

AGENDA FOR LRBA EXECUTIVE BOARD
August 24, 2026
Highland Park First Baptist Church - 7321 Billtown Rd, Louisville, KY 40299
11:30 am – Lunch / 12 Noon – Business Session

Call to Order

Coye Still, Moderator

Welcome

Invocation

- Churches without Pastors
 - Cove, FBC Eastwood, Harvest, Louisville Baptist Deaf, Ormsby Heights, Sunnyside, Hopewell, and Fairmount (9/1/26)

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Chris Heading

Dan Pomeroy, Finance Chair

Greg Smith, Nominating Chair

Kris Billiter, Credentials Chair

Ken Vickery, Evangelism Chair

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Todd Robertson

Nate Bishop

Michael Matala

Jesus Pacheco

Justin Compton

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- Old Business
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Recognition of New Members & Visitors

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Adjournment
Benediction

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Louisville Regional Baptist Association
Audubon Baptist Church
Executive Board
April 27, 2026

Moderator Coye Still opened the meeting with scripture and prayer. Included in prayer were churches without pastors: Cove, FBC Eastwood, Harvest, Louisville Baptist Deaf, Plum Creek, and Ormsby Heights.

February 2, 2026, Executive Board Minutes were approved as presented.

Business & Finance Committee – Dan Pomeroy

- The Association is performing well.
- March income \$38,263 vs. February income \$30,125.
- March expenses \$38,232 vs, February expenses \$39,719.
- March was a good month for church gifts at \$24,196.
- There have been a couple of months this fiscal year, in which it wasn't necessary to withdraw the \$10,000 from Reserves.

Nominating Committee – Greg Smith

- The committee moved to elect the following individuals who were nominated and agreed to serve on the following committee/board:

Personnel Committee – Ken Rutledge
Chip Pendleton – Chairman

Baptist Fellowship Center Board – Ken Rutledge
Greg Smith
Cory Bledsoe
Nate Bishop
Louie Turner

The above individuals were approved as presented.

Evangelism Team – Ken Vickery

- Stated that “We see our purpose as a team to help facilitate our mutual encouragement of one another as congregations cooperating together in association to mutually encourage one another to be faithful evangelists of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ throughout our city to the ends of the earth.”
- The team is available for any type of consultation with a pastor or church leaders.
- There are two training opportunities available:
 - 3 Circles** – is a method of sharing the gospel through everyday conversations. They would be glad to send someone to train church leadership.
 - Sent as Incarnational Evangelists** – a short course on developing an evangelistic culture within your congregation.
- Materials are available for your church to use in outreach events and other forms of evangelistic engagements: DVDs, gospel tracts, and doorhangers.

Associational Missions Strategist – Todd Robertson

- In partnership with the Kentucky Baptist Convention Mission Mobilization Team, the Association will be holding a dinner for ethnic language pastors and host pastors. The event will be held on May 7th at Parkland Baptist at 6:30 pm. If anyone fits in this category and has not received an invitation, let him or Justin Compton know.
- In the fall the Multiply Cohort will be relaunched. Instead of running all year, it will run in fall and spring.
- Had the opportunity to be a part of a leadership team again for the Association. This is a group of associational leaders that are in associations of metropolitan areas greater than a million people.
- GracePointe and Beechland have officially merged. They will meet at the Beechland campus and will sell the GracePointe campus in Valley Station.
- Oak Grove has disbanded and given their building to Zion Cho, a mission of New Cut Road Baptist.
- Sojourn Carlisle has disbanded and discussions are being finalized to transfer the building to another LRBA congregation.
- Was recredentialed as an official disaster relief volunteer and has received some training on communication. Will go to training in September to receive credentials to serve as a disaster relief chaplain. Would like to re-engage disaster relief and Associational partnership with Kentucky Baptist Convention.
- There are currently some LRBA churches looking for full-time permanent facilities. It is becoming a real need.
- Maddie Whaley, an intern, who will be supervised by LRBA through a ministry called Next Wave located in Nashville, will be serving as the Diaspora Mission Catalyst this summer.
- The new LRBA website will be launched by the end of May.
- Fred Tucker Season of Prayer will be May 17 through May 24. An infographic sheet will be available to print and use as a bulletin insert showing 8 days of prayer. There will also be a full sheet version.

Community Engagement Strategist – Nate Bishop

- Encouraged churches to make use of the Block Party trailers. The deposit is \$300 and refundable. The rental fee is \$100.
- Focus on churches and being able to engage with their family resources and family resource centers with the local schools.
- Working with schools is a great opportunity to engage with parents and share the gospel.

Sean Corser – Church Revitalization Strategist

- Jason Motte, pastor at Maple Grove, will chair the Church Revitalization Team.
- The team's priority is to be active, not passive in helping churches. Will want to be proactive with pastors, not only in church revitalization, but as pastors of LRBA in critical situations.
- Facilities assessment is an opportunity to provide some key resources for churches and pastors to be able to assess what their facility is like and how it is helping or hindering the work of ministry.
- Another priority is to equip, develop, and strengthen pastors.

Submitted by: Carolyn Grey, Clerk

Next Executive Board Meeting: Monday, August 24, 2026

LRBA EXECUTIVE BOARD – 8/24/2026
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
Coye Still, III, Chair

Item 1: The Administrative Committee in consultation with the Credentials Committee has established a joint Associational Statements Workgroup to assess and potentially add to clarifying statements to guide the association in conjunction with our accepted Doctrinal Statements.

Upon recommendation of the Workgroup and with the affirmation of the Credentials Committee, we recommend the attached amended version of the association’s Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality (originally adopted in 2015) for the approval of the Executive Board. New section 5 (in green text) has been added.

Item 2: The Administrative Committee reports that in its regular meeting on August 21, 2026 we approved the following recommendation: *Upon completion of Todd Robertson’s 10th anniversary as LRBA AMS (which will be on December 1, 2026), he will be granted a January 1 – March 31, 2027 sabbatical. A focus of this sabbatical will be for him to make progress in writing his doctoral thesis on the subject of “Core Essentials for the Baptist Association.”*

This will not have an effect on vacation policy already in place, but Vacation time will not be adjacent to this sabbatical.

POLICY STATEMENT of the Louisville Regional Baptist Association MARRIAGE, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY

Recognizing the significant shift in cultural and legal understanding regarding marriage, gender, and sexuality we desire to affirm a Biblical position that recognizes our call to love God, love others and to speak the truth in that love. Our desire is not to make political statements, but to call all persons to follow Christ as faithful and obedient disciples. As an association of churches, we believe:

Section 1. Scripture affirms that God offers redemption and restoration to those who confess and forsake their sin, by seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. 6:11 — And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. [ESV]

Section 2. Every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. Hateful and harassing behavior and attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with scripture nor the doctrines of the church.

Matthew 22:37-39 — Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 'This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. [ESV]

Section 3. The term "marriage" has only one meaning. According to Scripture, marriage is an institution sanctioned by God, which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture.

Genesis 2:23-24 — Then_ the man (Adam) said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.' Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. [ESV]

Matthew 19:4-6 — He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together let not man separate. " [ESV]

Section 4. Scripture calls for sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe that scripture has commanded that no intimate sexual activities be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

Hebrews 13:4 — Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. [ESV]

Section 5. God's design for humanity is the creation of two distinct and complementary sexes, male and female. This serves as a fundamental distinction in the biology of the human race. God's design also makes no distinction between a person's gender identity and his or her biological birth sex. Therefore, any effort to identify as another perceived gender, also known as transgenderism, denies God's good design. This includes altering one's body (e.g., cross-sex hormone therapy, gender reassignment surgery) to refashion it to conform with one's perceived gender identity.

Genesis 1:27 — So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. [ESV]

Section 6. Any form of sexual immorality, such as, but not all inclusive of, adultery, fornication, homosexual or bisexual conduct, incest, pornography, and any attempt to change one's gender, is sinful. These are not the only sins nor is the temptation toward them sin itself, but these actions are clearly identified as sin in the Bible.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 — Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. [ESV]

Therefore, to preserve the function and integrity of the Louisville Regional Baptist Association as a local body of churches and as an organization, we expect that all persons who serve as employees or contract employees (as defined by the IRS), and churches that are considered in membership with the association, as well as organizations who receive funding and support, or those who utilize associational facilities, shall agree to this Policy Statement on Marriage, Gender and Sexuality and conduct themselves accordingly.

<https://lrba.sharepoint.com/Shared Documents/LRBA Committees/Credentials Committee/New Member Application Packet/Marriage Gender and Sexuality Policy – Adopted 8.17.2015.docx> (Adopted under “Long Run Baptist Association”). *Recommended amendment 8.24.2026.*

Louisville Regional Baptist Association
Profit and Loss
July 2026

	Total		
	Jul 2026	Jun 2026 (PP)	\$ Change (PP)
Income			
Contributions - Individuals	50		50
Contributions Income			
Unrestricted	31,070	26,644	4,426
Total for Contributions Income	31,070	26,644	4,426
Interest Income	566	537	28
KBC	1,333	1,333	0
KBF Reserve Fd Transfer	10,000	10,000	0
Tassie Endowment		1,955	(1,955)
Total for Income	43,019	40,469	2,550
Expenses			
Bank Service Charges	25	25	0
Contracts/Agreements	759	503	256
Contributions (RCM/BFC/BCM)	4,167	4,167	0
Custodial Support	350	350	0
Hospitality	82	159	(77)
Insurance - Rent/Workers Comp	686	871	(185)
Mileage Reimbursement	97	740	(643)
Office Supplies		56	(56)
Payroll Expenses	19,318	19,311	7
Annuity - Association	1,371	1,371	0
Annuity - Employee	811	811	0
Health Insurance	3,142	3,142	0
Total for Payroll Expenses	24,642	24,635	7
Postage	199		199
Program Expense	134	257	(123)
Rent (Domino Partners)	2,917	2,917	0
Telephone/fax	117	117	0
Travel & Ent		1,028	(1,028)
Utilities			
Gas and Electric	410	308	103
Water	76	76	0
Total for Utilities	486	383	103
Total for Expenses	34,660	36,209	(1,549)
Net Income	8,358	4,260	4,098

COMPARISON of INCOME and EXPENSES

	as of July 31, 2026					Average
	2025-2026	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023	2021-2022	Month
September	21,558	25,484	26,591	26,460	37,240	27,467
October	33,049	30,521	27,652	36,454	25,206	30,576
November	19,201	20,175	25,819	26,653	31,164	24,602
December	35,329	19,780	26,203	33,903	33,749	29,793
January	43,012	48,780	41,567	35,017	36,544	40,984
February	18,147	26,096	30,991	31,067	23,969	26,054
March	24,196	21,900	22,983	28,915	26,263	24,851
April	35,775	29,754	28,388	27,624	30,558	30,420
May	24,733	29,435	26,757	23,232	22,707	25,373
June	26,644	21,369	24,071	27,553	29,867	25,901
July	31,120	45,459	29,777	31,104	24,046	32,301
August	-	22,607	33,404	33,073	16,920	-
						26,501
Total For 11 Months	312,763	318,754	310,798	327,982	321,313	318,322
Total	312,763	341,361	344,202	361,055	338,234	
Average Per Month	28,433	28,978	28,254	29,817	29,210	28,938
Church Gifts - Budget	350,000	350,000	375,000	375,000	330,706	
Other Income	29,590	31,364	11,294	7,213	5,850	
Transfer From KBF Reserve	80,000	109,200	50,000	-	54,000	
Total Actual Income	422,354	481,925	405,496	368,268	398,083	
Total Actual Expenses	435,308	463,198	418,904	396,873	386,614	
Total Budget Expenses	499,000	493,000	441,360	433,500	403,206	.
Actual Income Over (Under) Expenses	(12,954)	18,727	(13,408)	(28,605)	11,469	

LRBA Financial System

The following is a brief overview of the income, expense, and control system used to safeguard the Association's assets.

Annual Budget

A detailed income and expense budget is prepared and recommended to the Executive Board for approval. Once approved, the budget is used to track actual activity to what is expected.

Income

Contributions are recorded by the Ministry Assistant. The contributions are recorded a second time in QuickBooks Online and deposited by Remote Deposit Capture to the appropriate Association bank accounts by the Financial Services Associate. Acknowledgements of contributions are sent to contributors quarterly. Member church contributions are published in a report and presented at the Association's Annual Meeting. Income received from Kentucky Baptist Foundation (KBF) is received directly via ACH to the Association operating account.

Expenses

Expenses are paid from the Association operating account from invoices received via email and hard copy mail. No payments are made without a supporting invoice, Association contract, and/or sales receipt copy.

Monthly Reporting

The Association's Business and Finance Committee meets monthly to review financials that include detailed profit and loss statements for the month and fiscal year-to-date, a comparison of actual activity to the annual budget, a detailed Association balance sheet, and statements from KBF-managed funds. Variances for prior month and prior fiscal year are shown and discussed.

Cash Reconciliations

Bank account reconciliations are completed in a timely manner at the beginning of each month for all accounts. Copies of the detailed bank statements with related reconciliation reports, as well as detailed Association credit card statements, are provided to the Business and Finance Committee Chair and to the Association's Treasurer.

Quarterly and Annual Reporting

Detailed monthly and fiscal year-to-date financial statements are provided at the quarterly Executive Board meetings of the Association. Fiscal Year reports, including details of contributions by member churches, are provided at the Association's annual meeting.

Financial Document Retention

Copies of paid invoices, employee expense reports, paid checks, bank account statements with related reconciliation reports, and published financial statements are maintained for 4 or more years. Supporting details for published financials are stored electronically.

LRBA Financial System

Financial Review

A review is conducted every 2-3 years under the supervision of a certified public accountant. Materials reviewed include financial statements, supporting documents to published financial statements, payroll reports, employee expense reports and related receipts, bank account reconciliations, and detailed general ledger activity. A summary of the review findings is provided to the Business and Finance Committee of the Association.

NOTE: Written procedures detailing these processes are maintained and will be made available to member churches upon request.

This LRBA Financial System document is prepared to provide transparency to member churches and to model accountability. Member churches are welcome to discuss Association practices with the Financial Services Associate, Paul Bruce, at (502) 648-3138.

Proposed Budget 2026-2027

	Annual Budget	Projected Actual	% of annual budget	Proposed Budget 2026-2027	Change	
INCOME	2025-2026	2025-2026	% of annual budget	Budget 2026-2027	Change	
Church Contributions	350,000	339,264	99%	350,000	0	0.0%
KBC/Other	22,000	24,029	109%	22,000	0	0.0%
Tassie Endowment Earnings	7,000	7,799	111%	7,500	500	7.1%
Total Income	379,000	371,092	100%	379,500	500	0.1%
ADDL SOURCES OF FUNDS						
KBF Reserve Transfer	120,000	90,000	75%	127,500	7,500	6.3%
Total Income and Sources of Funds	499,000	461,092	94%	507,000	8,000	1.6%
	Annual Budget	Projected Actual	% of annual budget	Budget 2026-2027	Change	
EXPENSES						
Missions						
100 Contextual Collaboration	1,500	1,163	86%	1,500	0	0.0%
101 Evangelism	250	-	0%	250	0	0.0%
201 Church Planting/Replanting	3,000	1,035	38%	3,000	0	0.0%
202 Strategist Expense	3,000	2,312	77%	3,000	0	0.0%
301 Church Revitalization	3,000	888	33%	3,000	0	0.0%
302 Strategist Expense	3,000	375	14%	3,000	0	0.0%
401 Community Engagement	3,000	252	9%	9,000	6,000	200.0%
402 Strategists Expense	3,000	78	3%	9,000	6,000	200.0%
403 Community Engagement Pilot	6,000	-	0%	-	-6,000	-100.0%
404 Strategist Expense Pilot	6,000	1,064	20%	-	-6,000	-100.0%
405 Baptist Fellowship Center	15,000	15,000	100%	15,000	0	0.0%
406 Re: Center Ministries (LRM)	30,000	30,000	100%	30,000	0	0.0%
407 Friendship International	250	-	0%	250	0	0.0%
408 MNYBA Partnership	3,000	3,000	100%	1,000	-2,000	-66.7%
501 Teams/Committees	1,500	1,631	100%	1,500	0	0.0%
502 Baptist Campus Ministries	5,000	5,000	100%	5,000	0	0.0%
503 WMU	500	223	50%	500	0	0.0%
504 SBCAL	1,000	1,000	100%	1,000	0	0.0%
Total	88,000	63,021	72%	86,000	-2,000	-2.3%
	Annual Budget	Projected Actual	% of annual budget	Budget 2026-2027	Change	
Personnel						
600 Missionary Personnel	331,346	326,054	99%	341,896	10,550	3.2%

Proposed Budget 2026-2027

Mission Supports	Annual Budget	Projected Actual	% of annual budget	Budget 2026-2027	Change	
700 Administrative/Supports						
701 Associational Services	23,797	30,973	130%	23,405	-392	-1.6%
702 Annual Meeting	350	61	17%	100	-250	-71.4%
703 Utilities	6,000	5,684	97%	6,136	136	2.3%
704 Rental Insurance	10,000	9,949	99%	9,344	-656	-6.6%
705 Custodial Support	4,500	4,200	93%	4,500	0	0.0%
706 Rent	35,007	35,007	100%	35,620	613	1.7%
Total	79,654	85,874	108%	79,105	-549	-0.7%
TOTAL EXPENSES	499,000	474,949	96%	507,000	8,000	1.6%
<i>change from prior year</i>	<i>1.2%</i>			<i>1.6%</i>		
Total Over or (Under)		(13,857)				
Reserve Acct (KBF)		660,127		588,617		
Net Operating Position		646,270		588,617		

Associational Services (includes)

Office

Maintenance Agreements
Supplies
Postage
Phone
Internet
Fire Alarm
Security
IT

Digital

Web
Apps
Software
Cloud
Cell Phones

Support

Travel
Hospitality
Mileage
Recognitions
Books/Publications

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
8/24/2026

The Nominating Committee moves the election of the following individuals who were nominated and have agreed to serve on the following committee/board:

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

2029 - CHAIR* Dan Pomeroy (FBC Fairdale) – 2nd Term

2029 Pamela Smith (New Cut Rd) – 2nd Term

2029 Joe James (Eastpoint Community)

CREDENTIALS

2029 – CHAIR* Kris Billiter (Eastpoint Community) – 2nd Term

2029 David Cleeland (Living Hope)

2029 Derrick Ousley (Kings)

PERSONNEL

2029 Dawn Buffington (Gethsemane) – 2nd Term

2029 Keith Meriwether (Bible Community Fellowship) – 2nd Term

2029 Ken Rutledge (Gracepointe at Beechland) – 2nd Term

BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP CENTER BOARD

2029 Ken Rutledge (Gracepointe at Beechland) – 2nd Term

2029 Greg Smith (New Cut Rd)

*** NOTE:**

By virtue of the position, Chairs of Committees and Teams also serve as members of the Administrative Committee.

LRBA EXECUTIVE BOARD – 8/24/2026
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
Kris Billiter, Chair

The LRBA Credentials Committee met to evaluate church applications for provisional membership.

- Zion Cho Baptist Church, meeting at New Cut Road Baptist Church located at 5857 New Cut Rd, Louisville, KY 40214 (with new location under renovation at 10006 National Turnpike, Lou, KY 40218) led by Philip Hungom, was approved for provisional membership. The church has been a mission of New Cut Road BC and constituted on January 20, 2018.

LRBA EXECUTIVE BOARD – 8/24/2026
EVANGELISM TEAM
Ken Vickery, Chair

The LRBA has materials available for your church to use in outreach events and other forms of evangelistic engagement.

- 1) **The Jesus film** (in 8 languages) on DVD - individually packaged in cardboard sleeves that have a printed QR code to access the film on-line in hundreds of languages.
- 2) **“Would You Like to Know God Personally”** gospel tracts.
- 3) See-through plastic bags - designed to hang on doorknobs.

These materials can be easily obtained from two locations in the city:

Bethany Baptist Church: 2319 Taylorsville Road, 40205.
Call Ken Vickery at (502) 438-5382 to schedule pickup.

Maple Grove Baptist Church: 5911 East Manslick Road, 40219.
Call Jason Motte at (812) 946-7619 to schedule pickup.

The LRBA has training available to equip your church to share the gospel with others. We offer training for those within your church who would serve as the primary trainers of others (pastors, staff members, deacons, Sunday School teachers, etc.).

“3 Circles” is a method of sharing the gospel through everyday conversations.

“Sent as Incarnational Evangelists” is a short course on developing an evangelistic culture within your congregation.

The LRBA offers personal consultation for pastors and other leaders.

If you desire personal consultation on how to develop an evangelistic strategy, create a culture of evangelism, or use some of the tools we offer, we would welcome the opportunity to speak with you and help in any way we can.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION STRATEGIST, TODD ROBERTSON
Executive Board Report, August 24, 2026

During the previous quarter we have seen a number of churches on the move.

- Hillview Community Church has called Greg Odle as Pastor.
- Plum Creek Baptist Church has called Andy Thomas as Senior Pastor.
- Sunnyside Baptist Church is in pastoral transition following the retirement of Jim Carpenter.
- Hopewell Baptist Church is in pastoral transition following the resignation of Andy Thomas.
 - Called Van Morris as Interim Pastor.
- Fairmount Baptist Church will be in pastoral transition when Jim Shelton retires 8/31.

This last quarter has included continued investment in the work of our partner churches and especially pastors and leaders. Our pursuit of intentional Kingdom relationships is not a theoretical concept but a practical pursuit that is the priority for our work. The greater support we give as staff to churches and the more we see churches working together the more effective we are at advancing the Gospel of Christ in the Louisville region. In a metro area of almost 1.4 million people and a region well beyond 800,000 people we have tremendous Kingdom work to do. Couple that with peoples from across the globe speaking over 100 languages and with a variety of cultural and religious backgrounds and the task seems almost insurmountable. But, we believe that with God all things are possible! Churches seeking to honor and glorify Christ and partnering together will certainly produce great fruit.

We are continuing to press forward to tackle several key things this year as an association. While the team and I will continue the everyday activities and services of the Association, here are a few things to consider:

- Check out our new website at lrba.org. Lots of good first step info for your church.
- Do you have members who would consider serving in disaster relief. In responding to those in crisis there are beautiful opportunities to show the love of Jesus. Make plans to join us at the KY Disaster Relief - September training to be held at FBC Shelbyville. We will be taking steps to reestablish an associational DR team.
- Consider joining a regional pastor prayer gathering. Interested? Let me know.
- Take steps to building and improving Intentional Kingdom Relationships with a church or leader near you. Call a neighbor pastor. Plan a joint service or community outreach.
- There is a new youth ministry leader group developing now. Reach out if interested.

Again, I remind you, we live in a broken world with hurt and difficulty. We pray over all these things. And we pray for each church to be a shining light for the glory of Christ no matter how hard it is. Let's be praying for one another regularly.

Todd Robertson,
Associational Mission Strategist
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LRBA EXECUTIVE BOARD – 8/24/2026
Nathaniel Bishop Jr., Community Engagement Strategist

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

This year has moved quickly, and we find ourselves at the beginning of a new school year. I remain grateful for the privilege of walking alongside our churches in this work.

For a recent LRBA Learn & Lunch series, we focused on how churches can meaningfully connect with local schools through Family Resource and Youth Services Centers (FRYSC). Family Resource Center Coordinators (FRYSC's) shared candidly about the challenges they face with limited budgets and their genuine need for community support. We discussed practical ways churches can engage, stepping into these gaps through food pantries, mentoring and tutoring, hosting family game nights, parent workshops, and school supply drives. Each of these touches provides opportunities for gospel conversations. The coordinators also shared that committing to one need and doing it well is one way that churches can have the most impact in their local neighborhood schools.

A highlight this summer for one of our churches was participation in the Office of Violence Prevention's (OVP) "A Time for Peace" summer initiative and hosting a Juneteenth Evening of Peace for the community. OVP gave financial and material support for youth and family activities, food and hospitality, and mental health and faith support for communities impacted by gun violence. It was a powerful reminder of what it looks like for our churches to serve as anchors of hope and resilience in neighborhoods carrying real pain. Over 60 adult, children, and Spanish-language Bibles were given out at this event. The Baptist Fellowship Center will be hosting one of these events Saturday, August 29th from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. at 1520 Arcade Ave.

I continue to see the LRBA Community Engagement Incentive Grants make a real difference for our churches. This quarter I had the joy of sharing thank you letters from grant recipients back with the board. This was a small but meaningful window into how these dollars are translating into ministry on the ground. Presenting the grant as a resource in pastoral conversations remains one of the most tangible ways I get to encourage churches toward action in their communities.

At the heart of this role remains my ongoing commitment to meet with pastors across the Association. These conversations are part of our overall work. Whether over coffee, in a church office, or during a planning meeting, my goal in each conversation is to listen well, encourage faithfulness, and help pastors pursue a vision for their specific neighborhood context.

Please let us know how we can serve your church as you seek to make disciples for Christ. It remains a joy and privilege to walk alongside our churches in this important work.

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LRBA EXECUTIVE BOARD – 8/24/2026
Michael Matala., Community Engagement Strategist

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

It is a privilege to continue serving as a Community Engagement Strategist with LRBA. The start of my summer was unfortunately slow, as I had surgery and a recovery that turned out to be far tougher than I anticipated. There were a few weeks when all I could do was rest and wait. Looking back now, I am deeply thankful for God's kindness to me through that season and for His healing, which has allowed me to return to the work I love among our churches with renewed energy and gratitude.

Alongside Todd, I have had the privilege of walking with one of our sister churches as they consider questions of leadership and what is next in the life of their congregation. These conversations require patience, humility, and a genuine trust in the Lord's direction, and it has been a joy to sit with these brothers and sisters as they seek God's wisdom for the road ahead.

I have also enjoyed several rich conversations with pastors across our Association about how they are engaging their communities and seeking to make much of the gospel. Whether discussing outreach strategies, community partnerships, or simply the day-to-day realities of shepherding a congregation, these conversations remind me again and again of the faithfulness of our pastors and the heart they have for the people God has placed around them.

One tangible expression of that heart is Jeffersontown Baptist Church, who received an incentive grant from the Association as they prepare to engage their neighbors with the love of Jesus at the upcoming Gaslight Festival. Please join me in praying for them as they step out to love their community well during this event.

As I reflect on this season, I am struck by how God is doing some incredible things in and through the churches of our city. It is a privilege to witness it firsthand and to play even a small part in it. If there is any way the Association can partner with or strengthen the work you are doing, please do not hesitate to let us know. It is our joy to labor alongside you in the gospel.

In Christ,

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LRBA EXECUTIVE BOARD – 8/24/2026
Jesus Pacheco, Community Engagement Strategist

Sublime Gracia Baptist Church, a new work established two years ago in Simpsonville, KY, celebrated a special baptismal service on Sunday, August 2, 2026. Six people were baptized for God's glory.

Iglesia Shalom in Jeffersonville, IN had a special baptismal service in Hardy Lake, IN on Sunday, August 16, 2026. Four people were baptized, and we enjoyed a great meal, carne asada, on a beautiful fellowship day.

Both of these churches, while located outside of the LRBA, have strong ties to churches partnered with the association and illustrate the reach beyond the immediate Louisville region of the work of our Spanish speaking churches.

There will be a church planting training event on September 19, 2026, at Iglesia Hispana Parkland Maranatha. Leonid Marsan and Ernesto Fernandez will be the guest speakers.

We have been providing ministry assistance, leadership development, and fellowship to 13 Hispanic congregations in 6 surrounding counties. Praise God!

We are encouraging our churches to be intentional in outreach evangelism and church planting to the Hispanic community of more than 50,000 people.

I appreciate very much your prayers and support to our ministry.

In His Service,

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LRBA EXECUTIVE BOARD – 8/24/2026
Justin Compton, Church Planting Strategist

Summertime has come and gone (almost). I pray all the seeds sown in the summer events fall on good soil and bear good fruit for God's glory. I have three updates for you.

First, our Ethnic Church Banquet was a success. We made new connections with our ethnic church and host church leaders and received valuable feedback. Please remember to pray for them! We hope to have similar events in the future. Thanks to Parkland Baptist Church for hosting and the KBC Missions Mobilization team for providing the food. I am eager to serve and support both our ethnic and host churches when needed. Please email me, I want to strengthen our partnership.

Second, our Multiplying Church Cohort is off to a good start. Two of our sister associations, Nelson Baptist Association and the North Central Baptist Network, are doing the cohort with us, and we have around 30 pastors from 8 counties participating, 10 of whom are LRBA pastors. This strategic cohort mobilizes pastors to lead multiplying churches by brainstorming three multiplying steps (pray, prepare, produce) and developing plans for implementing them. Every church, no matter how small or ordinary, can take strategic steps needed to multiply, and we want to help. Pastor, be on the lookout for an invitation to the spring cohort event.

Third, we have new and updated Plant Louisville prayer guides for each of our five priority areas. Please take a few of them today and use them to pray, and lead your church to pray, for neighborhoods in the Louisville region where we need new churches the most. If you'd like an electronic copy, email me and I will send them to you or visit our website, and if you'd like to see a video overview of each priority area, visit our YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/@LRBA-KY>.

Praise the Lord, because He continues to work, provide, and guide! As always, we would welcome a few more members on the Church Planting Team. If you would like to serve on our Team, let me know. You don't need any planting or replanting experience. In fact, we are greatly helped by team members from established churches who have little to no planting experience.

I am honored to serve as your Church Planting Strategist. God is faithful, and by his grace let us all continue to faithfully work the harvest.

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2026-2027 ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

Note: All events are in person and are held at the LRBA offices unless otherwise indicated. Meeting places and times are subject to change. Check out the weekly announcements or contact the LRBA office for the most current information.

AUGUST – Focus on Christian Service (SBC)

- 23 Global Hunger Day (SBC)
- 24 **LRBA Executive Board (FBC Highland Park) – 11:30 am - Lunch; 12 Noon – Business**
- 29 Office of Violence Prevention Event (Baptist Fellowship Center) – 12 Noon-5 pm

SEPTEMBER - Focus on Next Generation Ministries (SBC)

- 7 **Labor Day – LRBA OFFICES CLOSED / JCPS - No School**
- 10 Multiplying Cohort – 6 pm
- 11 **Patriot Day**
- 11 KBC Disaster Relief Chaplaincy Training (FBC Shelbyville) – 1 pm
- 12 KBC Disaster Relief Volunteer Training (FBC Shelbyville) – 8:15 am
- 12 KBC Disaster Relief Chaplaincy Training (FBC Shelbyville) – 8:30 am
- 13-20 **Week of Prayer for State Missions – Eliza Broadus Offering Emphasis**
- 16 Prayer Walking Event (Re:Center) – 7 am – 8 am
- 16 Church Revitalization Team – 11:30 am
- 17 Missions & Ministry Team – 10 am
- 17 Business & Finance Committee (Online) – 12 Noon
- 18 Administrative Committee – 12 Noon
- 19 **Children's Missions Day (SBC)**
- 21 **Learn & Lunch – 12 Noon**
- 23 **JCPS – No School**
- 27 **Caring Well Sunday (SBC)**
- 28-Oct 2 **JCPS – Fall Break**

OCTOBER – Focus on Cooperative Program (SBC) and Ministers' Appreciation Month

- 1-2 **JCPS – Fall Break**
- 4 **Cooperative Program Sunday (SBC)**
- 6 Church Planting Team – 12 Noon
- 7 Evangelism Team – 1 pm
- 8 Multiplying Cohort – 6 pm
- 12 **LRBA Annual Meeting Reports Due**
- 12 **Learn & Lunch – 12 Noon**
- 15 Missions & Ministry Team – 10 am
- 15 Business & Finance Committee (Online) – 12 Noon
- 16 **Boss' Day**
- 16 Administrative Committee – 12 Noon
- 18 **Day of Prayer for Associational Missions (SBC)**
- 19 **LRBA ANNUAL MEETING (TBA) - 5:30 pm – Registration & Missions Fair; 6:30 pm – Call to Order**
- 21 Church Revitalization Team – 11:30 am
- 25 **Student Baptism Day (SBC)**

NOVEMBER – Focus on Christian Compassion (SBC)

- 1 **Daylight Savings Ends (Fall Back)**
- 1 Prayer for the Persecuted Church (SBC)
- 2-3 **JCPS – No School**
- 2 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
- 3 Election Day
- 7 KBC Crossover: Richmond, KY
- 8 Orphans and Widows Sunday (SBC)
- 9 KBC Mission Board (FBC Richmond) – 1 pm
- 9 KBC Pastor's Conference (FBC Richmond) – 2 pm
- 10 KBC Annual Meeting (FBC Richmond) – 8 am
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 12 Multiplying Cohort – 6 pm
- 16 **Learn & Lunch – 12 Noon**
- 18 Church Revitalization Team – 11:30 am
- 19 Missions & Ministry Team – 10 am
- 19 Business & Finance Committee (Online) 12 Noon
- 20 Administrative Committee – 12 Noon
- 25-27 **JCPS – No School**
- 26-27 Thanksgiving Observance – **LRBA OFFICES CLOSED**
- 29-Dec 6 **Week of Prayer for International Missions** (Lottie Moon Offering Emphasis)
- 29 First Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER – Focus on International Missions (SBC)

- 1-6 **Week of Prayer for International Missions** (Lottie Moon Offering Emphasis)
- 3 Multiplying Cohort Celebration (Redemption Hill) – 6 pm
- 8 Church Planting Team – 12 Noon
- 14 KBC Mission Board (KBC) – 10 am
- 15 KBC Mission Board (KBC) – 9 am
- 16 Church Revitalization Team – 11:30 am
- 17 Missions & Ministry Team – 10 am
- 17 Business & Finance Committee (Online) 12 Noon
- 18 Administrative Committee – 12 Noon
- 21-31 **JCPS – No School**
- 24-31 **LRBA OFFICES CLOSED**
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas – Happy Birthday, Jesus!
- 31 New Year's Eve

JANUARY – Focus on Christian Discipleship (SBC)

- 1 New Year's Day - **LRBA OFFICES CLOSED** / **JCPS – No School**
- 3-10 January Bible Study (SBC)
- 11 National Human Trafficking Awareness Day
- 15 Administrative Committee – 12 Noon
- 17 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SBC)
- 18 **MLK DAY – LRBA OFFICES CLOSED** / **JCPS – No School**
- 19 **LRBA Executive Board Reports Due**
- 20 Church Revitalization Team – 11:30 am
- 21 Missions & Ministry Team – 10 am
- 21 Business & Finance Committee (Online) 12 Noon
- 25 **LRBA EXECUTIVE BOARD (TBA) 11:30 am – Lunch; 12 Noon - Business**

FEBRUARY – Focus on Christian Unity (SBC)

- 7 **George Leile Church Planting, Evangelism, and Missions Sunday (SBC)**
- 11-13 KBC Shepherding the Shepherd (Lexington)
- 14 **Valentine's Day**
- 15 **President's Day - JCPS – No School**
- 15 **Learn & Lunch – 12 Noon**
- 16 **JCPS – No School**
- 17 Church Revitalization Team – 11:30 am
- 18 Missions & Ministry Team – 10 am
- 18 Business & Finance Committee (Online) – 12 Noon
- 19 Administrative Committee – 12 Noon
- 21 **Focus on WMU Sunday (SBC)**
- 28 **Racial Reconciliation Sunday (SBC)**

MARCH – Focus on North American Missions (SBC)

- 6 KBC VBS Clinic (9TH & O)
- 7-14 **Week of Prayer for North American Missions (Annie Armstrong Offering Emphasis)**
- 7 **Daylight Savings Begins (Spring Forward)**
- 8 KBC Reach Conference (Porter Memorial, Lexington) – 12 Noon
- 9 KBC Reach Conference (Porter Memorial, Lexington) – 8 am
- 15 **Learn & Lunch – 12 Noon**
- 17 **St. Patrick's Day**
- 17 Church Revitalization Team – 11:30 am
- 18 Missions & Ministry Team – 10 am
- 18 Business & Finance Committee (Online) – 12 Noon
- 19 Administrative Committee - 12 Noon
- 21 **Palm Sunday**
- 21 Church Planting Emphasis Sunday (SBC)
- 25 **Maundy Thursday**
- 26 **Good Friday – LRBA OFFICES CLOSED / JCPS No School**
- 28 **Easter**
- 29-Apr 2 **JCPS Spring Break**

APRIL – Focus on Christian Evangelism (SBC)

- 1-2 **JCPS Spring Break**
- 4 **Baptism Sunday (SBC)**
- 15 **Tax Day**
- 15 Missions & Ministry Team – 10 am
- 15 Business & Finance Committee (Online) – 12 Noon
- 16 Administrative Committee – 12 Noon
- 19 **LRBA Executive Board Reports Due**
- 19 **Learn & Lunch – 12 Noon**
- 21 Church Revitalization Team – 11:30 am
- 26 **LRBA EXECUTIVE BOARD (TBA) 11:30 am – Lunch; 12 Noon - Business**
- 28 **Administrative Professionals Day**
- 30 Oaks Day - **JCPS – No School**

MAY – Focus on Christian Education (SBC)

- 3 KBC Mission Board (KBC) – 10 am
- 4 KBC Mission Board (KBC) – 9 am
- 6 **National Day of Prayer**
- 7 SBTS Graduation (SBTS)– 10 am
- 9 **Mother's Day**
- 11 **LRBA WMU Annual Meeting (TBA) – 6:30 pm**
- 15 **Armed Forces Day**
- 16-23 **LRBA Fred Tucker Associational Missions Season of Prayer & Giving**
- 16 **Children's Ministry Sunday (SBC)**
- 17 **Learn & Lunch – 12 Noon**
- 18 **Primary Election Day – JCPS – No School**
- 19 Church Revitalization Team – 11:30 am
- 20 Missions & Ministry Team – 10 am
- 20 Business & Finance Committee (Online) – 12 Noon
- 21 Administrative Committee – 12 Noon
- 24 **JCPS - Last Day of School**
- 30 **Disaster Relief Sunday (SBC)**
- 31 **Memorial Day – LRBA OFFICES CLOSED**

JUNE – Focus on Local and State Missions & Ministries (SBC)

- 12 **Crossover (SBC): Indianapolis**
- 13-14 **SBCAL Annual Meeting (Indianapolis)**
- 13 **WMU Missions Celebration (SBC) (Indianapolis) – 12 Noon**
- 13 **Pastors' Conference (SBC) (Indianapolis) – 6:30 pm**
- 14 **Flag Day**
- 14 **Pastors' Conference (SBC) (Indianapolis) – 8:30 am**
- 16 **SBC Annual Meeting (Indianapolis) - 8 am**
- 17 Missions & Ministry Team – 10 am
- 17 Business & Finance Committee (Online) – 12 Noon
- 18 Administrative Committee – 12 Noon
- 19 **Juneteenth**
- 20 **Father's Day**
- 27 **Mission Dignity Sunday (SBC)**

JULY – Focus on Christian Citizenship (SBC)

- 2 **LRBA OFFICES CLOSED**
- 4 **Independence Day**
- 4 **Religious Liberty Sunday (SBC)**
- 11 **Disability Ministry Sunday (SBC)**
- 14 Church Revitalization Team – 11:30 am
- 15 Missions & Ministry Team – 10 am
- 15 Business & Finance Committee (LRBA Offices) – 12 Noon
- 16 Administrative Committee – 12 Noon