



Newsletter

Lincoln Association of Baptists

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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 Week at 9:00am for fellowship and prayer. Date will be emailed weekly.

Appreciation. We all like to know that we are appreciated for what we do. A family member likes to hear expressions of appreciation from other family members for what he or she does in the home.

This school year, I imagine that many teachers would enjoy hearing a parent(s) express appreciation for the work the teacher does for his or her child.

I imagine an employee would like to hear the words “I appreciate you” from his or her respective manager and vice versa. The manager would like to know that he or she is appreciated by his or her respective employees.

Appreciation. October is known as Clergy Appreciation Month. For that month, some churches and church members will express their appreciation to their ministerial staff. Dear Reader, I hope you are prayerfully considering ways to express your gratitude to those who serve the Lord and you at your church. Please consider ways to show your ministerial staff how much you appreciate what they do. I can assure you that your expression of appreciation will go a long way to encouraging them.

Dear Reader, Serving in ministry can be a very lonely experience at times. For some ministers, Monday is a bad day, which may be why some take off that day. The Sunday services did not go as planned, and some unhappy people voiced their discontent prior to worship, which mentally and emotionally hindered the clergy from attempting to provide a meaningful worship experience for others. These disgruntled people should set up a time during the week and after prayer to meet to express their concerns.

Some ministers have very few friends, and some have few true friends. The person serving the Lord at your church carries tremendous ministerial burdens in his or her heart. Some of these servants of God also carry family burdens. They emotionally suppress these burdens since very few ministers have any real friends with whom they can share them in confidence.

During October, I encourage you to prayerfully consider ways you and your church can say, “Thank You! We Appreciate You!” Your expressions of appreciation will impact those who serve the Lord at your church. I would love to hear what your church did to show its appreciation.

Your Servant in Christ,
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First Baptist Church of Hodgenville's pastor is Rodney Rogers. He has served as pastor almost two years.



Pastors Highlight



First Baptist Church of Sonora's pastor is Tony Carson. He has served here for fourteen years.



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I am honored to serve as the AMS of the LAB. During the 125 Annual Meeting to-night, Dr. Shane Garrison discussed the importance of unity and acknowledging that we serve with Christians from other denominations. Dr. Tony Cunha created a great worship atmosphere with an inspirational selection of music. Mrs. Lora Kurtz represented the Stewardship Team and presented the 2025 budget. The team has added a line item we will use to encourage care for ministers in crisis. The Camp Schafer Team gave an excellent report of this past summer camp ministry, including six professions of faith. The theme for next summer will equip the camp participants to reach the unreached. Silas Session updated us on the need to minister to those dealing with mental health issues. Thank you to those churches that are assisting in the ECTC BCM ministry! Tanner's report showed your enthusiastic support for sharing the Gospel in this unique mission field. Paul LaRue presented the Nominating Team Roster. The LAB is blessed to have so many of you volunteer to serve!! The messengers approved the motion to move forward on selling the LAB property.

Beloved, I was humbled when David Smith presented me with an appreciation gift from the pastors. Thank you!

12 Stones Baptist will host September 2025's annual meeting. As the new pastor, Dr. Kenny Rager is laying a solid biblical foundation.

