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### Become a member of KY Baptist Nursing Fellowship

If you are an active, retired, student nurse, or other medical professional, Baptist Nursing Fellowship may be just what you are looking for! Our goal is to have an active fellowship of Christian medical professionals in Kentucky to include:

- Worship and Bible study opportunities with other nursing professionals.
- Participation in missions activities.
- Prayer support for BNF members and missionary nurses.
- Information and encouragement about missions careers in the medical field.
- Preparation for lifestyle witnessing.

Dues are \$15 per year for LPN's, RN's and other medical professionals and \$10 per year for students. Active or retired missionary nurses and retired nurses (ages 72+) are free. Membership must be renewed annually. You will receive a membership card, four newsletters a year, discounts to Kentucky BNF events, and much more.

Share your faith and network with nurses throughout our state.

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# Kentucky Baptist Nursing Fellowship



Kentucky BNF will be coordinating the health care component for MissionsFEST: Kentucky; September 10-17, in Bell County Association in eastern Kentucky. There will be a variety of health care related experiences during the week that include a Baby Boot Camp; Women's Day Out; Health Fairs in the local churches, stores and mission centers; and a Kids Health Fair at a Block Party as well as community witnessing and prayerwalking.

You can be there also! Please join us in heart and spirit through two venues:

- Praying. Make time each day in the month before MissionsFEST to pray for all the participants. Pray for travel mercies. Pray for Jesus to shine in all the work that is being done. Pray for workers to stay healthy as they prepare and serve during the week. Pray for all those who will be ministered to during the week. Pray for Kingdom growth.
- Giving. Ministry items are being accepted now through August 15. Items needed include: bicycle helmets; jump ropes; bottles of bubbles; pill boxes; pink back-pack Bibles and monetary gifts. Monetary gifts will go toward Baby Boot Camp larger items and to fill in gaps of donations. Items can be sent to Kentucky WMU/Attention: MissionsFEST/PO Box 436569/Louisville, KY 40253-6569 or UPS/Federal Express to 13420 Eastpoint Centre Drive/Louisville, KY 40223.

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*It is Jesus' name and faith that comes through him that has given complete healing to him as you all have seen.*  
*Acts 3:16b*

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### Important Dates

- July 29-30  
Excel  
Severns Valley BC
- September 10-17  
Missions Fest  
Bell Association KY
- October 7-8  
Fall Retreat  
(BNF CEU Track)  
Jonathan Creek

## President's Perspective



Our knockout roses are beautiful this year. They are full of blooms and have sturdy green limbs. They didn't get that way through neglect. They were pruned at the right times, got the proper sunlight, water and fertilizer. They will continue to bloom throughout the summer because we are diligent in "deadheading" when the blooms fade. And, of course, the result will be a spot of beauty which brings joy to all who view it.

As nurses and other health care professionals we are fully aware of the importance of having the right care, nutrition, exercise and just plain taking care of ourselves. All of which has the end result of filling our hearts with joy.

Some nurses from my church had a booth at a community event in our association. I was amazed by the numbers of people who really didn't understand proper nutrition or the importance of regular medical checkups. As we ministered to and counseled with the people who came by, our hearts were touched by the genuine gratitude expressed to us. One young man who is morbidly obese, had not seen a physician in years and really did not seem to understand the ramifications of his high blood pressure and other medical problems he was experiencing. The Christian nurse talked with him and demonstrated such compassion as she talked with him about the possibilities for assistance in our community. I know he walked away from there with more joy in his heart and a sense of hopefulness because someone cared for him.

At the annual meeting in Shreveport, the evidence of caring, Christian nurses was highlighted as testimonies were shared about projects that bring medical knowledge, Christian love and compassion to others. Two mission projects at the meeting gave us hands-on experience. Some of us stayed at the convention site and made baby blankets for a crisis center and some of us went to the rescue mission to minister to homeless women. The blankets are a tangible expression of love to hurting people. The manicures given to the women at the rescue center demonstrated Christian love to women who had never received one nor had such personal one-on-one care in a long time, if ever!

Yes, beauty comes in various forms – it can be a blooming rose or love expressed through ministry. I hope that each of you is experiencing the beauty that God's love can bring to a heart involved in ministering to others.

If you were not at the meeting in June, we missed you. We had an excellent presentation on human trafficking, a huge problem even in our state.

Blessings to all.  
Charolette

**Pray for our missionary nurses daily!**

**Let's especially remember Shirley. She is from Kentucky and was adopted at the BNF summer meeting in 2010 to correspond with and pray for. She and her husband work in a last frontier country. Please watch email and Facebook as to how we can assist her with donations and prayer.**

Shreveport, LA - BNF - 2011

The National BNF in Shreveport was really one of the best that I have attended. I thought the BNF last year in Ft. Worth/Dallas had to be the best, but it seems that each year the National BNF Annual Meeting just gets better and better. It was a privilege to be part of the BNF in Shreveport. Let me share with you some of the highlights of the meeting that encouraged and challenged me. I was blessed by being there and by participating in the fellowship with other nurses from across the USA, many of them I now know as my dear friends.

The BNF always meets in conjunction with the Baptist Medical/Dental Fellowship, so that adds even more excitement to the national meeting. The BNF had joint sessions with the BMDF and we were able to hear several of their speakers and missionaries as well as participate in viewing the many displays the BMDF had advertising mission medical trips and agencies that support such trips.

If I were to name the one event that blessed me the most I would have to say it was the missions project that was planned at a women's rescue center. The BNF Missions Committee planned two missions projects and participants were to select one, either the women's rescue center, or making baby blankets for a pregnancy crisis center. Both groups would get to view a pregnancy crisis mobile unit which was something new to be used in Louisiana. The beauty about the missions projects was that the groups were divided into smaller groups and it gave a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other better and, of course, to do hands on care for those we were helping.

At the women's rescue center we met several of the women and children who resided there. The women and teenage girls were excited to be treated so kindly by the nurses. They were each given a manicure and a facial, and they were even given cosmetic bags with nail polish, manicure kits and facial products, like lipstick and toners. All these products were donated by the WMU ladies in Shreveport. So all we had to do was just do the beauty treatments and talk with the women. It presented a grand opportunity to witness to them about the Lord. Our group had lots of fun interacting with the women. Afterwards, we had lunch with them and viewed the facility that was well kept, clean, and even had a medical/dental clinic that was fully stocked with supplies.

Wanda Lee, the executive director of national WMU and Debby Akerman, president of national WMU, were two of the featured speakers, and both of these prominent leaders are registered nurses. So we identified very well with them. I was delighted to meet them and hear their challenging remarks. Wanda Lee did the theme interpretation and she talked about being unhindered in prayer, reminding us that Satan wants to ruin our relationship with God by attacking our prayer life and time with Him. She challenged us to be set free of the sins and distractions that entangle us and to keep on running the race by focusing on Jesus. Deby Akerman, who has been on several mission trips spoke on "Healthy Mission Team Strategies" and emphasized the importance of having a medical coordinator (with a missions heart) on the team. This person must be knowledgeable about the medical needs of the team which is good advice for those going on mission trips.

The grand finale of the meeting was a skit put on by student nurses inviting everyone to the 2012 BNF Annual Meeting in St. Louis. It was delightful seeing our future nurses participating in and being part of the national BNF. They generated lots of enthusiasm. I'll be going next year. It's going to be a great time of Christian fellowship and service. What a way to grow!

Dolores Gilmore



**Welcome New Members**

**Hoia Finch  
Nancy Evans**