

## Why We Exist

Lincoln Association of Baptists exists to assist churches in proclaiming the Gospel to the lost, equipping the Saints, and ministering to people in Christ's name. Churches located in Hardin and Larue counties serve in cooperation with each other to enhance fellowship, promote Biblical values and doctrine, and assist one another in accomplishing each church's respective mission.

As an Association:

- we can do together what no single church can do by herself. Together, we can serve the total geographic area when we serve in cooperation with each other.
- we serve together on local ministries, thus helping each other to accomplish common mission responsibilities. We teach and model cooperation when we serve together.
- we provide training and assist in developing church members by involving them in leadership and service responsibilities. The Association provides conferences, seminars, and training opportunities each year which enable church staff to develop believers, witness to the lost, and minister to the hurting.
- we provide pastors and staff the opportunities for fellowship. Through these fellowship times, church staff discovers that they are not alone in ministry. They learn that they can have a support system through the Association.

## The vision of Lincoln Association of Baptists will be accomplished by:

1. promoting positive fellowship among the churches,
2. strengthening the oneness of our faith and practice,
3. encouraging our churches to participate in the work of the Association and denomination, and
4. helping churches do together what they cannot effectively do by themselves.



**We are dependent on your financial stewardship. LAB does NOT receive Cooperative Program money. Your C.P. dollars go to KBC & SBC and their respective entities & ministries.**

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***Together With God.... We Can***



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### Meet the Association Missions Strategists

Dr. R. Shawn Edwards has come back to his beginnings in his service here, being born in Hardin County, though he spent most of his growing up years in Glasgow. At the age of eight, after witnessing his cousin's baptism, he realized his need for Christ. In November, 1967, he gave his heart and life to Christ. God called him into full-time Christian service years later while at WKU. He continued his education by getting his Masters of Divinity at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and his Doctor of Ministry from Luther Rice Seminary.

During his ministry, Shawn has served as a full-time pastor in churches in West Virginia, North Carolina and Kentucky. He is honored to serve as the Associational Mission Strategist for the Lincoln Association of Baptist!

### Ministries Offered

**Bible Drill**—enables children and youth to learn the books of the Bible, key passages, and to recite from memory important passages.

**BCM (Baptist Campus Ministries)** - we partner with ECTC in ministering to the students by providing meals and encouraging devotionals each week.

**Recovery Ministries** — we supply resources for those seeking to overcome substance abuse.

**Counseling**—sometimes a Pastor or staff member needs a caring heart and listening ear.

**Evangelism Training**—we sponsor various ways of sharing the Gospel in a practical method.

**Security Training**—sadly, we live in times when we have to provide protection for our congregations as we worship. We provided this training to assist churches in helping to provide a safe place.

**Supply Equipment**—we are able to supply equipment for disaster relief ministries

**Overcoming Sexual Abuse** — We supply resources for those who have experienced or who are currently experiencing sexual abuse.

### Ministries cont...

**Summer Camps**—we provide a ministry where children and youth can learn to have fellowship and fun together, as they study the Scriptures.

**Financial Guidance**—we offer this ministry for churches and ministerial staff. We have discovered that churches and their respective volunteers need training in the area of finances.

**Staff Development & Mentoring**—we do what we can to network with staff in assisting them to develop their spiritual gifts and talents.

**Minister & Staff Placement**—we are happy to assist those ministers who seek God's leading to their next place of service. We have been able to assist several.

**Networking**—we provide communication, resources and networking among Pastors and churches to better assist them in their respective ministries and mission endeavors.

**Missions**— we provide assistance for members on their first-time international mission trip.

