



Lincoln Association of Baptists

August 2023

From June 11-14, I was honored to represent the Lincoln Association of Baptist in Hopkinsville, KY. I served with five other Chaplains and served the area with two chainsaw teams. https://www.kentuckytoday.com/baptist_life/ky-disaster-relief-crews-bring-chainsaws-gospel-to-hopkinsville/article_59928f34-0ae2-11ee-bed1-c35e0f295fa9.html

My Chaplain Team walked seventeen miles in three days around the area. As the Kentucky Today link states, strong winds impacted the community, which knocked trees onto homes and property. My Chaplain Team ministered to those affected by the damage and ministered to their neighbors.

We would stop and pray with people who were open and receptive to our visit. We would encounter these lovely people on the sidewalk, at a stop sign in their cars, or as they sat on their front porches. I was amazed at how receptive they were to our visit.

We met a young couple who had just buried their twenty-five-year-old son on June 8. They were out on the front porch that morning. We asked if we could visit for a few minutes, and our visit turned into one of pastoral care. We gave the local church and Association Mission Strategist their contact information for follow-up.

Then we saw a young family sitting out on their metal balcony. With their permission, we climbed the stairs. One of my team members shared the Gospel. The young man had several questions. We left him a Bible. The little six-year-old went to the house and brought out two Bibles. She was excited to read along with us. It was her birthday, so we sang to her. We gave the local AMS the contact information for follow-up.

We approached a grandmother and her son to visit. The grandson met us at the end of the driveway while the grandmother remained on the porch. Behind the grandson was a Pitbull on a chain. Many of these residents had Pitbulls dogs. The young man saw that we had a Bible and asked for it. We then had a Gospel conversation. To God be the glory, he did receive Christ as his Lord and Savior. We followed up with him the next day and left the Jesus Film with his grandmother. We gave a local pastor his contact information for follow-up.

According to our host pastor, God sent us to an area of Hopkinsville where many Baptist Churches would not go. The location was known for drugs and violence. By the grace of God, we were allowed to pray with about 95 of the 100 contacts we made. The only time I grew concerned was on June 12, when a young man ap-

proached me in the street and told me that he was Jesus Christ and died for me. He talked to me for about five minutes, hugged me, and walked away. The second time I was concerned was at the last visit we attempted. The couple on the porch saw us approaching and opened the door to let their Pitbull out on the front porch. He was not on a leash. We asked permission to visit, and they turned us down. Then the dog approached us twice. Both times they called him to return. I was glad he returned.

Please consider becoming a part of Kentucky Disaster Relief. Join me **on September 9** for training at First Baptist Hodgenville! ([2023 Hodgenville Training PowerPoint Slide \(Widescreen\)](#))

I have met some of the dearest Christians in this ministry. I am always amazed at how God brings people together from all walks of life to serve Him, and these people do so with great unity.

Upcoming Events & Announcements:

Lab Recovery Team— If you feel God leading you to be apart of this ministry, please reach out to Silas Session at sjsession@yahoo.com

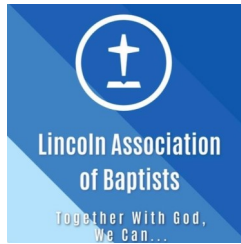
Pastor Prayer Meeting— Join us each Wednesday at 9:30 for fellowship and prayer. (Location will be emailed weekly until renovations are complete at the LAB)

Baptist Campus Ministry —Every Tuesday at ECTC, contact Tanner Royalty to sign up or ask how you can get involved! tanner.nhcc@gmail.com



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