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 the Loudon County  
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 Sharing Love,  
 Changing Lives"**

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# The Advancer

Are you interested  
 in Seminary Extension  
 Classes? If so, please  
 join us for an informational  
 meeting on February 3 at 7 p.m.  
 at the Association Office.


**Loudon County Baptist Association  
 Financial Activity Report  
 December 2008**

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Tennessee Baptist Foundation Balance \$10,806.91

Please send your announcements for the Advancer to 814 Webb Circle, Lenoir City, TN 37771 or e-mail to: [traci@lcchurches.com](mailto:traci@lcchurches.com)

Announcements must be in by the 10th of the month to be inserted into that month's newsletter.



January is *Sanctity of Human Life* month. This month we ask that you pray for the sanctity of human life. Did you know that 52 million babies have been aborted since 1973 in the U.S. alone? Please pray that women who find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy will choose LIFE!

## Bob's Banderol...

Time really has seemed to pass more quickly these last few years. It is hard to believe that 2008 is gone and 2009 is upon us. We are facing some difficult economic times in 2009, but I believe more importantly we will face attack on some moral issues. As Southern Baptists we celebrate Sanctity of Human Life day on January 18<sup>th</sup>. We now have a pregnancy crisis center, Hope Resource Center, in Lenoir City and need to be praying and supporting this ministry. Another area where we need to continue to pray is the assault on traditional marriage. Let me share with you some information put out by our SBC Ethic and Religious Liberty group concerning these two issues.

**Sanctity of Human Life** Our greatest concern is the likelihood that many pro-life advances achieved under President Bush's administration will be rolled back. President-elect Obama's pledge to sign the Freedom of Choice Act would do that very thing. This pernicious bill would invalidate all limits on abortion. Even the gruesome practice of partial-birth abortion would be restored to the abortionists' arsenal in their war against the unborn. This bill will be introduced in the House and Senate. It will have to be stopped before it gets to the President's desk. In addition, we will need to fight against passage of an embryonic stem cell bill that would use taxpayer dollars to destroy human embryos for stem cell research. The only reason this bill has not been passed already is because President Bush vetoed it twice. As a consequence of these presidential vetoes, researchers have gone back into the laboratory and have emerged with some very promising alternatives that can create embryonic-like stem cells without destroying human embryos. Others areas of great concern on this front are the many federal restrictions on the use of taxpayer money to fund abortion-related activities here and around the world. Such pro-life policies as the Mexico City Policy, the Kemp-Kasten Amendment, the Hyde Amendment, the Helms Amendment, and numerous other federal pro-life policies are all certain to be targets of the incoming Congress and Administration. While we will fight to stop these losses, we believe a positive approach is also needed. The Pregnant Women Support Act is just that. This bill, which was introduced in the last Congress, would provide various kinds of federal assistance to women who find themselves in challenging pregnancies so they would have the kinds of health and personal support they need to decide to give their babies life rather than aborting them.

**The Assault on Traditional Marriage and the Homosexual Agenda** Another area that will require serious diligence is the homosexual agenda. It is likely that we will see very determined efforts by both Congress and the Administration to normalize homosexual behavior. It is likely that Congress will attempt to pass the Employment Non-discrimination Act, preventing businesses from considering sexual orientation in their hiring practices. It is also likely that Congress will seek to pass Hate Crimes legislation that would extend special federal protections for homosexuals and enable prosecution against anyone involved in an act of violence against someone who is or is even perceived to be homosexual. Of course, we decry all acts of violence against law-abiding citizens, but we believe all victims of violence should be afforded the same level of protections. It is also probable that the Federal Defense of Marriage Act will come under assault. While we do not foresee liberals in Congress winning an effort to overturn that law, it is likely that they will make a run at it to see the level of support there is for it. We will need to mobilize a vast network to shut down those efforts.

Let's pray that God will work in our country and in our own lives this New Year!

*Living Faith, Sharing Love, Changing Lives Bob*

## Iglesia Bautista La Cruz

Feliz Año 2009!! On behalf of Maria, our girls; Hannah Grace and Isabella Karis, Iglesia Bautista LA CRUZ and myself, Happy New Year 2009! My Lord bless you and keep and make His face to shine upon you, your family, your church and this great Baptist Association of Churches.



We praise the Lord for the wonderful response of the La Cruz church during the month of December as we celebrate our Savior's birth and emphasized International Missions and the wonderful Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Despite several of our folks being without work, the church exceeded the \$400.00 goal by more than ten percent. Also we had a wonderful Christmas Eve service and meal together with more than 50 people attending.

We have adopted as our ministry strategy for 2009 the GPS ( Gran Plan del Señor) emphasis suggested by the NAMB. We will be emphasizing the four phase strategy of Praying, Preparing, Sowing and Reaping in each quarter of 2009. So this quarter we are praying for lost family members, friends, co-workers and neighbors. We will be prayer walking in the month of March every Wednesday night.

By-the-way, I have just returned from a mission trip to Venezuela. I led a small medical team to work in the beautiful Venezuelan Andes Mountains. We conducted two 2 day clinics where we attended nearly 400 people. Praise the Lord for 194 people who made decisions for Christ during that week of ministry!

We will be going back to Venezuela in June. If you or your church would be interested in knowing how you could be involved or even going, then please contact me by email [william-maria@hotmail.com](mailto:william-maria@hotmail.com) or my cell phone is 865.804.5300.

*Blessings, Brother William*

## WMU Highlights

### "We Have a Heart for You" Community Service Day on February 14 or anytime in the month of February



promoted by the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Churches, associations, families, small groups, and missions organizations are encouraged to meet physical needs and to share Christ with the lost in their community through simultaneous ministry evangelism projects. For more information or project ideas call 1-800-558-2090. or go to [www.heartforyou.org](http://www.heartforyou.org).



The Baptist Health Care Birthday Party on January 20th, 2009 is hosted by First Baptist Church, Lenoir City

**The New Year, a new beginning, a time to think about Missions. Are you interested in starting WMU in your small group or church? If so, let the Association WMU Leadership Team help you get started. Please contact us by calling the Association Office at 986-2292 or Shelby Lord @986-2103.**

## Other News

First Baptist Church of Lenoir City is having their annual Wildgame Supper on January 24, 2009 at 6 p.m. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. The special guest speaker is Dr. Paige Patterson and special guest, Gary Miller, will be singing. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Yvette Gooden at 988-2544 or send an email to [Yvette@firstbaptistlc.org](mailto:Yvette@firstbaptistlc.org).

**Big Emory Baptist Association Youth Evangelism Conference**  
**March 20-21, 2009**  
 at the Country Tonite Theatre in Pigeon Forge, TN.  
**Guest Speaker: Jeff Lovinggood**  
**Worship Leader: Jason Lovins**  
 If you have any questions about this conference, please contact the Big Emory Association Office at 865-882-6446.

Hamilton County Baptist Association is hosting an English as a Second Language Workshop Friday, January 30, 2009 5:00-8:00 p.m. and Saturday, January 31, 2009 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Call (423) 267-3794 for more Information.