



NORTH CENTRAL
BAPTIST NETWORK

December 2022 &
January 2023

Communicator

You Are Invited to Join the Honduras Mission Trip 2023!

The sponsoring churches (Ballardsville BC, DeHaven BC, Westport BC, and Corn Creek BC) for a Honduras mission trip slated for March 4-19, 2023 welcome others from our Network churches to join us on this important Gospel mission enterprise. Bro. Rick Lucas is serving as the coordinator for this trip.

The trip consists of work in two very different regions - La Campa, in the remote western mountains, and Tela, a town on the Caribbean coast. Volunteers can opt for the trip to La Campa (March 4-12) or to Tela (March 12 -19) or the entire trip.

In La Campa, the team will be working with missionaries Greg and Jean Hines to do construction work, conduct a medical clinic, minister to school children, and share the Gospel in the surrounding communities. In Tela, the team will be working with Pastor Franklin Requeno to do construction work, hold a medical clinic, work with school children, and share the Gospel in the community.

If you, as a member of one of our Network churches, would like to participate in this mission trip, please contact Rick Lucas (ricklucas7734@gmail.com) or Jon Auten (jauten@ncbnetwork.org) to receive a Mission Team Member Application and Emergency Medical Information Form.

Please Note: The application documents, along with a \$100 reservation fee, should be mailed or delivered to Rick Lucas by December 31, 2022. Rick's mailing address is 5704 West Highway 524, Westport, KY.

If you have questions about this mission trip, feel free to call or email Rick Lucas at 502-643-4461 or ricklucas7734@gmail.com.



The Ruben House - in Gracias



Antioch Baptist Church - in Tela

Praise is rightfully yours,
God, in Zion;

vows to you will be fulfilled.

All humanity will come to you,
the one who hears prayer.

Iniquities overwhelm me;
only you can atone for our rebellions.

How happy is the one you choose
and bring near to live in your courts!

We will be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
the holiness of your temple.

You answer us in righteousness,

with awe-inspiring works,
God of our salvation,

the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the distant seas.

You establish the mountains by your power;
you are robed with strength.

You silence the roar of the seas,
the roar of their waves,
and the tumult of the nations.

Those who live far away are awed by your signs;
you make east and west shout for joy.

Psalm 65:1-8



As I read this Psalm, my mind is drawn to the Christmas season and the celebrations of Christ's birth that will be happening in churches and homes across our Network. God rightfully deserves our praise for giving us hope in Jesus! He has provided atonement through Christ, the Son. He satisfies us with His goodness. He answers us with His righteousness. He is truly "God of our salvation!"

But He is not our hope alone. He is "the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the distant seas." And so, this Psalm also draws my mind to the Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. There are those at the ends of the earth and on islands of the distant seas who have not yet heard about Jesus. Revelation 7:9, however, shows us a compelling vision. "After this I looked, and there was a vast multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, which no one could number, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes with palm branches in their hands."

In Psalm 65:8, we see the same vision, just stated differently. "Those who live far away are awed by your signs; you make east and west shout for joy." From east to west, people are shouting for joy because they have found hope in the God of salvation! I pray that God would use us to carry the message of hope in Christ to the ends of the earth as we all pray faithfully, give generously, send intentionally, and go personally.

Campbellsburg Baptist, Bro. Wes Brockway, Pastor

For the month of December through Christmas during worship service, Celebration of Advent with a Wreath and Candles.



December 4th @ 11am, Sue Brockway & Oprah Cooper sing "Mungo nu Pendo" in Swahili to kick off the Lottie Moon Offering.

December 11th @ 11am, Sisters in Song bring special music

January Sermon Series - A Fresh View for A New Year

- *Jan 8th - Your God is Too Small
- *Jan 15th - Your Vision is too Small
- *Jan 22nd - Your Gift is Too Small (stewardship)
- *Jan 29th - Your Voice is Too Small (Evangelism)

February Sermon Series - The Five Love Languages

Pigeon Fork Baptist, Bro. Vernon Carpenter, Pastor

Sunday evening services are on hiatus until January 8.



Dec 3, 11am - Kim DeLozier's "Bear in the Backseat"

Jan 7, 11am - Max Lucado's "The Christmas Candle"

After church:

Dec 4 - Cookie Exchange

Jan 8

Victory Baptist, Bro. Marc Webb, Pastor

As you may know, coming up on Saturday, December 3, Shelby County will be celebrating their annual Christmas Parade. At Victory Baptist Church, we strive to serve the community every year before and during the Parade.

While you are waiting for the festivities to begin, be sure to stop by! Starting around 10:30am, we will be handing out free hot chocolate, donuts and a gift form us!



If you have not visited us before, we are located at 715 Main Street, Shelbyville, KY 40065. We are right across the street from Operation Care. We will look forward to seeing you then!

Bro. Marc Webb

Simpsonville Baptist, Bro. Steve Boyd, Pastor

Hello, my name is Bobbie Erlandson. Sharon Hamilton and I, along with the encouragement of Linda Otterback have started a widow's group at Simpsonville Baptist Church. We have learned a lot from Linda who started, KY Joy in the Mourning in March 2017 after the death of her husband, Larry. Twelve ladies met at KBC and began the ministry throughout our state. Our goal is to help widows heal at any stage of the grieving process. We hope to carry-on the work of KY Joy in the Mourning in our local Shelby County and surrounding areas.

Our first meeting was in March and attended by three widows from our area and one from Northern Kentucky. In April, we had nine ladies participate in a delightful brunch. They enjoyed getting to know each other and planned future events.

From questionnaires submitted, 2/3 of respondents indicated that "loneliness is one of the biggest challenges" for widows. Our goal is to support and encourage each lady in meeting that challenge.

For more information please contact Bobbie Erlandson at 645-6496 or Sharon Hamilton at 220-8557.

Mending Widow's Hearts Cookie Exchange

Fri., Dec 2, 10am @ the Warehouse - 7387

Shelbyville Rd. Simpsonville

Please bring 2-3 dozen of your favorite home-made cookies.

We will pack and deliver boxes for our local fire and policemen and our homebound families.

*Pickleball on Monday's at 6pm

*Adult Co-ed Volleyball on Thursday's at 6:30pm (NO childcare provided)

*Women's Bunco, Thursday, December 1 at 6:30pm @ the Warehouse (7387 Shelbyville Rd)



North Central Baptist Network

Church Audio/Visual Equipment Swap!

Does your church have audio/visual equipment needs, but not the financial resources to acquire newer gear to be used in your church's worship services and ministries?

Does your church have good, functioning audio/visual equipment that is sitting in a closet or storeroom because you have replaced it with newer equipment?

What if there was a way for our Network churches who have good, functioning (but no longer in use) equipment to help our Network churches who need newer equipment for their ministries?

Now there is! Larry Brannin (former "tech guy" at the KBC, Crestwood BC member, and member of the NCBN Administrative Team) is coordinating a Network Audio/Visual Swap as a way for churches that have good AV equipment to bless a sister congregation that needs newer gear.

To learn more, please go to www.ncbnetwork.org/news-and-updates



Highland Baptist UPWARD Basketball 2023 (k4-8th grade) **with Cheerleading** (girls k4-6th grade)

Registration Begins: 10/15/2022 12:00 am

Registration Ends: 12/31/2022 11:59 pm

First Practice: week of 1/2/2023

First Game: week of 1/9/2023

<https://play.upward.org/partner/12340913Highland>

Highland Baptist Church
511 Mount Eden Road
Shelbyville, KY 40065

Contact Information:
Phone: (502) 633-3516
Email: rickyhaven@twc.com



Burks Branch is seeking a part-time Worship Leader.



If interested please contact Bro. Jon Caranna

(662) 414-1634 or pastorjoncaranna@gmail.com

Burks Branch is seeking a Pianist for Wednesday Night choir practice and Sunday Service.



If interested please contact Bro. Jon Caranna

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Pigeon Fork is seeking a part-time minister to children, youth and their parents.

If interested, send resume' to Pigeon Fork Search Committee, 5090 Hickory Ridge Road, Waddy KY 40076.

For more information, phone 502-682-2212.



Good News Homes

Good News Homes in LaGrange is seeking a part-time case manager.

For more information Contact:
Director Stephanie Skeens
502-225-0351

You're Invited!



The NCBN Church Health and Leadership Team will be hosting the first in a series of **Network Roundtable Shop Talks!**

Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2023
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Ballardsville Baptist Church

Topic of Discussion: Discipleship

Format: There will be multiple discussion tables with a Network pastor or leader serving as the discussion catalysts. These table leaders will initiate and guide the discussion with questions and prompts, but they will not be preaching or lecturing about the topic at hand. This is a time for all attendees to share thoughts, ideas, questions, and wisdom while learning from one another.

Target Audience: Pastors, student ministry leaders, children's ministry leaders, Sunday School/small group leaders, and anyone else who is striving to follow Christ's command to "go and make disciples of all nations."

Light refreshments will be served!

Please **RSVP** to jauten@ncbnetwork.org for yourself and for anyone who will be attending with you.

We look forward to seeing you there!

North Central Baptist Network Pastor's Conference

February 7, 2023 at LaGrange Baptist Church

"Servant Leadership: Loving the People You Lead"

1:00- Welcome, introduction of speakers, and goals of the conference

1:15- Attendees introduce themselves and where they are from

1:30- Servant Leadership presentation followed by Q and A

3:00- Break

3:15- Breakout sessions:

Evangelism: How-Where-When

Conflict Resolution

Church Administration: By-laws; business meetings; daily operations

Pastoral Counseling

Being Ready to Preach every Seven Days

4:45- Exit to Fellowship Hall for Dinner.

6:00- Open floor discussion around the topic of evangelism:

"Facing Present Challenges in Evangelism with Courage & Creativity"

7:15- Close by praying together

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February 4-5, 2022
Bardstown

BCM STUDENT MINISTRY
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YES! is a weekend conference to inspire and equip churches and their student ministries to be on mission for God.

Who: Middle & High School students & Leaders

Cost: \$10 per person

For the schedule and more information go to www.kybaptist.org/event/yes-youth-evangelism-summit/

10 DAY
TOUR OF ISRAEL

Traveling
JANUARY
9 - 18, 2024

Experience the
HOLY LAND

Experience the Holy Land! Would you like to walk where Jesus walked and witness history come to life? Do you want to see what you have only heard and read about? This opportunity will change how you read the Bible, see the world, and follow Jesus. Join me on a once-in-a-lifetime **10-day tour of the Holy Land - January 2024.**

Contact **Tony Wolfenbarger**, Senior Pastor of Ballardsville Baptist Church, to sign up for this amazing trip or to learn more, Tony@BBCLife.org - 502-881-1027.

Departures

\$4,597 FROM LOUISVILLE, KY

Summer 2023 Missions Events for Children



Girls and Boys in grades 3-6 and their leaders

June 3- Corbin, KY

June 10- Princeton, KY

July 6-8- Bowling Green, KY

More information coming this fall to kywmu.org/changerskids



**Looking at the world
through the eyes of God!**

June 24th- Fort Boonesborough State Park

Girls and Boys in grades 1-6

RA Expo!

**Two-night camp out for Boys in grades 1-6
and their leaders**

July 28-30, Stanford, KY





Spring Semi-Annual Meeting:

March 26th

Fall Semi-Annual Meeting:

September 17

Network Meetings:

Dec 5 Great Commission, 3pm @ New Castle

Dec 8 Administration, 5pm @ Christ Community

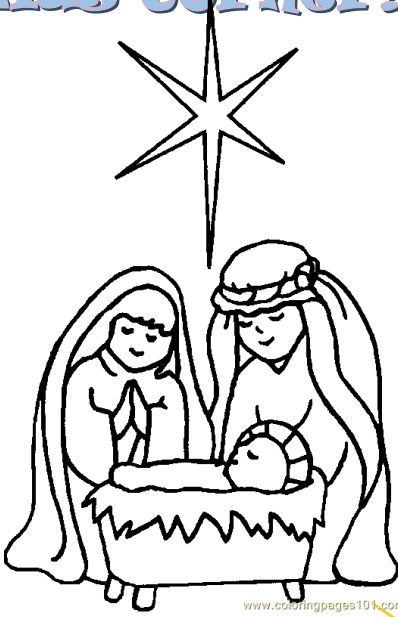
Dec 13 Leadership, 4pm @ NCBN

Jan 10 Administration, 5pm @ NCBN

Jan 24 All Teams, 6:30pm @ TBD



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Nativity Word Scramble

- 1 STBALE _____
- 2 HEEPS _____
- 3 NLGEA _____
- 4 TSAR _____
- 5 GAMREN _____
- 6 JHPOES _____
- 7 OENYDK _____
- 8 EUSSJ _____
- 9 SKNGI _____
- 10 YMAR _____



O HOLY NIGHT

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ANIMALS
BABY
BETHLEHEM
DONKEY
FRANKINCENSE

GIFTS
GOLD
JESUS
JOSEPH
MANGER
MARY

MYRRH
PEACE
SAVIOR
SHEPHERD
STAR
WISE MEN



Cantata's/Concerts/Plays:

- * Dec 4, 6:30pm @ New Castle First Baptist - Children & Adult Cantata
- * Dec 7, 6pm @ Westport - Kids Christmas Play "A Mixed-Up Christmas"
- * Dec 11, 5pm & 8pm @ Mt. Moriah - "Night in Bethlehem"
- * Dec 11, 10:45am @ Westport - "Joy has Dawned" Cantata followed by Holiday Potluck, All are Welcome!
- * Dec 18, 11am @ Burk's Branch - "Gather At the Manger" Cantata 5:30pm, Candlelight Service & Caroling. Fellowship to follow at the Price's.
- * Dec 18, 11am @ Campbellsburg - "Mary Did You Know?" Cantata & 3pm @ Twin Oaks Assisted Living, New Castle
- * Dec 18, 8pm @ Finchville - Christmas Program with cookies & punch to follow
- * Dec 18, 6pm @ Graefenburg - Christmas Concert
- * Dec 18, 6pm @ Mt. Moriah - Christmas Play
- * Dec 18th, 6:30pm @ Pleasureville - Christmas Play, with Jesus Birthday Party to follow
- * Dec 18, 6pm @ Indian Fork - "An Unplugged Christmas" production by the Youth & Children, Candlelight Service & fellowship to follow with a Special Guest, Santa!



- * Dec 4, 5pm @ Graefenburg - Lottie Moon Craft Auction
- * Dec 11, 6pm @ Graefenburg - Christmas Banquet
- * Dec 14, 6:30pm @ Shelbyville First Baptist - Christmas for Families Outreach
- * Dec 18, 6pm @ Dover - Christmas Music Celebration feat. Congregational singing of popular Christmas Carols, guest soloists, the Sanctuary Choir's Choral Presentation of "Still The Lamb" and a candlelight singing of "Silent Night". All are welcome to attend.
- * Dec 18, 5:30pm @ Shelbyville First Baptist - Christmas Caroling followed by Cookies & Chocolate
- * Dec 18, 12:30pm @ Orville - Christmas Dinner
- * Dec 18, 5pm @ Pigeon Fork - Cookies & Cocoa, Movie & Gift Exchange

Christmas Eve Services, Dec 24:

- * Finchville @ 5pm & 11pm
- * Graefenburg @ 5pm & 11pm
- * Highland @ 5pm, with Communion
- * New Castle First Baptist @ 6pm
- * Shelbyville First Baptist @ 5pm, Lord's Supper Observance
- * Simpsonville @ 5pm, Candlelight Service

**Christmas Day Services, Dec 25:**

- * Burk's Branch @ 10am
- * Campbellsburg @ 10am, Pastries with Pastor, worship following @ 11am
- * Finchville @ 10:30am
- * Graefenburg @ 10:45am, no evening services
- * Highland @ 10:30am, Worship ONLY
- * Orville Candlelight Service & Communion @ 11am
- * Pigeon Fork @ 11am
- * Shelbyville First Baptist @ 10:30am, no Bible Fellowship

**Christmas Services, Dec 22:**

- * Hempridge @ 6pm

December

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Birthday Party Schedule:

Crestview at 2:00

Thursday, December 8 - Midland Community

Masonic Home at 2:30

Monday, December 12 - Christianburg

Colonial Hall at 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 13 - Bethlehem

Happy Birthday Pastors!!!

Mark Sims; Orville - 2

Kyle Wiley; Bagdad - 3

Ricardo Jimenez; Nueva Esperanza - 13

Chuck Umholtz; Beechridge - 14

Ryan Marcum; Mt. Moriah - 22



Happy Anniversary!

Marcum, Ryan & Robyn; Mt. Moriah - 7

Hockensmith, Brad & Amy; Buffalo Lick - 31

Happy Birthday Wives!!!

Gay Jeffries; Crestwood - 1

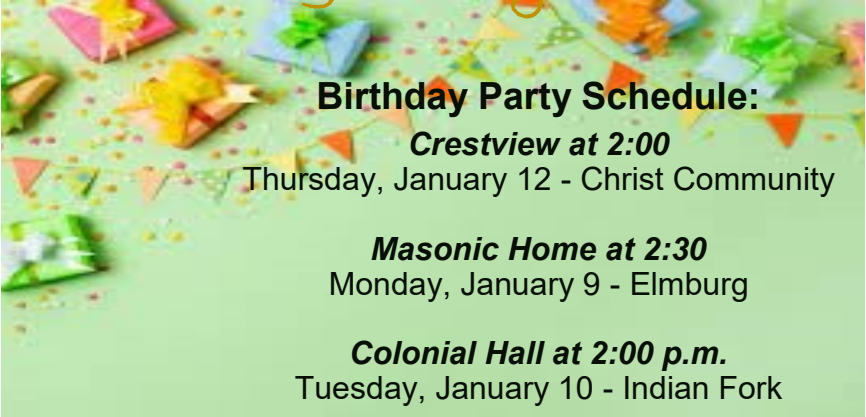
Shawn Knapper; Bethlehem - 13

Donna Vanderpool; Hempridge - 27

Linda Lowe; Turners Station - 29

January

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Crestview at 2:00
 Thursday, January 12 - Christ Community

Masonic Home at 2:30
 Monday, January 9 - Elmburg

Colonial Hall at 2:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, January 10 - Indian Fork

Happy Birthday Pastors!!!

- Keith Abrams; Milton - 4
- Bill Taylor; Mt. Pleasant – 8
- Bill Becker; Harrods Creek - 19
- Vernon Carpenter; Pigeon Fork – 22

Happy Anniversary

- Vanderpool, Denny & Donna; Hempridge - 7
- Brockway, Wes & Sue; Campbellsburg - 10
- Payton, Mark & Tammie; Bedford - 10
- Young, Christopher & Amanda; LaGrange Heights - 15

Happy Birthday Wives!!!

- Judy Brockman; Sligo - 13
- Amy Hockensmith; Buffalo Lick - 13
- Kelli Reardon; Finchville - 13
- Kristi Adams; IFBC - 15
- Allison Becker; Harrods Creek - 16
- Phyllis Davis; Antioch - 22
- Robyn Marcum; Mt. Moriah - 28
- Emily Wolfenbarger; Ballardsville - 20

Calendar of Events



December

Dec 4-11 International Missions Week of Prayer & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Dec 23-30 NCBN Office Closed for Christmas & New Years

Dec 25 Happy Birthday Jesus & Merry Christmas



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January

Jan 1 - New Year's Day

Jan 2 - NCBN Office Closed for New Years

Jan 16 - Martin Luther King Day

Jan 22 - Sanctity of Life Sunday

Jan 31 - Roundtable Shop Talk (see pg. 7)

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February

Feb 4-5 YES! Youth Evangelism
Summit (see pg. 8)

Feb 7 Pastor's Conference (see pg. 7)

Feb 13-19 Focus on WMU Week

Feb 14 Happy Valentine's Day

Feb 20 President's Day



HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY

Valentine Events...

◊Campbellsburg - Feb 11th @
5pm,
Vittles with the Vicar
(Valentine's Fellowship Dinner)

◊Pigeon Fork -Feb 12 after
church,
Game Day & Pizza Party





Prayer is an essential part of our support for one another. We have an Network Rotating Prayer Calendar. You are invited to pray for the following churches & pastors during the months of...

Dec	
3 Simpsonville Baptist	Steve Boyd
Sligo Baptist	Mark Brockman
10 Smithfield Baptist	Peter Phillips
Sulphur Baptist	Billy Washburn
17 Turners Station Baptist	Jim Lowe
24 Union Grove Baptist	Phillip Bruce
Victory Baptist	Marc Webb
31 Waddy Baptist	Tex Selph
Westport Baptist	Dewayne Sowell

You can find the complete prayer calendar under the **News** tab on our website, <https://www.ncbnetwork.org/news-and-updates>

Jan	
1 Antioch Baptist	Ferrill Davis
8 Bagdad Baptist	Kyle Wiley
15 Ballardsville Baptist	Tony Wolfenbarger
22 Bedford Baptist	Mark Payton
29 Beechridge Baptist	Chuck Umholtz



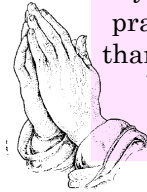
Our churches are encouraged to join the kyprays.org effort. Churches are asked to take one day each month and have a one-hour prayer gathering that day, specifically to pray for area community ministries and churches.



MISSIONARY PRAYER LIST

Even though we cannot list international missionaries (in order to ensure their safety), please pray often for these brothers and sisters who place their lives in harm's way.

We encourage you to develop your own and your church's missionary prayer list. However, keep in mind that even putting their names on your website or in your newsletter may endanger them.



“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

- Philippians 4:6

“If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked way; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” II Chronicles 7:14

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Monday - Friday 9am-3pm

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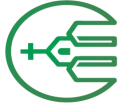
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