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THANK YOU! Pastor

For our September Newsletter, I have chosen to write and remind our churches about an important event that is coming up in October.

NO, It's Not the Trigg Co Ham Fest on October 11 & 12. (Although you may know Little River Churches are partnering with The Way on the "World's Largest Ham Biscuit")

NO, I'm Not writing about the LRBA Annual meeting at East Cadiz on October 20th

October is **Pastor Appreciation Month!**

Do you appreciate your pastor? Do you show/tell your pastor you appreciate him? You should!

In my 32 years of pastoring, I can still remember with fond memories the various ways in which some of my churches showed their appreciation for me and my family. Sometimes it was a celebration with a meal and a love offering, a money tree, or just a check from the church. One time my church paid for Julie & I to take a seminary class IN ISRAEL! (That was above and beyond!) My point is each church did something to show their appreciation for our labor in the church. It always meant a great deal to me when they made the effort to say and show their love and appreciation.

Pastoring can be a lonely job at times. Few pastors have very many close friends. There is often a strain on the family when job requirements cause you to miss family events because of surgeries, trials and tragedies church members go through. It very easy to feel like you are out here all alone. No one seems to understand the stress, nor do they see the hours you spend in study to preach a 25–30-minute message. You have to remind yourself from time to time what the Apostle told the Galatian church in (**Galatians 6:9**) "*And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*"

One online dictionary described the word "*appreciation*" as *the act of recognizing or understanding that something or someone is valuable or important*. According to the Bible in the verse mentioned below... "*... they are worthy of double the honor, especially those who labor to preach.*"

"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine." (1 Timothy 5:17 KJV)

"The elders who are good leaders are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching." (1 Timothy 5:17 CSB)

Let me encourage you to take the time and initiative to make sure that your church shows your pastor how much you appreciate their labor of love in your church. Begin to make plans now, spread the word to others. Don't wait for someone else to take the first step.

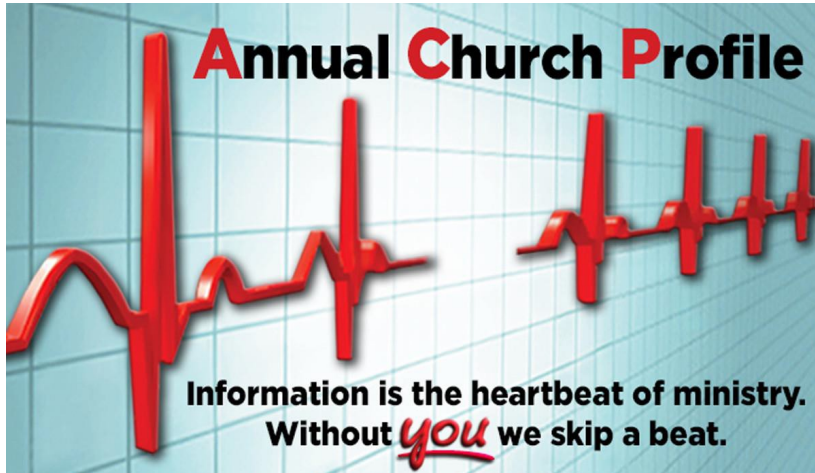
- (1) Give a handwritten note or letter to your pastor.
- (2) Encourage a Love offering from church, or gift card for him.
- (3) Offer to babysit the kids so that he could have a date night with his wife.
- (4) Take the pastor and his family out for a meal.
- (5) Send the family to an overnight trip somewhere and pay for the expenses.
- (6) Arrange to have a family picture taken with a nice frame for them.

To show our appreciation to the pastors of Little River we are hosting a breakfast for pastors & spouse on Saturday September 28th at 8:30 AM. I want to encourage pastors to come out, let us serve you breakfast and share with you how we appreciate our pastors and churches in Little River Baptist Association.

In Christ Service,
Bro. Bobby

September Calendar of Events

- 2– Labor Day (Office Closed)
- 9– Mission Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 8-15– Elisa Broadus Offering & Week of Prayer
- 15-18– Revival Services at Locust Grove BC,
Ian Carrico, Evangelist
- 25– See You At the Pole, Trigg County School, 7:00 a.m.
- 25– Fields of Faith, Trigg Football Field, 6:00 p.m.
- 28– Pastor Appreciation Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.



The Annual Church Profile must be completed and a returned to the associational office no later than **September 9th**. If assistance is needed, please call the Baptist Center, (270) 522-7066. Also, Executive Team reports as well as the Resolution Committee report are due **September 9th** to be included in the 2023-2024 Annual Report for the 2024 Annual Meeting. Thank You!



211th Annual Session
 Little River Baptist Association
 Sunday, October 20, 2024
 East Cadiz Baptist Church
 Registration– 2:45 p.m.
 Call to Order– 3:00 p.m.
 Meal to follow

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST

Church	Regular	Special
Bethany	0	
Blue Spring	2,242.48	
Buffalo	0	
Cadiz	1,122.36	
Canton	786.16	250.00
Cerulean	512.00	
Crossroads	200.00	
Delmont	315.75	
Donaldson Creek	979.50	
East Cadiz	646.62	
Hurricane	400.00	
Liberty Point	780.61	
Locust Grove	974.00	
Maple Grove	400.00	
New Hope	475.46	
New Jerusalem	485.96	
New Light	50.00	
Oak Grove	346.20	
Ponderosa	436.88	
Rock Front	0	
Rocky Ridge	308.00	
South Union	292.70	
Wallonia	0	
Misc. Income	200.00	1,675.00
Total	11,954.68	1,925.00
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Interest NOW Acc.	2.58	
Deaf Ministry		250.00
Mev Fredenburg Fund		1,675.00

Subtotals	11,957.26	1,925.00
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Total income		\$13,882.26
Monthly expense		\$14,910.58

Regular Fund		
Beginning Balance		27,144.82
Interest Received		2.58
Gifts		11,954.68
Trans– Contingency Fund		(100.00)
Trans– Van Replacement Fund		
Trans– Building Maintenance Fund		(300.00)
Trans– Mev Fredenburg Fund		
Expense Checks Written		(14,335.94)
Ending Balance		\$24,366.14

Treasurer: Louise Fuller 8/25/24

