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The Nelson Baptist Newsletter

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Vacation Bible School Decoration Share

Vacation Bible School is a great tool for reaching children in our community but as your church knows, hosting a quality event can be expensive when considering the cost of food, transportation, decorations and activity materials. Vine Hill and Victory Baptist Churches have created a solution to help churches save money on their VBS this summer. Instead of every church in the Association purchasing their own decorations only two or three sets of decorations are purchased by all of the churches and those churches **share** the decorations, rotating based on which week their VBS is scheduled. Since there is more than one set of decorations multiple churches can have VBS in the same week. Several churches participated in the share last year and speak very highly of their experience. As children's ministers and volunteers are planning their summer please consider becoming a part of the VBS Decoration share. Contact the Association Office to sign up.

Egg Drop

The Egg Drop has become a major anticipated event in Shepherdsville and the surrounding community. Over 1,000 kids have **already** been registered for this year! On March 26 - the day before Easter - over 2,000 people will gather at the Bullitt County Fairgrounds, just down the street from Bernheim Forrest. Tons of games, music, bouncy-houses, and food will provide a fun day for the entire family. By the way, Kids that attend will have a chance to collect eggs dropped by a **helicopter**, then turn in those eggs for candy.

Churches and organizations are invited to participate in the Egg Drop by setting up a booth with a game or activity for kids and families. We also need volunteers for coordination, setup, and teardown. While your there, feel free to invite individuals to your church the next day for Easter service where they can hear the Gospel.

If your church or organization would like to participate, you can contact Nathan Young at:

nathanyoung@mercyhillbaptist.org

Help us reach more with this event by promoting in your churches and to your neighbors. All attendees must register to attend, you can register at:

<http://www.shepherdsvilleeggdrop.com/>

Our Vision

"Strengthening Churches,
Sharing Christ's Love"

Hearts and Crafts

Bardstown Baptist Church is hosting the free community event - Hearts and Crafts - where kids can come and make valentines on Saturday, February 6th from 2-4pm. Kids will make valentines for their families and leave one for homebound church members. Hot Chocolate and cookies will be served to all who attend.

Bardstown Baptist Church is located at 101 W
Brashear Ave. Bardstown, Ky 40004.

Upcoming Meetings

- **March 10** - Administrative Team Meeting - River View Baptist Church @ 1:30.
- **April 28** - Executive Board Meeting - Bullitt Lick Baptist Church @ Noon, Lunch Provided, RSVP Requested.

Church Evangelism Team Quarterly Training

Over the course of 2016 the Church Evangelism Team is providing four regional trainings to Nelson Association Churches focusing on how to create an evangelistic culture in the church. (Specific locations and dates will be publicized at a later date.)

Training Opportunities

- 1st Quarter - Shepherdsville February 16 @ Journey Christian Church
- 2nd Quarter - Bardstown
- 3rd Quarter - Mt. Washington
- 4th Quarter - Lebanon Junction

Our Mission

The Nelson Baptist Association of Southern Baptist Churches exists to strengthen local churches so that they glorify Jesus Christ and demonstrate His love by fulfilling the Great Commission.

The Nelson Association will provide a FREE in-depth demographic study to all those who attend. Based on the individual church's physical location the study will give statistics for a one, three and five mile radius area. Information provided by the study includes but is not limited to: ages, average incomes, lifestyle choices, poverty levels, family statistics. It may have been decades since your church last heard the demographics for the surrounding area. Studies like this play a key role in your ability to understand and reach the lost. Don't miss out on this fantastic free resource coming to you soon. To register for the training you can contact the Association Office.

SAVE THE DATE!

Strengthening Pastors Strengthening Churches

The Church Equipping Team of the Nelson Association and the KBC are working with FBC Mt. Washington and Parkway Baptist Church to host several sessions this year that will feature key speakers, supply amazing insights and provide essential training for pastors and church leaders. These meetings will begin in April but we wanted to provide you with a list of topics and dates as soon as possible so you can arrange your schedule and participate in as many as possible, you will no doubt benefit from each of them. The order of the topics do not correlate to the order of the dates provided, we will provide you with specific date+topics when we have them.

Topics: Conflict in the Church ,Discipleship, Prayer Boot Camp, Moving People from Pew to Ministry, Social Media in Churches, Breaking Barriers, The Pastor's Family.

Dates: April 23, May 24, July 26, August 23, September 27, October 18.