

Newsletter Lincoln Association of Baptists

Being a True Community of Believers

Have you ever worked on a puzzle? Whenever we work with puzzles, we look for two pieces that match and begin looking for other pieces to compare those two pieces. Then, we connect the corresponding pieces.



Announcements:

Executive Board Meeting - April 16th at 6:30 at LAB.

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

Pastor Prayer Meeting- Join us each Week at 9:30am for fellowship and prayer. Date will be emailed weekly.

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



Spiritually speaking, we start our connection with our relationship with Jesus. We connect to God through our relationship with Jesus when we become Christians. (Romans 3:23, 6:23; Acts 3:19, John 3:16, and Romans 10:9-10)

Furthermore, we should have no barriers between one another at church. In Galatians 3:28, the Bible says, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor

female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Yet, what tends to happen in a body of believers is something like this, "We say okay. ... it's Jesus and me, but I don't want anyone else in this community getting beyond my fence." Or, we say, "It's Jesus and me and just a few others in my small group." Or, "It's Jesus and me (you fill in the blank)." We establish a fence, a barrier, and we will not get connected to new Christians or new members.

Yet don't forget, beloved, if we are going to experience a truly loving church (Acts 2:42-47), then that means intentionally loving one another. It means demonstrating "agape," intentional self-sacrificing love. Deliberate loving means putting others' interests before our own. That is not loving our building, and that's not loving our programs. If we love our church, we seek to love each other, not just us "four more and no more."

Yet, Jesus taught us, "By this they will know you are My disciples, (John 13:35)." This is the command He gave us. Through His Word and Spirit, God has gifted us and empowered us to open ourselves up to one another. He wants us to love one another as He commanded.

We are a community of 52 churches. We are called to be His community of believers. We help others "fit in" to our respective local church (Ephesians 3:15-16).

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Pastors Highlight



Berean Baptist Church's pastor is Randy Logsdon. He has been in service there since January 1, 2014.

Blue Ball Baptist Church's pastor is Glenn Cornett. He has been in service there since 2016.





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We invite all churches in the community to use the event as an evangelistic outreach. Each couple that purchases a ticket can invite an "unchurched" couple to be their free guests!

Want to learn more about how YOUR CHURCH can participate?

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RSVP by 1/17. Contact: Debby Duda 304.4191 dduda812@comcast.net "Thave known Jeff and Debby McElroy for many years. Their Ministry in the area of marriage and family is powerful. Their creative skills yielded to the Lord have awakened many a sleepy marriage. I wholeheartedly recommend their ministry."

> Dr. Gary Chapman Author of *"The Five Love Languages"*



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