion
 New Bethel

Paint Lick
 Pleasant Home
 Sparta
 Ten Mile*
 Vine Run

* Churches currently searching for a pastor

Looking Ahead...

Please note these important Associational events and their dates:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>OWEN COUNTY</u>	<u>TEN MILE</u>
Administrative Team Mtgs	October 16, 6:30pm FBC, Owenton	November 6, 6:30pm Glencoe
Executive Board Mtgs	October 16, 7:00pm FBC, Owenton	<i>[The Executive Board does not meet again before the annual meeting.]</i>
WMU Quarterly Mtgs	October 21, 10:00am Monterey	October 10, 7:00pm Ten Mile


Associational Annual Meetings 	November 5, 3:00pm Monterey Session 1–3:00pm Meal–5:30pm Session 2–6:30pm	November 10, 6:00pm New Bethel Meal–6:00pm Meeting–7:00pm
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KBC Pastor's Conf. & Annual Meeting, November 13-14, FBC Somerset

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October is

Pastor

APPRECIATION MONTH

“Let the elders that rule well
be counted worthy of double honour,
especially
they who labour in the word and doctrine.

For the scripture saith,
thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn.
And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.”

1 Timothy 5:17-18

Beloved, do something special
for your pastor this month.



Pastors and laymen of Owen County and Ten Mile churches, you are invited to enjoy some fellowship and breakfast together each month.

Where?
When?

Sweet Owen Country Store
...every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 9am

The BP in Sparta
...every 4th Wednesday at 6am

COME JOIN IN THE FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!

Pastor's Book Club Fellowship



After a summer break, the *Pastor's Book Club Fellowship* has started up again. We meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month. Once again, to accommodate our bivocational pastors, there are two times for you to pick from—12noon and 6:30pm.

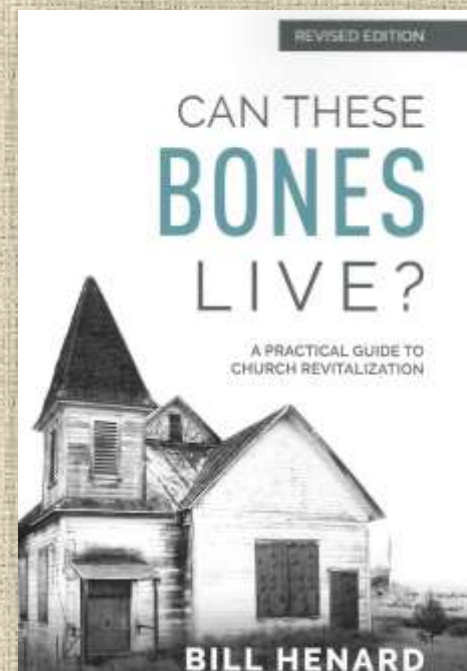
The Pastors Book Club meets in the fellowship hall at FBC Owenton.

Our book will be *Can These Bones Live?* by Bill Henard. His subject (church revitalization) touches every church in America today.

The book and a meal will be provided at no charge.

You must register with me by text or email

(dr.don.coleman@gmail.com).





Kentucky Baptist Partnership Birthing Pregnancy Resource Center in Northern Ky.

OWENTON, Ky. (Kentucky Today) – A pregnancy resource center is coming to a small community in Owen County, and Kentucky Baptists are leading the charge.

When Kelli Carper, a registered nurse, moved to northern Kentucky, she wanted to build on her 20 years of service in pregnancy help ministry near her new home. She didn't set out to start a new ministry.

But mission trips to western and eastern Kentucky with New Bethel Baptist Church in 2022 provided opportunities to serve local pregnancy centers, and those experiences planted a seed in Carper. She began researching towns near her home that weren't within 30 minutes of a PRC.

"Over several months Owenton just kept coming to my mind," Carper said. "I'd never even been to Owenton, and I didn't know anything about it at the time."

Carper discussed her idea for a pregnancy center with her pastor, Chad Brannan, and Don Coleman, the associational mission strategist (AMS) for her area.

She envisioned a ministry "that would not just help with practical resources like diapers and wipes, you know, the things that we all think about when we hear 'pregnancy center.' But our mission is also to bring hope and the gospel to women and families that are facing unplanned pregnancy."

"I was immediately onboard with it," said Coleman, who serves both the Ten Mile and Owen County Associations. "With the overturning of Roe v. Wade, the need for Christian-based PRCs has become even greater."

Carper began researching how to start a pregnancy center, spoke with people in the community and the local health department and consulted other Kentucky PRCs for insight on how to move forward. Kay Hammond, executive director of Alpha Pregnancy Care Center in Pikeville, told Carper that she didn't need to know exactly what she was doing in order to proceed.

"She had started (APCC) way back when, and just had a lot of really good advice and encouragement for me," Carper said.

A steering committee, which includes Carper, Coleman and Brannan, has continued blazing a path forward. Their research and ongoing work have included following a "how to" guide produced by Heartbeat International, a network of pro-life pregnancy help medical clinics, PRCs, maternity homes and adoption agencies.

Hope Lives Pregnancy Center soon took shape.

In the past year, the fledgling ministry has obtained their business license from Kentucky, filed for nonprofit status, set up an email list to update supporters, formed the steering committee that will transition into a board of directors, started fundraising, assembled a prayer team and rented a storage space that is quickly filling with material resources.

"We had a doctor in northern Kentucky donate an exam table, we had Care Net (Pregnancy Services of Northern Kentucky)...donate an ultrasound machine and we have office and client chairs, several boxes of baby clothes (and) diapers," Carper said.

When it comes to medical services, Hope Lives is aiming to provide pregnancy testing and limited ultrasounds that confirm pregnancy — that is Carper's skill set.

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"Many, many women do change their mind from abortion when they see their baby," Carper said. "And it doesn't mean it makes all their problems go away, but it opens their heart and it makes them want to figure out how to make this work because they are able to bond with their baby."

Hope Lives will also provide mentoring, education on parenting and childbirth, group Bible studies and material assistance. Referring to local organizations that can help women facilitate the adoption of their babies is another goal.

Carper noted that developing church partnerships to support Hope Lives is important; Coleman agreed.

"We are counting on prayer support from our churches and for their ongoing financial and material support for the ministry," Coleman said. "In addition to that, Hope Lives will need a lot of volunteers from our churches."

Carper has already spoken about the ministry to local WMU chapters and the executive board meetings for both the Owen County and Ten Mile associations, and a speaking schedule that will put her in front of local churches is in the works. Hope Lives also has a permanent spot in the monthly associational e-newsletter.

Coleman said that "the pastors and churches across both associations have been very supportive."

A Mother's Day offering throughout the associations shattered a \$10,000 fundraising goal in support of Hope Lives, raising \$18,000 toward getting the center off the ground.

"We were so excited about that," said Carper.

Though much progress has been made toward opening Hope Lives, Carper said there isn't a set timeline for when the center will begin operating in Owenton. That is, in part, due to a careful search for the building that will house it.

"We're just really wanting to be real strategic about where we place it and the sensitivity in a small town for privacy," Carper said. "That kind of thing is really important."

"There's just a lot of hurry up and wait when you're setting up something like this," Carper said. "But in the waiting, I feel like God is just strengthening my faith and just reminding me, you know, that there are women and families out there that do need help even now, today. And God's going to provide that even if our doors aren't open yet."

"We have a long way to go, and neither Kelli, pastor Chad, the other members of the board, nor I know very much about how to get something like this up and going," Coleman added. "But we all believe that Hope Lives Pregnancy Center is needed in Owen County, and we believe that God is in it."

Learn more and find ways to support Hope Live Pregnancy Center by following the ministry [on Facebook](#). A website is currently in development.



Tessa Redmond
Life Issues Reporter



from the frontlines

Dateline - cedar hill (Owen County)

Fall Is in the Air It Is Time To Celebrate

Cedar Hill will have Fall Festival, October 8, @ 4:00.

For Sunday Worship: *Life, Light, and Love* series from 1 John, and on Sunday Evening Worship/Prayer Meeting—The Book of Romans.

Pastor Larry Case



Dateline - beech grove (owen county)

Two exciting events for October at Beech Grove Baptist Church



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from the frontlines

Dateline - caney fork (owen county)

Rockdale Day

At
Caney Fork Baptist Church
2450 Rockdale Road
Owenton, Ky 40359

Saturday, October 14, 2023

12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.



Join us on Saturday, October 14, 2023, at Caney Fork Baptist Church for our annual "Rockdale Day." The event will be from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. This is a **FREE** fun-filled day with food and activities for all ages.

Rockdale Day started in 2016 as an "Inasmuch" project promoted by the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Our purpose is to go out into the community and be the hands and feet of Jesus by showing acts of kindness. In the process, we strengthen our relationship with the community. The whole church body is encouraged to be involved.

Everyone is invited and we look forward to sharing this time with you. Please make plans to join us.

We are also hosting a *Homecoming Event* at the Church on October 22nd.

**Sharlene Marcum
Caney Fork**

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BREAKING NEWS

from the frontlines

Datel ine - ten mil e baptist church (ten mil e)

It's that time of year again, when we get the cooler nights and some cooler days. I love the summer because I love the yard work and having some summer fun. TMBC had an Ole Fashion Day with a picnic on August 27. We had special picking and sing a longs with Tyler Mullins, and I cant even began to tell you about all the amazing food and desserts. I also enjoy the fall with the smells of the harvest and the leaves changing colors and of course the fall festivals that take place in our community. We had our Fall Festival Saturday, September 23 which was very appropriate since it was the first day of Fall. We had a good crowd to join us for food, devotional, hay rides and games. The smiles and laughter of the kiddos and big kiddos was just fantastic.

TMBC is still having discipleship training every Sunday evening at 5 pm and everyone is welcome. Every third Friday of the month we have a bible reading at 7 pm and also usually the last Saturday in the month we have pizza and movie and celebration of birthdays and anniversaries for the month.





from the frontlines

Dateline - Vine Run (Ten Mile)

Pack a Backpack & Share the Love

The Christmas Backpacks for Kentucky kids are due to Vine Run Baptist Church, on Oct 1 or sometime that week. Our backpacks will join the thousands from around the state to share Christmas joy with gifts and food as well as the Christmas Story. Events in various areas will present the gospel to those receiving backpacks and to their families.



Fantastic Fall Fun & Fellowship for All

October 15 at 5 PM, join in the fun at Vine Run Baptist Church in Dry Ridge on Warsaw Road near Folsom. On the 15th of October, we'll be sitting on hay bales meandering through the country with full bellies from the supper featuring chili and sandwiches. Enjoy a chili and sandwich supper and fellowship at 5 pm followed by a sunset hayride through the country. When we return from the hay ride, enjoy a craft and game time. Bring a lawn chair and relax by the glowing bonfires. For information, visit Vine Run Baptist Church's Facebook page.



Yum! Youth Dessert Auction Coming in November

Fudgy chocolate brownies, blackberry jam cake, angel food cake, feeling hungry? Vine Run Baptist Church youth will be having a dessert auction on the first Sunday in November. Proceeds will help the youth get to camp in the summer. For details, visit Vine Run Baptist Church's Facebook page.

Rhonda Wilhoite
Vine Run Baptist Church

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BREAKING NEWS

from the frontlines

Dateline - Mt Zion (ten mile)

Special revival services will be held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church with Brother Scotty McDowell of Jena, Louisiana. The services will take place October 1-4th. Brother McDowell has been proclaiming Christ for 34 years and is the founder of International Edifying Christ Ministries. He is a powerful evangelist and Bible teacher.



Brother McDowell will speak Sunday, October 1, in our morning and evening worship services (11 AM and 6:30 PM.) He will also speak Monday through Wednesday (Oct 2-4), with services beginning each evening at 6:30.



In both services on Sunday we also welcome the ministry of Lily Topolski. Lily is an amazing pianist, accompanist, and arranger. Through her creative arrangements of the old hymns she seeks to edify the body of Christ.

Come Join us for these uplifting services, **Pastor John Sheaffer**

MISSIONS MOBILIZATION

Owen County

Hello from the Owen County Missions Mobilization Team

Your associational Missions Mobilization Team is looking for volunteers! We are praying for at least one member from

each church so that the information flow will be more effective.

The MMT is also looking for volunteers for an upcoming mission trip to Panama next year. The dates that we have right now are March 16-25 or March 18-27. The contacts for this mission opportunity need to know soon who would like to go.

When we think of missions, we often think of going off to distant and foreign lands; however, we expect to have plenty of "domestic missions" opportunities. Domestic missions could be in our own backyard—Eastern Kentucky, New York City, or anywhere in the US. There is already a group in our area that goes to Eastern Kentucky frequently.

So, there are a lot of opportunities for doing the Great Commission! If you would like to volunteer to be a part of this great team or would like to be on the mission team going to Panama, please reach out to us:

Dale Griggs (631) 294-3695; Brad Banks (901) 651-1157; Cindy Wilhoite (502) 750-2778; Matt Greenlee (502) 514-1657

Blessings,
Your Missions Mobilization Team

"Come Alongside"



As an adult Christian, would you be interested in helping children learn Bible verses, books of the Bible, and key passages in the Bible?

Children's Bible Drill is for 4th, 5th and 6th grade children. I am willing to help you learn how to work with children in learning some Bible skills.

Review information at www.kybaptist.org/children-bible-drill/.

The downloadable materials at this website include:

Verses card (CSB or KJV translations)

Bible learning games

Bible Drill Basics (how to)

Games for teaching Bible skills

Bible Drill Video (demonstration).

You may contact me at donkemper@twc.com or 859-409-2110 with any questions or assistance with helping children grow in Bible skills by doing Children's Bible Drill in your church.

Also, you may register with KBC at the above website.

WMU[®] God's mission. Our passion.

Ten Mile WMU News

On September 14th, nine ladies and Bro. Don met to do annual planning. It was a very productive evening.

Our Associational Quarterly WMU meeting will be on October 10, Tuesday, at 7:00 PM at Ten Mile Church. We will kickoff our new year and Kelli and Abby Carper will be sharing about their medical mission trip to Honduras. Come join us that evening. All ladies are invited. Please remember to bring your packed backpacks that night so they can be taken to Northern Ky. the next week.

On November 6, Monday, we will be observing the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer. The program will start at 7:00 PM at Vine Run. This is a night when we hear about the needs of women around the world and will be praying for them. I hope you can join us.

On November 30, we will be meeting at Glencoe Church to sort our items for the Christmas nursing home project. It will begin at 10:30 to sort. We will have lunch at noon and then have our team meeting. This year we will be going to Gallatin Healthcare and the two nursing homes in Carrollton the first two Saturdays of December.

Pat Callan, Ten Mile Associational WMU Director

Owen County WMU News

OCWMU and Salem shared a booth at Sweet Owen Days this year. It was a beautiful day and many folks stopped by to talk, receive a gift and pray with us. We want to thank all the churches that donated their time and giveaways to this project. As always it was a rewarding experience.



The Fall Quarterly meeting will be held at Monterey Baptist Church on Oct. 21, at 10:00 am. Our guest speaker will be Bro. Kyle McDanell. Kyle is the pastor at East Frankfort Baptist Church and the State Minister for the Ky. Capitol Commission. He is an Owen County native and the son of Billy and Linda McDanell. He will be speaking on his mission project at the state capital.

All are invited to come and hear Kyle speak.



Judy Williams, South Fork Baptist Church

BREATH OF Life



2023 BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD DAY of PRAYER

**VINE RUN BAPTIST CHURCH
NOVEMBER 6 AT 7:00pm**

Connecting in prayer is deeply meaningful.

As we pray for needs around the world, people all around the world are praying for us and others, too.

For more than 70 years Christians have united in prayer on this first Monday in November to pray for each other. We will hear testimonies, Bible thoughts of encouragement, special music, and, of course, pray for the requests of women around the world.

**World Day of Prayer is sponsored by our Baptist Women,
but everyone is cordially invited to come.**

The theme is "Breath of Life," inspired by Job 33:4,

"The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life."

Come and join us as we experience the power of collective prayers being lifted in more than 100 nations! We are confident you will be blessed and encouraged as we gather for the reading of God's Word, hear stories of how the Spirit is moving, and seek the Lord with open hearts in prayer.



National Collection Week is November 13-20.

If any church is in need of shoeboxes, contact Linda McDanell, Area Coordinator, at (502) 750-1488.

OPERATION Christmas Child
Samaritan's Purse

DECLARE HIS GLORY AMONG THE NATIONS!
- PSALM 96:3 -

FOLLOW YOUR BOX DESTINATIONS
After Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts are lovingly packed by people like you, Samaritan's Purse delivers them to over 100 countries each year by boat, plane, canoe, or even camel—all to bring Good News and great joy to children in need.
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Sunrise Children's Services is happy to announce that we are currently taking orders for our free Thanksgiving Offering materials online. All orders can be made at <https://www.sunrise.org/thanksgiving/>. Materials can also be downloaded at this site.

Order by October 2

Guarantee that materials are received by the end of October.

Today in Kentucky, thousands of children are without a home. That's why we are again seeking **1,000 faithful Kentucky churches to give \$1,000 to this year's Sunrise Thanksgiving Offering.**

We cannot do what we do without the support of all of our Kentucky Baptist churches.

Thank you for the work you do.
And thank you for your continued support of Sunrise.

Be sure to check out this year's Thanksgiving video (also at <https://www.sunrise.org/thanksgiving/>)!



RECHARGE



Speakers



Dr. Hance Dilbeck
CEO of GuideStone
Pastor Emeritus



Dr. Mark Dance
Director of Pastoral Wellness at
GuideStone
Pastor Emeritus

Recharge is a one-day conference designed to help pastors and church leaders recharge personally and professionally.



Looking to avoid burnout in your ministry role? Join Dr. Hance Dilbeck, CEO of GuideStone, and Dr. Mark Dance, GuideStone's Director of Pastoral Wellness, for encouragement and practical wisdom at Recharge. In addition to the main sessions, breakouts, worship and lunch will be included. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Recharge will be hosted at Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington, Ky, on October 12, 2023, from 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. kybaptist.org/event/recharge

Call to Ministry Workshop

October 2 @ 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm Crittenden Association Building, North Central Region



Do you sense a calling to pastoral ministry?

Talk with those currently in ministry about qualifications, motivations, expectations, and giftings related to this calling and how you can take a next step.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more

Revitalize

Equipping Leaders for Healthy Churches

Lead your church toward greater health and growth at Revitalize on October 24 at Porter Memorial in Lexington!

Participants will hear practical teaching on developing vision, addressing spiritual barriers, helping develop an outward focus, and understanding the role of preaching.

Breakout sessions will be offered to assist leaders with preaching on revitalization, intentionally focusing on their personal spiritual lives, and developing vision. Resources will be shared at the event that will be helpful in leading a church to experience renewal.



Mark Clifton

Senior Director of Replanting
North American Mission Board



Claude King

Discipleship and Church Health Specialist
Retired from LifeWay Christian Resources



Tony Merida

Founding Pastor and Professor of Preaching
Imago Dei Church (Raleigh, NC) and
Southeastern Baptist Seminary

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REACH is a two-day conference focused on evangelism and missions. This high-caliber conference offers an engaging lin-up of plenary speakers and breakout sessions designed to advance church leaders in

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The conference will be \$15 and the Lunch and Learn will be \$10.



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THE UNCHANGING GOSPEL FOR AN EVERCHANGING WORLD

Pastors' Conference / November 13, 2023 FBC Somerset, Kentucky

Speakers



Steve Gaines

Senior Pastor at Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, TN
Topic: Unchanging Gospel



Brent Leatherwood

President of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission
Topic: Political Identity



Nick Moore

Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Gaffinsburg, TN
Topic: Cultural Identity



Erik Reed

Lead Pastor of The Journey Church in Lebanon, TN
Topic: Sexual Identity



Andrew Walker

Associate Professor of Christian Ethics and Apologetics at Southern Seminary
Topic: Gender Identity

Be equipped
to address
pressing cultural
topics
from

a Biblical perspective.



PRO-FAMILY BILLS THAT PASSED

Parental Rights Protection, Do No Harm, and Student Privacy Acts

(SB 150 by Sen. Max Wise, amended to include multiple bills)

SB 150 protects the lives of Kentucky children by setting policy in alignment with the truth that every child is created as a male or female and deserves to be loved, treated with dignity, and accepted for who they really are – banning barbaric “gender transition” interventions on children; ensuring commonsense student privacy protections so that boys can’t use girls’ restrooms & locker rooms; and empowering parents to have a say in their child’s education, including protecting kids from harmful LGBT indoctrination in K-12. **SB 150’s Key Provisions:**

- Protects minors from harmful and irreversible puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and surgery for the purpose of gender “transitioning.” **(HB 470 by Rep. Jennifer Decker)**
- Protects school children from age-inappropriate LGBT indoctrination and discussions of human sexuality – no LGBT indoctrination K-12; no sex-education classes in elementary school; and any school that chooses to offer sex-ed classes in grades 6-12, must first receive parental opt-in. **(HB 177 by Rep. Shane Baker)**
- Protects school children’s privacy and safety by preventing students from using bathrooms, locker rooms, and shower rooms of the opposite biological sex. **(HB 30 by Rep. Bill Wesley)**
- Upholds the First Amendment rights of teachers and students by preventing compelled use of pronouns that do not match an individual’s biological sex. **(SB 150 by Sen. Max Wise / HB 177 by Rep. Shane Baker)**
- Requires parental consent prior to mental health surveys being administered to students. **(HB 173 by Rep. Josh Calloway / SB 102 by Sen. Lindsey Tichenor)**
- Recognizes a parent’s right to access their child’s educational and health records, make decisions regarding their upbringing, requires parental consent prior to the school’s referral to an external health care provider, and prohibits the enactment of policies to withhold student information from parents. **(SB 150 by Sen. Max Wise)**

Gov. Andy Beshear (D) vetoed SB 150, but the KY General Assembly overwhelmingly overrode his veto.

Religious Freedom For Teachers (HB 547 by Rep. Chris Fugate)

HB 547 simply provides Kentucky’s school administrators and personnel clarity by enshrining key aspects of the U.S. Supreme Court’s recent ruling in the Coach Kennedy case last year, ensuring that the religious freedom rights of the Commonwealth’s teachers and other school staff are protected. **HB 547 overwhelmingly passed the General Assembly and was signed into law by Gov. Andy Beshear (D).**

Protecting Students from Materials Harmful to Minors

(SB 5 by Sen. Jason Howell)

SB 5 sets up a complaint and review process for the removal of school materials that are harmful to minors, while ensuring that a concerned parent’s child is not exposed to the material regardless. **SB 5 overwhelmingly passed the General Assembly and became law despite Gov. Andy Beshear’s (D) refusal to sign it.**



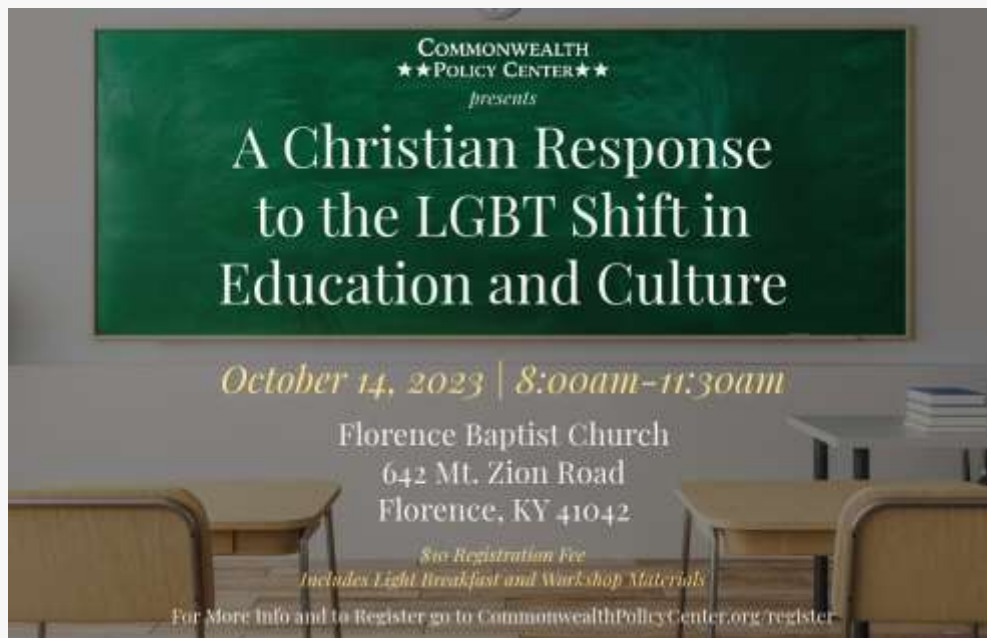
Hello Pastors and Ministry Leaders.

A recent Barna study found that 90 percent of pastors believe helping congregants embrace biblical beliefs about specific social issues is a critical part of their pastoral role. Yet many of us struggle to equip those under our care to effectively do so. The Commonwealth Policy Center is here to help. A Christian Response to the LGBT Shift in Education and Culture is the name of our workshop which is being presented all over the state. The workshop goal? To help Christians think and respond biblically to the LGBT push in public schools, and to provide them with an effective plan of action and practical tools. This practical, "how-to" workshop will empower believers to really make a difference in their respective communities in a manner that pleases God. Our regular speakers include Richard Nelson, Founder and Executive Dir. of Commonwealth Policy Center; Dr. Clint Elliott, Attorney, Counselor, Pastor-teacher; and Randy Adams, former Principal Anderson County Schools.

Please note: The workshop is not just for pastors and leaders but all church members, parents and grandparents, educators, denominational and ministry leaders, and all other interested persons. Below are details for the workshop in your area:

DATE: Saturday, October 14th
TIME: 8:00-11:30 am.
Breakfast served at 8:00 am, workshop commences at 8:30 am.
LOCATION: Florence Baptist Church
642 Mt. Zion Road
Florence, KY 41042
COST: \$10. Includes breakfast, all materials, DVD, and book.

Let me urge you and your church members to come to this vital workshop, and to also invite other ministry colleagues. Sign-up today at <https://commonwealthpolicycenter.org/register/>. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at reed@commonwealthpolicy.org or on my cell: 608.239.7917.

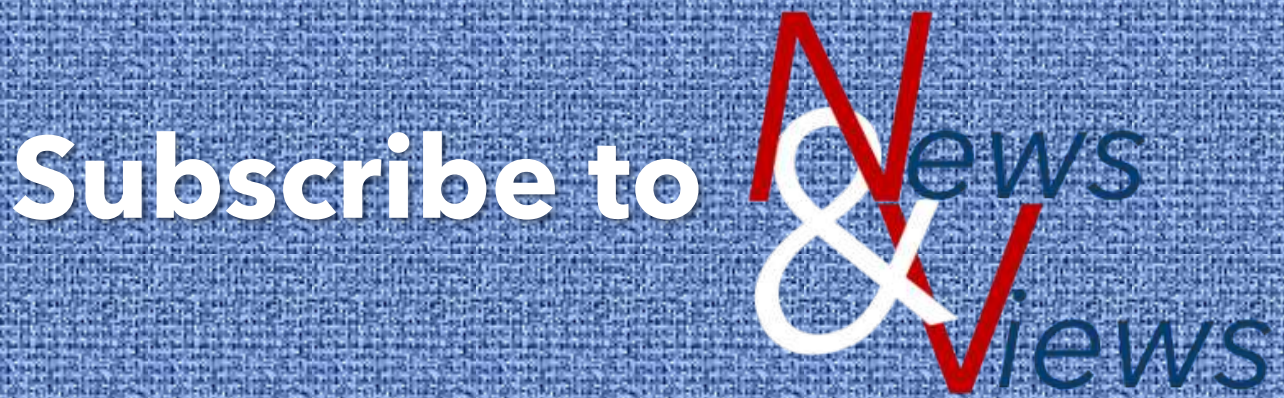


October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Owen/Ten Mile Brkfst Fel'ship Sweet Owen, 9:00am	5	6	7
8	9	10 Pastor's Book Club Fellowship  FBC Owenton 12noon & 6:30pm Ten Mile WMU Quarterly Mtg Ten Mile BC 7:00pm	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Owen/Ten Mile Brkfst Fel'ship Sweet Owen, 9:00am	19	20	21 Owen WMU Qtrly Mtg. Monterey BC 10:00am
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