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BRO. MARSHALL'S MESSAGE

Ephesians $4:15-\underline{16}$ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into <u>Christ, from</u> whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Our theme this past year has been "Grow Up!". We are not to stay where we were. In other words, if we are same as we were the day we surrendered to Christ, then we have not grown at all. If a child did not grow, we would take them to the doctor and have batteries of tests done in order to see what is wrong, and we would hope and pray that the problem could be corrected by any means possible. In our spiritual lives, however, we typically do not see anything wrong with continuing to stay immature. Have you grown this year? If so, in what ways? Are you bearing more and more fruit for the Lord and his Kingdom?

As an association I have seen us grow in giving. Folks, we spent over \$33,000 just on upgrading our grounds; a new awning for our disaster relief trailers, new paint on the outside of the building and new landscaping. We gave thousands of dollars for solar cookers and Bibles to be distributed to refugees in Ethiopia that were displaced due to genocide! We gave of our time and abilities; making homeless mats that went to Turkey, Ethiopia, Atlanta, Nashville and Memphis, cooking and serving at the Soul Food Café and Hospital and Nurses week, going and serving on mission in Atlanta, Nashville, Washington DC and Ethiopia, helping rebuild after the devastating flood, providing food and serving at the Reelfoot Lake Arts and Crafts festival, and more! I am proud to serve an association of churches who is growing up.

Next year's theme is "Work it Out" from Philippians 2:12-13 which says, *Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.* What is this going to look like? We cannot save ourselves and we can do nothing to keep our salvation. So how do we "work it out"? We work it out with fear and trembling because God is working in us. We revere and respect God because he is great, awesome, creator, sustainer, savior, etc. All is his and all comes from him. You see, while we cannot save ourselves and cannot keep our salvation on our own, we can choose to walk in step with the Spirit or with the world. So, what can we do to help us walk the right way? Stay in the Word, pray, worship, evangelize, serve, be good stewards, fast, sit at his feet, journal, continue learning and persevere. At our pastors' conferences each month in 2024, we are going to be going through Donald Whitney's *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life* book which digs into each of these things. As an association, we will be offering a Bible Conference, a Hymn Sing, many missions trips and other events that will encourage you as you seek to work out your salvation. Please take a look at our 2024 calendar for specific events and dates.

Let's "work it out" together in 2024.

Till all hear!

Bro Marshall

FEEDING OF THE 5000 is coming up quick.

Tuesday, November 21.

Three things about it.



- 1. If anyone from your church, a Sunday school class, youth group, etc would like to help pack bags, let me know. The packing will be done the week of November 13-17.
- 2. We will be doing prayer teams again on November 21. I need two teams of 5-8 people. We will do one team from 10:00 am to 12 noon then another from 12 noon to 2:00 pm. We pray for and share the gospel with 100's of folks!
- 3. We also like to have help at 4:00 pm to feed the Boy's and Girl's Club. Then at 5:00 pm for the larger community feeding.

It's a full day but so well worth it!

Please let us know how you want to serve and we will get you plugged in.

NOVEMBER Calendar

06 Pst Conf w/meal

Mark LaRue / Discipleship

Veteran's Day Service @ 11

Second Baptist w/ Tim Lee

12-13 Summit in Chattanooga

Feeding of 5000 21

27 Pst Conf w/light supper

HONOR THE HEROES OMMEMORATION & LUNCHEON *** 11:00 AM 12:00 PM of for Veterans and families* SECOND BAPTIST

HELP US HONOR OUR VETERANS!

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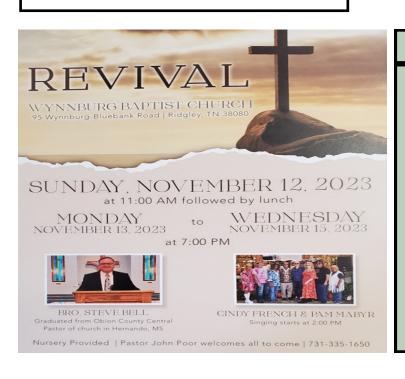
BEULAH SPOTLIGHT CHURCH



New Concord Baptist Church 3672 Concord Rd Kenton, TN **Pastor Larry Clark**

New Concord is active in our community, being the hands and feet of God. We deliver food to 28 families regularly. We are working on Christmas Shoeboxes, food & fruit boxes for the holidays. Our Women have many things going on. We had a well attended revival this fall.

Please come and be a part of God's work.



PASTORS. WIVES & BEULAH STAFF

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS 11/5—Ron Cox—South Fulton Baptist

11/7—Roger McPeak—Beulah Land Cowboy Church 11/8—Carol Walsh—BBA 11/11—Lori Cockrell—Pleasant Hill—RIVES 11/12—Aaron Bargery—Samburg Baptist 11/25—Nick Wilson—Lakeview Baptist

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/29—Michael & Christy Norton