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Serving The Church. Serving The Kingdom.

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## The Post Turtle



Some of you may have heard the old phrase, “Post turtle.” Many politicians like Bill Clinton, George W Bush, Barack Obama, Donald Trump, and even Joe Biden have used this phrase at some point in their political career. The phrase is based on an old joke that some believe was first used by a Mormon preacher back in the 1970’s. The jest of the phrase is that if you are ever driving through the country and you see a turtle sitting atop a post, there are several things you can be sure of. But let’s focus on the two main ones... 1) He didn’t get there by himself, and 2) Someone helped him get there.

With that thought in mind, and the LRBA Annual meeting just around the corner. Can I liken the Little River Baptist Association to a “Post Turtle,” in the sense that LRBA did not become what it is today on its own. It is also true that without the financial and physical support of our churches, and the leadership of those before me, LRBA would not be what it is today. For Two Hundred and Ten years, (something few associations can say) LRBA has stood proud by the Grace of God, with the support of her partnership churches like yours.

Just imagine, the date was August of 1813, our country was amid a 2<sup>nd</sup> battle for independence, called the War of 1812. Uncertainty crept throughout the nation, yet the Red River Baptist Association in Tennessee decided the Gospel of Jesus Christ must continue, so the Little River Baptist Association (LRBA) was formed with 19 original churches. From that time till this, Little River Baptist churches have witnessed God’s hand move upon our area. LRBA has continued the cause of Christ through the Indian Wars of the mid 1800’s, the Civil War of 1861, WWI & WW2, the Korean war, Vietnam, and Desert Storm. Little River churches have continued to faithfully serve thru two Nationwide pandemics of the Spanish Flue of 1918 and COVID of 2020.

In closing, Little River Baptist Association, (like the post-turtle) did not get here by herself, someone helped her to get here, and someone continues to help her STAY HERE... That SOMEONE is YOU! May God continue to Bless the Churches of Little River Baptist Association.

In Christ Service,  
Bro. Bobby



## October Calendar of Events

9-13– Fall Break

13-14– Ham Festival

18-20– Community-Wide Revival, 6:00 p.m. Nightly  
**Wednesday– Maple Grove BC– Bro. Daniel Colley**  
**Thursday– Donaldson Creek BC– Bro. Mike Rust**  
**Friday– South Union BC)– Bro. Joe Johnson**

22– LRBA 210th Annual Meeting (Ponderosa BC)

23-27– KBC Christmas Backpack Collection

26– Evangelism Conference, 6:00 p.m. (Rocky Ridge BC)  
**Dr. William Gray & Evangelist Ron Davis**

**Remember to honor your Pastor**  
**October is Pastor Appreciation Month**



**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 SEPTEMBER

Church	Regular	Special
Bethany	0	
Blue Spring	1,969.40	
Buffalo	0	
Cadiz	929.51	
Canton	812.56	250.00
Cerulean	492.00	
Crossroads	100.00	
Delmont	229.73	
Donaldson Creek	713.52	
East Cadiz	573.79	
Hurricane	400.00	
Liberty Point	741.16	
Locust Grove	807.00	
Maple Grove	350.00	
New Hope	210.37	
New Jerusalem	0	
New Light	50.00	
Oak Grove	273.43	
Ponderosa	404.72	
Rock Front	200.00	
Rocky Ridge	354.000	
South Union	208.45	
Wallonia	0	
Misc. Income	200.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,019.64</b>	<b>250.00</b>
		10,269.64
Interest NOW Acc.	3.85	
Deaf Ministry		250.00
Mev Fredenburg Fund		

Subtotals	10,023.49	250.00
Total income		<b>\$10,273.49</b>
Monthly expense		<b>\$14,594.51</b>

Regular Fund	
Beginning Balance	32,563.15
Interest Received	3.85
Gifts	10,143.33
Trans– Contingency Fund	(100.00)
Trans– Van Replacement Fund	
Trans– Building Maintenance Fund	(100.00)
Trans– Mev Fredenburg Fund	
Expense Checks Written	(11,214.07)
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$31,296.26</b>
<b>Treasurer: Louise Fuller 9/25/23</b>	

*Happy Birthday*

Denise Miller– 10/1  
 Julie Sellers– 10/3

Brad Chalfin– 10/5  
 Tim Smith– 10/10  
 Paxton Redd– 10/15  
 Callie Clark– 10/30