

# THE BRIDGE BUILDER

A FAMILY OF CHURCHES BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN GOD AND MAN,  
BETWEEN OUR CHURCHES AND BETWEEN CHURCHES  
AND THE COMMUNITY



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## PATTERSON'S PEN

As I write this more than 160 World Changers are busy serving in Henderson. They come eager to help and do a great job wherever they serve. Since it rained part of Tuesday, one group helped clean some items at the Associational Office and three groups helped sort clothes at TAC. This, of course, was in addition to their roofing, siding, and other work on needy homes in the area. None of this would be possible without your help in feeding the groups. What a blessing you are to others!

And speaking of being a blessing to others, that is exactly what I have felt from you during the time of my wife's sickness and death. I literally do not know how I could have gone through losing my wife of 45 years without the help God sent me through your phone calls, cards, and kind expressions.



There are many ways to say it but none are adequate to express how very grateful I am for your presence and support. I especially thank you for your gifts to the Green Valley Baptist Foundation in her memory. I had no idea what to expect, but if you'd have asked me, I'd have said maybe three or four hundred dollars might have come in memory of her. Debbie was so missions minded that she would have been blessed by that knowing people cared enough to give anything to missions in her name. However, well over \$3,500 has been given in her memory. These funds add to the principle in the Foundation and will never be spent. The annual earnings, however, will all go to support missions in our association until Jesus comes. Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Love, Bill Patterson



**WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP  
TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 6 P.M.  
Back lot at the Worship Center**

During the months of July & August our Associational WMU Church Groups will come together to feed those attending the Tuesday evening worship services that are held on the back lot of the race track. This is a wonderful ministry that we have been blessed to be a part of for several years. If you would like to be involved please contact Dolores Gilmore, GVBA WMU Director, at (270)827-3443 or (270)724-3647.

**GVBA  
FOUNDATION  
Supporting  
Missions**

**Extending the Good news through the  
Green Valley Baptist Association  
Foundation**

It has been a privilege to be in a great Christian family. We were taught at an early age the value of money, and how to use it wisely. As the years have passed this has aided me in good decision making regarding what the Lord has blessed me with. Also, He has led me to the right persons to assist me with the planning of my estate. The Lord also blessed me with two Christian husbands. We had last will & testaments which guided me and the court at their deaths.

My last husband, Dr. E. Keevil Judy, was one of the persons involved in the early planning of the Green Valley Foundation. It is only natural, then, that the Foundation will be included. So, will you not join me in making a decision to leave a portion of your estate to this great endeavor?

Mary Lois Judy



*From Your GVBA Ministry Assistant,  
Karen Totton*

## **BAPTIST MINISTRY ASSISTANTS OF KENTUCKY**

Our purpose is to provide community, resources, & professional development opportunities that meet the specific needs of those serving Baptist churches, agencies, & institutions in Kentucky. Membership in BMAK is open to secretaries & ministry assistants (& other interested office workers) in churches, institutions, agencies, & organizations owned by or affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention or in Southern Baptist-related agencies in Kentucky. Other interested persons may join as associate members, but they shall be ineligible to vote or hold office.

All that being said, the BMAK is a great organization where you are a part of a group of people, under the same calling, that are in the same “boat” as you. It’s a network where you can receive prayer, encouragement, knowledge, advise, & guidance. One of the ways we fulfill our purpose is by hosting our Annual Workshop. This year, we will hold our BMAK Workshop on **Friday, September 14** at **Parkway Baptist Church** in Bardstown, KY. You will be receiving information about this in the coming weeks as we nail down the details. There will be several conferences available from business to fun topics. Social media to decorating & event planning. Meet other ministry assistants from all over the state of Kentucky. Make new friends & contacts. Mark your calendar & plan to attend this great workshop.

Another perk of being a BMAK member is the **Clara McCartt Scholarship Fund**. This scholarship fund was formed in honor of Clara McCartt, who was instrumental in forming Kentucky Baptist Secretaries Association (the predecessor to Baptist Ministry Assistants of Kentucky). It provides financial assistance to the children of BMAK members attending Kentucky Baptist colleges. Scholarship distributions were awarded from the fund for the first time during the 2004-05 school year. Contributions to the fund can be made directly through BMAK and may be designated in honor or memory of a loved one. Consider contributing to the Clara McCartt Scholarship fund to further the education of Kentucky Baptist students.

I encourage you to give prayerful consideration to joining with us as a BMAK member.

Working with you to Glorify Him,  
Karen Totton, GVBA Ministry Assistant

*For more information concerning the Baptist Ministry Assistants of Kentucky go to [www.kybaptist.org/BMAK](http://www.kybaptist.org/BMAK), like our Facebook page (look under Baptist Ministry Assistants of Kentucky).*

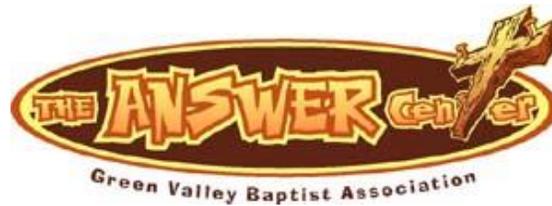
*Check out the National Association of Ministry Assistants, at [www.NAMA-SBC.org](http://www.NAMA-SBC.org). The NAMA Conference will be held April 24-26, 2019 in Louisville, KY. Continue to watch for information in the coming months here in the Bridge Builder Save the date & plan to attend!!*

*As individuals we can do good work but together, WOW! Just think about how much more we can accomplish.*

***Save These Dates  
for other opportunities for training***

***EQUIP***  
*August 13 (doors open at 6 p.m.)  
Edgewood BC, Hopkinsville  
[www.kybaptist.org/equip](http://www.kybaptist.org/equip)*

***EXCEL 2018***  
*August 25  
Second BC, Hopkinsville  
[www.kywmu.org/excel](http://www.kywmu.org/excel)*



***The Kathy J Strange ANSWER Center***  
510 Second Street, Henderson, KY

Each year at The Kathy J. Strange ANSWER Center we host 3 events that focus specifically on children. Through the Kids Korner Easter, Kids Korner Back to School, and Kids Korner Christmas events we minister to underprivileged children in the Henderson area. Every one of these events reaches around 200 young people, helping to give The ANSWER of Jesus Christ while meeting their needs.



At this time, we are collecting donations for our Kids Korner Back to School event. We have sent out letters to all our churches in Green Valley asking for donations of backpacks, notebooks, loose-leaf paper, crayons, markers, pencils, pencil top erasers, scissors, and other items that will help a child get off to a good start in the new school year. So far, we have received a nice check from Airline Baptist Church out of their VBS offering for Kids Korner Back to School, but no other donations have come in. I'm certain there are still more donations on the way. Please pray for this event and donate as God leads you.

Through the New Testament and Gospel Tract that will be in each backpack, as well as the faithful witness given to the parents and children, who will come to The ANSWER Center to get backpacks we pray God will touch many lives with the Good News of Jesus Christ. **The backpacks will be given out on Saturdays, July 21, 28, and August 4.**



The ANSWER Center continues to be a busy place. We are averaging 105 people being helped each week, which is 30 more than what we were averaging last year at this time. We rejoice that there have been 6 pray to receive Christ since January 1, 2018. While the number of volunteers continues to be strong we can always use some help. We can especially use Exit Interviewers who would be willing to help share the gospel with those who shop on Saturday mornings before they leave.

Finally, we are excited to announce and ask for your prayer support for a new event we will be hosting next year. On Friday, May 10 & Saturday, May 11, 2019, The KJS ANSWER Center will host a **Free Medical/Dental Clinic** at The ANSWER Center. Working together with the Kentucky Baptist Convention, North American Mission Board, & Seed to Oaks we hope to provide a quality 2-day clinic that will touch many lives in this area for Jesus. There is a lot of planning and work to do between now & then. Pray for this important event.

Always in His service,

Jeff Burke, Director of Community Ministries/The KJS ANSWER Center



**Airline:** We will have a Youth Sunday on July 8. We will furnish the meal for the Race Track Ministry at Ellis Park on Tuesday, July 10 at 6 pm. Everyone is invited to our Movie Night at the Church on Saturday, July 28 at 6pm. Come sing with us on Sunday, July 29 during our Singspiration at 6 pm.

**Bellfield:** We will ordain Bro. Andy Duckworth into the Deacon Ministry on July 1 at 6 p.m. Our youth are going to Camp Cedermore July 6-10. We will furnish the meal for the Race Track Ministry at Ellis Park on Tuesday, July 17 at 6 pm. All seniors are invited to attend our Amazing Grays Luncheon on July 24 at 11:30 a.m. We would love for you to join us on July 29 for our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Song Fest at 6 p.m.

**Calvary:** Everyone is invited to join us for VBS July 8-12, 6-8:30pm. We have classes for all ages including adults!! We have a Bible study group that meets at the apartment complex across the street from CMBC on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. We are now accepting resumes for a **Bi-Vocational Pastor**. Please submit your resume to: CMBC Pastor Search Committee, 2360 Green River Road, Henderson, KY 42420.

**Corydon:** Join us for Girl's Night Every Monday in July 6:30pm – 7:45pm. July 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> – Faith and Fundamentals @ Corydon Ballpark @ 5:30pm. July 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Generate Camp YM360 @ Lookout Mountain, GA 6<sup>th</sup> grade-High School. We will furnish the meal for the Race Track Ministry at Ellis Park on Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

**Du Pey:** We have a CD player & cassette player we would be willing to give to any church that needs one. Contact Bro. D.T. at (270)454-4158 if interested.

**FBC Henderson:** Our WOM group will furnish the meal for the Race Track Ministry at Ellis Park on Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm. We will hold a Backyard Kids Club July 10-12, 6-8pm at the Woodsvew Apartments.

**FBC Sebree:** We will be hosting a Summer Blood Drive for the American Red Cross on July 26, 2 – 6:30 p.m. Please call the office to sign up or go to: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

**Grace Point:** We will be having a bluegrass concert and fellowship on July 8, from 6-8pm. This will be a fundraiser for our Youth group that will be used toward camp costs. We are joining with Water's Edge on a mission trip to Black River, Jamaica July 13-21.

**Hyland:** Join us for VBS July 23-27, 5:30 – 8 p.m. We have classes for all ages. We will furnish the meal for the Race Track Ministry at Ellis Park on Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm.

**Water's Edge:** We will be heading to Black River, Jamaica on July 13-21, 2018. We'll be conducting a Vacation Bible School at Black River Baptist Church. We'll be doing some neighborhood canvassing, and street evangelism projects in Black River and Montego Bay. The cost of the trip has been marked down to \$2,050.00/person. This includes airfare, hotel, and most meals. If you or someone from your church might be interested, please have him/her call me ASAP so that we can secure their spot on the team. We need helpers of all kinds and any age! You must have a valid passport. I can be reached at: Water's Edge Church: (270)832-1324, or Cell: (270)883-0302. If your church would like to hear about other upcoming mission trip opportunities, I am available any Sunday evening to come and talk to them.

**Watson Lane:** Our Gym Facility is available to rent for birthday parties, bridal & baby showers, etc. For more information or to rent the facility contact Everett Lewis at (270)860-2884 or Shawn Jewell at (270)724-2847.



**ASSOCIATIONAL CHURCH'S  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
DATES & TIMES**

Calvary  
Hyland

July 8-12  
July 23-27

6 - 8:30 pm (we offer an adult class as well)  
5:30 – 8 pm



The offices of  
Green Valley Baptist Association  
&  
The Kathy J. Strange ANSWER Center  
will be closed on  
Wednesday, July 4.  
We hope you have a very happy & safe  
Independence Day!



## **Two More Ways to Reach Outward for Growth in Sunday School**

In order for a Sunday school class to reach outward they must develop a prospect care list. This list contains people that the class can pray for on a regular basis and find ways to show them the love of Jesus in practical ways.

To begin the list, ask for names of prospects and contact information from class members. Try using FRANs (friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors). The associates you add to the list come from the people the class members know other than friends, relatives, and neighbors. You can add names from one area per week for four weeks, and really come up with a good list of names.

After making a list, determine a plan for making regular contacts. This usually means 2 – 4 times a month. Regular contacts include phone calls, letters, texts, Face Time, or using social media. You can let them know that the class is praying for them, find out if they have any unmet needs, invite them to fellowships and projects, and invite them to Sunday school.

Speaking of fellowships and projects, a Sunday school class can also reach outward by planning both of them once a quarter. These activities outside of the time and place of the Sunday school lesson allows prospects and class members an opportunity to build relationships in a casual atmosphere. To plan the fellowships the class needs to elect a planning team, which will take pressure off the teacher for making sure the events happen. Once the planning team has the fellowship/project scheduled, they communicate that to the rest of the class. The class members then make contact with their prospects to invite them to join in.

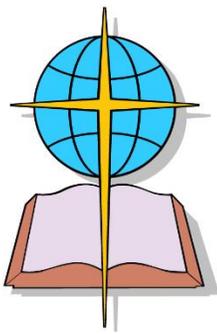
Keep in mind the purpose of inviting prospects to the fellowship or project: providing a bridge with the people already active in the Sunday school class. It can seem intimidating for someone new to attend a class that already has structure. A fellowship or project gives them a way to connect in a less structured environment.

Plan fellowships that encourage casual, fun, conversations in a relaxed atmosphere. Plan projects to get something done. Some people enjoy talking, while others enjoy doing; that's why both fellowships and projects contain importance.

Darryl Wilson shared a great story about an outdoor beautification project one class planned. One particular prospect, who had not been receptive to any other activity, joined this one because he loved landscaping. He participated in this one project, connected with other people that day, started attending Sunday school, and then in a few weeks accepted Jesus Christ as Savior!

Pastor Nathan A. Whisnant  
GVBA Sunday School Coordinator





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We have a list of pastors who are available to serve as interim pastor or supply preacher for your church. Please contact us at (270)827-9867 or [karentotton@greenvalleybaptist.org](mailto:karentotton@greenvalleybaptist.org) if you're in need of a pastor to speak at your church.



**Wishing you a Very Happy  
 Birthday/Anniversary**

- July 1** Tim & Pam Leadingham, FBC Morganfield
- July 3** Nathan Whisnant, Airline
- July 5** Kenny Kidd, Hyland
- July 14** Tony & Jill Appuglies, FBC Sebree
- July 16** Ellie & Marty Coursey, FBC Henderson

**AUGUST AT A GLANCE**

- Aug. 2: 10am WMU Leadership Team Meeting, GVBA  
1:30pm TAC Team Meeting, TAC
- Aug. 4: 9am TAC Kid's Korner Back-2-School, TAC
- Aug. 8: 12pm C.R.O.S.S. @ HCC
- Aug. 9: 11:30am On Mission Team, GVBA
- Aug. 15: 12pm C.R.O.S.S. @ HCC
- Aug. 21: 6pm Race Track Ministry @ Ellis Park
- Aug. 22: 12pm C.R.O.S.S. @ HCC
- Aug. 23: 4pm GVBA 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Session, Hyland
- Aug. 27: 11:30am Henderson Christian Writers, GVBA
- Aug. 28: 6pm Race Track Ministry @ Ellis Park
- Aug. 29: 12pm C.R.O.S.S. @ HCC



**THERE IS POWER IN PRAYER**  
 Our Country & her leaders  
 Our Military Men & Women & their families  
 Our church leaders (pastors, staff, teachers, etc.)  
**Our churches without pastors:** Calvary & Cash Creek

<b>May Bank Reconciliation Report</b>	
Beginning Balance	7,819.56
Interest	.28
<b>Cleared Transactions</b>	
Disbursements	12,459.22
Receipts	<u>18,979.02</u>
<b>Balance 05/31/2018</b>	<b>14,339.64</b>
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<b>GVBA Ministries</b>	
Statements 05/31/2018	
The ANSWER Center	13,551.45
C.R.O.S.S. (BSU)	935.20
Building Fund	18,439.25

**Associational Church Monthly Contributions  
 (Deposited as of May 31, 2018)**

Advance	\$ 266.13	Geneva	\$ -----
Airline	\$ 625.00	Grace Point	\$ 210.09
Bellfield	\$ 898.00	Greater Norris	\$ ----
Bethel	\$ 103.56	Hyland	\$ 418.16
Calvary	\$ 98.89	Lawndale	\$ 38.58
Cash Creek	\$ -----	Mt. Pleasant	\$ -----
Cherry Hill	\$ -----	New Hope	\$ 250.08
Corydon	\$ 723.31	Poole	\$ 252.90
Covenant	\$ -----	Robards	\$ 271.25
Du Pey	\$ 15.00	Spottsville	\$ 312.38
Eastview	\$ -----	Victory	\$ -----
Finley	\$ 262.02	Water's Edge	\$ -----
FBC, Henderson	\$ 4,304.85	Watson Lane	\$ -----
FBC, M'field	\$ 1,306.60	Zion	\$ 1,965.40
FBC Sebree	\$ 560.22	Zion South Campus	\$ 128.04

***Your GVBA mission work depends on your faithful participation & faithful contributions. Thank you for your continued support.***

***Sunday School Materials***

***We, along with Love Packages, deeply appreciate our churches continuing to bring their left-over Sunday school materials, Christian magazines & other materials. We request that you bring your materials during our business hours. When things are left on the porch or in the car port bugs & other critters have a field day with it not to mention if it rains destroying not only the materials inside but also the boxes. We thank you for your assistance & your donations.***



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <i>Tim &amp; Pam</i> <i>Leadingham, FBC</i> <i>Morganfield</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <i>Nathan Whisnant,</i> <i>Airline</i> 6pm Race Track Ministry, Ellis Park (HFBC WOM)	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> <i>Kenny Kidd, Hyland</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6pm Race Track Ministry, Ellis Park (Airline)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <i>Tony &amp; Jill</i> <i>Appuglies, FBC Sebree</i>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <i>Ellie &amp; Marty</i> <i>Coursey, FBC</i> <i>Henderson</i>	<b>17</b> 6pm Race Track Ministry, Ellis Park (Bellfield)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9am TAC Kid's Korner Back-2-School
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 11:30am Henderson Christian Writers, GVBA	<b>24</b> 6pm Race Track Ministry, Ellis Park (Corydon)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9am TAC Kid's Korner Back-2-School
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 6pm Race Track Ministry, Ellis Park (Hyland)				



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I pledge allegiance to the flag.

*Freedom is not Given. Freedom is Won.*