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APPRECIATE your Pastor!
“worthy of double honour...”

“This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.”

(1 Timothy 3:1)

“Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour...”

(1 Timothy 5:17)

In honor of our pastors across Little River Baptist Association, can I remind our churches that **October 8th** is **“Pastor Appreciation Day?”**

In the New Testament, the terms "pastor," "elder," and "bishop" refer to the same office. Paul told young Timothy that being a pastor was a “good work” and worth “double” the price or value, which what is meant by the KJV word “honour.”

I hope our churches see that as a true statement. If your church has a pastor, understand how blessed you are. Many churches across our state are without pastors and are seeking “*God called*” men to serve. We are seeing fewer men across our land surrender to ministry these days than ever before. What will that mean for our churches in the coming years? I can tell you... the closing of the doors.

It may look easy from the outside, but ministry is difficult and often depressing. I speak with pastors nearly every day. I know their difficulties, and I understand their discouragement. I pastored churches for thirty-two years before I came to this position, and I certainly understand their pain.

One dictionary gave the meaning of the word, **“Appreciation”** as *“a feeling or expression of admiration, approval, or gratitude. Example: I want to express my appreciation for all you've done.”* Make plans now to show your pastor how much he means to your church this coming October 8th.

A Little funny story to close with: One Sunday morning in a small southern church, the new pastor called on one of his older deacons to lead in the opening prayer. The “saintly” deacon stood to his feet, bowed his head, and said, “Lord, I hate buttermilk!”

The young pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going. The deacon continued, “Lord, I hate lard!” Now the pastor was totally perplexed. The deacon continued, “Lord, I ain’t too crazy about plain flour, but after you mix ’em all together and bake ’em in a hot oven, I just love biscuits.”

Sometimes all the little issues and problems we deal with, when God gets done “bake ’em”... We will like the outcome.

In Christ Service,
Bro. Bobby



The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.
1 Timothy 5:17



Calendar of Events

- 4– Labor Day (Office Closed)
- 5– Kay Arthur Bible Study begins, 1:00 p.m.
- 11– Mission Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 17-20– Revival (Rocky Ridge BC) 6:30 p.m.
- 27– See You At the Pole, 7:00 a.m. (Trigg County School)

ATTENTION

CHURCHES

All ACP's & organizational reports, are due in the Associational office or online no later than 9/14/23. If you need assistance in completing, please contact the office @ (270) 522-7066.



2023 LRBA Annual Meeting
 Sunday, October 22, 2023
 Ponderosa Baptist Church

Registration– 2:45 p.m.
 Meeting 3:00-4:30 p.m. with Meal to Follow

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST

Church	Regular	Special
Bethany	0	
Blue Spring	2,549.37	
Buffalo	0	
Cadiz	1,002.68	
Canton	828.40	250.00
Cerulean	499.00	
Crossroads	100.00	
Delmont	266.50	
Donaldson Creek	678.99	
East Cadiz	881.29	
Hurricane	400.00	
Liberty Point	941.66	
Locust Grove	799.00	1,371.16
Maple Grove	350.00	
New Hope	224.57	
New Jerusalem	0	
New Light	50.00	
Oak Grove	0	
Ponderosa	590.16	1,000.00
Rock Front	200.00	
Rocky Ridge	476.00	
South Union	246.40	
Wallonia	600.00	
Misc. Income	400.00	9000.00
Total	12,084.02	11,621.16
Interest NOW Acc.	3.36	
Deaf Ministry		250.00
Mev Fredenburg Fund		11,371.16

Subtotals	12,087.38	11,621.16
Total income		\$23,708.54
Monthly expense		\$25,001.27

Regular Fund	
Beginning Balance	59,004.45
Interest Received	3.36
Gifts	12,175.02
Trans– Contingency Fund	(25,100.00)
Trans– Van Replacement Fund	
Trans– Building Maintenance Fund	(100.00)
Trans– Mev Fredenburg Fund	
Expense Checks Written	(13,419.68)
Ending Balance	\$32,563.15

Treasurer: Louise Fuller 8/25/23



Robin Lambert– 9/14
 Dana Shown– 9/22
 Tracey Cotton– 9/29