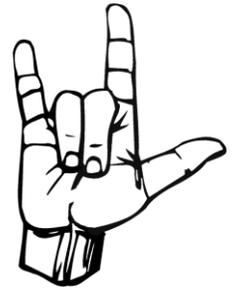


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Day 1- Ministry with the Deaf



“There are not enough deaf ministries for the people and we are in a place that is able to meet their needs,” says Beth Driver of the First Baptist Church Deaf Ministry in Bowling Green. It's not an exclusive group, but it is exclusive in some ways. “Everyone in this ministry knows American Sign Language or is learning it,” Beth explains. “We have people who can hear, people who are hard of hearing, and people who are deaf as well.”



Beth believes it is important for deaf children to come out of the mainstream environment to spend time with those who are deaf. “People don't seem to understand the isolation that they experience in a mainstream situation. Our schools for the deaf are dwindling in number, and the number of children going to them are dwindling.”

Beth goes on to tell about the First Baptist Church Deaf Ministry: “Through our ministry we've been able to impact these children in a positive way and bring the message of Christ to them. We are able to communicate God's Word through American Sign Language. Deaf people would have no access to the Word if they were in a church that used spoken English. They would be left out.” Beth elaborates on the difference in being at a church with a Deaf Ministry: “They are able to see the conversation whereas at a hearing church they would be left out of all that.”

The First Baptist Church Deaf Ministry has Sunday School classes for the deaf, Bible study classes for the deaf and a Deaf Vacation Bible Camp. Most of the deaf children who attend the camp are from mainstream school. “We bring them to our camp,” Beth explains, “because they have not had any exposure to Sunday School.” The priority of the camp “is to teach them about Jesus.... The rest is fun, but our whole purpose is to bring the Bible to them so they can have that imprint in their lives.”

The Deaf Vacation Bible Camp meets every Wednesday for six weeks and includes a short Bible study, craft activities, physical activities, and fun activities. They have



meals together and sometimes they take the children out for educational activities. Because many children from mainstream schools have not been taught about Jesus, they are taught about Him at the camp and have fellowship with other deaf believers.

Beth is thankful for assistance through the Eliza Broadus offering in 2012 and for videotaping activities at the summer camp. She wants the children to see the video. “I'm sure seeing themselves as part of the video will make them feel good and make them believe in themselves as followers of Jesus Christ. Many times deaf children believe they can't do things and Christ saw a lot of potential in children. I want them to see that in themselves.”



Pray for:

- The Bowling Green First Baptist Church Deaf Ministry to continue to reach children in order to give them Christ for their future.
- The Deaf Ministry to continue to help the children grow through their teen years.
- The Deaf Ministry to do more in reaching out to teens and young people, getting them involved in the church.
- Deaf ministries across Kentucky.

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Day 2- Kentucky Changers



Kentucky Changers changes people. It changes the youth as they do community development projects, and it changes those who are blessed by their work. "I feel like somebody loves me," remarked one recipient. Perhaps so many people are changed by the work because it also involves spiritual work.

Kentucky Changers, which is sponsored by Crossings, an agency of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, is a "youth-oriented, on-mission approach to doing missions." As part of the KBC staff restructuring, a new partnership in the area of youth ministry was developed with Crossings which included Kentucky Changers. Modeled after the North American Mission Board's World Changers, Kentucky Changers began in 1994 under the leadership of Baptist Men on Mission and sponsored their first projects under Crossings leadership in 2013.



Each summer Kentucky Changers partners with churches, homeowners and government agencies to do community development projects. Youth participants from Kentucky Baptist churches range in age from middle school to college students. Participation in Changers involves preparation through training sessions in which the youth are taught to praise God through missions and to be an example.



Working in crews of 10-15 at various project sites, each crew has a skilled leader. Joe Ball, point person for Kentucky Changers, says that the ministry "stresses 'hands-on' involvement through participation in home renovation work.... In 'high need,' low-income communities where people live at or below the United States poverty level."

But it's not all work. Kentucky Changers has "nightly worship services where our speaker challenges our

students to come to know Jesus." The Gospel is also shared with the families whose home they are working on, and they strive to be "a Gospel presence" in those neighborhoods.

Kentucky Changers provides a mission trip experience described as "a pre-packaged project at an affordable cost." Church leaders like Kentucky Changers because the logistics of the projects are handled by others. The recipients of work by Kentucky Changers work find it difficult to believe that youth will actually *pay* to work and even smile while they're doing it.

"Kentucky Changers participant fees cover the bulk of the housing, food and program cost, and local communities provide the funding for materials for the work projects." Coy Webb, of the KBC Disaster Relief Office, states that EBO enables Kentucky Changers "to provide promotion and follow-up work in multiple ministry sites, and to provide training for adult supervisors, counselors, and the Kentucky Changers Ministry Team."

Adult volunteers are needed in the areas of Crew Chief, Assistant Crew Chief, Construction



Supervisor, Bus Driver, and Ministry Team (college age). For more information and registration forms, visit the Crossings web site.

Pray that students will:

- Fall passionately in love with Jesus;
- Develop a lifelong passion for missions;
- See their week at Changers as the impetus;
- Take the passion and the burden and serve God where they are.

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Day 3- Pit Stop Challenge



The Pit Stop Challenge Ministry helps churches and communities share the gospel by using a “mock-up Nascar to simulate a Pit Stop as an attention getter.” Once the workers have a person’s attention, they then share gospel tracts, Bibles and testimonies. A NASCAR backdrop is used to share Christian devotions. The ministry is an outreach of Lancaster Baptist Church in Lancaster, Kentucky. Eight core volunteers, Whitehall Baptist Church youth and others serve with the South District Association team coordinated by Rick Gastineau.



The ministry’s first opportunity was Kentucky Speedway. “A race weekend,” states Rick “is composed of 75% unchurched people.” Youth groups were used to canvas the camping community of

25,000 people. Bible and testimonies were shared whenever possible.

Rick tells the story of when he and his pastor shared a Bible with a young man who then walked away with a puzzled expression upon his face. Five minutes later the young man’s friend excitedly told them he had just been sharing Jesus with the young man, but had not packed a Bible for the trip. Just as he had run out of things to say, Rick and his pastor had pulled-up and shared the Bible. The young man’s friend said he could then complete his purpose.

“My knowledge of racing and talking about the upcoming race,” says Rick, “has broken barriers and allowed me to share Jesus with people I would never have met.” Rick also emphasizes the importance of just being there. One time a storm came through the camp on Friday night. On Saturday morning the Pit Stop Challenge team was there listening to the campers’ storm experiences. They were then able to share Jesus with the campers. “We teach our people that to be heard you must first listen,” explains Rick.

Another way that Pit Stop Challenge Ministry shares Jesus is at block parties where the ministry reaches both teens and adults. One of their annual trips is to New Heights Church, a church plant in Pineville that hosts a downtown block party each fall.

Pit Stop Challenge has also helped Harvest Community Church (located in the Lotts Creek Community in Hazard) with their outreach ministry, and they were also

invited to serve at the 2012 back-to-school outreach at God’s Appalachian Partnership (GAP). That day Pit Stop packed 450 back packs with Bibles plus gave 300 more Bibles outside.

In addition to these activities, Pit Stop Challenge also supplies pastors and ministry leaders with Bibles to help pregnant teenage girls. These Bibles let youth know that an unplanned pregnancy is not the end of God’s plan for them. On return visits Pit Stop Challenge has been asked for more of these Bibles.

Ministering to the Sunrise Treatment Center in Danville, Pit Stop reaches out to boys who have experienced “rough times.” “The boys love to see us bring the car in,” Rick shared, and they “soak up the Bibles and attention.” Pit Stop Challenge has an open invitation at the Center and the ministry even moves wheelchairs up to the car, allowing special needs children and adults to participate and experience God’s love.

The Eliza Broadus Offering allows Pit Stop Challenge to be bold in outreach. “Without EBO,” Rick explains, “we would be looking over our backs each time, not knowing how or if we could carry out ministry. Now we have an aggressive approach toward ministry, knowing we have resources to carry out the Great Commission. Without EBO we would only be a local outreach. Now we can have a state outreach and have also been in Ohio and Tennessee. We have joined *God and Rod Sunday* (car show outreach event) in Western Kentucky and a fishing tournament with an outreach theme in Stanford. If there is a gathering where lost people are present, we want our unique ministry to be there to share Jesus. With EBO we can do that.”

Pit Stop Challenge Ministry needs volunteers for outreach in Eastern Kentucky and for race week in Sparta.

Pray for:

- Pit Stop Challenge to be open to fresh approaches and new opportunities
- The doorway to Kentucky Speedway to remain open
- Travel grace and fresh boldness as Pit Stop Challenge crosses the state

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Day 4 - ENGAGE

International Student Outreach



Imagine being a college student on a campus in another country. You know very few people and you feel out of place. The purpose of the International Student Ministry is to build

relationships with these students and open doors for sharing the gospel. Thus, the students have the opportunity to respond and grow in Christ. International students who have connected through the Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM) are invited to the ENGAGE Conference.

ENGAGE, sponsored by BCM, KBC and Kentucky WMU, is a cultural experience as well as interaction with Christians. The purpose of ENGAGE is “connecting students from around the world with each other in a Christian setting of love and respect.”

Because the students have been invited by the BCM, they know it is an event put together by Christian believers.

At the conference, 30 volunteer family group leaders lead small groups and build relationships with students throughout the weekend. There are



also WMU staff and volunteers, pastors, missionaries, campus ministers, interns and former BCM summer missionaries and interns who help.

The international community aspect is stressed at ENGAGE with a roll call of nations, international dress, and talent presentations. Forty-two countries were represented at the 2012 ENGAGE Conference.

Cindy Pelphrey has been serving as the director of ENGAGE for several years and is assisted by campus ministers and international interns on the campuses. BCM students on several campuses serve as ENGAGE staff. They help prepare activities and events for the conferences all through the year.

Funding for ENGAGE is provided in part from the Eliza Broadus Offering. EBO provides the conference facilities

at the Cave City Convention Center for the ENGAGE conference. Here the students can gather in one space where they meet people and engage in many activities, including a banquet and a worship service.

“If traveling and housing costs for family group leaders are not provided through campus ministry,” says Cindy, “EBO provides those needs. EBO also helps provide for international speakers to share during the weekend.” Cindy says that without EBO bringing the world together on their college and university campuses, hearing the message of Christ and His saving grace would not be possible for many international students. EBO also helps to provide support for campus ministers and international interns who lead on-going ministry to international students.



Volunteers can help with ENGAGE by praying, providing gift cards and welcome bags of snacks, and assembling ENGAGE materials prior to the conferences. Volunteers are also needed to connect with internationals through BCM on campuses across Kentucky.

Pray:

- For the enlistment of ENGAGE family group leaders to share the gospel and build relationships with internationals during the conference.
- For campus ministers and interns who will engage and minister to students on their campuses and encourage them to come to ENGAGE November 1-3, 2013.
- For planning committee as they plan for ENGAGE 2013.
- That international students in Kentucky will be encouraged and loved by Christians they meet at ENGAGE and will be receptive to the message of salvation and grace as they hear the gospel proclaimed in word and actions.
- Praise the Lord for who He is and what He will do to reach students through ENGAGE.

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Day 5 - Bullying Project HELP: Human Exploitation

Bullying is an issue that continues to rear its' ugly head, and WMU has been at the forefront of the march against this continuing crisis. Through Project HELP: Human Exploitation, WMU seeks to educate and challenge churches to address exploitation issues, including bullying.



As a way of educating children about the problem of bullying and how to respond, Konnie Smith, GA/CiA Consultant for Logan Todd Association, planned a special event for Children's Ministry Day (CMD) in 2012. Since the 2012 CMD focus was "Operation Education," Konnie connected education and bullying in an event for grades 1-6 with the theme "Saul the Bully....Meet Paul the Apostle."

The association event included a poster contest, a Bible study from Acts 7:54-8:3 and 9:1-31. The children learned that through Christ, anyone can change. The children were given a survey from peacebuilders.com, asking them if they had bullied anyone or had been bullied and what adult could they tell. Role-playing was done using different situations and leaders talked to the children about ways to handle the situations.

The children also designed an anti-bullying book, and copies were given to the churches in the Logan Todd Association with printing costs provided by the association. However, when Konnie first started having association events for children, EBO provided funding. "In the past," Konnie shares, "the Eliza Broadus Offering helped us get on our feet, for which we were so grateful."

God has called Konnie to work with children and to be a voice for them. "My belief is that bullying is wrong no matter who you are. When children as young as 7 years old take their life because of bullying," she emphasizes, "we need to take action. When young people take their lives, or do harm to their bodies because of bullying, we need to take action. It happens at home, school, and church and affects all of us."

National WMU has the following definition of bullying on its web site: "Bullying is the act of treating others in an abusive manner through force or coercion or with threatening language or behavior. Bullying another

person dishonors and disrespects them." Bullying is a definite problem, and there are things churches can do--- from educating families to prayer walking schools. It is important to teach our children to befriend people and not be a part of the problem. For more information on Project Help, go to www.wmu.com/projecthelp.

Konnie's prayer request is for churches to see the need in Children's Ministries/Missions Education. "Children have very giving, servant hearts," she explains, "and this helps them develop that spirit." Konnie says we must not wait until they join a youth group. "I keep a quote from Fannie S. Heck in my heart: 'Give us the children of today for missions and we take the world for Christ tomorrow.'"

Stacy Nall is the Kentucky WMU missions education consultant for children, preschool and camp. Her role in helping churches with the bullying issue is to train leaders. In 2011 she led a training session on bullying during the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Super Saturday. She also led training, which included bullying, at the Kentucky WMU Excel training event. The Eliza Broadus Offering provides funds for missions education, including leadership development and training for issues such as bullying.

Pray for:

- Konnie Smith to continue to educate children about Christ and missions.
- Kentucky WMU to impact many Kentucky churches in regards to the issue of bullying.
- Churches to see the need for missions education and ministries with children.
- More opportunities to train people about the bullying issue.



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Day 6 - High Mountain Equine Outreach



Horses the main part of a mission team? If you have trouble imagining it, remember that Kentucky is horse country. The objective of High Mountain Equine Outreach (HMEO) is “to share the gospel and bring hope and love to the lost and hurting of Kentucky using God’s creation, the horse.”

Mitch and Christie Schumacher, founders and directors of HMEO, are also approved self-funded missionaries with the North American Mission Board. Besides equipping and encouraging people “to know and follow God, His ways and His purposes for their lives,” the Schumachers also teach people to “love and respect and be good stewards of the people and animals God places in their lives.”

The Youth Division of HMEO was developed especially for hurting, searching and struggling at-risk youth. The Adult Division specifically serves women at a nearby addiction recovery facility. Students come from all over the region. Both youth and adults receive “Relational Horsemanship” lessons and mentoring which teaches building trust, respect and partnership with the horse. Tailored programs are designed to suit each student’s individual needs. Group situations offer further relative healing and learning. The horses are used to show the youth that God is our healer and creator and also worthy of our trust and respect.

High Mountain Equine Outreach uses Relational Horsemanship to teach the fruit of the Spirit as listed in Galatians 5:22 along with trust, respect, focus and memorization, creativity, the importance of positive communication, positive social relationships and striving for excellence.

The Schumachers tell the story of a young man, John (name changed), who chose to participate in the Relational Horsemanship Program. A quiet young man, he came from a difficult situation and was filled with emotion, pain, tension, fear and a restless energy. He was assigned to a horse that won his heart, and through the Horsemanship program, John learned about Jesus and started attending church with the missionaries. One Sunday he accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized two Sundays later.



Mitch and Christie wrote on their web site: “To see hurdles overcome, fear conquered, self-esteem grow and love develop between a boy and his horse is amazing. But even more exciting, and eternal in nature, is that he gave His life to Jesus Christ.”

High Mountain Equine Outreach also utilizes a witnessing tool often used in equestrian ministry called *The Simple Plan of the Master Horseman*. Step 4 in this tool states: “Now my horse must make a choice: will he follow me and trust me or will he continue to follow his own path?... My horse must make his own decision. I can’t force him. I want my horse to choose to be with me. I know this will be the only way our love and partnership can grow. I hope my horse chooses the right answer, because the wrong answer just keeps getting harder and harder. Will he turn to me, trust me and allow me to lead? Will he accept my gift of friendship and love? I will keep making the offer.”

The Simple Plan of the Master Horseman gently and quietly speaks to HMEO participants of God’s gift of love and their need to reach out and accept the gift. This equestrian witnessing tract explains how to accept Christ as Savior using illustrations understood and appreciated by those who work with horses. (Copies are available from the KBC: www.kybaptist.org/horseman.)

High Mountain Equine Outreach needs volunteers for facility development, mentoring students and for helping to care for the horses. “Local involvement on an ongoing basis is needed as well as short term volunteer teams.” There is a contact form on the HMEO web site where visitors can learn how to volunteer, make donations or “adopt” a horse or missionary.

HMEO has used Eliza Broadus Offering grants to help with many things, including ongoing education, animal care, animal provisions, required insurance, equipment, supplies and Bibles.

Pray for:

- Peace over the horses, students, staff and facilities
- Facility completion
- God to open hearts to Jesus Christ
- Lives to be saved and changed

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Day 7 - Church Planting: Mosaic Church



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Church planting is not a new concept – but planting a church for the purpose of racial reconciliation is unique! Seeking to penetrate lostness in the downtown area of Lexington, Mosaic Church is a church plant of the predominately African American Consolidated Baptist Church, also in Lexington.

Mosaic began meeting in October 2010 and was formally constituted and launched in April 2012. “This new congregation is an intentional effort to display the gospel through racial reconciliation,” according to Paul Chitwood, Executive Director of the KBC. “The church aims to be multiracial, multicultural, and multigenerational.”

Curtis Woods, KBC Associate Executive Director for Convention Relations, began mentoring Mosaic Church leaders when he was the Baptist Campus Minister at Kentucky State University (KSU). He explains the Mosaic strategy as seeking “to engage both business persons as well as the homeless from a standpoint of Christ-centered love and gospel-centered relationship. We often say that at the heart of Mosaic is a Christ-centered conversation because we understand that many souls have often attended church without ever being engaged as a relational being. Our hope is to curtail this travesty by developing intentional moments for members to speak into one another's conversational lives. Of course, this is bathed in our secondary desire to fulfill Christ's prayer that all people groups become one in Him to the glory of the Father sealed by the Spirit.... We believe that the gospel knits us together in such a way that we love one another's color, geography, and socioeconomic background centered in the biblical Christ.”



Jonathan “Smitty” Smith, one of the key leaders of Mosaic, says that the purpose of Mosaic “is to teach much of Christ.” Mosaic’s seven core values, listed on the church web site, include story, wholeness, creativity, diversity, adaptability, renewal, and movement.

To reach people, Mosaic sends out missionaries to the college campuses, especially KSU where Mosaic was conceptualized. Mosaic has served at KSU alongside the Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM). Serving at a residential home for expectant teenage mothers in Nicholasville, Kentucky (All God’s Children), the members of Mosaic have seen some of the young women embrace the gospel.

How difficult was it to plant Mosaic? “It is the hardest thing we’ve ever done,” exclaims Smitty. “Why? Because it has required more humility, sacrifice, communication and prayer than any of us expected.” It also has required them saying no to their “own agendas and personal kingdoms” and it’s required them to constantly run toward conflict and to teach others how to do it in a healthy manner. “Simply put,” adds Smitty, “stretching the cultural paradigm of ‘church’ in a Southern city is breathtakingly difficult. Yet, ironically, there has been nothing more energizing in all our collective experiences.”

“EBO financially connects Mosaic to the Evangelism and Church Planting Team,” says Curtis, “which connects Mosaic to the university campus, connecting us with the lives of students from around the state of Kentucky and the world.”

Currently meeting in the historic First Baptist Church of downtown Lexington, Mosaic shares the space with a few other churches. The building, however, is in disrepair and “any volunteer service, geared towards helping us renew the building for the sake of advancing the Gospel and reaching out to the community, would be a huge blessing right now,” explains Smitty.

Interested volunteers can contact Smitty to help with the building repairs and community outreach.

Pray:

- For gospel-centered wholeness in the Mosaic church family and in the city of Lexington.
- For more college students to embrace gospel church planting for His glory and their good.
- For more members of the Mosaic fellowship to embrace the Hispanic community by learning Spanish.
- For protection from Satan as Mosaic spreads the gospel.
- For Mosaic’s growing understanding and commitment to biblical church membership and discipleship strategy.

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Day 8 - Kentucky Baptist Convention Teams

The Kentucky Baptist Convention staff was restructured last year to better achieve the new missions statement “by churches, for churches, to help churches reach Kentucky and the world for Christ.” The new structure includes three new teams that are vital in touching hearts for Jesus and implementing ministries for Kingdom growth.



The **Church Consulting and Revitalization Team**, led by Stephen C. Rice, helps each church reach its full potential and become all God has designed it to be. The team includes five regional consultants who “provide assistance to pastors, church leaders, and associational leaders in their assigned region.” There are also eight ministry consultants based out of the KBC building in Louisville who are serving in their areas of expertise and also working out in the state on a regular basis. For KBC consultants, sharing Christ involves modeling evangelism in their lives, consulting in the area of evangelism and emphasizing evangelism in cooperation with the Evangelism and Church Planting team.

The work of the Church Consulting and Revitalization team is funded primarily through the Cooperative Program. With the restructuring and assignment of Shelly Johns to this team, EBO funds have been requested to help broaden the work of Women’s and Senior Adult ministry. Shelly provides a strong emphasis on evangelism among women, and EBO will help her to reach women across Kentucky through ministries such as Project More Women.

Eric Allen heads the **Missions Mobilization Team** for KBC with the goal “to help Kentucky Baptists understand, embrace and get involved in the Great Commission.” This team mobilized over 30,000 volunteers in Kentucky last year. Team responsibilities include:

- Training Disaster Relief volunteers and coordinating Disaster Relief responses by Kentuckians.
- Coordinating partnership mission projects in an effort to challenge Kentucky Baptists’ involvement in church planting, evangelism and church revitalization in places outside of Kentucky.
- Coordinating the work of Outreach Community Ministries (i.e., soup kitchens, shelters, clothing distribution, pregnancy care centers, multi-housing

ministry, and substance abuse programs).

- Challenging, encouraging and coordinating work among the 70 Baptist associations and Directors of Missions who assist pastors and churches.
- Supervising and supporting the ministry of the North American Mission Board appointed missionaries serving in Kentucky in community ministries.
- Assisting churches and associations in the development of mission strategies.

Ministries of the Missions Mobilization team are funded by the Cooperative Program, EBO and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offerings, but rely heavily on EBO. Eric Allen elaborates that EBO has “enabled Kentucky Baptist to be directly involved in giving to ministries in their own state and communities where 82% of our population is lost.” Areas blessed by EBO include the Disaster Relief, annual retreat for Kentucky missionaries, and grants for training and resources for Kentucky missionaries. EBO also promotes the work of Kentucky missionaries and encourages Kentucky Baptists to pray for, encourage, and support the missionaries.

Led by Chuck McAlister, the purpose of the **Evangelism and Church Planting Team** is to help churches and ministries share the gospel in ways people in the communities will understand as well as giving them opportunities to respond in faith. Church planting is a key strategy for evangelism as reflected in this statement from the KBC web site: “The most effective way of reaching those who do not follow Jesus Christ is by planting churches. Kentucky Baptists are committed to planting vibrant, healthy new churches that are passionate about reaching their communities for Jesus Christ.” EBO provides essential funding for church planting.

An important evangelism approach is through Affinity Evangelism Strategies. A new resource provided by EBO funding will help churches clearly identify “communities within the community” and become better equipped to effectively engage those groups with the love of Christ and the message of the gospel.



