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Loudon County Baptist Association
 Financial Activity Report
February 2009

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**The Newsletter of
 the Loudon County
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 "Living Faith,
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Please send your announcements for the Advancer to 814 Webb Circle, Lenoir City, TN 37771 or e-mail to: traci@lcchurches.com

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

The Advancer

Loudon County Baptist Association Semi-Annual Meeting Monday, April 6, 2009 Philadelphia First Baptist Church at 6:30 p.m.



**Guest Speaker:
 Dr. Jimmy Epting,
 President of
 North Greenville
 University**

**All are encouraged to join us for this
 special time of worship!!!**

Bob's Banderol...

Financial difficulties have permeated our society. People are losing their jobs and causing struggles for many families and individuals. Where does the church take responsibility for helping these people? Jesus encouraged His followers to help meet needs in a hurting world. Your church could do some very easy things to help those in need. Let me give a few suggestions of what could be done from an article on LifeWay's website. First, the pastor could focus several messages on encouraging those who are struggling in your church and community. There could also be a jobs fair set up at the church with some experts sharing how people should approach the recession, job loss, and discouragement. Possibly enlist a businessman who has gone through a difficulty of searching for a job and how he approached it to give encouragement and pointers.



Second, the church members could take a proactive approach in encouraging those in the church and community who have lost jobs. They could send postcards or emails sharing that the church is praying for them during their difficult time and job search. The church could also put together a newsletter that would include some job opportunities in the community with contact info and suggestions. Maybe some of the church members would have some odd jobs that they would put in the newsletter that people could do. Third, the youth group could help collect food to be donated to specific

families or taken to the Good Samaritan Center in Lenoir City or Loudon. One Sunday could be designated as the Sunday to bring a grocery sack of non-perishable goods. The pastor could give the Sunday a theme of "Helping Others". The youth group could then take all that was collected one afternoon to various families or to the Good Samaritan Center for distribution. This gives the youth a chance to understand that sometimes people need help and we, as Christians, have a responsibility to reach out and help.

A last suggestion would be to offer a financial workshop for the church and community. There are many different types of possibilities to provide this help. Maybe several churches could come together and bring in a local consultant to teach basic concepts about financial management. If you would like some help in doing this contact us at the association office and we will be glad to help.

There are many other ideas in this area but these are just some to get you thinking. The key is to assisting people is to start small. We have an obligation as disciples of Jesus Christ to extend a hand of help. A cup of cold water does not cost much but can impact someone in a very positive way. Let's share the love of Christ together. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our Spring Semi-Annual meeting at FBC Philadelphia on Monday, April 6th @ 6:30pm.

Living Faith, Sharing Love, Changing Lives, Bob

Iglesia Bautista La Cruz

GPS. Do you have one? I have used one a time or two. A Global Positioning System (GPS) is an instrument that can be used to give driving instructions to drivers who might otherwise be wandering around in the wilderness. They are great for those of us who travel to unfamiliar places.

Perhaps you have heard of another GPS. It is the North American Mission Board's National Evangelism Initiative. GPS stands for **GOD'S PLAN for SALVACIÓN**. In Spanish it is el GRAN PLAN de DIOS. Since the beginning of this year our emphasis has been on prayer. We have been prayer walking this past month in neighborhoods in and around Lenoir City asking God to strengthen Christian families, expand the ministry of our sister churches and save the lost! I am convinced that prayer works... the problem is I don't do enough of it! However, we have seen God answer some very specific prayers these last three months. From families that have been restored from



brokenness, church members that have found jobs, to people that we have specifically prayed for being wonderfully saved by God's amazing grace!

These next three months Valentin Navarro, my wife Maria and I will be training every member and attender of La Cruz in personal evangelism. How to effectively share Christ with friends, family, neighbors, co-workers and even people we meet at the grocery store or on the street.

Please pray for this effort. I expect some folks will be uncomfortable, but that is probably because we have been too comfortable for too long. I plan on being the instrument that God will use to help us move out of our comfort zone. Thank you for your persistent and fervent praying for this marvelous ministry and consistent and generous giving to the Association so that together we can advance Christ's Kingdom in the hearts of people!!

Blessings! Brother William

WMU Highlights

Mission Action Project for March:



We have been collecting individually wrapped snacks for the ICU waiting room at Fort Sanders Hospital. Thanks to all who have contributed items for this mission project thus far. If you want to bring items for this ministry, you can drop it off at the association office.

It's Twin Boys!

The Associational WMU Leadership Team will be hosting a Baby Shower for Tim & Karen Buford, missionaries from South Asia currently staying in our mission house. They are expecting twin boys in June. Please drop by the association office on Sunday, April 19 between 2-3:30 p.m.



Please remember as you pray the TN Baptist Children's Homes and the effect that this economic downturn has had on this ministry. **The Mother's Day Offering is Sunday, May 10.** Please be faithful to give on that day to help support the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes.

The 2009 missions weekender, Adventure to Africa



is July 17-18 at Carson Springs, Newport. It will be an exciting, fun filled weekend for 1st through 6th grade girls and boys. Children will participate in various cultural activities, meet missionaries, study the Bible, and have meaningful worship.

Mark your calendars—September 17 is the date set for the annual "Ladies Night Out" event. More information about this event to come in the next issue of the Advancer.

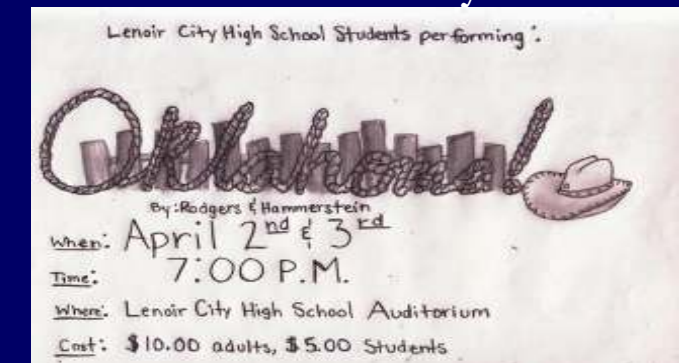
Other News



**April 27-28, 2009
Church Administration
Conference
"Safety & Security Issues
Facing Churches"
Hermitage Hills Baptist
Church, Nashville, TN**

**Sponsored by the Tennessee Baptist Convention and
Guidestone Financial Resources.**

An Invitation to you...



"It's a New Day" Conference April 28—Knox Baptist Association

The SBC Executive Committee and Crown Financial Ministries are engaged in an alliance to conduct high impact, one-day financial conferences across the Southern Baptist Convention. These conferences are designed to teach:

- 1) Fundamental, Biblical principles of managing resources, saving, debt and setting priorities.
- 2) God's nature and how He uses money in your life to lead you to financial freedom.
- 3) Practical steps to establish a plan to properly manage resources.

"It's A New Day" is about stewardship! It's about the lordship of Christ over everything in our lives! It's about getting out of debt! It's about being ready to fulfill God's call upon our lives! For more information about this event go to www.sbc.net/newday

Real Encounter Crusade is April 27-29

We still need churches willing to provide lunches and suppers for the Real Encounter staff and we still need those willing to serve as counselors on April 29 during the "Harvest Night". Contact the association to find out how your church can be a part of this Evangelism event.