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### Attention: Pastor Wanted!

One of the responsibilities of a Director of Missions is to help churches find pastors and pastors to find churches. This responsibility has become more difficult over the years, mostly because it seems fewer young men are surrendering to ministry, and more churches searching for pastors in a smaller pool of choices. To add to the dilemma, there is an increasing number of pastors who are leaving full-time ministry every year.

According to an article from BARNAs Research Group, as of March 2022, the percentage of pastors who have considered quitting full-time ministry within the past year sits at 42 percent. Why are pastors so burned out? New data highlight the main reasons two in five pastors have thought about leaving ministry—as well as some reasons pastors have determined to stay.

Barna went on to add that *“over half of pastors who have considered quitting full-time ministry (56%) say “the immense stress of the job” has factored into their thoughts on leaving. Beyond these general stressors, two in five pastors (43%) say “I feel lonely and isolated,” while 38 percent name “current political divisions” as reasons they’ve considered stepping away.*

What about the pastors who have not thought about quitting full-time ministry? Barna research found that while these pastors aren’t feeling the need to leave ministry, they still experience a number of tensions. In fact, their top challenges are the same as those named by pastors considering resignation.

Pastors who haven’t thought about leaving ministry say, “the immense stress of the job” (34%), “current political divisions” (32%) and feeling “lonely and isolated” (18%) are factors that have negatively impacted their ability to lead at their church within the past year.

My main point of this article is to remind churches that if you have a good, Godly pastor... don’t wait to October to tell him you appreciate him. Tell him Now!

In Christ,  
Bro. Bobby

## Spring forward

Don’t forget to set  
clocks ahead  
one hour  
at 2 a.m.  
Sunday.



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## March Calendar of Events

- 3-10– Annie Armstrong Easter Offering & Week of Prayer
- 4– West KY Evangelism Conference (Southside BC)
- 4– Mission Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 10– Daylight Savings Begins (Spring Forward)
- 29– Good Friday (Office Closed)
- 31– Easter Sunday



Week of Prayer for  
 North American Missions &  
 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering  
 March 3-10

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

Church	Regular	Special
Bethany	0	
Blue Spring	3,071.32	
Buffalo	0	
Cadiz	930.06	
Canton	962.52	250.00
Cerulean	453.00	
Crossroads	200.00	
Delmont	316.35	
Donaldson Creek	1,452.51	
East Cadiz	663.36	
Hurricane	400.00	
Liberty Point	732.72	
Locust Grove	1,246.00	
Maple Grove	400.00	
New Hope	198.80	200.00
New Jerusalem	0	
New Light	50.00	
Oak Grove	0	
Ponderosa	498.60	1,000.00
Rock Front	200.00	
Rocky Ridge	333.00	
South Union	118.30	
Wallonia	0	
Misc. Income	200.00	
<b>Total</b>	<u>12,426.54</u>	<u>1,450.00</u>
		13,876.54
Interest NOW Acc.	<u>3.37</u>	
Deaf Ministry		250.00
Van Replacement Fund		1,200.00

Subtotals	12,429.91	<u>1,450.00</u>
Total income		<u><b>\$13,879.91</b></u>
<b>Monthly expense</b>		<u><b>\$21,109.95</b></u>

<b>Regular Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	<b>28,947.53</b>
Interest Received	<b>3.37</b>
Gifts	<b>13,032.44</b>
Trans– Contingency Fund	<b>(100.00)</b>
Trans– Van Replacement Fund	
Trans– Building Maintenance Fund	<b>(100.00)</b>
Trans– Mev Fredenburg Fund	
Expense Checks Written	<b>(13,677.84)</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$28,105.50</b>
<b>Treasurer: Louise Fuller 2/25/24</b>	

