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The EMPTY SEAT
Seating Capacity of Heaven

You know how when you walk into a restaurant or small building you see these signs that read, “seating capacity 123”, or whatever the number? I was looking at one the other day thinking: “I wonder what the seating capacity of heaven is?” Now, I know these signs are about fire safety issues and have nothing to do with living space. However, they do speak of expected or planned quantity of people. I mean, you don’t see signs reading how many people “can’t” be seated in a particular room! My point is no restaurant owner seeks to stay well under that seating capacity number. If his seating capacity is 220, he seeks to fill EVERY SEAT.

The seating capacity of heaven may have been on the mind of the Apostle Peter when he said of the Lord in **2 Peter 3:9**, “*The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*” Now I don’t know what the seating capacity of heaven is, but sounds to me like God is seeking to fill every seat. The Lord’s focus appears to be toward His “NOT WILLING THAT ANY should perish...” or to my point, that NO SEAT BE EMPTY.

I would love to encourage each of our churches in Little River Baptist Association to focus our thoughts and prayers in 2020, on every empty seat. In your Sunday School class, youth & children groups, choirs, and YES, most certainly, our Sanctuaries. Let’s look at every empty chair, empty space in our pews, as belonging to someone who is not here yet. We must see every empty seat as a place that represents a “lost opportunity.” Until someone is in that empty seat, it is NOT meeting its designed purpose.

In Christ Service,
Bro. Bobby Sellers



— HAPPY NEW YEAR —



The Kentucky Baptist Convention and Baptist Health appreciate all you do to serve the Lord and His church, and we would consider it a privilege to minister to you at Shepherding 2020. Drawing inspiration from the Apostle Paul who reminded elders in Act 20 to keep watch over their flocks and themselves, **Shepherding is designed to provide a special time where ministers and their spouses can relax, recharge and return home renewed.**

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BAPTIST HEALTH



2020 Mission Board Schedule

January 6

Canton BC, 6 p.m. meal

February 3

Hurricane BC, 6 p.m. meal

March 9

New Hope, 6 p.m. meal

April 20, Semi-Annual Meeting
Oak Grove BC, 7:00 p.m.

May 4

Ponderosa BC, 6 p.m. meal

June 1

Rocky Ridge BC, 6 p.m. meal

July 6

Cadiz BC, 6 p.m. meal

August 3

Locust Grove BC, 6 p.m. meal

September 14

Wallonia BC, 6 p.m. meal

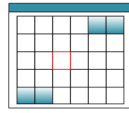
October 18, Annual Meeting
Cadiz BC, 6 p.m. meal

November

No Mission Board

December 7

Baptist Center, 7:00 p.m.



Calendar Of Events



New Year's Day
1/1/20
(Office Closed)

Mission Board Meeting
1/6/20, 6:00 p.m. meal
Canton Baptist Church

Choir Practice
1/13/20, 6:00 p.m.

**Sanctity of Human Life
Sunday**
1/19/20

Martin Luther King Day
1/20/20
(Office Closed)

Shepherding Conference
Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 2020
Marriot Griffin Gate
Lexington



FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER

Church	Regular	Special
Bethany	73.20	
Blue Spring	1,637.35	
Buffalo	0	
Cadiz	0	
Canton	1,051.26	250.00
Cerulean	424.00	
Delmont	0	
Donaldson Creek	907.49	
East Cadiz	715.80	
Hurricane	400.00	
Liberty Point	623.19	
Locust Grove	623.00	
Maple Grove	400.00	
New Hope	273.59	
New Jerusalem	0	
New Light	0	
Oak Grove	0	
Ponderosa	440.40	
Rock Front	0	
Rocky Ridge	358.00	
South Union	132.85	
Wallonia	200.00	
Misc. Income	1,000.00	65.00
Total	9,260.13	315.00
		9,575.13
Interest NOW Acc.	4.64	
Deaf Ministry		250.00
Community Thanksgiving Meal		65.00

Subtotals	9,264.77	315.00
Total income		\$9,579.77
Monthly expense		\$14,118.77

Regular Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$35,053.89
Interest Received	4.64
Gifts	9,325.13
Trans- Contingency Fund	
Trans- OMC	
Trans- Building Maintenance Fund	
Trans- Associational Mission Project	
Expense Checks Written	-13,213.08
Ending Balance	\$31,170.58
Treasurer: Louise Fuller 12/25/19	



Pam Mitchell- 1/3
Linda Cannon- 1/14
Daniel Colley- 1/19