

Dear Pastor, Worship Pastor, and/or Media Pastor,

Hello, my name is Larry Brannin. Some of you may remember me as the “Tech Guy” at the Kentucky Baptist Convention. But even though I am now retired after 25 years, my passion to help the folks in the church audio video trenches has not waned.

Those folks who serve your church as the tech team, are always trying to pull off a minor miracle each and every week with equipment that is often worn out, worn down, or just plain so old that it is a wonder it even works at all. I know how it is. I experienced it every week for years.

If you look at the line item on most church budgets, the tech team may typically only have a few hundred dollars to spend every year. Yet, they are expected to flawlessly perform each and every week with this worn - out gear mostly because they cannot afford to move up. With newer equipment typically out of reach they continue to hope the Sunday services are not a disaster.

What if there was a better mouse trap? I'd like to introduce you to something that may help your church tech team get out of that hole.

The North Central Baptist Network has made the decision to offer churches a new way to upgrade some of your gear at minimal cost.

We would also like to introduce a way that you can help other churches with that used equipment sitting on a shelf in the closet at your church.

Here is our plan. If you are a church that has been blessed with some AV gear that you no longer need that is just gathering dust in the back room, let me know what it is by sending me the list of any gear that you would like to donate. If you are not using it, don't let it just sit there. The longer it just sits there the older the gear becomes.

This would allow churches that have not had the same opportunities as yours to be able to reuse your older, but functional gear. What about you? Wouldn't it make you happy knowing that your older gear could be used again. And think about all that new space you will have available. It's a win-win!

On the other hand, if you are a church that would like to find some newer gear, yet you haven't been able to find anything that you can afford, please contact us to see if we may have equipment on our donated equipment list that we can get into your hands to

reuse in your church. There may even be things that you have that could be donated to our list as well.

Here is how to make the connection. If there is gear that you would like to have to use at your church, first contact us (contact info below) to let us know what it is that you need. If we have a match on our list of donated gear, we will put you in touch with the church that has the equipment. We will give you contact information and you can connect with the donating church to make arrangements to get the gear sent to you. You might also consider driving to the donating church instead to simply pick it up the gear. In either case it's a win-win for you too.

If you are willing to donate AV equipment to this effort, use the attached Excel spreadsheet. **Please do not include non-functioning equipment!**

To make the list usable for all, please use include the following information so your gear has the best chance to connect. We need to know:

1. The type of gear you want to list:
 - a. (DVD player, Video switcher, Audio mixer, etc.)
2. Brand name
3. Model number
4. Serial number
5. Your Full name
6. Your E Mail address
7. Your telephone number or
8. Your text number
9. Church Name
10. Church Location

This has the chance to really expand the quality of our worship experiences throughout the Network region. Please pray about how you might help and then consider this as a way to help each other from church to church. If you have questions or need to connect with me, you can email me at Larrybrannin@lcloud.com or call (502) 262-0590.

Yours to count on,



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