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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 8**<sup>th</sup> 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, "<u>Appreciation</u>" as "a feeling or expression of admiration, approval, or gratitude. Example: <u>I want to express my appreciation for all you've done.</u>" Make plans now to show your pastor how much he means to your church this coming October 8<sup>th</sup>.

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





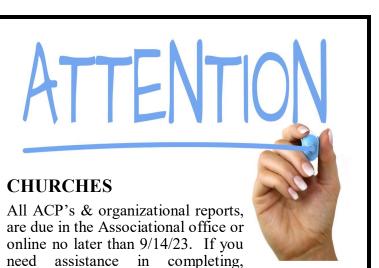
#### **Calendar of Events**

- 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.

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522-7066.

27– See You At the Pole, 7:00 a.m. (Trigg County School)





### 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 2,549.37 Blue Spring Buffalo Cadiz 1,002.68 828.40 250.00 Canton 499.00 Cerulean Crossroads 100.00 Delmont 266.50 Donaldson Creek 678.99 East Cadiz 881.29 400.00 Hurricane Liberty Point 941.66 1,371.16 Locust Grove 799.00 Maple Grove 350.00 New Hope 224.57 New Jerusalem New Light 50.00 Oak Grove 590.16 1,000.00 Ponderosa Rock Front 200.00

Total 12,084.02 11,621.16 44,306.40 Interest NOW Acc. 3.36 250.00 Deaf Ministry

476.00

246.40

600.00

400.00

9000.00

11,371.16

12,087.38 Subtotals 11,621.16

Total income \$23,708.54 \$25,001.27 Monthly expense

Regular Fund

Rocky Ridge

South Union

Misc. Income

Mev Fredenburg Fund

Wallonia

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

(13,419.68)Expense Checks Written **Ending Balance** \$32,563.15

Treasurer: Louise Fuller 8/25/23

