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Appreciate Your Pastor

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

(Romans 10:14-15)

Some of you may know October is Pastor Appreciation Month. The first time I ever heard the term “Pastor Appreciation” was back in the 1990’s, I believe it was in an article from Focus on the Family. At the time, I was the pastor at Nortonville Baptist church in Nortonville KY. and wasn’t feeling very appreciated. I felt overwhelmed with the stress of preparing three messages a week, trying to make home and hospital visits, and having a sense that the only thing people focused on, was what I was NOT doing. Now, let me say, that was not the case, the church was not critical of me and did very much appreciate what I did; I just was not feeling it. One of the church members was a precious older lady named Ms. Renee who made a meager living working as a waitress in a local restaurant. We ate there as a family at least two or three times a week. On one of my “under-appreciated-pity party times,” we stopped to eat and when finished, waiting for the bill, Ms. Renee walked over, and said she paid for our meal. Now understand, I’m not being rude, but I was well-aware of the living conditions Ms. Renee faced, I had been in her home many times, she enjoyed few luxuries and worked hard for what she had. For her to pay for our meal was a great sacrifice, and it touched my heart for her to do so. When I tried to refuse, she said, *“I can’t do much, but I wanted you know how much I appreciate you.”* WOW! To this day, I have never forgotten her act of kindness.

To each pastor reading this, let me say on behalf of each church member “thank you for your faithful service.” You may not always feel the appreciation of your church, and sadly, some are not very good at showing it. However, over this past nearly two years of the COVID-19 pandemic our pastors have faced some difficult decisions and stressful times. Baptists can be difficult to please and where there are two Baptist gathered, there are three different opinions. As the Apostle Paul said to the church of Thessalonica; *“We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;”* (1 Thess. 1:2-3)

Could I encourage each of our churches to show your appreciation to the man of God that the Lord has placed over you as your shepherd. Not just during the month of October, but throughout the year. Drop a card of encouragement in the mail from time to time, it may come at a time he needs it the most. Pastors are not perfect by no means, but neither are they plentiful. If you have a good pastor, understand there are several churches out there looking for one. Let him and his family know that they have a home where they are. May God Bless the Men of God in the churches of LRBA.

In Christ’s Service
Bro. Bobby

Congratulations

Locust Grove Baptist Church has paid off the note on their Family Life Center.! They will have a note burning service on October 3rd.

Liberty Point Baptist Church just celebrated their 150th year, Sunday, Sept. 26th.

208th Annual Meeting
 Sunday, October 24, 2021
 3:00-5:00 p.m.
 Cadiz Baptist Church



3:00 Registration	See Revised Program
Memorial Service	
3:15 Call to Order.....Brad Chalfin	
Opening Prayer & Welcome.....Justin Carter	
Hymn.....CBC Praise Team	
Approval of Minutes & Treasurer Report	
Presentation of the Annual Report.....Bobby Sellers	
Presentation of the 2022 Budget.....Louise Fuller	
Miscellaneous Business	
Election of Officers/Team Leaders	
Report of the Resolution Committee	
Prayer	
3:45 Fellowship (Provided by Cadiz BC & Kings Funeral Home)	
4:15 Call to Worship.....CBC Praise Team	
KBC Speaker.....Children & Student Ministry Consultant, Matt Flanagan	
Special Music.....CBC Praise Team	
Message & Prayer.....Paxton Redd	
Alternate.....Justin Carter	
Invitation Hymn.....CBC Praise Team	
5:00 Benediction.....Justin Carter	



Calendar Of Events

- 4-8 Fall Break
- 8-9 Ham Festival
- 24 Annual Meeting, 3:00 p.m., Cadiz Baptist Church
- 25-29 Christmas Backpack Collection

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

	Regular	Special
Church	0	
Bethany	0	
Blue Spring	2,087.05	
Buffalo	0	
Cadiz	1,121.70	
Canton	977.62	1,750.00
Cerulean	488.00	
Crossroads	0	
Delmont	0	
Donaldson Creek	1,089.60	
East Cadiz	683.52	
Hurricane	400.00	
Liberty Point	1,680.93	
Locust Grove	651.00	
Maple Grove	400.00	
New Hope	274.27	
New Jerusalem	0	
New Light	50.00	
Oak Grove	0	
Ponderosa	376.20	
Rock Front	200.00	
Rocky Ridge	371.00	
South Union	173.75	
Wallonia	0	
Misc. Income	600.00	265.00
Total	11,624.64	2015.00
		13,639.64
Interest NOW Acc.	3.71	
Deaf Ministry		250.00
Mev Fredenburg Assoc. Missions Fund		1,765.00

Subtotals	11,628.35	2,015.00
Total income		\$13,643.35
Monthly expense		\$11,702.63

Regular Fund	
Beginning Balance	43,110.64
Interest Received	3.71
Gifts	11,624.64
Trans- Contingency Fund	(100.00)
Trans- OMC	
Trans- Building Maintenance Fund	(100.00)
Trans- Mev Fredenburg Fund	
Expense Checks Written	(10,506.88)
Ending Balance	\$44,032.11

Treasurer: Louise Fuller 9/25/21

Julie Sellers- 10-3
Brad Chalfin- 10-5
Sara Silvers- 10/7
Tim Smith- 10/10
Paxton Redd- 10/15
Callissa Clark- 10/30