



A Special Thank You

“The elders who are good leaders are to be considered worthy of double honor.” 1Timothy 5:17a (CSB)

I wanted to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Pastors of the Black River Baptist Association. It has been my privilege during this present crisis to talk with them and meet several times with them by means of Zoom. They have had to provide leadership during a very challenging time and have had to make difficult decisions. I admire them for their faith and trust in the Lord. I admire them for their courageous leadership. They have shown and demonstrated wisdom from Him. They have been an encouragement and an example to me. Pastors, I am grateful for you and your ministry to our Lord.

As days return to “more normal,” please remember to tell your Pastor how much you appreciate him!

FROM the DOM:

We have faced some very challenging times in the past 2 1/2 months. It has been a very trying time for each of our churches. But, we are reminded that we serve the Sovereign Lord who still rules and reigns. He will continue to fulfill His purpose in us.

Recently, I contemplated what we could learn from these times. I am sure there are many lessons we could share, but there are two lessons I hope we have learned. First of all, I pray we realize how important it is for us to gather together. The church is about gathering on the Lord's Day so that we can worship the Lord and hear His Word. I have long believed and have often said, "There is something we gain when we come together that we cannot get anywhere else." I am grateful for the technology that has allowed us to gather virtually, but it is not the same as physically gathering. We need one another, and our gathering together is important.

Second, there is another fundamental aspect of the church: community outreach. I hope we have learned that "being the church" is more than what we do on Sundays and Wednesday. It is more than what we do inside the four walls of our church facilities. I heard one of our Pastors in a sermon and have heard others talk about the church being closed during recent months. They noted that the church buildings have been closed, but the church is never closed. The Lord in His Sovereign purpose has allowed many churches to minister to more people the past few weeks than under normal circumstances. It appears to me the church is very much open.

As our churches begin to reopen their facilities and gather again, let us not forget our purpose and our mission: we are stewards of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. So let us not just enjoy being back in our buildings, but rejoice in being the church in our communities!

By His Grace, Bro. Kevin

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#WhosYour1



Imagine if every believer could answer that question with the name of a person who is far from God—a person for whom they're praying and with whom seeking to share the gospel. That's the intention behind Who's Your One. We believe God's people don't merely need another method for evangelism— what they need is a white-hot passion to see people who are far from God experience the new life He offers through Jesus Christ.

We have kits for ***Who's Your One?*** in the office.

If your church would like to have one, please give me a call.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the
2020 graduates in our area
churches. May God bless your
achievements and your journey
ahead!

“When thou passet through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.”

Isaiah 43:2 (KJV)

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Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday

8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Lunch Hour:

Monday—Thursday

12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.

CAMP McCLANAHAN 2020

I have prayed and have been involved in several meetings about summer camps. I have sought advice from wise counselors. As a result, I regret to inform you that I have decided to cancel our summer camps for 2020. I know how vital our camp ministry is to this Association, but I also am aware of the responsibility we have to the health and wellbeing of our children and youth.

If you have any questions, please call me!

By His Grace, Bro. Kevin

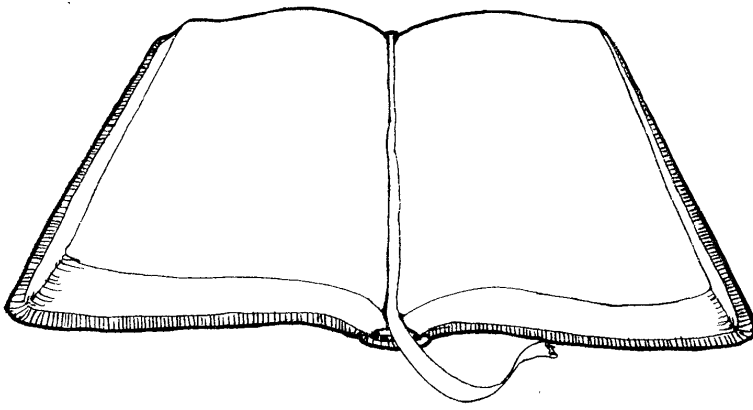
Homer and Dolah Lemonds Scholarship Fund

There are still a few days left for graduating seniors to apply for the Lemonds Scholarship. The deadline is June 10. It is for those seniors who are members of a Black River Baptist Association church. I sent a letter and a copy of the application to each church. The application explains what information is needed to apply. If you have any questions, please call the

Association Office @ 573-888-3867.



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Spiritual Food for Thought

"God is our refuge and strength, a helper who is always found in times of trouble. ... The Lord of armies is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold."

PSALM 46:1,11

Associational Events

It is very difficult to schedule any events for the coming days. As we begin to return to a more normal situation, we will make you aware of upcoming events.

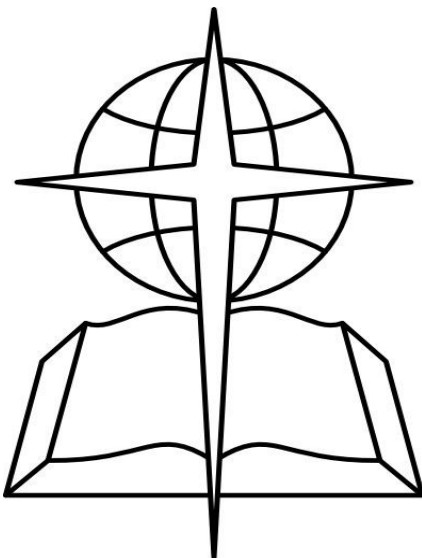
Please continue to be in prayer for our Association.

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Pastors' Events

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